The Department of English

Spring Recognition Ceremony

11 May 2017

Taylor Theatre, 1:00pm
Open 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

Russ McDonald was like that unputdownable novel, that movie you've seen six times (so far), that Merlot you'll still remember in a decade, that essay you'll be quoting for the rest of your days. He was a must-read, must-hear, must-know; he was that good—that great. We worked with many outstanding teachers here at UNCG, but for more than two decades we observed Russ as a teacher-scholar and a friend, and Russ was the best of the best. “Shakespearean” describes his subject matter, but the virtuosity of the man himself.

To put it succinctly, Russ incarnated the ideal of the scholar and the teacher because he made a career out of defying professional gravity—his humorless self-important gravity to which academic culture is so prone, but also the seemingly ineluctable pull of scholarly gravity away from teaching. On Russ, these huge G-forces seemed to work against him—he blithely wrote books that hyper-specialists can admire and laypeople can love; his lectures bristled with encyclopedic learning and reverberated with earthy wit; his classes and seminars offered cutting-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 didn't suffer foolishness gladly, but his fairness and generosity of spirit ensured that no willing learner ended up feeling like a fool.

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

- Christopher Hodgkins
**Emeritus Faculty**

Walter Beale  
Elizabeth Chiseri-Strater  
Keith Cushman  
James Evans  
Mary Ellis Gibson  
Hephzibah Roskelly

**Rhetoric and Composition**

**20th-Century British Literature**

**19th-Century British Literature**

**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

**Departmental Scholarships**

Ruth McKaughan and W. Bryan Carter Scholarship

Jennifer Nelson  Erica Gunter  Samantha Chimenge  Samantha McDonald

**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 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
Address to the Graduates
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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
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Interpreter: Rebecca McMillion

Reception to follow in front of theatre

Doctor of Philosophy
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Lilly Berberyan†

Greensboro Graduate Scholars
Margaret L. Cooper
Rafael J. Gamero

Sink Fellowship
Jamie Lee Watson

Kristin J. Yeats
Nathan E. Golden
Heather Wade
Alyssa M. Beckitt
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

20th-Century American Literature
Creative Writing- Poetry
Renaissance Literature
African-American/American Literature
Renaissance Literature
Creative Writing, Fiction
British Literature 1660-1830
19th-Century American Literature
British Literature 1880-1920
Postcolonial Literature
Literary Theory/20th-Century
African-American Literature
Rhetoric and Composition/Linguistics
Creative Writing, Fiction
Creative Writing, Fiction
U.S. Ethnic Literature
Medieval Literature
19th-Century British Literature
Pre-Civil War American Literature
Rhetoric and Composition

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Creative Writing, Fiction
Visiting Assistant Professor
Musicians
Hannah Spear, violin
Julia Reeves, violin
Carmen Granger, viola
Bethany Uhler, cello

Master of Arts
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Caitlin Marie O’Hara
Emily Erin Rich
Heather Lynn Wade
Jamie Lee Watson
Kristin J. Yates

Master of Fine Arts
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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
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Julian Christopher Argo
Jazmin Bacilio
Felicia Rochelle Baker
Parisse Alexia Baldwin
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†