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In Memoriam
Remembering Reamy Jansen

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REAMY JANSEN

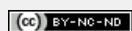
Reamy Jansen, a founding editor of *Radical Teacher* and co-editor with Susan O'Malley for the first 13 years of the magazine, died of Alzheimers on April 21, 2019 in Lexington, Kentucky. During the early years of *Radical Teacher* in the 1970s the magazine was typeset, and laid out page by page by hand with a cutting knife and a waxer, and then delivered to the printer. Reamy continued on the *RT* editorial board for many years editing and writing articles and blogs.

A Professor of English and Humanities at Rockland Community College and an Adjunct Professor of Media Studies at Fordham University's College at Lincoln Center, Reamy also published poems, many book reviews, a book of personal essays and a memoir, *Available Light, Recollections and Reflections of a Father*, Hamilton Stone Editions, 2010, available on Amazon. A reviewer said of his memoir, "It refines the memoir genre." His poetry and prose have been published in a variety of literature magazines such as *The International Review*, *Alientum*, *Gargoyle*, *The Literature of Food*, *Oasis*, *Evansville Review*, and *The Bloomsbury Review*. He has held residencies at Yaddo, Gell House, the Virginia Center for Creative Arts and Cultural Retreat, and the Oberfeltzer Kunstlerhaus in Germany.

Reamy Jansen's awards include the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Creativity and Scholarship, Mellon Fellowship, New Millennium Writing, Talking Rivers Review, seven Pushcart nominations, and two Geraldine R. Dodge fellowships. He was Contributing Editor to *The Bloomsbury Review of Books* and Editor of its short prose section, "The Out of Bounds Essay."

He is survived by his wife, Leslie G. Kingseed, and two sons, Gabriel and Paul, of whom he said in his last email to me, "If I ever had a model of the ideal 'Good Man,' it would be Paul with Gabe a close second. He's a rock climber, which sends my heart racing to the helmet and the ropes."

Wearing his *Radical Teacher* tee-shirt, Reamy ran in several marathons. He also sang in a chorus. He was a valuable comrade and a beloved friend.



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