



## Light in August: The Old Man and the CCCTA!

Faulkner and Hemingway specialist **Jim Carothers** has been selected to receive KU's **2015 Chancellors Club Career Teaching Award**, capping a 45-year career as a professor in the English Department of the University of Kansas. Carothers, who plans to retire next spring, will formally accept the award at the Annual Celebration of the Chancellors Club on Friday, 30 October, and be honored at a pre-Homecoming football game reception at the Kansas Union the next day. The award is presented annually to a longstanding KU professor "whose career exemplifies best the commitment of the university to outstanding teaching and the long-term success of students." It is accompanied by a \$10,000 honorarium. Carothers was nominated by the Department for the award. The nomination packet included letters from former students who graduated as long ago as the 1970s and as recently as last year; the group included tenure-track professors who have gone on to collaborate with Carothers on research as well as students who were non-majors or pursued careers in fields unrelated to English but nevertheless remember Jim with great fondness. The Department nomination letter noted that Carothers is renowned for his teaching in disciplines far afield from his specialization in American modernism, including his courses on Shakespeare and a signature course on the literature of baseball that helped launch the study of popular literature at KU. He is also famous for having taught KU traditions to legions of incoming students during Hawk Week for many years. In fact, in another crowning moment of his career, Carothers will deliver this year's Common Book lecture, on Hemingway's *A Farewell to Arms*, as the culmination of this year's Common Book program sponsored by the Office of First-Year Experience. The lecture will take place at 5 pm on Wednesday, 9 September, in Woodruff Auditorium of the Kansas Union. Congratulations, Jim!

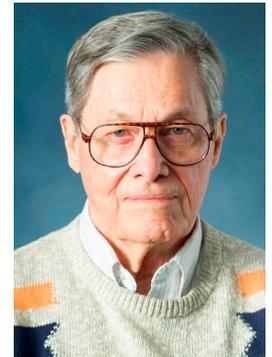


Jim Carothers

grilled burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, sodas, water, and some side dishes. Returning grad students and faculty are asked to bring a side, a dessert, or a beverage to share. New graduate students: Just show up!

### Hall of Fame

Professor Emeritus of English **James Gunn** was inducted into the **Science Fiction Hall of Fame** at the EMP Museum in Seattle on June 27th. The class of 2015 included six luminaries in the field, including artists, filmmakers, and Gunn's fellow science fiction author, Kurt Vonnegut. This honor follows other major awards earned over eight decades of work as a writer, scholar, and teacher of SF, such as the Pilgrim Award from the Science Fiction Research Association and the Grand Master Award from the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America. Gunn's contributions to the field are not yet complete, however. The second novel of a trilogy that began with 2013's *Transcendence* will be published soon and the third volume is under contract. Two new short stories have also been accepted for publication.



Jim Gunn

### Senior Staff Retreat and SAGE Picnic

Friday: Retreat! Saturday: R&R! Monday: Combat! Fall 2015 is upon us and two important English Department gatherings precede the turmoil of the first day of classes. On Friday, 8/21, the Senior Staff will take part in a retreat to be held from 12-5 pm at the Armitage Center of the KU Field Station, about four miles north of Lawrence. The faculty will continue the discussion of English undergraduate education in the era of the Core that began with an open Voting Department meeting/brainstorming session in May. On Saturday, 8/22, KU English's graduate student organization, SAGE, will host its annual start-of-the-year picnic to welcome new grads to the Department. The SAGE Picnic will take place from 6:30-8:30 pm at the traditional location, the north shelter of "Dad" Perry Park. Faculty and graduate students, spouses, partners, children, friends, and pets are welcome. SAGE will provide

### Calendar

- F 21 Department of English Senior Staff Retreat**, 12:00-5:00 pm, KU Field Station.
- S 22 SAGE Picnic**, 6:30-8:30 pm, North Shelter, "Dad" Perry Park.
- M 24 CLAS Dean Candidate Presentation**, 4:00-5:00 pm, Centennial Room, Kansas Union.
- W 26 Job Search Workshop Session**, "Overview, CV, Blackboard Site," 4:00-5:30 pm, 4076 Wescoe.
- R 27 CLAS Dean Candidate Presentation**, 4:00-5:00 pm, Centennial Room, Kansas Union.
- Big Tent Reading** featuring **Susan Rieke**, English, University of Saint Mary, and **Divya Bhalla**, KU, 7:00 pm, The Raven Bookstore.
- F 28 Red Hot Research**, featuring **Philip Drake**, English, and scholars from Geography, Environmental Studies, and The Kansas Geological Survey., 4:00 pm, The Commons, Spooner Hall.

## *Publications*

### **Bergeron, David**

Review (featured) of *The Progresses and Public Processions of Queen Elizabeth* by John Nichols. *Renaissance Quarterly* (Summer 2015).

### **Evans, Stephen**

Review-essay of *At Home in Shakespeare's Tragedies*, by Geraldo U. de Sousa. Farnham, Surrey, England; Ashgate, 2010. *Studies in Medieval and Renaissance Teaching* 22.1 (Spring 2015): 123-33.

### **Levine, Stuart**

"Outlaw" (short story), *Short Story*, new series, 21.2: 38-46.

## *Presentations*

### **Ash, Amy and Buchen, Callista**

"Exploring Collaborative Poetry," KU Mini College 2015, 1 June.

### **Daldorph, Brian**

"Douglas County Jail Blues," KU Mini College 2015, 4 June.

### **Elliott, Dorice Williams**

"Reading Jane Austen in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," KU Mini College 2015, 3 June.

### **Evans, Stephen**

"When Harlem Was in Vogue, Part II: The Extended 'Renaissance,'" KU Mini College 2015, 1 June.

## *Announcements, Notes, & News*

• **New Faculty:** Welcome to new associate professor **Ayesha Hardison**, who begins a split appointment between English and WGSS this fall. Next week's issue will introduce her more fully to the Department, though many got to know her last fall when she served as KU's **Langston Hughes Visiting Professor**.

• **New Staff:** Both FSE and the History of Black Writing have new and/or interim staff and administrators this fall. Next week's issue will provide details. The search for a new student office assistant to replace the graduated Rachel Trottier will begin as soon as school starts.

• **New Students:** Welcome to the 13 new KU English graduate students who arrived and received orientation over the last week. Next week's issue will provide information about who they are and where they're from, but please extend (or lend) a hand to anyone you don't recognize this week and throughout the semester.

• **Fulbright Scholar:** Welcome to **Portia Owusu**, SOAS, University of London, who will be in residence with KU English during 2015-2016. Next week's issue will also provide further information about her.

• **Print is doomed:** The *DNB* will now be delivered only in electronic form except in rare cases.

## *About the DNB*

**Frequency:** The *DNB* is sent out digitally every Friday during the academic year, except for holiday and semester breaks. Each weekly issue can also be found online at <<http://www.english.ku.edu>>.

**Deadline:** The Calendar lists important events (e.g. exams, meetings, presentations by Department members) for the upcoming week: other happenings of interest for that period usually are noted under KU and Regional Events. Information on any events to be publicized must be received by noon Thursday for inclusion in that Friday's issue.

**Publications/Presentations:** Publication information for the *DNB* should be submitted to Bob Elliott (e-mail [relliott@ku.edu](mailto:relliott@ku.edu)) or hard copy welcome). Please provide a complete written-out citation (including pagination and genre—e.g. "article," "poem," "short story," "essay.") For inclusion under "Presentations," please provide the date, place, title of conference, and title of paper. **The *DNB* encourages submissions of publication and presentation information from both full-time and part-time faculty and graduate students.**

**Dates:** Unless given otherwise, assume that the year of publications, events, deadlines, and so forth is the present one.

Bob Elliott, Editor