## Columbia University **Department of Mathematics Fall 2008** Joseph Fels Ritt Lectures **Gerhard Huisken** Max Planck Institute for Gravitational Physics Albert Einstein Institute, Potsdam Thursday, December 11 Mean curvature flow with surgeries The lecture discusses joint work with Carlo Sinestrari on mean curvature It will describe key techniques such as a priori estimates and surgery constructions as well as geometric applications. Friday, December 12 Inverse mean curvature flow and isoperimetric inequalities sharp inequalities of isoperimetric type. The lecture discusses both analytical aspects of the flow and applications in Riemannian Geometry and General Relativity. 312 Mathematics Building 4:00 p.m. Both days Tea will be served at 3:15 p.m. 508 Mathematics Building / Both days