



2014 Inductees  
to the  
South Carolina  
Academy of Authors

**Gilbert Allen** was born in Rockville Centre, New York. He received his B.A., M.F.A., and Ph.D. degrees from Cornell University, where he was a Ford Foundation Fellow. Since 1977 he has lived in the foothills of South Carolina with his wife, Barbara. He is the Bennette E. Geer Professor of Literature at Furman University.

His first two collections of poems are *In Everything* (Lotus, 1982) and *Second Chances* (Orchises, 1991). His third collection, *Commandments at Eleven* (Orchises, 1994), was chosen by South Carolina's principal newspaper, *The State*, as one of the year's five most outstanding books. His fourth book, *Driving to Distraction* (Orchises, 2003), was featured on Garrison Keillor's *The Writer's Almanac* and on *Verse Daily*. A new book, *Catma*, will be forthcoming in 2014 from Measure Press.

In 1994, he and William Rogers edited the anthology *45/96: The Ninety-Six Sampler of South Carolina Poetry*, which has been used as a textbook in colleges, public schools, and libraries throughout the state. The success of that volume led to a new anthology, *A Millennial Sampler of South Carolina Poetry*, published in 2005.

Gilbert Allen's poems, stories, and essays have appeared in such publications as *Able Muse*, *American Book Review*, *The American Scholar*, *Appalachian Heritage*, *College English*, *Connecticut Review*, *The Cortland Review*, *Cumberland Poetry Review*, *Epoch*, *The Georgia Review*, *Image*, *Measure*, *Pembroke Magazine*, *Sewanee Theological Review*, *Shenandoah*, *Southern Humanities Review*, *The Southern Review*, and *The Southern Poetry Anthology*.

Gilbert Allen has appeared frequently on South Carolina Public Radio, and he is listed prominently in Walter Edgar's *The South Carolina Encyclopedia*. He has received the Amon Liner Award in Poetry from *The Greensboro Review*, the Rainmaker Award in Poetry from *Zone 3*, the Porter Fleming Award (in both poetry and fiction), the Piccolo Spoleto Fiction Prize, and on five occasions the South Carolina Fiction Project Prize. In May 1999, in recognition of his work as a writer, editor, and teacher, he was elected an honorary member of South Carolina's Gamma Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. He was the 2002-03 recipient of the South Carolina Literary Arts Fellowship from the South Carolina Arts Commission. His chapbook *Body Parts* received a South Carolina Poetry Initiative award in 2006. In 2007 his sequence of poems "The Assistant" received the Robert Penn Warren Prize from *The Southern Review*. In 2013 his short story "Trash" received Special Mention for a Pushcart Prize.



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