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**erica j. Whitaker\*** ([ewhitaker@math.ohio-state.edu](mailto:ewhitaker@math.ohio-state.edu)). *Congruence and Noncongruence Subgroups of  $\Gamma(2)$  via Graphs on Surfaces.*

There is an established way to associate a finite-index subgroup of  $\Gamma(2)$  with a bipartite graph on a surface, or, equivalently, a triple of permutations. We will examine this relationship, and find permutations and graphs for groups of the form  $\Gamma(2p)$ . We will also use graphs to produce infinite families of noncongruence subgroups of every even level. (Received September 08, 2011)