

Visiting Guest Lecturer Summer 2015

John Wharton Lowe—University of Georgia

John Wharton Lowe is the Barbara Lester Methvin Distinguished Professor of Southern Literature at the University of Georgia. Previously he was Robert Penn Warren Professor of English and Comparative Literature, and Director of the Program in Louisiana and Caribbean Studies at Louisiana State University. Dr.



Lowe has also taught at the University of Munich, Harvard University, Saint Mary's College (Notre Dame) and Columbia University, where he earned his Ph.D. in English and Comparative Literature. He is author or editor of seven books, including the forthcoming *Calypso Magnolia: The Caribbean Side of the South* (UNC Press).

He has published widely on African American, Native American, Asian American, Italian American literature, and transnational and circumCaribbean literature. He is the recipient of the MELUS Lifetime Achievement Award for Distinguished Contributions to Ethnic Literary Studies, and has served as President of the Society for the Study of Southern Literature, the Southern American Studies Association, MELUS, and the Louisiana Folklore Society. His work has been

supported by grants from the NEH, the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, the Louisiana Board of Regents, the ACLS, and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. He has also served as Fulbright scholar in Germany and India, and for six years directed LSU's summer program in Italy. He is currently completing revisions for *Faulkner's Fraternal Fury: Sibling Rivalry, Racial Kinship, and Democracy*, and researching an authorized biography of Ernest J. Gaines.

Prof. Lowe will be teaching the course:
American Comic Literature and Democracy

