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Welcome to the Mississippi Writers Page Newsletter for September 27-October 3, 2002

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THIS WEEK in MISSISSIPPI LITERARY HISTORY

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

Year:

1830: In the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek, the Choctaw ceded all of their lands east of the Mississippi River and agreed to move to Oklahoma. (Sep. 27)

1862: General Earl Van Dorn, who had joined Beauregard's troops at Corinth, tried to recapture Corinth from the Union forces in the Battle of Corinth, but he was repulsed. (Oct. 3-4)

1864: Southwestern humorist [Joseph Glover Baldwin](#) died in California as the result of an operation undertaken to prevent lockjaw. (Sep. 30)

1890: Novelist [Cid Ricketts Sumner](#) was born in Brookhaven, Mississippi. (Sep. 27)

1909: English professor **Calvin S. Brown** was born in Oxford, Mississippi. (Sep. 27)

1918: English professor **John D. Jacobs** was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi. (Oct. 1)

1920: Historian [David Herbert Donald](#) was born in Goodman, Mississippi. (Oct. 1)

1923: Poet [Besmirl Brigham](#) was born in Pace, Mississippi. (Sep. 28)

1925: [William Faulkner](#) published "Yo Ho and Two Bottles of Rum" in the New Orleans *Times Picayune*. (Sep. 27)

1926: Country comedian [Jerry Clower](#) was born in Liberty, Mississippi. (Sep. 28)

1926: Missionary, English instructor, and free-lance writer **Jo Carr** was born in Greenville, Mississippi. (Sep. 29)

1934: [William Faulkner](#) published "Ambuscade" in the *Saturday Evening Post*. (Sep. 29)

1934: *Roll Sweet Chariot* by **Paul Green** opened on Broadway at the Cort Theatre. (Oct. 2)

1939: Children's book writer **Otto R. Salassi** was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi. (Oct. 2)

1948: *Intruder in the Dust*, a novel by [William Faulkner](#), was published by Random House. (Sep.

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1949: Novelist **John Ramsey Miller** was born in Greenville, Mississippi. (Oct. 3)

1951: *Requiem for a Nun*, a novel by [William Faulkner](#), was published by Random House. (Sep. 27)

1951: Writer [Neil McGaughey](#) was born in Natchez, Mississippi. (Oct. 3)

1953: Educator **Beverly Ruthven** was born in Jackson, Mississippi. (Sep. 28)

1959: [William Faulkner](#) went to Denver, Colorado, for a four-day UNESCO conference. (Sep. 29)

1962: [James Meredith](#) arrived in Oxford to become the first black student to enroll at the University of Mississippi. Overnight riots protesting his integration which left two people dead and many others injured led President John F. Kennedy to order 20,000 federal troops to the area to restore and maintain order. (Sep. 30)

1962: [James Meredith](#) enrolled as the first black student at the University of Mississippi following a night of rioting that left two people dead and hundreds injured. (Oct. 1)

1990: Educator and writer **Chester E. Swor** died in Jackson, Mississippi. (Sep. 28)

1994: Presbyterian minister and pastoral counselor **William B. Oglesby, Jr.** died in Mechanicsville, Virginia. (Oct. 3)

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. 26-28: Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi, 7:30 p.m.

“June Recital,” an adaptation of extracts from, among others, [Eudora Welty](#)’s “Losing Battles”

and “Why I Live at the P.O.” Brenda Currin’s one-woman show also features the direction of David Kaplan and music of Phillip Fortenberry. For more information about ticket prices or details on the performance, contact the Mississippi State University communications department at (662) 325-9810 or theatremsu@comm.msstate.edu.

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: Oxford and the University of Mississippi campus, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

Open Doors: Anniversary Day. Anniversary of James Meredith’s registration at the University of Mississippi. Part of UM’s yearlong observance of the 40th anniversary of the integration of higher education. Full schedule of the day’s events is available at www.olemiss.edu/opendoors/calendar.html.

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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