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William Paul Thurston (born 1946) American mathematician, recipient of the Fields medal in 1982, perhaps best known for Thurston's geometrization conjecture.

After earning a doctorate at the University of California, Berkeley, Thurston taught at MIT, Princeton (where he worked on foliation and lectured on the orbifold theorem), UC Davis. Since 2003 he has been a professor of mathematics and computer science at Cornell University.