In Memoriam: John Hoaglund
1936 – 2012

It is with great sadness that the Editors inform our readers that John Hoaglund died, on June 16, 2012, after a long illness.

John joined the Philosophy Department of Christopher Newport University in 1972. He taught classes in Ancient and Modern Philosophy, Critical Thinking, Logic, and Aesthetics. He served as chair of the department for nine years, developing and furthering its Critical Thinking Program during his tenure. In addition to authoring a textbook in Critical Thinking and a number of scholarly articles, he attended and read papers at numerous conferences and was considered an internationally recognized expert in the fields of critical thinking, logic, and aesthetics. Some of his research focused on Pre-Socratic Philosophy and Modern Art, as well as the world of art forgery.

During his career he was awarded the Berlin Senate Merit Scholarship, the John F. Kennedy Institute Doctoral Award, the American Council of Learned Societies Travel Grant Competition, the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar in Music Criticism at Berkeley, California, and a Senior Fulbright Reward Fellowship at the University of Bergen, Norway.

John was a member of numerous national and international scholarly associations including the American Philosophical Association, the American Society for Aesthetics, the Association for Informal Logic and Critical Thinking, the British Society of Aesthetics, the International Society for the Study of Argumentation, and the Society for Business Ethics. He served for many years on the Executive Committee and as president of the Association for Informal Logic and Critical Thinking.


In 1995, John and his wife, Lilian, founded Vale Press, which has published several titles that readers of this journal will be familiar with, including:
Fallacies (1970/1994), C.L. Hamblin
The Rise of Informal Logic (1996), Ralph H. Johnson
The Philosophy of Argument (1999), Trudy Govier
Reason Reclaimed (2007), Hans V. Hansen and Robert C. Pinto (Eds.)

John was a valued colleague with a wide range of interests, an engaging manner, and a ready wit. He will be missed by his colleagues and friends in our scholarly community.