

JOHN UEBERSAX: BIOGRAPHY

John Uebersax was born in 1953 and spent his early childhood in Los Angeles and San Diego. In 1965 he and his family moved to Las Cruces, New Mexico, where his father worked as an engineer in the Apollo Lunar Program. In 1969 he returned with his family to California, where John graduated from Agoura High School in 1971. He attended USC for four years, majoring in psychology, philosophy and religion, graduated first in his class and delivered the valedictory address.

He subsequently went to graduate school at the University of Texas at Austin, receiving a PhD in psychology and behavioral statistics. Following this he took a post-doctoral position in Health Policy Research at the Duke University Medical School in Durham, North Carolina. He then returned to California to work as a policy scientist at the prestigious RAND Corporation in Santa Monica from 1987 to 1991.

He next accepted a position on the faculty of Wake Forest Medical School in Winston-Salem, North Carolina as an Associate Professor of Public Health, remaining until 1994.

Following this he commenced a career as a biostatistics and information technology consultant for industry. In this capacity he has worked for many leading biotechnology companies, including Amgen, GlaxoSmithKline and Roche Diagnostics. He is known for pioneering work in mathematical models of agreement and disagreement among expert judges, and on methods for estimating the accuracy of diagnostic tests.

From 2003 to 2008 John lived in Europe (Spain and Belgium), where he did research on flu vaccines and participated in the successful startup of a company specializing in artificial intelligence.

In the 2013–2014 academic year he took time off from consulting to teach engineering statistics at CalPoly San Luis Obispo.

For the last 10 years John has become increasingly active as a writer, having authored over 200 books, reports and articles on philosophy (especially Platonism), psychology, American history, modern culture and peace. Many of these can be found on his home page, www.john-uebersax.com, and his weblog, Satyagraha.

His philosophical orientation can be described as *integral humanism*, a view that affirms the unique dignity of the human being as simultaneously a spiritual and biological organism. An *amitologist*, he believes that Love is a scientifically real force, the basis of human creativity and social progress.

A strong advocate for peace, he staunchly opposed the Iraq War at its outset, and has been especially vocal in his criticism of U.S. drone strikes.

John ran as a write-in candidate against the otherwise unopposed Republican House Whip, Kevin McCarthy in 2010. He is now a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in California's 24th District. Though a political independent, John has many views in common with the Green and Libertarian parties. He was an original founder of the North County Tea Party, but left when the Tea Party movement became principally aligned with the Republican Party. He was also an active participant in the Occupy San Luis Obispo movement.

He is currently a consulting statistician for a biotechnology company, and in his spare time directs

Californians for Higher Education Reform, a citizen group that seeks to promote high-quality, debt-free college education.

John has lived in San Luis Obispo County since 2009. He moved to Morro Bay in 2012, and before that lived in Paso Robles.

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