



Dr. Gibor Basri
Diversity Biography
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Dr. Gibor Basri was born in 1950 in New York City, but grew up in Fort Collins, Colorado. He left Colorado to study Physics at Stanford (graduating in 1973), then returned for his PhD in Astrophysics at the University of Colorado, Boulder (1979). There he met his wife, Dr. Jessica Broitman (they had a son in 1991). They moved to Berkeley in 1979 when Gibor was awarded a Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellowship. He joined the Astronomy department faculty in 1982, received tenure in 1987, and became a full professor in 1994. His involvement with diversity at UCB started almost immediately with the Professional Development Program. He served on various campus, systemwide, and national review committees for postdoctoral programs through the years. In 1996 Gibor joined the Board of the neighbor-run "I Have a Dream – Oakland", which adopted a 3rd grade class in West Oakland and saw the kids through to college (providing scholarships as needed). In 1999 he joined the Board of the Chabot Space and Science Center, which tries to inspire East Bay kids to be interested in and study science. From 2000 on Gibor became increasingly involved in the issue of faculty diversity, serving on various campus and systemwide faculty committees, including chairing taskforces for the President and Regents. His work on the Berkeley campus culminated by helping launch the Berkeley Diversity Research Initiative, the Berkeley Initiative for Leadership and Diversity, and the Senior Advisory Group that recommended that Chancellor form the office of Vice Chancellor for Equity & Inclusion. After a national search, Gibor was appointed to that position in 2007.