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I study the geometry of spaces
in which there is no easy way to measure
the distance between points: think M.C. Escher,
but infinite-dimensional. The maze is
amusing but complex: when one retraces
the steps one took a minute back, there’s pleasure
in noticing the differences. I treasure
knowing the distance doesn’t change.

My place is
replete with maps and pushpins, the temptation
to measure out the future is excessive,
but these are scary variables—I worry
it’s easy to get lost. The situation,
for now, is getting worse with each successive
job interview. Did I digress? I’m sorry.