



# FOCUS ON FACULTY

*in English*



*April 2008*

Congratulations to the following faculty members on their accomplishments.

## English Department Awards

### Teaching

**Rick Duerden**

**Kristen Matthews**

### Scholarship

**Eric Eliason**

### Citizenship

**Dennis Cutchins**

## Other Awards

### **Gideon Burton**

Association for Mormon Letters Criticism award for his "Mormons and Film."

### **Dean Hughes**

The Whitney Lifetime Achievement Award from Mormon Storytellers.

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## Publications

### Books

#### **Frank Christianson**

*Philanthropy in British and American Fiction: Dickens, Hawthorne, Eliot and Howells*,  
Edinburgh University Press, 2007.

#### **Chris Crowe**

*Teaching the Selected Works of Mildred D. Taylor*. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann, 2007.

"How I Came to Write:" *LDS Authors for Young Adults*. Provo: Center for the Study of Christian Values in Literature, 2007. (edited with Jesse Crisler)

*Two Roads: A Novel*. Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2007.

### **Jackie Thursby**

*Foodways and Folklore*. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Publishing Group, 2008.

## **Articles**

### **Greg Clark**

"Rhetoric, Criticism, and *My Many Selves*," 417-23. *Sizing Up Rhetoric*, ed. David Zarefsky and Elizabeth Benacka, Waveland Press, 2007. An essay on Wayne Booth's memoir and its relation to his work on rhetoric.

### **Richard Cracroft**

"YA Novels and Mormon Memoirs: Grads capture a nation of young readers; other authors share stories of growing up Mormon," *BYU Magazine*, 62.1 (Winter 2008): 42-43.

"Interesting Exchange," in "Year, Yea, Nay, Nay," letters column, *Sunstone*, Issue 148 (Dec. 2007):3-4. [Exchange of Letters between Prof. Harold Bloom and Prof. Richard H. Cracroft].

### **Chris Crowe**

"Mormons: A World Religions Resource List for Teens." *VOYA* 31.1 (April 2007): 14-17. (With undergraduates Jessica Johnson, Rebecca Boughan, Carolyn Dyer, Diana Harter, Karen McKnight, Katie Poole, and Megan Powell).

"What Inquiring Minds Want to Know," *Impact Journal*, 9.3 (Winter 2007): 34-35.  
"Mississippi Trial, 1955: Finding Significance through Reading, Discussion, and Writing," *English Journal* 96.3 (January 2007): 80-85. (with Grierson, Thursby, and Dean).

"Learning from History." *Breaking Boundaries with Global Literature*. Nancy L. Hardaway and Marian J. McKenna, eds. Newark, DE: International Reading Association, 2007: 173.

"Chris Crowe." *Tenth Book of Junior Authors and Illustrators*. Connie C. Rockman, ed. Bronx: H. W. Wilson, 2007.

### **Aaron Eastley**

"Evolution of 'The Enemy': Surveying the V. and S. Naipaul Correspondence." *New Literatures Review* 44 (2007): 43-62.

**Pat Madden**

“On Laughing.” *The Best American Spiritual Writing 2007*. Ed. Philip Zaleski. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2007, 177–181.

“Divers Weights and Divers Measures.” *The Laurel Review* 42.1 (Spring 2008): 51–60.

“A Breviary of Divagation.” *Quarter After Eight* 14 (2007): 162–63.

“A Sudden Pull behind the Heart.” *Portland Magazine* Fall 2007: 16–17.

“Divergence.” *The Chariton Review* 30.1/2 (Fall 2007): 125–28.

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**Presentations**

**Chris Crowe**

“Turning Kids into Readers,” CITES Literacy Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, March 5, 2008.

“Creative Truth Telling,” BYU Magazine Writers’ Workshop, Aspen Grove, Utah, October 10, 2007.

“What Inquiring Minds Want to Know,” English/Language Arts Content Area Day, Alpine School District, Pleasant Grove, UT, October 16, 2006.

**Aaron Eastley**

“Naipaul’s Trinidad: Quarrying the 1946 Trinidadian General Election.” *RMMLA*, Calgary, Canada, Oct. 2007.

**Pat Madden**

“Women Essayists You’ve (Likely) Never Read” Association of Writers and Writing Programs (AWP) Conference. New York. 31 January 2008.

“The Infinite Suggestiveness of Common Things: Essaying the Quotidian” NonfictionNow Conference. University of Iowa. 3 November 2007.

“Of Thumbs: An Essay with Five Obstructions” NonfictionNow Conference. University of Iowa. 3 November 2007.

**Doug Thayer**

Reading, *Hooligan: A Mormon Boyhood*. February 21, 2008. Orem Public Library.

**Jackie Thursby**

“Writing and Publishing Folkloric Works.” October 2007. American Folklore Society Conference. Quebec, Canada.

Poster Presentation: “*Tuck Everlasting: A Folkloric Approach.*” November 2008. National Council of Teachers of English. New York, New York.

**Other**

**Chris Crowe**

Juror, 2007 NSK Neustadt Prize for Children’s Literature (and nominator of Katherine Paterson, winner of the \$25,000 2007 Prize).

Judge, 2008 Golden Kite Nonfiction Award, Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

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**Appointments**

**Greg Clark** will serve as the Executive Director of the Rhetoric Society of America.

**Jill Terry Rudy** has been appointed the new director of the American Studies program.