

## **Dean Alan Ward**

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### **Education:**

1987 Ph.D., University of Virginia, English Language and Literature  
1972 B.S., Wheaton College (Illinois)

### **Teaching:**

Calvin College, 1987-present

Written Rhetoric, The Teaching of Writing, Understanding Literature, The English Novel, Survey of British Literature, African-American Literature, Contemporary African-American Fiction, Academic and Professional Writing, Internship, Science and Literature (Interim), The Practice of Business and Technical Writing (Interim), The Practice of Business Writing (Interim), Discovering Nineteenth-Century English Literature (Interim in England), Secrets of Science Writing (Interim), British History and Culture (Interim), British Culture (Calvin Semester in England)

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Instructor, 1983-1987

Freshman Composition, Victorian and Modern British, Modern American, Fantasy, American Literature: 1855-1900, Short Fiction

Hampden-Sydney College, Lecturer, 1982-1983

Freshman Rhetoric

University of Virginia, Graduate Instructor, 1978-1983

Introductory Composition, Intermediate Composition, Literature and Science, Major English Authors

Tutor, University Writing and Reading Center (1981-1982)

### **Administration and Service:**

#### *Administrative Posts:*

- Academic Dean for the Social Sciences and Contextual Disciplines, Calvin College, July 2014-present
- Fellow, Calvin Teaching and Learning Network, 2011-present, Administrative Coordinator, 2011-2014
- Safer Spaces Coordinator, 2014-2015
- Co-Chair of the English Department, Calvin College, July 2013-2014
- Director of the Academic Writing Program, Calvin College, 1991-2005; 2012-2013

- Academic Dean for the Divisions of Language, Literature, and the Arts and the Social Sciences, Calvin College, 2003-2008, Academic Dean for the Division of Arts, Languages, and Education 2008-2009
- Director of the Rhetoric Center, Calvin College, 1990-2005
- Chairperson, Department of English, 1997-2002
- Director of the McGregor Fellows Summer Program, Calvin College, 1999 and 2000
- Director of English 100, Calvin College, 1990-1996
- Chairperson of the Writing Program Committee, Calvin College, 1989-1992, 2002-2005, 2012-2013
- Coordinator of the Graduate Teaching Assistant training, advising, and evaluation program, Virginia Tech, 1986-1987

*Administrative and Academic Service\*:*

- Educational Framework Committee, 2014-2015
- New Faculty Orientation Leader, August 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, Jan. 2015
- Departmental coordinator, English Department hosting of 2014 Heritage Reunion; led sessions on the effects of off-campus programs and internships on English majors
- Co-presenter, Services of the Calvin Teaching and Learning Network, report to Chairs' Retreat. May 28, 2014
- Elected member of Calvin College Committee on Governance, 2013-present
- Editorial work, *Little Logic Book*, Calvin College Philosophy Dept., May 2013
- Organizer, "Internship Reception" (event for English Dept. interns and internship supervisors), April 18, 2013
- Chair, Graduate Studies in Education Program Committee, 2012-13
- Festival of Faith and Writing Committee, 2011-present
- Calvin College Faculty Senate, 2010-2013
- Reviewer for *Pedagogy*, 2001-2013
- Reviewer for *Sage*, 2012
- Institutional representative, Council on Undergraduate Research conference, Calvin College, March 22-24, 2012
- Teacher Education Leadership Team, chair, 2008-2009
- Dean for Teacher Education Search Committee, chair, 2008-2009
- Workshop on Writing Faith and Learning Statements, leader, August 14, 2008
- Byker Chair, endowed-chair search committee, chair, 2007-2008
- Teacher Education Committee, Governance Task Force, 2007-2008
- Lilly Graduate Fellows Nominating Committee, chair, 2007-2008
- Business Department Task Force, 2007-2008
- Chairs' Compensation Task Force, chair, 2007-2008
- Provost search committee, fall 2005
- "Roles and Rewards: Faculty Work Patterns and Quality of Professional Life at Calvin College," presented to Faculty Assembly, November 7, 2005

- External consultant, with Gary Schmidt, for Taylor University's Department of English, conducted full review and submitted report, spring 2005
- Review and report, a ten-year study of the Kuiper Faculty Orientation Seminars, fall, 2004
- Educational Policy Committee, fall 2004-2009, chair, 2004-2008
- Co-director, annual chairs' retreat, May 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
- Board of Trustees, Academic Affairs Committee, advisor, 2003-2009
- Faculty Senate, fall 2003-present
- Professional Status Committee, advisor, 2003-2009
- Lilly Fellows Program in the Humanities and Arts, administrative representative, 2003-2009
- McGregor Fellows mentor, summer 2004
- Co-coordinator, week of full-time meetings for faculty-student, CCCS-sponsored textbook-writing project, June 7-11, 2004
- Panels for Calvin Faculty Fall Conference (on disciplinary teaching methods and the teaching of writing across the disciplines), Sept. 3, 2003, Sept. 1, 2004, Aug. 31, 2005, Aug. 30, 2006
- Panels and presentations for admissions events ("Who We Are" and "How Your Child Can Succeed"), summers, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007.
- Local Arrangements Committee for 2003 National Writing Program Administrators Conference, 2001-2003; conference dates, July 10-13, 2003
- Chapter on teaching writing for "An Introduction to Teaching at Calvin College: A Compilation of Resources by and for the Calvin College Faculty," summer 2002
- Workshop for Student Life, on African-American literature, February 2001
- McGregor Fellows mentor, summer 2000
- McGregor Fellows Committee, 1999-2002
- Summer Director of the McGregor Fellows program, 1999 and 2000
- *Templeton Guide* application, in the "Academic Integrity" category, 1999
- Search Committee for new Registrar, fall 1999
- Calvin Campaign Committee, 1998-99
- African-American Studies Planning Committee, 1997-98
- Visual Rhetoric Series Committee, 1997-98
- NCATE review committee, 1997
- Academic Development Committee, 1995-1998
- Core Curriculum Subcommittee, 1993
- Admissions Consulting (on CommuniCorps publications), 1992-93
- *Ad Hoc* Committee on Educational Assessment, 1992-1993
- Multicultural Discussion Group Presentation, April 1992
- Public Word Processing Subcommittee, 1992
- Introductions to the Calvin Academic Writing Program, New Faculty Orientation, 1990-2005
- College Relations Strategic Planning Seminar, December 1990
- Gender Task Force, 1990

- Mentor for *Rough Draft* (formerly *Scribbler*, the WAC newsletter), 1990-1994
- Subcommittee on Placement Testing, 1989-1990
- Workshop for senior Engineering majors, fall 1989
- College Relations Task Force, 1989
- Representative from Calvin at a week-long seminar on writing across the curriculum, Taylor University, June 1988
- Entrada Committee, 1987-1988
- Calvin College English Department Committees (Special Events, Curriculum, English 101, Staffing, *ad hoc* on Senior Seminar, *ad hoc* on Writing Minor, Festival 2000 and 2004), variously, 1987-present
- Composition Committee, Virginia Tech, 1986-1987
- Graduate Teaching Advisor, Virginia Tech, 1984-1987
- Composition Committee, University of Virginia, 1982-1983

\*Unless otherwise noted, all items conducted at Calvin College

*Faculty Development Workshops and Seminars Led\** (selected list):

- Panelist, “Creatively Engaging Students,” Calvin Seminary, October 25, 2013
- Leader, Faculty Learning Community, “Interdisciplinary Teaching and Learning,” 2013-14
- Session leader, State of Michigan Improving Teacher Quality Grant, Summer Institute, “Introduction to Writing in the Classroom,” August 19, 2013
- Session leader, “Teaching,” for instructors of Calvin College First-Year Seminar, August 13, 2013
- Co-leader, workshop “Preparing for the First Reappointment,” May 20, 2013; repeated May 28, 2014
- Co-coordinator, “How We Learn” Open House (learning community poster session), April 19, 2013; repeated April 15, 2014
- Leader, Faculty Learning Community, “Effective Lecturing,” 2012-13
- Leader, Faculty Learning Community, “Peer Observation,” Fall 2011
- “Reasonable and Constructive Responses to Student Feedback,” co-presenter to Kuiper Seminar, January 18, 2013; repeated January 23, 2014.
- “Assessing Teaching,” co-presenter, Fall Faculty Conference, August 26, 2012
- Co-leader, Calvin College New Faculty Orientation, August, 19-20, 2014; August 20-21, 2013; August 20-21, 2012; August 23-24, 2011
- “Assessing and Improving Teaching,” co-presenter at “Chairs’ Retreat,” May 2012
- “The Function of Failure,” co-presenter to Kuiper Seminar, January 19, 2012
- “Introduction to the Teaching and Learning Network,” co-presenter, Fall Faculty Conference, August 25, 2011
- “Peer Observation,” co-presenter, Chairs’ Retreat, May 2011
- “Using Student Feedback: Beyond Evaluation Forms” Fall Faculty Conference, August 26, 2010
- “Teaching Writing in and across the Disciplines,” (with E. Vander Lei), June 2-5, 2009.

- “Veteran and Seasoned Chairs Share Wisdom from the Trenches,” panelist and co-moderator, CCCU Faith-Filled Leadership Institute, Gordon College, June 21, 2008.
- “Understanding Your Teaching Evaluations,” faculty development panel, March 12, 2007
- “Grading,” luncheon seminar for faculty, October 28, 2003
- “Responding to Student Writing,” “Teaching and Learning Luncheon” series, November 5, 2002
- “Composing Writing Assignments,” summer seminar, June 10-12, 2002
- New-faculty mentor, on integrating writing in classes, spring 2002
- “Composing Writing Assignments,” summer seminar, June 13-15, 2001
- Presentations on designing writing assignments, for faculty developing DCM courses, June 6 and 27, 2001
- “Writing for the Web and the Ways We Teach Writing.” luncheon series (sponsored by ITC), April 3, 2001.
- Writing Across the Curriculum, half-day seminar, for the full faculty of Midland Lutheran College, August 27, 1999
- Writing Across the Curriculum, summer seminar, June 7, 1999
- “Research Papers: Old Traditions and New Technologies,” summer workshop (with Glenn Remelts), June 5-9, 1995
- Presentation on teaching for the Kuiper Seminar, January 1995
- “Developing Departmental Writing Programs,” Fall Faculty Conference seminar, August 30, 1994
- “Learning to Write and Writing to Learn,” summer workshop, June 7-11, 1993
- “Learning to Write and Writing to Learn,” summer workshop, June 15-19, 1992
- First-Year Composition seminars, 1988-1998 (I have led fifteen of these seminars; topics include critical thinking, electronic communications, first-year composition and writing across the curriculum, grading, one-to-one writing instruction, research papers, exploratory essays, sequenced writing assignments, and revision.)
- Writing-Across-the-Curriculum afternoon seminars, 1992-2002 (I have led at least twelve of these seminars; topics include grading, informal writing assignments, one-to-one writing instruction, and making use of the Rhetoric Center.)
- Graduate Teaching Assistant training sessions (five, on teaching composition and introductory literature), Virginia Tech, 1986-1987

I have conducted approximately 100 faculty-development sessions.

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## Scholarship:

### *Publications:*

*Real Texts: Reading and Writing Across the Disciplines*, second edition, co-edited and written with Elizabeth Vander Lei. New York: Pearson Longman, 2011.

*Instructor's Manual to accompany "Real Texts: Reading and Writing Across the Disciplines,"* second edition, coauthored with Elizabeth Vander Lei. New York: Pearson Longman, 2011.

"*Training the Trainers*" wiki site created for the wiki of Professional and Organizational Development, July, 2010.

*Real Texts: Reading and Writing Across the Disciplines*, co-edited and written with Elizabeth Vander Lei. New York: Pearson Longman, 2008.

*Instructor's Manual to accompany "Real Texts: Reading and Writing Across the Disciplines,"* coauthored with Elizabeth Vander Lei. New York: Pearson Longman, 2008.

"A Social-Work Model for Tutoring," with Jodi VanWingerden. *The Writing Lab Newsletter*, November 1999.

*Tradition and Adaptation: A Guide to Writing in the Disciplines*. Mountain View, CA: Mayfield Publishing Company, 1997.

*Instructor's Manual to accompany "Tradition and Adaptation: A Guide to Writing in the Disciplines."* Mountain View, CA: Mayfield Publishing Company, 1997.

"Middlemarch." In *The Trinity Forum Guide to the Classics*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1997.

Review of *Bailey's Cafe*, by Gloria Naylor, *Grand Rapids Press*, April, 1993.

*Options: A Workbook to Accompany "The Riverside Handbook."* Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1992.

"The 'Reader's Outline': A Tool for Global Revision." *The Journal of Teaching Writing* 10 (1991): 201-215.

"Information and the Irreversible Process: The Imminent Death of Oedipa Maas." *University of Hartford Studies in Literature* 20 (1988): 24-37.

During the 1970s I coauthored six articles in various scientific journals: *Endocrinology*, *The Journal of Steroid Biochemistry*, *Biology of Reproduction*, and *Proceedings of the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine*.

### *Academic Papers, Panels, and Public Presentations:*

"You Can Take It with You: Portaging Writing Lessons across Academia." Paper, with Elizabeth Vander Lei, presented at the Writing Research Across Borders Conference, University of California, Santa Barbara, February 22, 2008.

"A WAC Reading Program for Writing Center Training and Practice." Presentation (with Rhetoric Center tutors) for the East Central Writing Centers Association Conference, April 2, 2005.

- “Tutoring for Style in the Expanding Writing Center.” One-hour panel (with Rhetoric Center tutors) for the East Central Writing Centers Association Conference, April 18, 2002.
- “Promising Reading.” Organizer and chair for a session of the 125th Anniversary Conference, Calvin College, September 2001.
- “Visual Rhetoric in the Writing Center.” One-hour panel (with Rhetoric Center tutors) for the National Writing Centers Association Conference, April 17, 1999.
- “Writing Centers and Visual Rhetoric.” Paper read at the Conference on College Composition and Communication, March 27, 1999.
- “Solution-Building v. Problem Solving.” One-hour panel (with Rhetoric Center tutors) for the East Central Writing Centers Association Conference, April 18, 1997.
- “Tutoring for Style.” One-hour panel (with Rhetoric Center tutors) for the East Central Writing Centers Association Conference, March 10, 1995.
- “Experiments in Evaluating Tutors.” One-hour panel (with Rhetoric Center tutors) for the East Central Writing Centers Association Conference, May 6, 1994.
- “The ‘Sacredness of Obedience’ or the ‘Sacredness of Rebellion’? Are We Pressing Students in the Disciplines to Ask the Wrong Question?” Paper read for the Annual Meetings of the Michigan Academy, March 5, 1993.
- Local Panel Member for “Beyond the Dream V: A Celebration of Black History,” a national teleconference, February 3, 1993.
- “Dispossessed Heirs and Distrusted Lovers: Teaching Bradley’s *The Chaneyville Incident*.” Paper read for the Conference of the Midwest Modern Language Association, November 1990.
- “Pictures and Diagrams: Functional Differences Between Literature and Science.” Paper read for the Conference of the Society for Literature and Science, October 1990.
- “When Science in Literature Goes Wrong.” Paper read for the Ferris State University Conference in Humanities, Science, and Technology, April 1989.
- “Fictive Scientists and the Ethics of Scientific Reporting.” Paper read for the Conference of the Society for Literature and Science, October 1988.

### **Grants and Honors:**

- Lilly Mentoring Grant, primary author and investigator, \$12,000, awarded October 2013, to begin in fall term 2014
- Improving Teacher Quality Grant, secondary investigator; John Walcott primary investigator, \$200,000 grant, awarded spring 2013
- Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship Grant, 2003-04
- Calvin Research Fellowship, Calvin College, spring 2002
- Alive Grant, Calvin College, Spring 2000
- Fund for the Improvement of Teaching grant, Calvin College, summer 1996
- Calvin Research Fellowship, Calvin College, fall 1992
- Departmental nomination for University Distinguished Teacher Certificate, Virginia Tech, 1987
- “Top Twenty” most highly rated instructors at the University of Virginia, *Student Council Course Evaluation Book*, 1982 and 1983

- Second Prize, NEH contest in composition syllabus design, University of Virginia, 1979
- Lambda Iota Tau, Wheaton College, 1973