

## Teaching Lessons

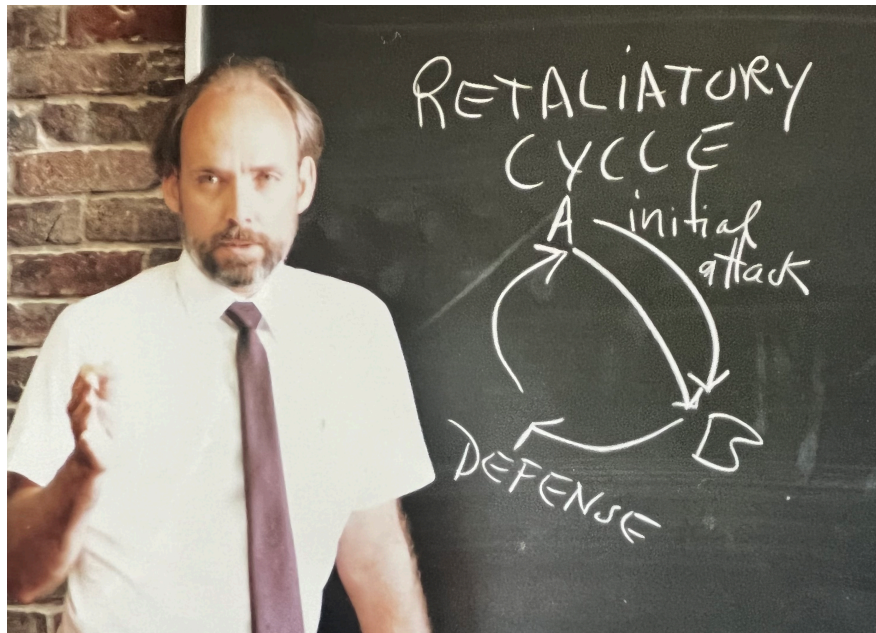
“seven years and out”  
I ignored tenure’s dictum  
self-employment called

teaching was my bridge  
to dream of independence  
my farm roots ran deep

soon found my focus:  
how conflict plays with our minds,  
how to win the peace

taught my final class  
cut cord to holy paycheck  
dangled by a thread

failure stalked my pride  
life became my stern teacher  
serving humble pie



Early teaching years, University of Hartford, 1978-1985

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