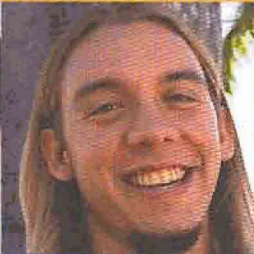


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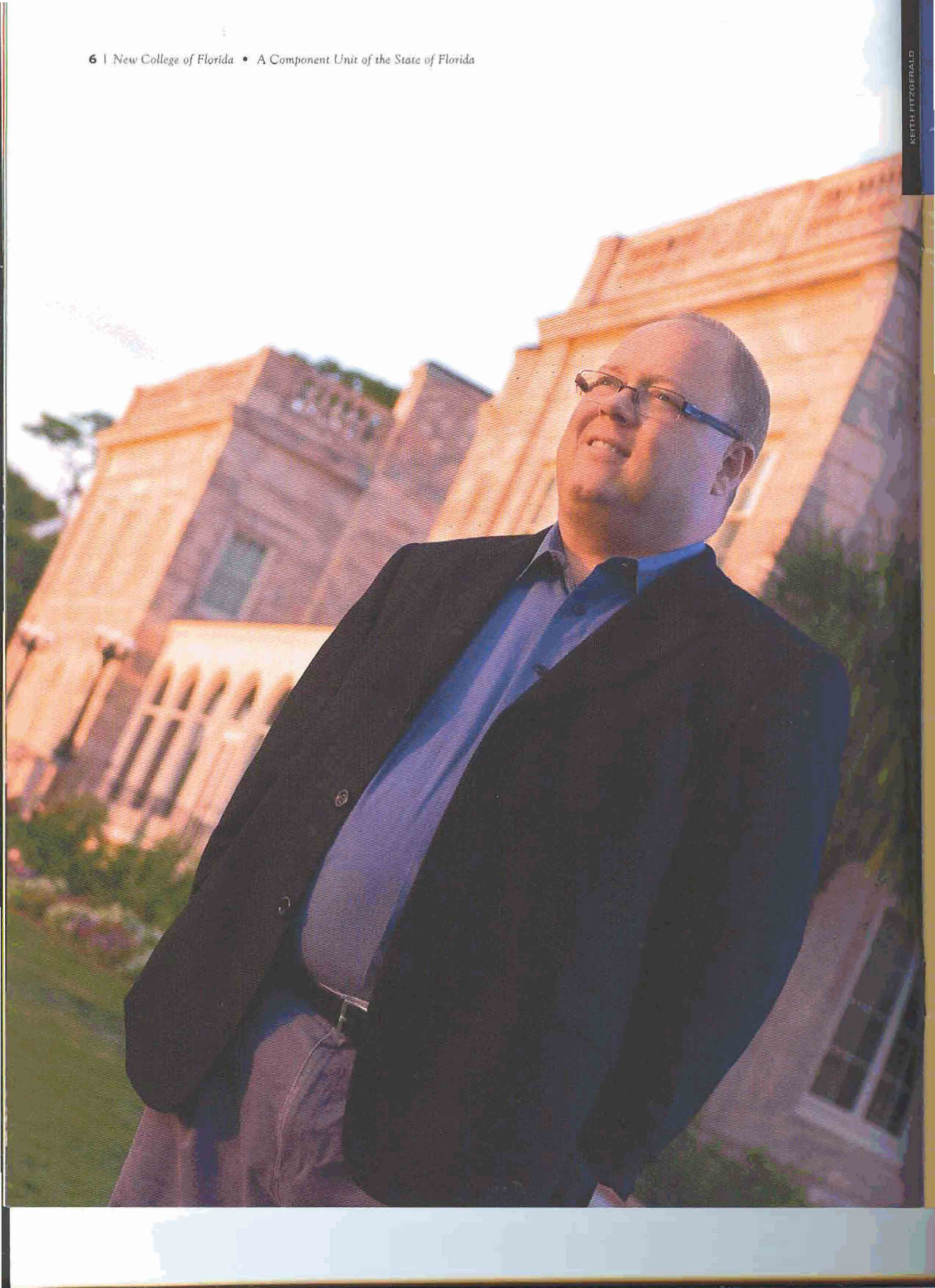
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KEITH FITZGERALD

Associate Professor of Political Science

DOCTORATE: PH.D., INDIANA UNIVERSITY
INTEREST: AMERICAN POLITICS
PUBLIC SERVICE: MEMBER, FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUTHOR: FACE OF THE NATION: IMMIGRATION, THE STATE, AND THE NATIONAL IDENTITY

Associate Professor of Political Science Keith Fitzgerald is a man who practices what he teaches.

Currently teaching a course on Power and Public Policy, Fitzgerald is also a first-term member of the Florida House of Representatives. His students are reaping the rewards of both worlds.

"It's hugely beneficial" to his students, Fitzgerald says, because now, he's able to illustrate theoretical points with "real-world examples of what's going on in Tallahassee...and what I'm seeing on a daily basis." The practical realities of political life have equally informed his own understanding of the political theories he has taught for 26 years.

Elected in November 2006, his experience teaching public policy at New College impressed House Democratic leaders so much that he was named the deputy policy chair of the House Democratic caucus. He's currently gearing up for re-election to the House and says he doesn't "rule out" the idea of seeking higher office someday.

Fitzgerald says that juggling dual roles has its challenges, but overall, the combination of practicing politics while teaching it packs a one-two punch that's hard to beat. The end result is that he's not only a better politician - he's a better teacher.

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Political Science Professor and State Representative



Faculty Awards Bring Prestige to New College

New College faculty garner awards that one might expect to find only at much larger universities. For 2008-09, sociologist **Sarah Hernandez** (above) received a Fulbright Fellowship for Mexico to study the changing relationship between Mexican and American labor unions, and cultural historian **Carrie Beneš** won a Rome Prize in Medieval studies from the American Academy in Rome. Since 2006, New College faculty have received awards and recognition from the National Science Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Environmental Protection Agency and a host of others.



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FELICE SCHULANER

Alumna and Supporter

CONCENTRATION: ECONOMICS
CAREER: BUSINESS EXECUTIVE
COMMITMENT: SCHOLARSHIP DONOR,
 STUDENT MENTOR,
 FOUNDATION TRUSTEE

From her first tour of the campus in 1978 to her graduation three years later, Felice Schulaner felt right at home at New College of Florida. "I loved it immediately," she says. Even as she prepared to depart with her degree in Economics, she was trying to figure out how to return.

Fast forward 30 years and Schulaner is back, true to her word.

After a successful business career that took her from Macy's to American Express to Coach, Inc., Schulaner is back in Florida living on Siesta Key with her husband, Dennis Rees. She currently commutes to Coach's NYC office every other week as Acting SVP of Human Resources, the post she held prior to 'retirement' at the age of 46. Moving back has allowed her to become more intimately engaged with New College. Last year, Schulaner and Rees endowed a \$400,000 scholarship fund for out-of-state students and this year, she is helping build a mentoring program that offers a menu of options, including off-campus meetings, relationships with role models in Sarasota and the student's home state, and opportunities to reach out to mentors "on demand." A series of campus events bringing in mentors to speak to small groups of students is already underway.

"As students near graduation, they face the dilemma of 'what's next?'" notes Schulaner. "Mentoring gives students a glimpse of what their *real* careers could look like."

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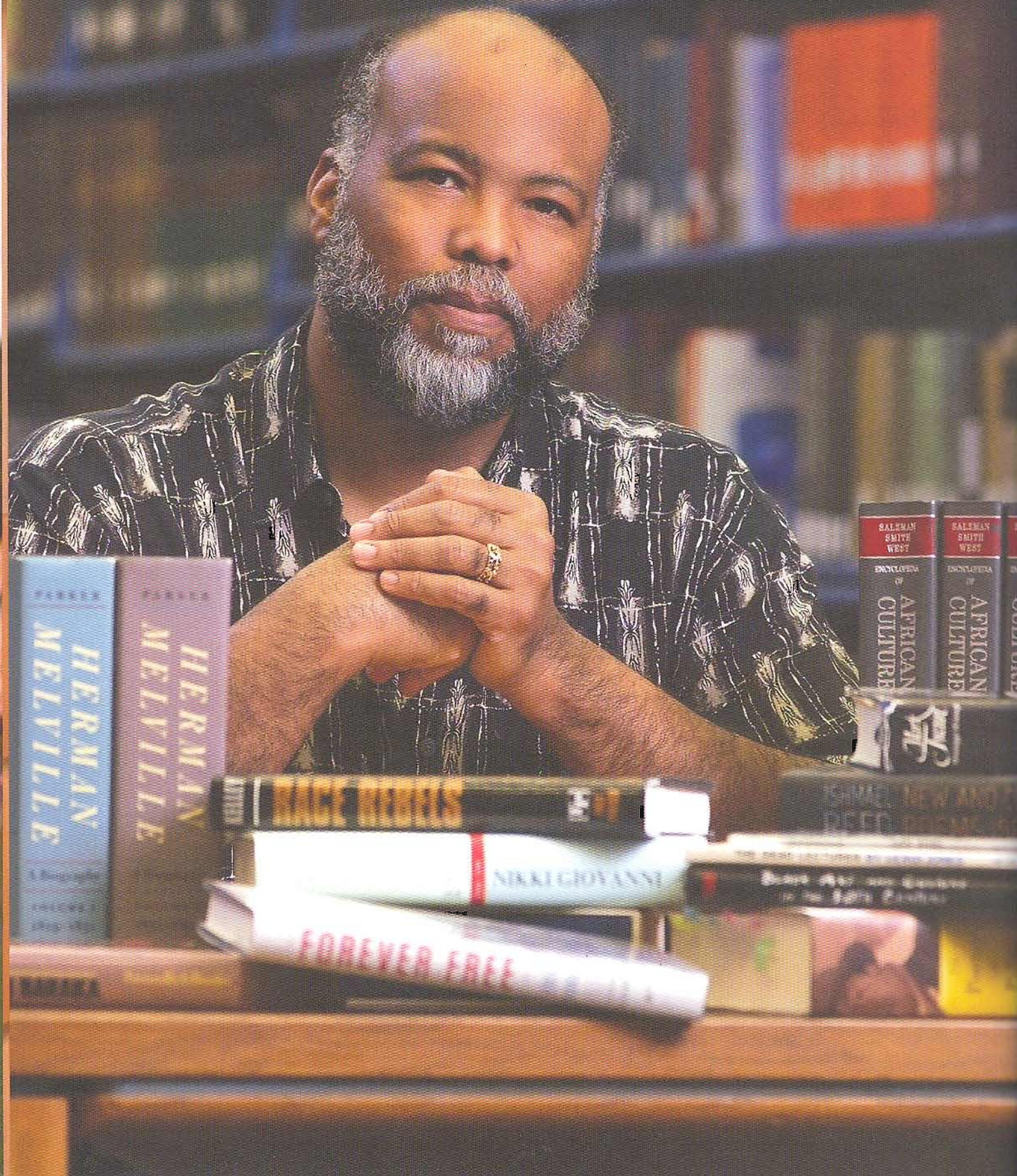
Felice Schulaner

Acting Senior Vice President, Coach, Inc.



Paving the Way for Out-of-State Scholarships

Alumnus and entrepreneur **Jim Gutner '72** (above) donated over \$5,000 to the Palm Court Scholarship Endowed Fund to generate scholarships for out-of-state students. To date, the Palm Court initiative has raised nearly \$190,000 from 267 alums and friends, well on its way toward an initial goal of \$250,000 and a state match of \$125,000. Donations will be commemorated with plaques, bricks and pavers at a revitalized Palm Court, which was designed by renowned architect I.M. Pei in the 1960s.



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DAVID LIONEL SMITH

Alumnus and Visiting Professor

- CAREER:** JOHN W. CHANDLER PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH, WILLIAMS COLLEGE
- DOCTORATE:** PH.D., UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
- INTERESTS:** RACE AND CULTURE, BLACK ARTS MOVEMENT, MARK TWAIN, WENDELL BERRY
- OTHER:** PUBLISHED POET, HOST OF WEEKLY RADIO SHOW "LET THE MUSIC SPEAK"

As a 1974 New College alumnus, Visiting Professor David Lionel Smith says he is "very glad" to be back on campus teaching classes on African American writers and the Black Arts Movement.

He is particularly pleased to see that New College has retained its sense of character and mission. "It's still a place," he says, "designed to develop very independently-minded students." Smith is on the faculty at Williams College in Massachusetts, where he served several terms as chair of African American studies and was Dean of Faculty from 1996 to 2000.

A poet writing under the pen name D. L. Crockett-Smith, he is also an astute essayist and lecturer. He is especially proud of his work for public humanities institutions, including the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Smithsonian, the Southern Humanities Media Fund and the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, where he served as president. Co-editor of the ground-breaking *Encyclopedia of African American Culture and History*, Smith is finishing a translation project covering several works by Pablo Neruda and Federico Garcia Lorca. He is also working on a 'ruminations' on the expressive traditions of African Americans.

Smith describes students today as more "intellectually alert" than at earlier times in his teaching career. Concerns over the environment, the war and the economy, Smith believes, have made students more politically attentive. "They're better listeners and observers," he adds, "which makes their academic experience all the more powerful."

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David Lionel Smith
Noted Scholar, Author and Poet



Graduates of Distinction

Emmy-award winning TV writer and alumna **Carol Flint '76** (above) has written and produced over 260 hours of episodic television. Her credits include long-running prime time shows *China Beach*, *ER* and *The West Wing*. New College alums are prominent entrepreneurs, artists, academicians and professionals. They include a Fields medal winner; a Rhodes scholar; the founder of a theater program for autistic children; a world-class restaurateur; a Federal Reserve banker; a college president; and a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.