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Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 5E1, Canada, and **Jessica Sidman**. *Multigraded  
regularity and fat points*.

The Castelnuovo-Mumford regularity of an ideal  $I$  is an important invariant in commutative algebra. The regularity of  $I$ , denoted  $\text{reg}(I)$ , is of particular interest when  $I$  is the defining ideal of a set of fat points  $Z$  in  $\mathbb{P}^n$ . In this case  $\text{reg}(I)$  gives some partial information about the Hilbert function of  $Z$ . Recently, several authors have proposed extensions of the notion of regularity to a multigraded context. In this talk I will describe what these notions can tell us about sets of fat points in the multiprojective space  $\mathbb{P}^{n_1} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{P}^{n_k}$ . This is joint work with J. Sidman. (Received August 23, 2004)