The English department is in the process of searching for its next J. O. Eidson Professor of American Literature, a chair held by Dr. James Nagel. Jim retired last year after serving in that position since 1991. He taught courses in 19th- and
20th-century American literature and specialized in Hemingway. Jim was a particularly successful mentor of graduate students, many of whom published their dissertations and took jobs in schools throughout the nation. He will be hard to replace, but we have received strong applications from major scholars and hope to hire the new Eidson Professor this year to start next fall.


Dr. Michelle Ballif was chosen to edit the selected essays of the Rhetoric Society of America’s 2012 conference in Re/Framing Identifications. The collection represents the best current work being done in rhetoric and communication studies in a series of carefully edited essays.

Dr. Ed Pavlić, professor of creative writing, published his sixth book of poems, *Visiting Hours at the Color Line*, a collection that was one of only five selected during the National Poetry Series Open Competition and published by Milkwood Editions. The poet Adrienne Rich writes of Ed’s poetry that it “is a language-cable wrought to swing you out over unnerving spaces, let you see and hear what they really hold, and bring you back up more alive than you were before.”

I invite you to read more about the accomplishments of our faculty and students in this edition of the *Park Hall Monitor*.

If you live in Athens or find yourself returning to the area, please take a moment to check the department’s listing of upcoming events on our webpage at www.english.uga.edu. We would be pleased to see you at the lively lectures, readings, discussions, and symposia that our faculty organizes each semester.

Best,

**Michael G. Moran, Head**