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Welcome to the Mississippi Writers Page Newsletter for September 6-12, 2002

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THIS WEEK in MISSISSIPPI LITERARY HISTORY

The following events all happened during this week in Mississippi history.

Year:

- 1907:** Journalist and statesman **Ralph Hilton** was born in Mendenhall, Mississippi. (Sep. 10)
- 1908:** Historian **Nash K. Burger** was born in Jackson, Mississippi. (Sep. 8)
- 1909:** English professor **Walton Richard Patrick** was born in Collins, Mississippi. (Sep. 9)
- 1910:** Christian minister **W. Earl Waldrop** was born in Mount Olive, Mississippi. (Sep. 8)
- 1916:** Psychiatrist **Harley Cecil Shands** was born in Jackson, Mississippi. (Sep. 10)
- 1919:** Medical physiologist **Arthur C. Guyton** was born in Oxford, Mississippi. (Sep. 8)
- 1925:** [William Faulkner](#) published "Country Mice" in the New Orleans *Times-Picayune*. (Sep. 10)
- 1926:** Baptist minister and theologian **Joe H. Cothen** was born in Poplarville, Mississippi. (Sep. 8)
- 1927:** Presbyterian minister **Andrew Albert Jumper** was born in Marks, Mississippi. (Sep. 11)
- 1928:** Missionary **Peggy Billings** was born in McComb, Mississippi. (Sep. 10)
- 1930:** [William Faulkner](#) published "Thrift" in the *Saturday Evening Post*. (Sep. 6)
- 1931:** Political scientist **Matthew Holden, Jr.**, was born in Mound Bayou, Mississippi. (Sep. 12)
- 1937:** Economist **Jerolyn R. Lyle** was born in Meridian, Mississippi. (Sep. 12)
- 1940:** Business historian **Thomas K. McCraw** was born in Corinth, Mississippi. (Sep. 11)
- 1946:** **Kay Pritchett**, professor of Spanish language and literature, was born in Greenville, Mississippi. (Sep. 10)
- 1946:** Fashion designer **Paula Janice Johnson** was born in Biloxi, Mississippi. (Sep. 12)

1951: [William Faulkner](#) and his wife Estelle drove their daughter Jill to Wellesley, Massachusetts, where she would enter Pine Manor Junior College. (Sep. 12)

1956: Novelist and historian [Shelby Foote](#) married Gwyn Rainer. (Sep. 6)

1956: [William Faulkner](#) went to Washington for four days as the chairman of the Writers' Group, People-to-People Program. (Sep. 11)

1989: [William Miller](#), Democratic doorkeeper for the U.S. House of Representatives from 1947 to 1976, died in Greensboro, North Carolina. (Sep. 12)

1995: [Jamie L. Whitten](#), U.S. Congressman and author of *That We May Live*, died of complications of chronic cardiac and kidney disease with acute respiratory distress in Oxford, Mississippi. (Sep. 9)

2001: *Band of Brothers*, a ten-part television miniseries based on a book by [Stephen E. Ambrose](#) about a U.S. Army unit in World War II, premiered on HBO. (Sep. 9)

NEWS about MISSISSIPPI WRITERS

Do you have a news item about a Mississippi writer? Please send your information to mwp@olemiss.edu.

AUTHOR EVENTS: Book Signings, Readings, and Appearances

Aug. 1-Nov. 4: J. D. William Library, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi

“Civil Rights, Mississippi, and the Novelist’s Craft.” This exhibit highlights fictional accounts set in Mississippi during the Civil Rights Movement, including works by [Ellen Douglas](#), [Patrick D. Smith](#), [Elizabeth Spencer](#), [Eudora Welty](#), [Lewis Nordan](#), William Mahoney, Joan Williams, and many others. Supplementing the display of books will be correspondence, manuscripts, and related ephemera drawn from the archive’s literary collections. Located in the Hall of Mississippi Writers in the Special Collections Department, J. D. Williams Library. Open 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. weekdays. For more information, please contact: Leigh McWhite, (662) 915-7937, slmewhit@olemiss.edu.

Sep. 12: Square Books, Oxford, Mississippi, 5:30 p.m.

Reading by [Shay Youngblood](#), the latest [Grisham](#) Visiting Writer in Residence at the University of Mississippi, on Thacker Mountain Radio. Musical guest will be Florence Dore, an English professor specializing in [William Faulkner](#) at New York University, who will be performing selections from her album *Perfect City*. For more information, visit www.thackermountain.com.

Sep. 19: Square Books, Oxford, Mississippi, 5:30 p.m.

Reading by Whitney Terrell, author of *The Huntsman*, on Thacker Mountain Radio. Musical guest will be country music singer/songwriter (and Mississippi writer) Marty Stuart. For more information, visit www.thackermountain.com.

Sep. 25: Square Books, Oxford, Mississippi, 5 p.m.

Reading by [Thomas Hal Phillips](#). For more information, visit the Square Books web site, www.squarebooks.com.

Sep. 26: Square Books, Oxford, Mississippi, 5:30 p.m.

Reading by [Will D. Campbell](#) on Thacker Mountain Radio. Musical guest will be Mississippi Delta gospel-blues artists Duff & the Revelators. For more information, visit www.thackermountain.com.

Sep. 27: Square Books, Oxford, Mississippi, 5 p.m.

[Rick Bass](#) will sign and read from his short story collection, *The Hermit's Story*. For more information, visit the Square Books web site, www.squarebooks.com.

Oct. 1: Square Books, Oxford, Mississippi, 2 p.m.

On the 40th anniversary of the integration of the University of Mississippi by [James Meredith](#), author William Doyle will sign copies of *An American Insurrection: The Battle of Oxford, Mississippi, 1962*, which chronicles the history of that epochal event. For more information, visit the Square Books web site, www.squarebooks.com.

Oct. 7: Bondurant Hall Auditorium, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, 7:00 p.m.

Poetry Reading by Alan Michael Parker. Respected poet Alan Michael Parker will read from his work. Sponsored by the John and Renee [Grisham](#) Visiting Writers Series and the Department of English. For more information, contact the English Department at (662) 915-7687, engl@olemiss.edu.

If you know of upcoming literary events by or about Mississippi writers, please let us know by writing us at mwp@olemiss.edu.

ON THE HORIZON

The following events are planned for the coming weeks and months. You may wish to begin planning now to attend or participate.

November 11, 2002

Poetry Reading by J. D. McClatchy, Bondurant Hall Auditorium, The University of Mississippi campus, in Oxford.

November 14, 2002

[Donna Tartt](#), author of *The Secret History*, will sign and read from her long-awaited second novel, *The Little Friend*, at Square Books in Oxford, Mississippi. For more information, visit the Square Books web site, www.squarebooks.com.

November 16, 2002

Mary Carol Miller will sign copies of *Lost Landmarks of Mississippi*. For more information, visit the Square Books web site, www.squarebooks.com.

January 16, 2003

Poetry Reading by Tom Chandler, Bondurant Hall Auditorium, The University of Mississippi campus, in Oxford.

February 6, 2003

U.S. Poet Laureate (2001-2002) Billy Collins reads from his poetry and offers commentary on his work and other matters. Bondurant Hall Auditorium, The University of Mississippi campus in Oxford.

February 17, 2003

A reading by [Clifton L. Taulbert](#) on the University of Mississippi campus in Oxford.

March 25, 2003

Poetry Reading by Andrew Hudgins, Bondurant Hall Auditorium, The University of Mississippi campus, in Oxford.

March 26-30, 2003

Seventeenth Annual [Tennessee Williams](#)/New Orleans Literary Festival, New Orleans, Louisiana. For information, visit their web site at www.tennesseewilliams.net.

April 10-13, 2003

Oxford Conference for the Book, Oxford, Mississippi.

July 20-25, 2003

30th Annual Faulkner & Yoknapatawpha Conference, The University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi

If you know of additional news items for this newsletter or if you have suggestions, please write us at mwp@olemiss.edu.

For more information about events in the Oxford and University of Mississippi community, see the Ole Miss Community Calendar:
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