

San José State University Emeritus Faculty Association Biography

Name: John Pollock
Department: English & Comparative Literature
Academic Rank: Professor
Year Retired: 2008
City of Residence: San Jose CA



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Birthplace: Mt. Vernon, NY **Birth Year:** 1945

Marital Status: Married **Spouse or Partner's Name:** Penny

Children's Names: Jeremy

No. of Grandchildren: 0 **No. of Great Grandchildren:** 0

Colleges or Universities Attended:	Year	Degree
UC Davis	1967	B.A.
UC Davis	1969	M.A.
UC Davis	1971	Ph.D.

Teaching Experience:		From	To
UC Davis	Teaching Associate	1969	1971
SJSU	Assistant-Full Professor	1971	2008

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Administrative, Business, or Professional Experience (other than teaching):

Interim Department Chair and Associate Chair for the Department of English & Comparative Literature, SJSU

Selected Publications:

“The Black Feet of the Peacock: The Color-Concept ‘Black’ from the Greeks through the Renaissance”

“We Lie Down in Hope: Selections from John Donne’s Meditations on Sickness”

“The Magic Coat: A Christmas Story”

“Words of Consolation from John Donne”

Personal Commentary (please limit comments to one page):

Looking back, I find among my proudest accomplishments at SJSU were my representing the School of Humanities & the Arts as a participant in the University’s “Teacher/Scholar” program and my receipt of the School’s annual “Excellence in Teaching Award.” In addition to working with many interesting colleagues and students, I also had the privilege of serving as Interim Chair and Associate Chair of the Department of English & Comparative Literature and as Coordinator of that department’s graduate program for a number of years.

Looking forward, I hope to continue my volunteer work with San Jose’s Adult Literacy program, Partners in Reading, while I pursue some of my hobbies: writing poetry, composing music, sailing, kayaking, bike riding, and hiking. In the meantime, I’m taking much pride and delight in watching my son’s career unfold as he uses his political talents to promote social justice for folks who haven’t enjoyed all the educational and financial advantages and the overall good fortune I and my family have.

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