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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. 1972 University of California, Berkeley  
M.A. 1967 University of California, Berkeley  
M.A.T. 1963 Johns Hopkins University  
A.B. 1962 Swarthmore College

**DISSERTATION**

*The Romantic Ode: A Study of the Form.*

**PROFESSIONAL HISTORY**

1976- Associate Professor, University of Connecticut  
1973-76 Assistant Professor, University of Connecticut  
1970-73 Instructor, University of Connecticut  
1966-69 Teacher, San Quentin Prison (Summers)  
1969-70 Teaching Associate, University of California, Berkeley  
1966-69 Teaching Assistant, University of California, Berkeley  
1963-65 Teacher, McDonogh School, McDonogh MD  
1962-63 Teacher, Friends School, Baltimore MD

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Romantic and Victorian Literature and Culture  
William Blake  
Political rhetoric  
Systems of rules: geometry, chess, parliamentary procedure

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Books**

Fairbanks, A. H. 1994. *Fact, Value, Policy: Reading and Writing Argument*. New York: Mc-Graw-Hill.

## Articles

Fairbanks, A.H. 2014. Ontology and Narrative Technique in Kazuo Ishiguro's *The Unconsoled*. *Studies in the Novel* 46:1 (forthcoming)

Fairbanks, A.H. 2000. Was Thomas Paine a Source of Dostoevskij's "Legend of the Grand Inquisitor"? *Russian, Croatian and Serbian, Czeck and Slovak, Polish Literature*. 48: 223-230

Fairbanks, A.H. 1998. Blake, Burke, and the Clanrickard Monument. *Blake/An Illustrated Q.* 31: 76-81.

Fairbanks, A. H. 1994. The Pedagogical Failure of Toulmin's Logic. *Writing Instructor*. 12:103-14.

Fairbanks, A. H. 1978. Macroreading. *Conn. Eng. J.* 10:40-43.

Fairbanks, A. H. 1975. "Dear native brook": Coleridge, Bowles, and Thomas Warton the Younger. *Wordsworth Circle*. 6:313-15.

Fairbanks, A. H. 1975. Coleridge's opinion of "France: An Ode." *RES*. 26:181-82.

Fairbanks, A. H. 1975. The form of Coleridge's "Dejection Ode." *PMLA*. 90:874-84.

Fairbanks, A. H. 1967. The college work-study program at San Quentin. *Amer. J. Correction*. 29:24-28.

## Electronic publication:

Fairbanks, A.H. 2003. "The Rhetoric of Political Discourse: A Context for Dissent." Proceedings of the EAPSU Conference, West Chester University, West Chester, PA. October 23-24, 2003 (online). [http://www.wcupa.edu/\\_academics/sch\\_cas.eng/Fairbanks.htm](http://www.wcupa.edu/_academics/sch_cas.eng/Fairbanks.htm)

## Book Reviews, etc.

Fairbanks, A. H. 1981. Review of "The Poet's Calling in the English Ode," by Paul H. Fry. *English Language Notes*. 19:145-47.

Fairbanks, A. H. 1975. Children's verse: Four styles. Review of "Where the Sidewalk Ends," by S. Silverstein, "Let's Marry Said the Cherry and Other Nonsense Poems," by N. M. Bodecker, "That Was Summer," by M. Ridlon, and "The Way Things Are and Other Poems," by M. C. Livingston. *Great Excluded*. 4:165-72.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS AND COLLOQUIA

2003 Fairbanks, A.H. "The Rhetoric of Political Discourse: A Context for Dissent." Proceedings of the EAPSU Conference, West Chester University, West Chester, PA. October 23-24, 2003.

1988 Fairbanks, A. H. Writing as a social act (rev.). Convention of CCCC, 18 March, St. Louis, MO (read by proxy).

1987 Fairbanks, A. H. Writing as a social act. Conference on writing and ethics, The Aetna Institute for Corporate Education, 24 April, Hartford, CT (Keynote address).

1982 Project Coordinator and Moderator, conference on Heuristics and Critical Thinking, funded in part by Connecticut Humanities Council. University of Connecticut, Storrs.

1980 Fairbanks, A. H. Messages and Problem-Solving : Thinking and Communication in Small, Task-Oriented Groups, New England Conference on Teaching Students to Think. Durham, NH.

1980 Program Coordinator and Moderator, conference on "What Is Good Writing?" funded by Conn. Humanities Council

1980 Featured Speaker, two regional conferences on Improving Writing, funded by Connecticut Humanities Council

1976 Panelist, Conn. Heads of English Departments

1978 Panelist, Conn. Council of Teachers of English

1978 Workshop Co-Leader, Conference on "The State of Literacy"

## **SERVICE**

2012- Associate Head, English Department  
2009 Interim Department Head, Jan. to August  
2003-10 Associate Head, English Dept.  
2003-08 Departmental Hearing Officer  
2003-10 CLAS Committee on Curriculum and Courses  
2003-10 CLAS Undergraduate Council  
2001-02 Compiled *Inventory of English Department Activities that Include or Feature Writing - July 2000 - June 2002*  
1999-2000 Project Manager: A Freshman English Pilot Study@  
1994-95 Director, UConn Study Abroad Program in London  
1987-88 Director, UConn Study Abroad Program in London  
1976-84 Director of Freshman English, University of Connecticut

## **AWARDS**

1980 Grant for study of communication in small, task-oriented groups, UConn Research Foundation

1973 University of Connecticut Summer Faculty Fellowship

**LANGUAGES**

French