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Let \mathfrak{g} be a semisimple Lie algebra and W denote the corresponding Weyl group. The Kostant polynomial K_w corresponding to $w \in W$ is a degree $\ell(w)$ polynomial that satisfies certain vanishing properties on the orbit $W \cdot S_r$ of a regular semisimple element of \mathfrak{g} . The values of each K_w on the W -orbit points are given by a combinatorial formula which has applications to equivariant Schubert calculus and is closely related to the geometry of the Schubert variety X_w .

In this talk, we define polynomials that satisfy analogous vanishing conditions on the W -orbit of an arbitrary semisimple element S and use these to analyze the coordinate ring $\mathbb{C}[W \cdot S]$. We are motivated to do so by a result of Jim Carrell proving that in many cases $Gr \mathbb{C}[W \cdot S]$ is isomorphic to the cohomology ring of the Springer fiber \mathcal{B}^N where N is a regular nilpotent element of the Levi subalgebra $\mathfrak{z}_{\mathfrak{g}}(S)$ of \mathfrak{g} . (Received January 18, 2016)