



[The Department of English]

[*Spring Recognition Ceremony*]

[11 May 2017]

[Taylor Theatre, 1:00pm]



Opening Remarks

John Z. Kiss, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences]

Undergraduate Honors

Sigma Tau Delta

Jazmin Bacilio	Leia Eller	Deijah Scales
Niesha Williams	Cody Morris	James Etling
Andrew Hachey	Olivia Wood	

Disciplinary Honors

Andrew Ainsworth	Jason Haithcock	Emily Lampkin
Samantha McDonald	Jennifer Nelson	Chrystal Rich
Christian Walker		

International Honors

Andrew Ainsworth	Cody Morris	Jennifer Nelson
Deijah Scales	Zachary Weaver	Gabrielle Wilson

Katharine Smith Reynolds Scholarship

Jennifer Nelson

decade, that essay you'll be quoting for the rest of your days. I must-read, must-hear, must-know; he was that good—that good—worked with many outstanding teachers here at UNCG, but for more than two decades we observed Russ as a teacher-scholar and leader, and Russ was the best of the best. “Shakespearean” describes the subject matter, but the virtuosity of the man himself.

To put it succinctly, Russ incarnated the ideal of the scholar-teacher because he made a career out of defying professional expectations, not only the humorless self-important gravity to which academic life is prone, but also the seemingly ineluctable pull of scholarly gravitation from teaching. On Russ, these huge G-forces seemed to work differently; he blithely wrote books that hyper-specialists can admire and groundlings can love; his lectures bristled with encyclopedic knowledge, reverberated with earthy wit; his classes and seminars offered a sharp edge, world-class critical analysis with open, Socratic, conversational ease. He was equally comfortable presiding over the Shakespeare Association of America and teaching a roomful of freshmen. He suffered foolishness gladly, but his fairness and generosity of spirit meant that no willing learner ended up feeling like a fool.

In short, Russ McDonald was the true Texas *mensch*—enthraling his students, dropping professional manna, always available on a roar, but still able to spare a tear for the tragicomic around us all. Like his dear wife, and our dear colleague, Gail, I will endure his going hence, but we are so glad that he came hither that flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.

- Christoph

Emeritus Faculty

Walter Beale	Rhetoric and Composition
Elizabeth Chiseri-Strater	Rhetoric and Composition
Keith Cushman	20 th -Century British/Drama
James Evans	18 th -Century British Literature
Mary Ellis Gibson	19 th -Century British Literature
Hephzibah Roskelly	Rhetoric and Composition

Department Administration

Department Head	Scott Romine
Associate Department Head	Anthony Cuda
Director of College Writing	Risa Applegarth
Director of Undergraduate Studies	Amy N. Vines
Director of Graduate Studies	Jennifer Feather
Director of MFA Program	James Clark
Associate Director of MFA Program	Terry Kennedy
Director of English Education	Jeanie Reynolds
Director of the Writing Center	Jennifer Whitaker
Assistant Director of Writing Center	Shana Scudder
Assistant to Department Head	Paul Cloninger
Assistant to Graduate Studies	Alyson Everhart
Department Office Manager	Sarah Foster

Samantha Chimenge

Samantha

Elizabeth Robinson Fort Scholarship

Michele Cantwell

Winfield Scholarship

Alyson MacDonald

Graduate Honors

English Department's Outstanding Graduate Student

Teaching Award

Meghan McGuire

Lilly Berberyan

College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Graduate Student

Teaching Assistant

Brenta Blevins

College of Arts and Sciences Bernard Dissertation

Fellowship

Lilly Berberyan

Cloninger-Stout Family Scholarship

Brenta Blevins

Kathy Walker Phipps Graduate Award

Kathryn Murphy

Amon Liner Poetry Award

Kathryn Murphy

Kristin J. Yeats

Nathan E. Golden

Sink Fellowship

Jamie Lee Watson

Greensboro Graduate Scholars

Margaret L. Cooper

Heather Wade

Alyssa M. Beckitt

Rafael J. Gamero

Address to the Graduates

Adam Tarleton, MFA 2003
Partner, Brooks Pierce Law Office

Recognition of Graduates

Doctor of Philosophy

Master of Arts

Master of Fine Arts

Bachelor's Degree

Interpreter: Rebecca McMillion

Reception to follow in front of theatre

Doctor of Philosophy

Lilly Berberyan†

Anthony Cuda

Stuart Dischell

Jennifer Feather

SallyAnn Ferguson

Christopher Hodgkins

Holly Goddard Jones

Jennifer Keith

Karen Kilcup

Robert Langenfeld

Ali Schultheis Moore

Christian Moraru

Noelle Morrissette

Nancy Myers

Craig Nova

Michael Parker

Mark Rifkin

Amy N. Vines

Anne Wallace

Karen Weyler

Stephen Yarbrough

James Clark

Ansel Elkins

20th-Century American Litera

Creative Writing- Poetry

Renaissance Literature

African-American/American

Renaissance Literature

Creative Writing, Fiction

British Literature 1660-1830

19th-Century American Litera

British Literature 1880-1920

Postcolonial Literature

Literary Theory/20th-Centur

African-American Literature

Rhetoric and Composition/L

Creative Writing, Fiction

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U.S. Ethnic Literature

Medieval Literature

19th-Century British Literatu

Pre-Civil War American Lite

Rhetoric and Composition

Creative Writing, Fiction

Visiting Assistant Professor

Carmen Granger, viola

Bethany Uhler, cello

Heather Lynn Wade

Jamie Lee Watson

Kristin J. Yates

Master of Fine Arts

Alyssa M. Beckitt

Mackenzie Rebecca Campbell

Margaret Louise Cooper

Colby Bryant Cotton

Chelsea Stephanie Eckert

Todd Andrew Fulmer

Rafael Joshua Gamero

Grace Margaret Gardiner

Nathan E. Golden

David Matthew Hough

Cody Harrison Lee

Kathryn O'Connor Murphy

Michelle Ann Rosquillo

Nicole Maria Stockburger

Katelyn Joy Wilkinson

Bachelor's Degree

Julian Christopher Argo



Michelle Renee Cantwell**
Samantha Mary Chimenge*
Austin B. Cole
Morgan Elizabeth Coleman
Hollyn Millikan Davis*
Derek Nathan Dellinger
Aliyah Stephanie Drew
Leia F. Eller
Jennifer R. Gilley
Joseph Benjamin Graham
Erica Gunter*
Jason Tyler Haithcock
Shelby Alexandra Harris*
Brianna Rose Hausner
Aden Minase Hizkias
Taylor Alexis Hondos
Amanda Donna Kelly**
James Andrew Kennedy
Emily Michelle Lampkin**
Wesley Lavey
Jared Justin Lawrence
Alyson Marie MacDonald**
Samantha McDonald*
Jedidiah R. McCain
Cody Dale Morris*
Carolyn Lacy Nance

Chrystal Rich**
Camalyn A. Routh
Tiffany Saavedra
Deijah Amani Scales**
James Alexander Spainhour
Jennifer Alyse Spinetti
Deanna D. Staten
Taylor C. Stewart
Natalie Brooke Stutts†
Sarah Thomas Swindell
Carol Pamela Torres
Zachary S. Weaver*
Jessica Lynn Westmoreland
Jenna Renee White
Kimberly C. Williams
Leah Frances Williams†
Niesha N. Williams
Mary Caitlin Wooten
Leah Marie Workman
Brittany N. Yopp†
David Albert Zochol**
Daniel Ryan Zogbi†