

JOHN PIPKIN, PH.D.

EDUCATION

1991 – 1997	Rice University Ph.D. in British Romantic Poetry	Houston, TX
1989 – 1991	University of North Carolina M.A. in English Literature	Chapel Hill, NC
1985 – 1989	Washington and Lee University B.A. in English, Philosophy, German <i>Magna cum Laude</i>	Lexington, VA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE / PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

2010-present	MFA Creative Writing Professor Spalding University Brief-Residency MFA Program	Louisville, KY
2010-present	Writer-in-Residence Southwestern University	Georgetown, TX
2009 (Spring)	Creative Writing Instructor University of Texas at Austin	Austin, TX
2007-present	Creative Writing Instructor Southwestern University	Georgetown, TX
2005-2008	Writers' League of Texas Executive Director	Austin, TX
2005-present	Writing Assessment Consultant University of California Analytical Writing Placement Exam	San Francisco, CA
2002-2005	Pearson Educational Measurement Content Specialist, English Language Arts	Austin, TX
2000-2002	Holt, Rinehart and Winston Publishing Copy Editor and Content Developer	Austin, TX

TEACHING EXPERIENCE / PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT (CONTINUED)

1997-2000	Boston University Assistant Professor of Rhetoric and Humanities	Boston, MA
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Director: Summer Literature Abroad Program

1996-1997	Saint Louis University Assistant Professor of Composition and Literature	St. Louis, MO
1991-1996	University of Houston-Downtown Adjunct Instructor in the Department of English	Houston, TX

PUBLICATIONS

Woodsburner: A Novel, Nan A. Talese/Doubleday (April 2009)

Article: "Woods burner: How a forest fire may have pushed Thoreau to Walden Pond."
The Boston Globe, 12 April 2009, Ideas Section.

The Blind Astronomer's Atlas: A Novel (forthcoming 2012)
(Under negotiations at Bloomsbury and Norton)

RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

- The New York Center for Fiction First Novel Prize 2009
 - Texas Institute of Letters Steven Turner First Novel Award 2010
 - Massachusetts Center for the Book First Novel Prize 2010
 - National Public Radio Critics' Pick: Best Fiction for Summer 2009
 - *IndieBound* Selection for Indie Next List, May 2009
 - Amazon Best Book of the Month Selection, May 2009
 - Lemuria Books (Jackson, MS) First Edition Club Selection, May 2009
 - *Woodsburner* selected as a "Best Book of 2009" by *The Washington Post*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, and *The Christian Science Monitor*
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RECENT GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2011 (Spring)	Jesse H. Jones Writing Fellowship Dobie Paisano Fellowship Program, University of Texas at Austin
2010 (Summer)	Research Fellowship Harry Ransom Center, University of Texas at Austin

SELECTED REVIEWS OF *WOODSBURNER*

(Links to these and additional reviews are available at www.johnpipkin.com.)

Bennett, Steve. Review of *Woodsburner*, by John Pipkin.
San Francisco Chronicle, 23 May 2009.

Charles, Ron. "Strikingly, Thoreau Meets His Match."
The Washington Post, 22 April 2009.

Liebtrau, Eric. "Imagining Thoreau Shaped by a Wildfire."
The Boston Globe, 31 July 2009.

Wineapple, Brenda. "Consuming Passion." Review of *Woodsburner*, by John Pipkin.
New York Times Book Review, 1 May 2009.

Zipp, Yvonne. "How Thoreau set the Concord woods on fire."
Christian Science Monitor, 25 May 2009.

SPEAKING AND TEACHING ENGAGEMENTS

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| ▪ Writers' League of Texas Novel Workshop, November, 2013 | Austin, TX |
| ▪ Radford University Literary Festival, Featured Author, April, 2013 | Radford, VA |
| ▪ Spalding University Plenary Lecture, July 2012 | Paris, France |
| ▪ Southern Methodist Literary Festival, Featured Speaker, April 2011 | Dallas, TX |
| ▪ AWP Annual Conference, Panelist, February 2011 | Washington, DC |
| ▪ Center for Fiction First Novel Award, Presenter, December 2010 | New York, NY |
| ▪ Gemini Ink, Guest Speaker, November 2010 | San Antonio, TX |
| ▪ University of Texas SAGE Guest Lecturer, September 2010 | Austin, TX |
| ▪ New Orleans/Tennessee Williams Book Festival, Panelist, March 2010 | New Orleans, LA |
| ▪ National Federation of Press Women Annual Conference Speaker, 2009 | San Antonio, TX |
| ▪ Rice University Guest Speaker, Fondren Library Cherry Series, 2009 | Houston, TX |
| ▪ Louisiana Book Festival Featured Author, 2009 | Baton Rouge, LA |
| ▪ Boston Book Festival Featured Author, 2009 | Boston, MA |
| ▪ Texas Book Festival Featured Author, 2009 | Austin, TX |
| ▪ Miami International Book Fair Featured Author, 2009 | Miami, FL |
| ▪ The Writer's Garrett, Guest Speaker, 2009 | Dallas, TX |
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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/ORGANIZATIONS

- NYC Mercantile Library Center for Fiction Writers Council
 - Writers' League of Texas Advisory Board
 - Texas Commission on the Arts Literary Touring Roster
 - Association of Writing Professionals and Writing Programs (AWP)
 - The Authors Guild
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