



Luis Ángel Caffarelli



Date of Birth 8 December 1948

Place Buenos Aires (Argentina)

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Field Mathematics

Title Professor

Most important awards, prizes and academies

Professional societies: American Mathematical Society; American Academy of Arts and Sciences (1986); National Academy of Sciences (1991); Pontifical Academy of Sciences; Unión Matemática Argentina; Foreign Member, Academia Nacional de Ciencias, Buenos Aires and Córdoba; Foreign Member, Accademia Nazionale delle Scienze; Foreign Member, Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei. *Honours and awards:* Plenary Lecturer at ICM Beijing (2002); Fermi Lectures, Scuola Normale di Pisa (1998); Colloquium Lecturer – A.M.S. (1993); Pius XI Gold Medal (1988); Invited Lecturer, Math into the XXI Century Series, A.M.S. Centennial Celebration Guggenheim Fellowship (1985); Bocher Prize (1984); Co-awarded Stampacchi Prize (1982); Premio Konex Platino-Brillante (2003); Rolf Schock Prize, Swedish Academy of Science (2005); Doctor Honoris Causa Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, École Normale Supérieure, and Universidad de la Plata; Honorary Professor Universidad de Buenos Aires and Universidad de Mar del Plata.

Summary of scientific research

Luis Caffarelli works in non linear analysis, mainly on non linear partial differential equations arising from geometry and mechanics. He has conducted extensive research into free boundary and singular perturbation problems. He has worked on free boundary problems that arise naturally when a constitutive relation or a conserved quantity (a temperature, a pressure, a density) changes discontinuously its behavior across some value of the variables under consideration. Typical examples are solid-liquid interphases, burnt-unburnt mixtures in flame propagation, and flow in porous media. Understanding of the geometry and stability of the solution and its interphase is important in selecting and evaluating simulation methods, as well as understanding the models themselves. Another area of research is fully non linear equations and optimal transportation. Fully non linear equations arise in optimization and optimal control. They have also been recently studied in relation to optimal transportation and optimal antenna design. Other areas of interest are incompressible flows, harmonic maps, and minimal surface theory and more recently, on non linear random homogenization.

Main publications

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