1099-34-258 **Rudi Weikard***, Department of Mathematics, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL 35294-1170. Spectral theory for left-definite problems.

In this talk we consider spectral, inverse spectral and inverse scattering for the differential equation

$$-u'' + qu = \lambda wu$$

where $q \ge 0$ but where w is only required to be real and locally integrable but not positive. Applications include solving the Cauchy problem for the Camassa-Holm equation. (Received February 10, 2014)