Welcome

The English Department had an active recruiting year, and we are very happy to bring four new faces to Park Hall.

We recruited from Louisiana State University Professor John Wharton Lowe, who will be UGA’s first Barbara Lester Methvin Distinguished Professor of Southern
Literature. Professor Lowe is an expert on all areas of Southern literature with a special interest in Faulkner. His latest book is *Faulkner’s Fraternal Fury* (LSU Press) which explores the role fraternal rivalry plays in Faulkner’s fiction. The book argues that Faulkner’s troubled relationships with his two brothers inspired many fraternal situations in his novels. Professor Lowe will teach both undergraduate and graduate students.

Our second new hire is Dr. Casie Legette, an assistant professor of Romantic poetry. Professor LeGette completed her Ph.D. at the University of Michigan in 2010. She will teach courses for us on all aspects of Romantic literature and is writing a book entitled *The Past Jumps Up*, which argues that radical editors and publishers in 19th-century England transformed literary history using Romantic poems to achieve their contemporary liberal political ends.

We have also hired two permanent lecturers, Drs. Danielle Bray and Carmen Comeaux, who will teach primarily in our First-year Writing Program.

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One of the signs of the excellence of our faculty is their ability to win grants and fellowships that allow them to teach and conduct research around the world.

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This year the following faculty members won such research support: Cynthia Turner Camp (England), Sujata Iyengar (England), Miriam Jacobson (England), Cody Marrs, Ed Pavlic (Cambridge, MA), Channette Romero (New York City), and Andrew Zawacki (Paris). Finally, Barbara McCaskill has won a prestigious Fulbright to teach in Canada fall semester.

**Michael G. Moran, Head**