

Gary Cohn Biography

For almost thirty years Gary Cohn's business card has read, "writer, teacher, fencer, motorcyclist." He has earned income doing each of those things. He has been a professional freelance writer for over four decades, having sold and published five young adult novels, many comic book scripts, and a wide range of other published work.

Gary moved to Richmond after retiring from fifteen years as an English and social studies teacher (and fencing coach) for the New York City Department of Education, the last eight years at Information Technology High School in Long Island City. When he lived in New York he worked as an adjunct professor, teaching college English and history courses at CW Post/Long Island University, City College of New York, Nassau Community College and Touro College School of Health Sciences.

Since arriving in Richmond eight years ago Gary has taught at Lynnhaven School (formerly Academy) on several occasions. Now he has returned with the honorary title, "Faculty Emeritus," a distinction that gives him a happy smile every time he hears it. He has also taught at Virginia Union University and Good Shepherd Episcopal School, and this semester he is teaching one course as an adjunct professor at Virginia Commonwealth University in the Focused Inquiry Department.

Gary's educational credentials include a BA in writing from Michigan State University, MA in Popular Culture Studies from Bowling Green State University in Ohio, coursework completed towards the PhD in US History from SUNY Stonybrook, and education courses for NYS certification from CW Post/LIU.