

ON MATHEMATICAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF PAUL E. SCHUPP

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1. Biographical data

Paul Eugene Schupp was born on March 12, 1937 in Cleveland, Ohio. He obtained a Bachelor's degree at Case Western Reserve University in 1959. During his undergraduate studies there in 1955–1959, Paul became interested in mathematics. In 1959, he became a Ph.D. student in Mathematics at the University of Michigan. He completed his Ph.D. in 1966, under the direction of Roger Lyndon.

After graduating from Michigan, Paul was a visiting professor at the University of Wisconsin–Madison for the 1966–1967 academic year. He then spent the 1967–1968 academic year at UIUC at the invitation of William Boone, as a visitor for the special year in Combinatorial Group Theory. At the conclusion of that special year, Paul became an Assistant Professor at UIUC and he remained a faculty member ever since. Paul was promoted to Associate Professor in 1971 and to Professor in 1975.

While a faculty member at UIUC, Paul Schupp has held visiting appointments at the Courant Institute (1969–1970), University of Singapore (January–April 1982), University of London (April–September 1982), USSR National Academy of Sciences in Moscow (September–December 1982), University of Bordeaux (1984 and 1996), University of Paris—VII (1984–1992), Université Marne-la-Vall'ée, June 1999 and June 1997, and others.

He was awarded the John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship for the 1977–1978 academic year.

During his years at UIUC Paul was the thesis advisor of twelve Ph.D. students, including Leo Comerford (1973), Judith Seymour (1974), Richard Hurwitz (1974), David Jackson (1978), Robert Haring-Smith (1981), Claude Anderson (1981), Peter Lindsay (1984), Maximiliano Garzon (1984), David