Bio

Michael Aristidou

Michael Aristidou was born in Athens in 1975, and he is a Cyprus citizen. After high school he served two years in the Cyprus Armed Forces as a Reserve Sub-Lieutenant. He received his Bachelor in mathematics from Aristotle University (Greece) in 1999 (two years under scholarship) and specialized in pure mathematics, mainly in algebra. Michael was awarded a scholarship (teaching assistantship) from Louisiana State University (USA) and entered the PhD program in 1999. He received his Master's in mathematics from Louisiana State University in 2001. In 2002, he started working with Dr. G. Olafsson on Jordan Algebras, Lie Groups and Lie Algebras in relation to Special Functions in pursuit of a doctorate. He wrote a thesis on Irrationality, under the supervision of Dr. J. Cogburn, for his Master's in philosophy which he received in 2004. He received the Focused Research Award for spring 2005 and his Doctorate in mathematics in summer 2005. He taught several introductory-level mathematics courses at Louisiana State University for four years as a teaching assistant. He was the founder and president of the Hellenic Student Association at Louisiana State University (2003) and he represented Greece on many occasions that promoted Greek history and culture.

From 2005 to 2009 he was an assistant professor at Digipen Institute of Technology (USA) where he taught and designed several classes such as Linear Algebra, Discrete Math, Quaternion Algebra, Fuzzy Logic and Philosophy. From 2009-2010 he was an assistant professor at Barry University (USA) where he taught several courses and helped organize the Math Club. In 2011 he was an adjunct professor at Northwestern State University (USA). From 2011-2019 he was an assistant/associate professor at the American University of Kuwait (Kuwait), where he taught mathematics. He was also the faculty advisor and coach for the AUK Jiu Jitsu Club. From 2019-2022, he was an assistant professor at Texas A&M University in Galveston (USA), where he taught mathematics. From 2022-2023, he was an instructor at Nazarbayev University (Kazakhstan), where he taught mathematics. Currently he is a special scientist at the Cyprus University of Technology and at the University of Cyprus. He is also a visiting professor at the American University of Cyprus. His research interests are in mathematics and philosophy, and he published in both fields. He was also the faculty advisor and coach for the NU Jiu Jitsu Club.

He published two books, in 2020 and 2021. He is also a reviewer for some scientific journals. In his personal time, he writes articles, likes debating and enjoys playing speed-chess. He is also a Jiu Jitsu practitioner/instructor.