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TWO PULITZER PRIZE WINNERS AMONG WRITERS
HONORED BY FELLOWSHIP OF SOUTHERN WRITERS

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.— The Fellowship of Southern Writers will recognize achievements in Southern letters by electing eight writers to membership, including Pulitzer Prize winners **Edward P. Jones** and **Alfred Uhry**, during the 14th biennial Conference on Southern Literature, March 29-31, in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The Fellowship will also award literary prizes to eight newly-emerging writers and honor novelist **Ellen Douglas** with the 2007 Cleanth Brooks Medal for Lifetime Achievement. Most of the honorees will give readings and participate in school residencies during the Conference on Southern Literature.

Edward P. Jones of Washington, D.C. won the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for fiction for his novel *The Known World*, about slave-owners in pre-Civil War Virginia, where his most recent collection of short stories, *Aunt Hagar's Children*, also takes place. **Alfred Uhry** of Atlanta, GA, who won the Pulitzer and an Academy Award for *Driving Miss Daisy*. Two of his other plays have received Tony awards.

Also chosen for membership were novelist **Dorothy Allison** of Greenville, SC; humorist **Roy Blount, Jr.** of Atlanta; poet **Andrew Hudgins** from Ohio; novelist **Randall Kenan** and editor and anthologist **Shannon Ravenel** from Chapel Hill, NC; and novelist Wilma Dykeman of Asheville, NC.

The Fellowship will also bestow the following prizes during the Conference:

- 2007 Cecil Woods, Jr. Award for Nonfiction
Roy Reed of West Fork, AR (*Faubus: The Life and Times of an American Prodigal*)
- 2007 Hillsdale Award for Fiction
Denise Giardina of Charleston, WV (*Saints and Villians*)
- 2007 Fellowship of Southern Writers' New Writing Award for Poetry
Jennifer Grotz of Greensboro, NC (*Cusp*)
Charlotte Matthews of the University of Virginia (*Green Stars*)

- 2007 James Still Award for Writing about the Appalachian South
Pamela Duncan of Saxaphaw, NC (*Plant Life, Moon Women*)
- 2007 Robert Penn Warren Award for Fiction
Dorothy Allison of Guerneville, CA (*Cavedweller, Bastard Out of Carolina*)
- 2007 Bryan Family Foundation Award for Drama
Katori Hall of New York, NY (*Hurt Village, Hoodoo Love*)
- 2007 Hanes Award for Poetry
Kathryn Stripling Byer of Cullowhee, NC (*Coming to Rest, Wildwood Flower*)

The Fellowship of Southern Writers was created in 1989 to nurture literature in the American South. Among its founding members were Eudora Welty, Cleanth Brooks, Robert Penn Warren, Shelby Foote, John Hope Franklin, Walker Percy, Ernest Gaines, C. Vann Woodward, William Styron and Elizabeth Spencer. Its archives are housed in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where it meets during the Conference on Southern Literature.

“The Conference is without doubt the leading literary event in the South,” says Dr. Louis D. Rubin, award-winning novelist and past Chancellor of the Fellowship of Southern Writers. “It draws visitors from all over the United States.”

For more information on the Conference on Southern Literature or to register, call 1.800.267.4232 or visit www.ArtsEdCouncil.org.

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