

**Biography of Edward O'Shea**  
**Candidate for 54<sup>th</sup> New York Senate District**

**Why I Am Running:** Because I agree with most New Yorkers that state government, as represented by Albany and particularly the State Senate, is totally dysfunctional. I want to work with like-minded elected officials to reform the culture and procedures of the Senate so that we can address the many critical needs of the citizens of the 54<sup>th</sup> District who are now being ignored.

**Residence:** With wife Kathy (Professor at MCC), I have lived in Marion, Wayne County since 1988

**Career Achievements:**

As Professor of English (Ph.D. Northwestern) at SUNY Oswego

- I continue to provide high-quality, affordable public higher education to New York students as I have done for over thirty years.
- As Department Chair, I led the department in implementing an innovative major program, still in effect.
- As Oswego Faculty Senate (Assembly) Chair I worked with competing faculty and academic interests to develop a fair process that led to a new general curriculum that all students take in their first two years at the college.
- As Oswego delegate to the SUNY Faculty Senate in Albany I participated in efforts to establish a "rational tuition policy" for SUNY and to enhance the reputation of SUNY
- I contributed two "op-ed" pieces for **The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle** on depoliticizing the SUNY Chancellorship and creating a stronger SUNY.

**International Experience:**

- I recently returned from a Fulbright-Nehru Lectureship in Kolkata, India where, in addition to teaching, I served as "ambassador" for American culture and values.
- I regularly direct National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) seminars in Ireland for American high school and college teachers to help them become better teachers and scholars.
- I served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in an English language program in Libya, North Africa just prior to the Gaddafi revolution.

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