

JOHN T. IRWIN

Present Position: The Decker Professor in the Humanities (1984-present)
Professor of English (1981-present)
Professor in the Writing Seminars(1977-present)
Chairman, The Writing Seminars (1977-96)

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Previous Positions: Editor (1974-1977) Assistant Professor (1970-1974)
The Georgia Review Department of English
University of Georgia The Johns Hopkins University
Athens, Georgia 30602 Baltimore, Maryland 21218

Other Teaching Experience: Bread Loaf School of English
Middlebury College
Middlebury, Vermont 05753
Summer 1976

Other Editorial Experience: Founder and Editor of Strivers' Row at Johns Hopkins

Degrees: B.A., 1962 University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas
Major: English and French
M.A., Ph.D., 1970 Rice University

Other Graduate Study: 1962-1963 Yale University

Fields of Specialization: American Literature
Modern Literature

Military Service: 1963-66 U. S. Navy, Communications Watch Officer on the
staff of the Commander-in-Chief of the U. S. Pacific
Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
Lieutenant, U. S. Naval Reserve (Ret.)

Managerial Experience: Supervisor, Public Affairs Library, NASA Manned
Spacecraft Center, Houston, Texas 1966-67

Courses Taught at Hopkins: Contemporary American Poetry
Contemporary American Novel
Survey of American Literature
Modern American Literature
Studies in Medieval Literature
Elementary Anglo-Saxon
Poe and Borges
Faulkner, Fitzgerald, and Hemingway
Poe, Hawthorne, and Melville
Nietzsche, Heidegger, Crane, and Stevens

14th Century English Alliterative Poetry
Hard-boiled Detective Fiction and Film Noir
Eliot, Crane, and Stevens
Graduate Poetry Workshop

Offices Held
Hopkins: 1971-72 Secretary, JHU Philological Assoc.
1972-74 Curator, The Tudor & Stuart Club
1978-79 President, JHU Philological Assoc.
1982-83 President, The Tudor & Stuart Club
1997- Chair, The Writing Program in the
Johns Hopkins Advanced Academic Programs

Offices Held
Elsewhere: 1995-97 Vice-President, Poe Studies Association

Editorial Duties: General Editor, Johns Hopkins Poetry and Fiction Series,
The Johns Hopkins University Press
Contributing Editor, Thalia (Studies in Literary Humor)
Member, Editorial Board, Poe Studies
Member, Editorial Board, The Arizona Quarterly
Editor, The Hopkins Review

Awards and
Fellowships: Danforth Fellowship 1962-63, 1967-70
Guggenheim Fellowship 1991
Christian Gauss Prize from Phi Beta Kappa for Best
Book in the Humanities in the Year 1994
Scaglione Prize from the Modern Language
Association of America for the Best Book in
Literary Studies in the Year 1994

Comparative
of Elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and
Sciences 2005
Helen C. Smith Memorial Award from the Texas Institute
Letters for the Best Poetry Book published by a Texas
native or resident in 2005