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The Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters presented awards at the Institute's annual Awards Gala on June 9, 2012, at the Mississippi Museum of Art in Jackson, Mississippi. Other festivities for the weekend included an art exhibit at Fischer Galleries, readings and signing by MIAL award winners at Lemuria Book Store, the annual membership meeting, and a reception honoring all winners and nominees. Master of Ceremonies was William Ferris, the Joel R. Williamson Professor of History and senior associate director of the Center for the Study of the American South at the University of North Carolina. MIAL President David Beckley of Holly Springs presided at the banquet.

Two Lifetime Achievement Awards were given this year. The recipients were Samuel Marshall Gore and Andrew Bucci. Samuel Gore, a professor of art at Mississippi College since 1951, spent the early part of his career primarily painting and now devotes his time to sculpture. He is a past winner of the Mississippi Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts for his career in art and is also a winner of the Ageless Heroes Award in Creativity from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi. Professor Gore holds degrees from the Atlanta College of Art, Mississippi College, the University of Alabama, and Illinois State University.

Andrew Bucci, a Vicksburg native, studied with Marie Hull and at the Academie Julian in Paris and the Parsons School of Design. He holds degrees from the Art Institute of Chicago. He is a past recipient of the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts for his achievement in the visual arts. His works have been part of numerous regional and national shows, beginning with the Mississippi Art Association in 1947, and including shows at the Corcoran Gallery of Art, Baltimore Museum of Art, Art Institute of Chicago, and the New Orleans Museum of Art.

Accepting the award in fiction was Michael Kardos of Starkville for the short story collection, *One Last Good Time*. Jackson resident Susan Haltom was this year's nonfiction winner for *One Writer's Garden: Eudora Welty's Home Place*. T.R. Hummer won this year's poetry category with his book *Ephemeron: Poems*. The winner of the photography award was Betty Press of Hattiesburg for her photobook, *I Am Because We Are: African Wisdom in Image and Proverb*. In the visual arts category, the winner was Oxford sculptor, Rod Moorhead, for *Furies*. Violinist and composer Shandy Phillips of Starkville was the winner in the category of music composition-classical/concert for *Concerto* for Violin, Viola, Piano, and String Orchestra. The winner in the category of music composition-popular/contemporary was singer-songwriter Kate Campbell for *Two Nights in Texas*. *Continued on page 2*



Pictured L to R: Master of Ceremony Bill Ferris, Kate Campbell, Betty Press, Rod Moorhead, Michael Kardos, T. R. Hummer, Susan Haltom, Shandy Phillips, Sam Gore, and MIAL President David Beckley. Not pictured: Andrew Bucci

Previous Winners

1980	Literature..... Ellen Douglas Music..... Luigi Zaninelli Art..... Ed McGowin	1994	Fiction..... Barry Hannah Nonfiction..... Willie Morris Visual Art..... Greely Myatt Photography..... Tom Rankin Music..... Douglas McConnell	2004	Fiction..... Tom Franklin Nonfiction..... Christopher Maurer Visual Arts..... Wyatt Waters Music..... Logan Skelton Poetry..... Ann Fisher-Wirth Lifetime Achievement..... Shelby Foote
1981	Literature..... Walker Percy Music..... James S. Slater Art..... Ray Parrish	1995	Fiction..... Beverly Lowry Nonfiction..... Mary Garrard Visual Art..... Sylvain Klaus Photography..... Birney Imes, III Music..... James S. Slater Lifetime Achievement..... Franke and Bern Keating Citation of Merit..... ETV and Public Radio in Mississippi	2005	Fiction..... Margaret McMullan Nonfiction..... Timothy B. Smith Visual Arts..... Sam Gilliam Photography..... Gretchen Haien Music..... Justin Sharp Poetry..... Brooks Haxton
1982	Literature..... Ellen Gilchrist Music..... William Grant Still (posthumously) Art..... Valerie Jaudon	1996	Fiction..... Lewis Nordan Nonfiction..... David Herbert Donald Visual Art..... Charles Caraway Photography..... Milly Moorhead Music..... Laurence M. Oden Lifetime Achievement..... Lee and Pup McCarty	2006	Fiction..... Tom Bailey Nonfiction..... Suzanne Marrs Visual Arts..... Thomas Nawrocki Photography..... Robyn Moore Music..... Andrew Owen
1983	Literature..... Ellen Douglas Music..... Patrick Houlihan Art..... George Wardlaw	1997	Fiction..... Cynthia Shearer Nonfiction..... Stephen Ambrose Visual Art..... Valerie Jaudon Photography..... Marion Brown Music..... Mark Howell Poetry..... Paul Ruffin	2007	Fiction..... Richard Ford Nonfiction..... Jere Nash and Andy Taggart Music..... Samuel Jones Photography..... Debra Ferguson Poetry..... Natasha Trethewey Visual Arts..... William Dunlap Lifetime Achievement..... Morgan Freeman & Myrna Colley-Lee
1984	Literature..... Rebecca Hill Music..... Patrick Houlihan Art..... James L. Seawright, Jr.	1998	Fiction..... Wylene Dunbar Nonfiction..... Will D. Campbell Visual Art..... William Dunlap Photography..... Hubert F. Worley, Jr. Music..... Luigi Zaninelli Poetry..... Angela Ball Special Achievement..... Marion Barnwell	2008	Fiction..... Margaret McMullan Music..... Albert Oppenheimer Nonfiction..... Joseph Crespino Photography..... Talbot Easton Selby Poetry..... Angela Ball Visual Arts..... Carlyle Wolfe Lifetime Achievement..... Ellen Douglas
1985	Literature..... Ellen Gilchrist Music..... Luigi Zaninelli Art..... William Dunlap	1999	Fiction..... Ellen Douglas Nonfiction..... Patti Carr Black Visual Art..... Jean Cappadonna-Nichols Photography..... Lucinda Devlin Music..... James Slater Poetry..... John Stone	2009	Fiction..... Howard Bahr Music (Classical)..... Steve Rouse Music (Contemporary)..... 3 Doors Down Nonfiction..... Douglas A. Blackmon Photography..... Jane Rule Burdine Poetry..... Brooks Haxton Visual Arts..... H. C. (Chris) Porter Lifetime Achievement..... Marshall Bouldin III Elizabeth Spencer
1986	Literature..... John Stone Music..... Samuel Jones Art..... Kenneth W. Marlow Photography..... Robert Townsend Jones, Jr. Special Writing Award..... Dorothy Abbott	2000	Fiction..... Steve Yarbrough Nonfiction..... Edward Cohen Visual Art..... Paula Temple Photography..... Maude Schuyler Clay Music..... Luigi Zaninelli Poetry..... D.C. Berry Lifetime Achievement..... Leontyne Price Citation of Merit..... University Press of Mississippi	2010	Fiction..... Frederick Barthelme Music (Classical)..... Shandy Phillips Music (Contemporary)..... Caroline Herring Nonfiction..... Charles W. Eagles Photography..... Michael Loyd Young Poetry..... D. C. Berry Visual Arts..... Charles Crossley Special Achievement..... <i>The Passions of Walter Anderson</i> , a creative collaboration. Lifetime Achievement Award..... William Ferris
1987	Literature..... Richard Ford Music..... David Caudill Visual Art..... Ke Francis Photography..... Birney Imes, III	2001	Fiction..... Howard Bahr Nonfiction..... Jeff Durstewitz and Ruth Williams Visual Art..... Collier B. Parker Photography..... Eudora Welty Poetry..... Natasha Trethewey	2011	Fiction..... Brad Watson Music (Classical)..... Samuel Jones James Slater Music (Contemporary)..... Eden Brent Nonfiction..... Natasha Trethewey Photography..... Oraien Catledge Poetry..... Ava Leavell Haymon Visual Arts..... Rolland Golden Lifetime Achievement Award..... Mary D. Garrard
1988	Literature..... Walker Percy Music..... Milton Babbitt Visual Art..... Zarah Maranian Photography..... Maude S. Clay Lifetime Achievement..... Eudora Welty	2002	Fiction..... Barry Hannah Nonfiction..... Bobby DeLaughter Visual Art..... Sheila Stott Gourlay Photography..... John D. Lawrence Music..... Michael Kimber Poetry..... Brooks Haxton	2012	Fiction..... Michael Kardos Music (Classical)..... Shandy Phillips Music (Popular)..... Kate Campbell Nonfiction..... Susan Haltom Photography..... Betty Press Poetry..... T. R. Hummer Visual Arts..... Rod Moorhead Lifetime Achievement Award..... Andrew Bucci Samuel Gore
1989	Literature..... Larry Brown Music..... Paul Overstreet Visual Art..... Mildred Nungester Wolfe Photography..... Rita Dewitt Lifetime Achievement..... Walter Anderson (posthumously)	2003	Fiction..... Brad Watson Nonfiction..... Minor Ferris Buchanan Visual Arts..... Gwendolyn Magee Photography..... Jack Kotz Music..... Samuel Jones James Slater Poetry..... Natasha Trethewey Lifetime Achievement..... Mimi Garrard and James Seawright		
1990	Literature..... Rick Bass Music..... James S. Slater Visual Art..... Randy Hayes Photography..... William Eggleston Special Achievement..... William Ferris Charles Reagan Wilson				
1991	Literature..... Ellen Gilchrist Music..... Samuel Jones Visual Art..... Birney Imes, III				
1992	Fiction..... Lewis Nordan Nonfiction..... Michael B. Ballard Visual Art..... Ron Dale Photography..... Maude S. Clay Music..... Luigi Zaninelli Career Achievement in the Performing Arts..... Jane Reid Petty				
1993	Fiction..... Donna Tartt Nonfiction..... Chalmers Archer Clifton Taulbert Visual Art..... Jere H. Allen Photography..... Allen Frame				

MIAL HONORS 2012 AWARD WINNERS cont.

Each winner in the juried categories received a cash prize of \$1000.00 and a Mississippi-crafted gift, an individually unique fused glass bird, designed by Elizabeth Robinson of Jackson. Sponsors for the cash awards to this year's winners included: Fiction, *The Mississippi Quarterly*; Nonfiction, Pass Christian Books/Cat Island Coffeehouse; Poetry, Mary Thompson, Jenny Long, and Damian Augsburg in honor of Samuel William Long; Musical Composition (Classical), the Family of Keith Dockery McLean; Musical Composition (Popular), Nan and Mike Sanders; Photography, Sandra and Tom Shellnut; and Visual Arts, Gemma and David Beckley in memory of Gwendolyn Magee.

Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters Award Nomination

MIAL members are encouraged to make nominations to honor the artistic achievements of living Mississippians (current residents or former ones with continuing, significant ties to the state). Judges will consider only work shown, published, or performed in 2012. Members may nominate more than one individual in any category. One page of comments may be included in support of nomination. Nominations should include place and date of birth. Please make additional copies of this form if needed.

Only MIAL members may nominate.

Award Categories:

VISUAL ARTS (painting, sculpture, drawing, print, graphic arts, etc.) Eligible are up to 15 pieces first publicly shown or published in 2012. Submit CD, slides, prints, or published work.

PHOTOGRAPHY (color, black and white, combination) Eligible are up to 15 photographs first publicly shown or published in 2012. Submit CD, slides, prints, or published work.

FICTION (novel, short story collection, etc.) Eligible is work first published in 2012. Submit author’s name, publisher, title of publication, and date of publication.

NONFICTION (any literature that is not fictional) Eligible is work first published in 2012. Submit author’s name, publisher, title of publication, and date of publication.

POETRY Eligible are up to 15 poems published individually for the first time in 2012, or a collection of at least 15 poems published in book form for the first time in 2012 (poems in the collection may have been first published earlier than 2012). Submit complete tear sheets or publication.

MUSIC COMPOSITION-CONCERT (song, opera, composition, instrumental music, etc.) This award is for works first published or performed publicly in 2012. Submit evidence of initial performance or publication (book, CD, tape, score) in 2012.

MUSIC COMPOSITION-POPULAR (blues, country music, jazz, rock, etc.) Submit published scores or the commercial recording first released in 2012. (Songs in a collection may have been 1st published earlier than 2012.)

DEADLINE: Nominations must be postmarked on or before January 15, 2013. Attach the artist’s representative work (slides, photographs, CD’s, books, etc.). Please mail the nomination to the appropriate address according to the awards category entered or e-mail to ms.arts.letters@gmail.com.

POETRY

Jenny Long
991 County Road 188
Greenwood, MS 38930

MUSIC COMPOSITION—POPULAR

Mark Wiggs
917 Arlington Street
Jackson, Ms 39202

MUSIC COMPOSITION—CONCERT

Nicholaus B. Cummins
318 Bolling Avenue
Cleveland, MS 38732

NONFICTION

James G. Thomas, Jr.
310 Dogwood Drive
Oxford, MS 38655

PHOTOGRAPHY

Robin Dietrick
410 Mallory Street
Clinton, MS 39056

VISUAL ARTS

Nan Sanders
535 Hillcrest Circle
Cleveland, MS 38732

FICTION

Scott Naugle
1302 East Second Street
Pass Christian, MS 39571

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AWARD CATEGORY: _____ MEDIUM: _____

TITLE OF WORK: _____

FIRST SHOWN/PUBLISHED/PERFORMED: _____

NAME OF **NOMINEE**: _____ NOMINEE’S ADDRESS: _____

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Memorial to Noel Polk, Founding Member of MIAL



Photo by Megan Bean, University Relations Department, MSU

Dr. Noel E. Polk died August 21, 2012, in Jackson, Mississippi. For twenty-seven years Dr. Polk was Professor of English at the University of Southern Mississippi and editor of *The Southern Quarterly*. He joined the faculty at Mississippi State University in 2004, where he edited the *Mississippi Quarterly* and served on the advisory committee for the College of Arts and Sciences. At the Memorial Service in Hattiesburg on August 25, 2012, Dr. Aubrey Lucas, President Emeritus and Professor of Higher Education at the University of Southern Mississippi, and currently serving as interim president, recalled, “Dr. Polk proposed in 1978 the founding of an organization dedicated to honoring Mississippi’s writers, musicians and artists, and the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters was created. Noel was a member of the Board of Governors of MIAL for the remainder of his life helping to ensure that the awards would be based on the independent judging of out-of-state experts who had no friendships or other relationships to those artists and writers whose work was being judged.”

Dr. Peggy Prenshaw, long-time colleague and fellow MIAL Board of Governors member, also speaking at the Memorial Service, said, “All of us who knew and loved Noel understand how impossible it is to capture his enormous spirit and zest for life. He was a loyal and generous friend. A generous teacher and colleague, ready to share his wide knowledge of writers and writing, of editing and publishing—of the whole terrain of matters literary—and otherwise. He was an astute reader of Faulkner and Welty—and of whatever came to hand: students’ essays, manuscripts of all sorts, new fiction, the poetry of Eliot and Stevens.... Noel had a deep faith in the here-and-now life well lived.”

Dr. Polk served as our organizational conscience, having a very clear perspective of our purpose and keeping us forever true to these high standards of excellence. The depth of his intellect and the breadth of his scholarship were matched by the sparkle of his wit and the kindness of his heart. We will miss and long remember his wise counsel, his fun-loving spirit, and his incredible institutional memory.

At the request of Dr. Polk and his family, The Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters Endowment Fund has been named to receive donations in his memory, helping to ensure that MIAL’s future is secure. Anyone who would like to contribute to this fund may do so by mailing to the MIAL Endowment Fund, P. O. Box 2346, Jackson, Mississippi 39225-2346.

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MIAL 2012 Poster

We are very grateful to Ann and Dale Abadie and Ella and Aubrey Lucas for sponsoring the 2012 MIAL Poster. For the past five years we have been publishing posters of our winners and these may be viewed on the Gallery tab of our web site. Posters are also mailed to all state libraries, bookstores, art galleries and distributed by members of our Board of Governors.

We are appreciative to the sponsors of the poster over the years, including the Gertrude C. Ford Foundation, and feel that the poster is an effective means of both promoting our winners and serving as a historical record.

If you would like to be on this mailing list to display a poster in your business, please send an e-mail to ms.arts.letters@gmail.com.


Newly Elected Member to the MIAL Board of Governors

Dr. Nicholas B. Cummins was elected at the June Annual Meeting to the MIAL Board of Governors. Dr. Cummins is Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Delta State University, where he conducts the Chorale, Chamber Singers, and Delta Singers. Dr. Cummins replaces Martha Hitch who resigned from the Board in May after several years of service.

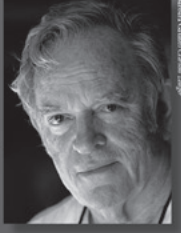
Long-time Board member Courtney Blossman, of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, resigned in September and an election will be held at the January 2013 meeting to fill her unexpired term. We appreciate Ms. Blossman's and Ms. Hitch's contributions to our Board of Governors and wish them well.

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Lifetime Achievement
Andrew Bucci
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Samuel Gore




Fiction
Michael Kardos



Music Composition
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Shandy Phillips




Nonfiction
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Betty Press



Poetry
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(Contemporary)
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Visual Arts
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New Logo for MIAL

At the June Annual Meeting, Ad Hoc Logo Committee Chairman Nan Sanders presented the committee's selection of a new MIAL logo. Also serving on this committee were Marion Barnwell, Pete Halverson, Aubrey Lucas, and Marjorie Selvidge. Working with Marie Owen of Owen Advertising Studio in developing the new logo, Sanders said of the design, "It is simple and distinctive, and it has forms within it that could reference the arts, music and letters, if one needs to be more literal. We were asked to come up with a fresh, more modern symbol and felt this met the criteria." After discussion, the logo was adopted by the Board of Governors by a unanimous decision. The new design may be viewed on this newsletter, on the MIAL website, our Facebook page, and is currently being phased into printings of new membership brochures, letterhead, bookmarks, and note cards. Special thanks go to Leila Wynn of Greenville and McCartys of Merigold for sponsoring the newly designed MIAL logo and subsequent printings.



Members of the MIAL Board of Governors attending the fall meeting at the Mississippi Museum of Art in Jackson: Pictured (1st row, L-R) Sandra Shellnut, George Bassi, Dorothy Shawhan, Marion Barnwell, Nan Sanders, and Nicholaus Cummins; (2nd row, L-R) Peggy Prenshaw, Nancy Guice, Swan Yerger, Pete Halverson, Jan Taylor, Marjorie Selvidge, Mark Wiggs, Margaret Robbins, Bridget Pieschel, Ann Abadie, Robin Dietrick, Jenny Long, and Mary Thompson.

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MIAL Call for Nominations

Nominations are due **January 15, 2013**, for this year's awards. Members only are allowed to nominate individuals for awards. MIAL welcomes new members, and anyone may join. Please see the Membership and Nomination form in this newsletter or visit our website at www.ms-arts-letters.org. For more information contact Margaret Anne Robbins, Executive Secretary, 662-523-0899 or ms.arts.letters@gmail.com.

2013 Awards Gala - June 8, 2013 Columbus, Mississippi

Chairman Bridget Pieschel has some wonderful plans in place for the 34th Annual Awards Banquet, including a reception at the home of Dr. Jim Borsig, President of Mississippi University for Women. Mark your calendar and plan to join us as we celebrate another year of talented Mississippians.



—Photo by Julian Rankin

2012-2013 Officers elected at the annual Membership Meeting are: Pictured (1st row L-R): Sandra Shellnut, Pass Christian, President; George Bassi, Laurel, Vice President; (2nd row L-R) Jan Taylor, Jackson, Treasurer; Nancy Guice, Laurel, Archivist; Margaret Robbins, Pontotoc, Secretary; Not pictured: David Beckley, Holly Springs, Past President.

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