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## Education

B.S., University of Bucharest, 1976  
M.S., University of Bucharest, 1977  
Ph.D., University of Bucharest, 1983

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## Positions

Professor, UCLA Department of Mathematics, 1987-present  
Professor, University of Geneva, 1996-1998  
Principal Researcher, INCREST, 1977-87

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## Sabbaticals and Visiting Positions

Visiting Professor, College de France and CNRS, 2004-2005  
Mathematical Sciences Research Institute Yearlong Member 2000-2001  
Visiting Professor, University of Paris 6 and 7, 1992, 1995-1996, Summer 2001  
Visiting Professor, E. Schroedinger Institute, Viena, Austria, Summer 1994  
Institut des hautes Etudes Scientifiques Yearlong Member 1991-1992  
Visiting Professor, Institute des Hautes Etudes Scientifiques, June 1989, Spring 1990

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## Grants 1995-present

NSF Grant No. 0605456, 2006-2011  
NSF Grant No. 0100883, 2001-2006  
NSF Grant No. 9801324, 1998-2001  
Fond National Suisse Grant, 1996-1998  
NSF Grant No. 9500882, 1995-1998

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## Honors, special recognitions, etc

Chaire Blaise Pascal 2009-2011  
Plenary Speaker Canadian Mathematical Society Annual Meeting, Ottawa, Dec 2008.  
Plenary Speaker International Congress of Mathematics, Madrid, Aug. 2006.  
College de France Lecture Series, Nov. 2004.  
Plenary Speaker AMS Meeting, Vanderbilt University, Oct. 2004

Invited Address Joint Annual AMS Meeting, San Antonio, Jan. 1999  
Guggenheim Fellow, 1995-1996  
CBMS Lecture Series "Classification of subfactors and related topics", Univ. of Oregon  
1993  
Invited Address Section 9 International Congress of Mathematics, Kyoto, Japan, 1990.

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## Ph.D. Graduates

Dietmar Bisch (1991) Professor Vanderbilt University  
Florin Radulescu (1991) Professor University of Rome 2 and University of Iowa  
Florin Boca (1993) Professor University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Tullio Ceccherini (1994) Professor University of Benevento, Italy  
Mihai Petrescu (1997) Video-Software Company, Philadelphia.  
Remus Nicoara (2004) Tenure track at University of Tennessee Knoxville  
Roman Sasyk (2004) Associate Professor University of Buenos Aires  
Jesse Peterson (2006) NSF Post Doc Fellowship at UC Berkeley, tenure track Vanderbilt  
University, Sloan Fellow 2009.  
Adrian Ioana (2007) Taussky-Todd instructor Caltech 2007-2008, Clay Fellowship  
2008-2011  
Ion Chifan (2009).  
Hiroki Sako (2009; jointly with Yasu Kawahigashi).  
Adam Winchester (2010).  
Owen Sizemore (2011).

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## Recent Professional Service

Editor, Pacific Journal of Mathematics  
Editorial Board, Journal of the American Mathematical Society  
Editorial Board, Journal of Operator Theory  
Editorial Board, PanAmerican Mathematical Journal  
Co-Editor of the Clay Math Institute Proceedings of "Non-commutative Geometry"  
Conference  
in honour of A. Connes, 2007.  
Coorganizer of the Oberwolfach Conference in "von Neumann Algebras and Ergodic  
Theory",  
Oct. 26-30, 2008.  
Coorganizer of the Fields Institute Workshop in "von Neumann Algebras", Oct 29-Nov  
2, 2007.  
Coorganizer of the UCLA Workshop "von Neumann Algebras and Ergodic Theory",  
Spring 2007, Spring 2009.  
Coorganizer of the UCLA Conference "Beyond Amenability: Groups, Actions and Op.  
Alg.", May 2006  
Coorganizer of the AMS Section Meeting "von Neumann Algebras", Vanderbilt Univ.,  
October 2004  
Coorganizer of the UCLA Conference "von Neumann Algebras and Ergodic Theory",  
May 2003

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## Recent Talks

- Invited Speaker ``Non-commutative Geometry" Conference in Honor of Ricu Moscovici 65th Birthday, Max Planck Institute, Bonn, July 2009.
- Main Speaker ``East Coast Operator Algebra" meeting, Penn State, Oct 2008.
- Invited Speaker ``Operator Algebras", Oberwolfach Aug 2008.
- Invited Speaker ``Geometry, Rigidity and Group Actions", Conference in Honor of Bob Zimmer 60th Birthday, Sept. 6-9, 2007, University of Chicago.
- Invited Speaker ``von Neumann Algebras and Non-Commutative Geometry", Conference in Honor of Alain Connes 60th Birthday, April 2-6, 2007, Inst Henri Poincare (Paris)
- Invited Speaker ``Groupoids in Oper. Alg. and Noncommut. Geometry" Conference, Institut Henri Poincare (Paris), February 2007.
- Invited Speaker ``US-Japan Conference in Operator Algebras", University of Hawaii, January 2007.
- Colloquium Lecture Vanderbilt University, Nov. 2006.
- Invited Speaker ``von Neumann algebras" BIRS Center, Banff (Canada) Sept. 2006.
- Invited Speaker ``Logic and Mathematics" University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, June 9-11, 2006.
- Invited Speaker ``Geom. and prob. methods in group theory and dyn. sys." Texas A&M Nov. 2005.
- Main Speaker ``East Coast Operator Algebra" Conference, University of Philadelphia, October 2005.
- Colloquium Lecture University of Rome 2, Tor Vergata, September 2005.
- Invited Speaker ``Operator Algebra" Conference, Oberwolfach (Germany), August 2005.
- Invited Lecture ``Group actions, rigidity and dynamics", Banff (Canada) July 2005.
- Minicourse Lecturer, ``Spring Institute on Noncommutative Geometry", Vanderbilt Univ., May 2005
- Main Speaker, ``Geometric Group Theory and Harmonic Analysis", Cortona, June 2004
- Colloquium Lecture University of California Riverside, April 2004.
- Main Speaker, School in ``von Neumann Algebras", Marseille, February 2004
- Main Speaker: ``Group Theory", Gaeta (Italy), June 2003
- Main Speaker: AMS Meeting, Operator Algebra Section, Baltimore, Jan. 2003
- Main Speaker, GPOTS Conference, New Hampshire, 2001
- Invited Address, Mathematical Physics Conference, Sienna (Italy), July 2000

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