

Paul Konichek

Associate Lecturer

M.E.P.D., Mathematics, Astronomy, Computer Science, Physics, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point

B.A., Mathematics, Physics

Teaching Experience

Stevens Point Area Senior High (SPASH) – Stevens Point, WI. Retired June 2014. Taught Physics, AP Physics, Astronomy, and Mathematics 1996-2014

University Wisconsin Stevens Point, Stevens Point, WI. Extended Education & Outreach, Physics Teacher. May 2011 – September 2011

Assumption High School - Wisconsin Rapids, WI –Taught Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science 1980–1996

University Wisconsin Stevens Point Outreach & Extension Department. Computer Science Courses. Evenings & Summers 1982-1985

Pittsville High School – Pittsville, WI –Taught Mathematics, Physics 1976-1980

Teaching Awards

Portage County Business Partners Golden Apple Award Winner May 2007

Professional Activities

Space Foundation Teacher Liaison (Flight 2), Colorado Springs, CO 2004 - current

Fox Valley Physics Sharing Group, 2010-current

Wood County Jail, Wisconsin Rapids, WI. GED Math/Science Tutor 2010-2013

NASA Blue Ribbon Panel, Colorado Springs, CO

Represented United States High School teachers, on a Panel of Professional K-16 Educators, developing criteria to select the next teacher in space. Summer 2003

Space Foundation Astronomy Teacher at U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO. Summer 2003

Monthly Portage County Gazette Math/Science Writer (120 consecutive articles), 2004-2014

Monthly Prairie du Chien Courier Press Math/Science Writer (40 articles) 2004-2008

Math/Science Teacher Conventions Presenter/Participant 1976-2014

Central Wisconsin Physics Teacher Sharing Session Presenter/Participant 1990-2011

SPASH Academic Decathlon Contest Advisor Math/Science 1984-2004

Central Wisconsin Jr. High Math Contest – Initiated and managed the yearly Mathematics competition 1982-1996

Education

Master of Education Professional Development University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point 1982

Bachelor of Science Degree, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point 1974

Hobbies

Mountain Climber:

Pico, Azores; Coma Pedrossa, Andorra; Rock of Gibraltar, Great Britain, 2013

Fuji, Japan, 2012

Aconcagua, Argentina, 2005

Nineteen different 14'ers in Colorado over decades of climbing with 3 more scheduled for 2015

Running, Weight Lifting, Swimming, Bicycling

Bible Studies, Power Point Technician Team, Avid Blood Donor

Favorite Quotes

"The best things are nearest: breath in your nostrils, light in your eyes, flowers at your feet, duties at your hand, the path of God just before you." Robert Louis Stevenson

...But HE WHO BOASTS IS TO BOAST IN THE Lord. 2 Corinthians 10:17

...for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. Romans 14:8

...Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

...For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

"The only way to learn mathematics is to do mathematics." Paul Halmos

"Calculus is the most powerful weapon of thought yet devised by the wit of man." W. B. Smitha

"How you teach is more important than what you teach." Anon

"Any teacher that can be replaced by a computer should be replaced by a computer." Isaac Asimov

A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

Password to Enter My Classroom

It is not really a word, the classroom password is simply a smile ☺, unless you are in a Calculus class, then the password is: "A positive 2nd derivative expression." (which is the same thing as a smile in the language of Calculus.)