

Curriculum Vitae

Steve Phelan

EDUCATION:

1971 Ph.D. The Ohio State University (Middle English Literature)

1962 A.B. Pontifical College Josephinum, magna cum laude (Philosophy)

EMPLOYMENT:

ROLLINS COLLEGE 1971-2008

- 2008- still teaching core and elective courses in the Masters of Liberal Studies program
- 1986-94 active member of FLIC, Rollins multidisciplinary program offering college credit to local high school classes; offering ENG 270 Environmental Literature, through on-going teacher workshops, to more than a thousand central Florida juniors and seniors in seven different local high schools
- 1984-1987 Director of the Honors Degree Program
- 1981- Professor of English, medievalist
- 1975- active associate member of the Environmental Studies Program and then Department, from its inception until the present
- 1971-76 Assistant Professor of English

HONORS and GRANTS:

- 1986/7 Arthur Vining Davis Fellowship (annual Rollins faculty award)
- 1982/3 NEH Yearlong Fellowship for College Teachers (to build a computer database of Chaucer's vocabulary)
- 1973- a half dozen grants for research and professional development from Rollins funds, esp. for my book on Sir Gawain and the Green Knight

General education courses respecting the environment:

- ENG 270 Environmental Literature
- ENG 206 The Poetry of Earth
- ENG 392 Advanced Composition on Environmental Issues
- RCC 100 Earthkind (environmental ethics)
- RCC 100 Biorhythms: Science and Nature Writing
- ENG 233 The Whole Earth Album: Nature Writing and Photography
- MLS 532 Masterworks: Leaves of Grass
- MLS 551 An Emerging Sense of Place
- ES 189 Environmental Crisis

RESEARCH and PUBLICATION:

Environmental Literature:

"The Species Self in American Literature" [30 page rationale for an environmental literature course, 7/89; given as a paper at the North American Interdisciplinary Wilderness Conference, Ogden, Utah, 1989]

"Common Ground," *American Nature Writing Newsletter*, 6 Fall, 1994).

"Whitman and Burroughs: Teaching an American Ecologue" [paper given at the John Burroughs Society Seminar, Oneonta, N.Y., 1994.]

"Democratic Vistas in American Literature" [paper given at the Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment Conference, Fort Collins, Colorado, 1995].

"Whitman's Environ<=>mental Imagination" [paper given at ASLE's second biennial conference, Missoula, Montana, 1997].

Summary of medieval scholarship:

- a dozen papers delivered at a variety of conferences from San Francisco to Tel Aviv; latest at Sarasota's New College Medieval Conference, "Incarnation in Sir Gawain and the Green Knight"
- seven articles

- two reviews
- a database of Chaucer's vocabulary in *The Canterbury Tales*
- an eco-critical book on *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*

"Beyond the Concordance: Semantic and Mythic Structures in Gower's Tale of Florent," *Neophilologus* 3(1977), 461-99.

"Playboy of the Medieval World," *Lit Rev* 23 (1980), 542-558.

"Automythology: The Dream Logic in Hesse's Fiction," *Dreamwork* 4 (1982), 294-99. [nominated for CCLM award for best literary essay of the year]

"The Study of Chaucer's Vocabulary," *Computers and Humanities* 12(1978), 61-69

"From Morpheme to Motif in Chaucer's Canterbury Tales," in *Proc. of Intern. Conf. on Literary and Linguistic Computing*, Tel Aviv Univ., Israel, 1979.

Robert Peters, Chaucer's Language, in *Studies in the Age of Chaucer*, 4 (1982), 178 [review].

"A Thesaurus Proprius for Chaucer's Narrative Vocabulary in The Canterbury Tales," *ALLC Journal*, 6 (1985), 39-54.

"A Thesaurus Proprius for Chaucer's Canterbury Tales," *New Chaucer Society Newsletter*, 8 (1986), 3f [report of database project].

A Systematic Text of the Canterbury Tales. Computer Database, using Robinson's, 2nd ed. Winter Park, Fla.: Rollins Computer Center, 1987. VAX 750, Datatrieve. 2mb, 16-track.

The Christmas Hero and Yuletide Tradition in Sir Gawain and the Green Knight. Lewiston: Edwin Mellen Press, 1992.

R. F. Yeager, ed. "Chaucer and Gower: Difference, Mutuality, Exchange," a review notice in *Envoi*, 3 (autumn, 1992), 561-4.