

Matthew Richey

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Matthew Richey was born on September 8th, 1959 in Kentucky. From there, he received his bachelor's at Kenyon College in 1981, and eventually his PhD in Mathematical Physics from Dartmouth in 1985. The following year, he joined the staff at St. Olaf College in Minnesota, where he continues to teach today. In his time at St. Olaf, he has taught classes in all disciplines and at all levels in the department of Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science, which he has also previously chaired. He has also been Associate Dean for the Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and is currently a Distinguished Professor of Science. His former students think generally highly of him, frequently choosing to describe him as caring, enthusiastic, and respected.

His research has largely been either pure mathematics or an intersection of mathematics with his other areas of expertise, having a heavy emphasis on applied mathematics, mathematical computing, and data analytics. In addition to his experience in academia, Richey has also done substantial work in the private sector as a consultant. In his free time, Richey has stated that he enjoys "running, music (especially Bob Dylan), and cooking."