Welcome to Our New Interim Director

Join us in welcoming the new interim Director of the Ernest J. Gaines Center Dr. Matthew Teutul, a recent graduate of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette with a PhD in English. Dr. Teutul has worked with the center over the past two years as a graduate assistant. During that time, he worked to promote the center through speaking engagements and by constructing online materials. You can listen to an interview with him at [WVUE.org](http://www.wvue.org).

Ernest J. Gaines Center Hosts Summer Teaching Institute

Last month the Ernest J. Gaines Center hosted its first annual summer teaching institute. Teachers from Lafayette and Baton Rouge Parishes participated. During the institute, participants had the opportunity to examine items from the archives and to discuss ways to incorporate these materials into the classroom. They also participated in discussions of Gaines' work and in techniques to teach Gaines in the secondary classroom. Some of the participants agreed to construct lesson plans outlining pedagogical practices for teaching Gaines. Those lesson plans will be available through the center's website soon. In the meantime, head over to the Ernest J. Gaines Center blog to find out more about the institute.

Ernest J. Gaines Literary Society

The Ernest J. Gaines Center is pleased to announce the establishment of the Ernest J. Gaines Society, a literary society to promote research and scholarship on the work of Ernest J. Gaines. The society plans to organize panels on Gaines at future meetings of the American Literature Association (beginning in 2015) and Society for the Study of Southern Literature. For more information, visit the center's website.

Ernest J. Gaines Center Library Guide

Over the past year, the center has been working on constructing a Library Guide (LibGuide) for secondary and college teachers and students. The LibGuide provides information on all of Gaines' published texts, and it presents visitors with archival material that will help them in their reading of Gaines. Each page is set up with links to interviews, a media component, questions about the text, possible activities, a quote from Gaines, links to academic articles about Gaines' work, and archival material. If you would like to provide any information that would help teachers and students who visit the site, please contact Dr. Matthew Teutul directly.