

## **Abstract**

The Rogers-Ramanujan identities are remarkable classical partition identities that have stimulated a vast amount of research for more than a century, including certain foundational ideas in vertex operator algebra theory. In recent years, what are termed “motivated proofs” have been constructed for various families of generalized Rogers-Ramanujan identities. I will sketch this approach and comment on how it has been giving rise to new ideas in vertex operator algebra theory.