



## **Professor Rimas Vaicaitis**

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Professor Emeritus at Columbia University Rimas Vaicaitis, Lithuanian, American civil engineering and engineering mechanics educator. Named Distinguished Alumnus University Illinois, 1984, fellow National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 1975–1977. Member American Institute of Aeronautics, American Society of Civil Engineers, KASA Lithuanian Federal Credit Union (President 1987–1992, board directors 1981–1992).

### **Background**

Vaicaitis, Rimas was born on April 30, 1941 in Sakiai, Lithuania. Son of Kostas and Marcelle (Vaivada) Vaicaitis. came to the United States, 1960.

### **Education**

Bachelor of Science, University Illinois, 1966.

Master of Science, University Illinois, 1967.

Doctor of Philosophy, University Illinois, 1970.

Doctor (honorary), Kaunas Technology University, 1993.

### **Career**

Assistant professor civil engineering, Columbia University, New York City, 1970-1975;

Associate professor, Columbia University, New York City, 1975-1980;

Director institute flight structures, Columbia University, New York City, since 1977;

Professor, Columbia University, New York City, since 1980;

Research engineer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Hampton, Virginia, 1976-1977.

President Vibroacoustics, Inc., West Nyack, New York, since 1984.

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