



Ralph L. Bolton, II, SMA '57



Ralph entered Staunton Military Academy (SMA) from Schaefferstown, PA, as a sophomore in the fall of 1954. He earned both the Superintendent's and the Commandant's Ribbon in each of his three years at SMA, was a member of the Blue Knights as a Junior, and was in the Howie Rifles as a Junior and Senior. He graduated in 1957 as a second lieutenant in F Company.

Ralph earned a Bachelor of Arts from Pomona College in California and a Master of Arts and PhD from Cornell University. He was a Peace Corps volunteer in Peru 1963-1965. He began teaching at Pomona College in 1972 and, as of 2014, is a Professor of Anthropology at Pomona College. His expertise includes AIDS; HIV Prevention; Medical Anthropology; Human Sexuality; Gay Culture; Cultural Anthropology; Biology and Behavior; and Chijnaya, Peru.

His research interests lie primarily in the domains of human sexuality and medical anthropology. He has been engaged in research on AIDS prevention issues for almost 15 years. Following a Fulbright semester in Belgium, he joined forces with a Belgian sociology colleague on a project that has continued since 1989, resulting in approximately 20 publications, some co-authored with Pomona College students. The emphasis in his recent work is on gay male sexuality and gay culture. He is also investigating the life of Witter Bynner, a gay poet who was a major figure in Santa Fe, New Mexico, society and intellectual circles in the early 20th century.

He also has longstanding research interest, as an applied anthropologist, in seeking ways to improve the lives of poor farmers in communities in the Andes, particularly in the small highland village of Chijnaya, Peru, where he first worked while serving in the Peace Corps. At that time, he organized and directed field operations for an agrarian reform project. He returned to the community in 2004 and, a year later, created The Chijnaya Foundation, which works in partnership with Chijnaya and other rural communities in Southern Peru to design and build self-sustaining projects in health, education and economic development

Selected Publications

No Somos Iguales (Peru, Editorial Horizonte, 2010)

CUYES, CAMIONES Y CUENTOS EN LOS ANDES: ESTUDIOS ANTROPOLOGICOS DE LA CULTURA EXPRESIVA (*Guinea Pigs, Trucks and Folktales in the Andes: Anthropological Studies in Expressive Culture*) (Lima, Peru: Editorial Horizonte, 2009)

Co-edited with M. Singer, *Rethinking AIDS Prevention: Cultural Approaches* (Gordon & Breach, 1992)

Co-edited with J. Vincke, R. Mak, M. Met *Mannen: Welzijn, Realities & Seksualiteit* (C.G.S.O., 1991)

Editor, *The AIDS Pandemic: A Global Emergency* (Gordon & Breach, 1989)

Editor, *The Content of Culture: Constants and Variants* (HRAF Press, 1989)

With J. Vincke and R. Bleys, "Gay Men, Sex, and HIV/AIDS in Belgium" (pp. 250-268) in *AIDS, Culture, and Gay Men* (D. Feldman, ed., University Press of Florida, 2010)

Awards and Honors

American Anthropological Association, Franz Boas Award for Exemplary Service, 2010

Society for Medical Anthropology, Board of Directors, 2007 to present

Stirling Award for Culture & Personality Studies (twice)

C.S. Ford Award for Cross-Cultural Research

Phi Beta Kappa

Board Memberships and Affiliations

Board Member, Wikia Inc

Member of Feb 7, SfAA Community Network

Founder and Board Member, The Chijnaya Foundation

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