



Dr. John C. Fout

November 11, 1937 - June 21, 2013

Dr. John C. Fout, 75, passed away at his home in Hudson, NY on Friday, June 21, 2013. John was born in Omaha, NE on November 11, 1937 to Karl and Fannie Fout. John received his BA at the University of Nebraska, Omaha where he also earned his MA after serving as an officer in the U.S. Army. He went on to earn his doctorate in history at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul.

John began his teaching career at Bard College in 1969. His friend and colleague, Dr. Gennady Shkliarevsky wrote eloquently of John's career. "Much of John's life was devoted to Bard. In the course of his illustrious career, he left an indelible mark on this institution and in his professional field. John was one of the pioneers of Women and Gender Studies in America and here at Bard. He was the founder of the prestigious Journal of the History of Sexuality and served as its editor."

After 31 years of teaching, writing and editing, John retired and moved to Columbia County. He embraced Hudson wholeheartedly. He spent time on the Board of the Hudson Area Library and the Columbia County Historical Society respectively. Additionally he worked with Jim Eyre as the assistant editor of and contributor to the Columbia County History & Heritage magazine. John became editor after Jim's death for a period of two years. He also taught several semesters at prisons through Bard's Prison Initiative program.

John is survived by his loving partner, Claude M. Cherry; his three children, Justine A. Fout (Fairfield, CA), Elizabeth L. Fout (Hudson, NY), John E. Fout

and his spouse Angela M. Fout (NY, NY); and his grandson, Krystov A. Fout (Hudson, NY), and granddaughter, Savana J. Fout (NY, NY).

Calling hours will be held from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M at the Bates & Anderson Funeral Home, 110 Green Street, Hudson, NY on Wednesday, June, 26th.

There will also be a graveside service at the Bard College Cemetery at 1 P.M., Thursday, June 27th. The service will be conducted by Bard College's Chaplain, Dr. Bruce Chilton. Following the service there will be a reception at President Leon Botstein's house to celebrate John's life. All are welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in John's name to Bard College, c/o President Leon Botstein, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 12504.

Tribute Wall

MO

“ I took John’s 2-semester course of Russian history in 1981 and it was so memorable that I drew on what I learned for an article published last week. So I’ve been thinking about him a lot. He pushed us and we did the work so he wouldn’t be disappointed. Chris Stansell was exactly right: he was a beloved teacher. Here’s a link to my article, in case anyone wants a glimpse into John’s history class: <https://maryjaneosa.substack.com/p/nihilism>

A revered teacher, mentor, father, and companion. John’s memory and his teaching lives on.

Maryjane Osa - September 30, 2023 at 11:19 AM

CS

“ My first job as a college teacher was in the Bard History Department, where John was the chair. From the moment I arrived he was so kind and warm. I had my run-ins with the administration and although I was not aware of it at the time, in retrospect I can see that he always protected me. He was finishing a book of documents on European women’s history--one of the early document collections in the field to be published--and he was so happy in the work. He was a beloved teacher. I was a hot-headed young woman with plenty of issues to work out in my 1st job and in many respects Bard was a difficult place for me. But he was always so good to me. He could also lighten many difficult moments with his humor. He was an adored teacher and I admired him and learned from him--especially his patience and his dedication to scholarship. I left Bard in the late 1970s, I believe, and I wish we had kept in touch. I am sorry to hear about his death but I can say that he was admired, respected and loved by many, including me. Christine Stansell, New York City

Christine Stansell - September 04, 2019 at 11:36 PM

CP

“ Studied with John at UofM.Proud to say he was my friend.Have Only now learned of his passing.Condolences to his wonderful and hospitable family who I met at the time.Charles L Panayides

Charles L. Panayides - November 19, 2017 at 10:07 AM

GS

“ Condolences to John's family and friends - a kind, smart and decent man and educator.

Glenn Stout - June 26, 2013 at 04:05 PM

SL

“ Scott Lithgow lit a candle in memory of Dr. John C. Fout



Scott Lithgow - June 26, 2013 at 03:15 PM

SL

John was a great mentor and friend. I loved him for his heartfelt interest in us, his students, and for his shining commitment to our betterment. Amen, John

Scott Lithgow - June 26, 2013 at 03:19 PM

RH

“ John through the years was a wonderful friend and a great educator. He will be missed!! Godspeed!!

robert heckman - June 25, 2013 at 01:13 PM

GS

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Gennady Shkliarevsky - June 25, 2013 at 12:56 PM