Geometric flows in complex geometry

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I will introduce a geometric flow of complex, non-Kahler metrics generalizing the Kahler Ricci flow, discovered in joint work with G. Tian. I will show some regularity results and exhibit Perelman-like functionals for this flow which arise due to a surprising connection to mathematical physics. Finally I will discuss a conjectural optimal regularity statement and how it relates to the long unsolved problem of the classification of complex surfaces.