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1001-11-166 Sharon Frechette and Ken Ono* (ono@math.wisc.edu), Department of Mathematics, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706, and Matthew Papanikolas. Orthogonal polynomials and coefficients of modular forms.

Recently we have discovered that the coefficients of certain canonical modular forms are special values (or sums of) of Jacobi polynomials. These observations reduce to a reformulation of the Eichler-Selberg trace formula in terms of Jacobi polynomials. In this lecture I will summarize our findings, and explain some combinatorial and number theoretic consequences. These include combinatorial enumeration problems, and generalizations of Lehmer's Conjecture that Ramanujan's Tau-function never vanishes. (Received August 24, 2004)