

JOHN H. NEWELL JR.

Dean of the Honors College and Professor of History



John H. Newell Jr. has taught history at the College of Charleston for more than 20 years and has also served as dean of the Honors College since 2005. The medieval European scholar joined the College's history department in 1978, and has taught courses that include *Women and Love in the Middle Ages*; *Witches, Saints and Heretics in Medieval and Early Modern Europe*; *Plague, War and Schism*; and *In Search of King Arthur and the Holy Grail*.

Newell is a frequent speaker on medieval studies and on the function of honors classes at universities, and has spoken several times to both the Southeastern Medieval Association and the National Collegiate Honors Council. He has served the Southeastern Medieval Association in a variety of capacities - including president, vice president and member of the executive council - and is the past-secretary and past-treasurer to the Southern Regional Faculty and Instructional Development Consortium. He served on the editorial board of *Medieval Perspectives* for many years, and on the executive boards of the College of Charleston Phi Kappa Phi chapter and the Lowcountry Phi Beta Kappa chapter. He joined Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi in 1968, when he was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow and graduated cum laude from the University of Georgia's honors program. After that, he served in the Air Force until 1972.

Newell is currently on the executive board of the College of Charleston Phi Eta Sigma chapter, and is also a longtime member of the American Historical Association, the Medieval Academy of America, the National Collegiate Honors Council and the Southern Regional Honors Council. He speaks German and is able to read Latin, German, French and Italian.

EDUCATION

1978: Ph.D. in History with a minor in Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Duke University

1975-1976: Fulbright-Hays Grant for Study of Medieval Latin Paleography, University of Munich

1973: M.A. in History, Duke University

1968: B.A. in History, University of Georgia

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2005-Present: Dean, Honors College, College of Charleston

1995-Present: Professor, Department of History, College of Charleston

1999-2005: Director, Honors Program, College of Charleston

1999-2009: Director, Governor's School of South Carolina

1997-1999: Co-Director, Center for Effective Teaching and Learning, College of Charleston

1985-1995: Associate Professor, Department of History, College of Charleston

1978-1985: Assistant Professor, Department of History, College of Charleston

1977-1978: Visiting Instructor of History, North Carolina State University

HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

1998: National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar on Gothic Architecture in the Ile de France

1983-1988: National Endowment for the Humanities Grant to develop the Studia Humanitatis program to foster coherence in the humanities

1986: American Philosophical Society Research Grant

1986: National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute on Medieval Platonism, Notre Dame University

1981: National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar on Renaissance Humanism, University of North Carolina

1975-1976: Fulbright-Hays Grant to Germany

1972-1975: Fellowship in Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Duke University