

In memory of Vaughan Jones

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Renzo and Vaughan outside the Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics at the University of California, Santa Barbara (June 2012).

We first met at the Newton Institute (Cambridge, UK) in July 1992, on the occasion of the first Institute's program "Low Dimensional Topology and Quantum Field Theory". We immediately engaged in a discussion on the Călugăreanu's discovery of the self-linking invariance, and soon ended up in a local pub. He immediately

showed great curiosity to know more about the derivation and possible applications, a distinctive quality of his character. The same happened afterwards, all the times we met. Always friendly, and curious to engage in a discussion about mathematics and its declinations in science. A remarkable person that I certainly miss.