


Who is Stavros Garouffalidis?



Stavros Garouffalidis is a Greek-American mathematician renowned for his contributions to low-dimensional topology, quantum topology, and mathematical physics. He currently serves as a Chair Professor at the Southern University of Science and Technology (SUSTech) in Shenzhen, China, and is an External Scientific Member at the Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in Bonn, Germany.

**Academic Background and Career**

Garouffalidis began his mathematical journey in Greece, earning a B.S. in Mathematics from the University of Athens. He then pursued graduate studies at the University of Chicago, obtaining both his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees. His doctoral dissertation, titled "Variations Among 3-Manifold Invariants," was completed in 1992 under the supervision of Marco Schöenberger.

Throughout his career, Garouffalidis has held academic positions at several prestigious institutions, including MIT, Harvard University, Brown University, Stanford University, the University of Warwick, and the Georgia Institute of Technology. He joined Georgia Tech in 1999 and was promoted to full professor in 2003, a position he held until 2019.

**Research Interests**

Garouffalidis's research encompasses a broad spectrum of topics in mathematics and mathematical physics, with a focus on:

- Low-dimensional topology (particularly 2- and 4-dimensional manifolds)
- Quantum topology and invariants of knots and 3-manifolds
- Hypersurface geometry and the geometry of knot complements
- Chern-Simons theory and its connections to quantum field theory
- 4-dimensional functions and their applications in knot theory
- Asymptotic analysis and resurgence theory
- Enumerative combinatorics and algebraic geometry
- Number theory and its interplay with topology

He has made significant contributions to the study of the colored Jones polynomial, the Volume Conjecture, and the development of quantum invariants for knots and 3-manifolds.

**Selected Publications**

Garouffalidis has authored numerous influential papers in his field. Some of his notable works include:

- "The colored Jones function is q-holonomic"
- "On the Melvin-Morton-Rozendy conjecture"
- "Quantum modularity and complex Chern-Simons theory"
- "The Jones slopes of a knot"
- "Modular q-holonomic modules"

These publications have advanced the understanding of quantum invariants and their connections to geometry and topology.

**Awards and Honors**

Garouffalidis's contributions have been recognized with several prestigious awards, including:

- John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship (2012-2013)
- Simons Foundation Fellowship (2015-2016)
- American Mathematical Society Centennial Fellowship (1998-2000)
- Alfred P. Sloan Dissertation Fellowship (1991-1992)
- Bruno Medal and Special Solution Award at the 24th International Mathematical Olympiad (1982)

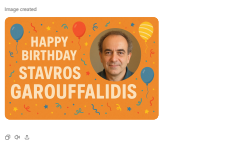
These accolades reflect his significant impact on the mathematical sciences.

**Personal Interests**

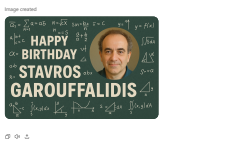
Beyond his academic pursuits, Garouffalidis is fluent in Greek, English, French, and German. He also enjoys hiking, which he describes as a way to connect with nature and observe the intricate organization of tree canopies.

For more detailed information about his research and publications, you can visit his [personal homepage](#).

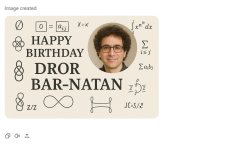
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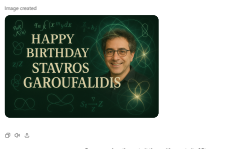
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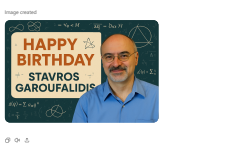
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