

Bio for Nancy L. Gallagher

Nancy Gallagher holds a Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry from the University of Wisconsin and Master's degrees in Education and History. During her 20-year career as a high school science teacher, she was actively involved in curriculum innovation and interdisciplinary approaches to science education. Interest in the history of science and the growing role of biological research in public policy and human affairs led to her research on the eugenics movement. Her resulting book, *Breeding Better Vermonters: The Eugenics Project in the Green Mountain State* (Hanover: University Press of New England, 1999) traces the origins and development of the Vermont eugenics movement and explores how the idea of "human betterment through selective breeding" functioned within Vermont's own political and cultural landscape. She is the content specialist and architect for the web resource, "Vermont Eugenics: A Documentary History" (www.uvm.edu/~eugenics). Currently an independent scholar, consultant, and lecturer, Nancy lives in Underhill, Vermont, with her husband Connell Gallagher.