



Biographical sketch

Laurent Saloff-Coste is a Professor of Mathematics and a faculty member in the College of Arts and Sciences. He was educated in Paris (Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris VI), France, where he earned a Ph.D. (1983) and a Thèse d'État (1989). He taught high school mathematics for 4 years (1981-1985) and became "Directeur de Recherche" at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique in Toulouse before joining the Cornell Faculty in 1997. His research interests include Analysis, Partial Differential Equations, Probability Theory and Geometry, and he pursues collaborations with mathematicians around the world. His research is supported by grants from the National Science Foundation, and he currently serves on the editorial board of six mathematics journals. He is a member of the graduate fields of Mathematics and of Applied Mathematics. He enjoys mentoring students and junior faculty, interacting with colleagues, and teaching mathematics from entry-level service courses to graduate seminars. He served on the Academic Integrity Hearing Board and as the Chair of the Department of Mathematics 2009-2015. He was a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation fellow 2006-2007. He is a fellow of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, a fellow of the American Mathematical Society and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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