

John E. Peterman, Ph. D.
Professor of Philosophy
Curriculum Vitae

Professional Experience

William Paterson University Philosophy Department 1980- present, Chair 1986-95 and current
Courses: Plato, Aristotle, Ancient Philosophy, Intro to Phil, Ethics, Asian Phil
Life Science & Environmental Ethics, Ancient History, Writing Effective Prose
Humanities Integrating Seminar, Freshman Seminar
Humanities Honors Program: Seminars I-IV, Ancient & Medieval Colloquia,
Senior Research and Thesis

Doctoral Education

Penn State University 9/74-8/80 in Philosophy with minor-Classics M.A. 3/77, Ph.D. 8/80

Publications

Book: *On Plato*, California: Wadsworth, 2000.

Published articles:

"The Socratic Suicide", in New Essays on Socrates, Eugene Kelly, ed., University Press of America, 1984.

"Madison's Right Method: Structure or Process?" (Commentary on Federalist #10) in The U. S. Constitution and Its American Philosophers, Christopher Gray, ed., Edward Mellen Press, Summer 1989.

"Beyond Evaluation: Writing as a Learning Tool", The Amer. Phil. Assn. Newsletter on Teaching Philosophy, January 1990.

Review Essay of Carl Vaught's The Quest for Wholeness. In The Graduate Journal of the New School for Social Research (change in editorship caused removal from final galleys, December 1987)

Book Review of The Later Works of John Dewey, Vol 5-6, ed Boydston. In Transactions of the C. S. Peirce Society, Winter 1987.

Book Review of Victorino Tejera's Plato's Dialogues One by One. In The Journal of Speculative Philosophy. Winter 1988

Book Review of Steven Mailloux's Rhetoric, Sophistry, Pragmatism, Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, 1995. In Journal of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Fall Book Issue 1997.

Ten other short book reviews

Non-philosophical: The Wm Paterson College Undergraduate Curriculum Handbook, co-edited with Lois Wolf, 1986. Won the National Academic Advising Assn. "Publication Award" for 1988

Papers delivered

"Dualism and Death in the Philosophies of Dewey and Plato"
3/81 at the American Cultural Association in Cincinnati, Ohio
5/81 at the New Jersey Regional Phil Assn at Rutgers-Newark campus

"The Socratic Murder"

5/82 at the New Jersey Regional Phil Assn at Rutgers University

"Plato, Dualisms, Dewey and Death"

3/82 at Society for the Advance of Amer Phil, the U. of Delaware

4/82 at the American Culture Association in Louisville, Kentucky

"Plato and Dewey: A Common Faith"

3/83 at the Society for the Advance. of Amer Phil, U. of South. Ill.

5/83 at the New Jersey Regional Phil Assn at Monmouth College

"The Socratic Suicide"

10/83 at the Long Island Phil Society in Old Westbury, New York

3/84 at the ACPA Roundtable of Philosophy at Marymount College, N.Y.

"The Experimental Community: Thoreau, Skinner and Dewey"

11/84 at the New Jersey Reg. Phil. Assn. at Wm Paterson College

3/85 at Soc for the Advance of Amer Phil, Emory University, Atlanta

"The Eleusinian Mysteries in the Meno"

5/85 the ACPA Roundtable of Philosophy, Iona College, New York

10/85 Societies for Ancient Greek, Islamic & Neoplatonist Philosophy, Baruch College, New York.

"Plato's Introductions to his Dialogues" 5/86, SUNY Purchase

"The Eleusinian Nature of Arete in Plato's Meno"

4/88, the New Jersey Reg. Phil. Assn. at Seton Hall University

12/88, Eastern meeting of the American Phil Assn, Washington, D. C.

"Psychagogia: Philosophic Leading and Following in Plato's Dialogues"

10/90 Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Baruch College, New York.

11/90, the New Jersey Reg. Phil. Assn. at Monmouth College

"Plato's Phaedo: The Philosophic Attitude in Crisis"

10/92 Society for Ancient Greek Phil, Columbia University, New York

"Unity of Rhetoric and Philosophy in Plato's Symposium"

11/96 New Jersey Reg. Phil. Assn., Felician College

"What is Philosophical in Plato's Symposium", invited speaker, Felician College, April 1997

"Plato's Use of Religious Imagery", NJ Regional Phil Assn, Felician College, May 1999

"Plato's Religious Imagery in the Republic and the Meno", invited speaker at Felician College 11/00

"The WPC Humanistic Education Project", invited speaker, "Conference on Liberal Learning and the World of Work", Council for Experiential Learning & National Collegiate Honors Council, 6/85, Boston.

"Writing as a Tool for Developing Critical Thinking"

9/84, 10/86 and 12/87, Wm. Paterson College

Grants and Awards

Coordinator, Project Quill Grant, Assn of Amer Colleges \$10,000, 1981-82

Develop new course and off-campus discussions on "Technology and the Humanities"
Director, N.J. Humanities Grant "Humanities in the Undergraduate Curriculum"
Conference series on liberal and professional education \$6,000 1984-85
Director, N.J. Humanities Grant "Humanistic Studies Project" \$6,000 1985-86
Visiting scholars, faculty devel, and great books and films in the curric.
Director., N.J. Higher Ed Grant "Clustering General Ed Courses"
external grant \$90,000 1990-95, institutional funding 1996-continuing
develop clusters of 3 GE courses, recruit faculty and students, monitor progress
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar Fellowship 1983
"Homer: Text and Context", Prof. James Redfield director, U of Chicago
Sabbatical Leave, Spring 1997
Merit Award, William Paterson College, 1984-85
Scholarly Research Awards from W. P. C., annually since 1981

Commentator at professional meetings

1/81 on Santayana paper for N.J. Reg. Phil. Assn at Rutgers
3/84 on Thoreau paper for S.A.A.P. at University of Seattle
4/86 on Existentialism in S. Crane paper for ACPA, Baltimore.
3/87 on The Federalist #10 paper for S.A.A.P., U of Penn
4/87 on The Symposium paper for NJ Reg Phil Assn, Wm Paterson Col
11/88 on The Apology paper for Long Island Phil Soc, LIU-Brooklyn
5/92 on The Euthyphro for N.J. Reg. Phil Assn at Seton Hall Univ
11/97 on Plato's Timaeus for NJ Reg. Phil Assn, Felician College
11/00 on Dewey's sense of the tragic at NJ Phil Assn, Felician College
11/01 on Political Theory and C. S. Peirce's "Fixation of Belief", NJ Reg. Assn at Felician

Professional Associations

Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy 1980-present, Nominating Committee 1994-5
New Jersey Regional Philosophy Association
American Philosophical Association 1980-present
Journal reviewer: Ancient Philosophy, Philosophy and Rhetoric, NJ Journal of Communication
Book reviewer for Seven Bridges Publishers

Service at William Paterson University

a) **the University:**

Coordinate the Cluster Project for freshmen GE courses 1990-present
Faculty Forum and Senate (faculty governing body), member 1981-1997
Chair of Forum 1983-4, Secty 1982-3, Exec Comm of Senate 1984-5,90-91
Member of Environmental Studies faculty, an interdisciplinary major
College Long-range Planning Council 1987-90
Organizer and moderator, Faculty Research Roundtable 1984-89
General Education Curriculum Committee 1981-87 and 1999, Chair 1982-3
Writing Across the Curriculum development project 1986-87 and 1988-89

b) **the School of Humanities:**

Director of Humanities Honors Program presently, Coordinator 1980-2000
Program Director for Major in Liberal Studies in Humanities 1980-94

c) **the Department of Philosophy:** Chair 1986-1995, again 2001-02

Curriculum Committee, reorganized major and created 4-year course cycle
Departmental advisor for majors and undecided students 1997-present

d) **Represented Wm. Paterson University** at nine national conferences