

John Peter Thompson

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Biographical Sketch

John Peter Thompson, born in California, has lived in Maryland for the last 52 years. He studied music composition and historical linguistics at the University of Maryland. He is currently a self employed contractor and consultant working with USDA ARS, APHIS, Forest Service and the National Park Service as well as Arabica Coffee growers in Cameroon. His areas of expertise include subject matter bibliographic and historic reviews, document aggregation and review, meeting facilitation and bioeconomic policy and regulatory analysis. He has an appointment as an adjunct instructor with the Prince George's Community College lecturing and consulting on the creation of an "Environmental/Sustainable/Green Jobs" Workforce Development Institute. And finally, he is a principle investigator for the North East Mid West Institute in Washington, DC having written a book on national certification policies.



Mr. Thompson has been lecturing on history since the 1980s in various venues including the University of Maryland's Senior University lifelong learning program on topics such as: History of the Papacy; A Political History of the Supreme Court; History of the "First Ladies" of the United States; History of the Plantagenet Family of England; Indo-European Historical Linguistics; Music Theory & History of Music: Renaissance, Classical and Rap; Tactics in Command in American Civil War Battles; A History of Kudzu: Marco Pole to the Present; History of Horticultural: Science and Art - Arittole to the Present; and Invasive Plants, The Rise of Invasives in Ornamental Horticulture

John Peter has been appointed to Class 7 of the National Invasive Species Council Advisory Committee (NISC ISAC) having previously served as Vice Chair and Secretary. He is the Maryland Nursery & Landscape Association liaison to the Maryland Invasive Species Council. He also is an active user of social media "Tweeting" daily *@InvasiveNotes* with over 6400 followers as well as writing essays about social, scientific and philosophic issues on his blog, Invasive Notes (www.ipetrus.blogspot.com). John Peter works as a volunteer advocate to politicians and policy makers as President of the National Agricultural Research Alliance – Beltsville (NARA-B.org - 501c4). In this capacity he works with Congress and policy makers on behalf of the people and programs of USDA ARS and APHIS, in particular focusing on the Henry A. Wallace Agricultural Research Center (BARC) and the National Agricultural Library (NAL).

John Peter is a former Chair of the Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce as well as former founding director and President of the Mid Atlantic Exotic Pest Plant Council; and former President of the Maryland Nursery & Landscape Association. He currently serves as a technical advisor and national credit steward for the LBJ Wild Flower Center's Sustainable Landscape Initiative (SSI or SITES). At a community level he serves as the Vice Chair of the Prince George's County Historical Preservation Commission; as a trustee of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System; Prince George's County Hospital Foundation; and director of the Prince George County Community Foundation .

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