

**Peter Conrad**  
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Biosketch

Peter L. Conrad is professor and chair of Biological Sciences at SUNY Plattsburgh. He is a Vietnam-era veteran who returned to school for a PhD in Botany-Plant Physiology at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. Subsequently he spent five years as a postdoctoral fellow in Plant Pathology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, five years as a Senior Research Scientist in the plant biotechnology industry and then twenty-two years teaching at SUNY Plattsburgh. He is the recipient of two National Science Foundation grants in support of innovative curriculum design in undergraduate biology education. Since 1996 he has co-taught, with Janice Marchut Conrad, a first-semester freshman biology course cluster and an upper level 15-credit research course that is unique within the SUNY system. Both of these incorporate small group research projects to engage students.