

Professor George Searles



Throughout his forty-five year career at Mohawk Valley Community College, Dr. George Searles has been a highly respected Professor in the School of Humanities. An outstanding teacher, active scholar, and published poet, he has positively influenced hundreds of students' lives and careers. He is a masterful instructor who demonstrates patience and respect for his students and their writing, while also providing a unique learning experience based on individual student needs.

Professor Searles is recognized for fostering mentorships with students and colleagues and for his deep commitment to the mission of the community college. He is generous with his time, using his knowledge and skills to assist with various endeavors at the College. He welcomes new faculty into his discipline and quietly supports and guides them as they navigate the classroom experience. He has served extensively in campus governance and volunteers his time offering poetry workshops and writing grants for regional non-profit organizations.

Highly regarded in his field, Professor Searles is also a past recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities, and the Carnegie Foundation's New York State Teacher of the Year Award. He is considered a national authority on Philip Roth and has served as advisory editor for Philip Roth Studies. His text book, *Workplace Communications: The Basics* was born out of the needs of his students. Now in its 8th edition, it is used in over 200 colleges in the United States and internationally, including Canada, Saudi Arabia, and China. While maintaining an impressive scholarly and publishing career, Professor Searles' deepest commitments remain in the area of classroom teaching and service to the community. Professor Searles exemplifies the passion, excellence and service leadership required of SUNY's highest academic rank, that of SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor.