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	2005 onward	Prof. Beckman Institute	U Illinois
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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:	AY 1968	Lloyd Post D Fellow	U Michigan
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	AY 1964	Lecturer	Newton College
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RELATED PUBLICATIONS:

1. George K. Francis, The hypergraphics honors seminar at Illinois. In Dave Thomas (Ed.) *Scientific Visualization in Mathematics and Science Teaching*. Assoc. Adv. Computing in Educ., Charlottesville, VA, 1995.
2. George K. Francis, John M. Sullivan, Robert B. Kusner, Kenneth A. Brakke, Chris Hartman, Glenn Chappell, The Minimax Sphere Eversion. In Konrad Polthier and Hans-Christian Hege, eds., *Mathematics and Visualization I*. Springer Verlag, Berlin, 1997. pp 3-20.
3. George K. Francis, Metarealism in Geometrical Computer Graphics. In David Salesin and Carlo Séquin, eds., *Mosaic 2000: Millennial Open Symposium on the Arts and Interdisciplinary Computing*. University of Washington, 21-24 August 2000. pp 1-12. Expanded to: *Metarealistic Rendering for Real-time Interactive Computer Animation*, in Michele Emmer, ed., *Visual Mind 2*, MIT Press, 2004.
4. George Francis, Camille Goudeseune, Henry Kaczmariski, Benjamin Schaeffer, John M. Sullivan, *ALICE on the Eightfold Way: Exploring Curved Spaces in an Enclosed Virtual Reality Theater (CUBE)*, in Hans-Christian Hege and Konrad Polthier, eds., *Visualization and Mathematics III*, Springer Verlag, 2003, p.304-316.
5. Benjamin Schaeffer, Peter Brinkmann, George Francis, Camille Goudeseune, Jim Crowell, Hank Kaczmariski, *MYRIAD: Scalable VR via Peer-to-Peer Connectivity, PC Clustering, and Transient Inconsistency*. *Proceedings of Virtual Reality Software and Technology 2005*, Monterey, CA, p. 68-77. Complete and updated version in *Computer Animation and Virtual Worlds*, vol 18, issue 1, pp 1-17, Wiley 2007.

SIGNIFICANT PUBLICATIONS:

1. George K. Francis, The folded ribbon theorem, a contribution to the study of immersed circles, *Trans. Amer. Math. Soc.* 141(1969), p.271-303. MR 39 4863 (M. Marx).
2. George K. Francis, *A Topological Picturebook*. Springer-Verlag, New York, 1987. Second printing, 1988. Japanese translation, Springer-Tokyo, 1991. Russian translation, MIR, Moscow, 1991. Chinese facsimile authorized paper edition, 1991, Japanese PB edition, Springer, Tokyo, 2006, English PB edition, Springer, NY, 2006.
3. George K. Francis and Louis H. Kauffman, Air on the Dirac strings. In W. Abikoff, J. Birman, and K. Kuiken, (Eds.) *The Mathematical Legacy of Wilhelm Magnus*, *Contemporary Mathematics*, Vol. 169, Amer. Math. Soc., Providence, RI, 1994, p.261-276.
4. George Francis, Ken Brakke, Rob Kusner, Dennis Roseman, John M. Sullivan, Ulrike Axen, Alex Bourd, Glenn Chappell, Chris Hartman, Paul McCreary, Jason Rubenstein, Will Scullin). *LATERNAmatheMAGICA*, GII Testbed and HPC Challenge Applications on the I-WAY, eds. Holly Korab and Maxine D. Brown, Published by ACM/IEEE Supercomputing 95, 1995, p 43.
5. George K. Francis and Jeffrey R. Weeks, Conway's ZIP Proof. *American Mathematical Monthly*. Mathematical Association of America. vol 106 (May 1999), pp 393-399.

SYNERGISTIC ACTIVITIES:

1. Teaching college since Notre Dame summerschool, 1957.
2. Founding director of the UIMATH Applelab (1983-1994), grafiXlab, (1995-2006), now the REU-Lab. Co-PI with Donna Cox, Renaissance Experimental Lab, NCSA (1989-2005).
3. Eisenhower grants for inservice teacher training, eighties and early nineties.
4. Taught Math 198 "Hypergraphics" freshman honors seminar in geometrical computation for the Campus Honors Program, (1990-2006).
5. Developed many undergraduate and graduate courses, chiefly for teachers training. Campus AMOCO award for excellence in undergraduate teaching.
6. With Umesh Thakkar, 3 year summer REU programs "Audible Sketchpad for the CAVE" under NCSA PACI program.
7. IlliMath2001, 2002, 2004, 2006, summer REU programs under VIGRE and Workforce in Mathematical Sciences.

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