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**Bryden R. Cais\*** ([bryden.cais@gmail.com](mailto:bryden.cais@gmail.com)), 805 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal, Quebec H2K4A1, Canada. *Modular curves and modular representations of  $SL_2$ .*

Abstract: Fix a prime  $p$  and let  $X(p)$  be the modular curve over the integers classifying elliptic curves with full-level  $p$  structure. The group  $G := SL_2(\mathbf{F}_p)$  acts on  $X(p)$  and hence on its (sheaf) cohomology. In this talk, we will investigate the structure of the  $\mathbf{Z}[G]$ -module  $M$  given by the global sections of the canonical sheaf. In particular, we will describe the reduction modulo  $p$  of  $M$  as a mod  $p$  (modular) representations of  $G$ . This description relies heavily on the geometry of  $X(p)$  in characteristic  $p$  and uses Rosenlicht's description of the dualizing sheaf in terms of regular differential forms. (Received September 04, 2009)