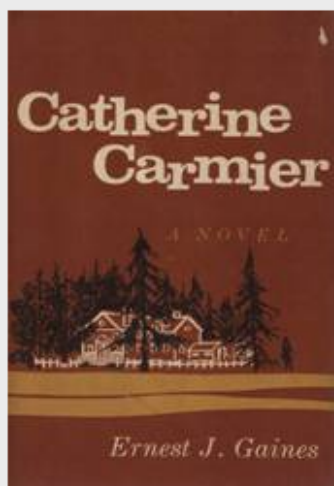


Ernest J. Gaines Center University of Louisiana at Lafayette



50th Anniversary Celebration

October marks the 50th anniversary of the publication of *Catherine Carmier*, Gaines' first novel. The center, in partnership with the Lafayette Public Library and the UL Lafayette English department are in the process of organizing events to celebrate this momentous occasion in October. Stay tuned to the center's website for more information in the next few months.

Ernest J. Gaines Center Blog

Last month, the Ernest J. Gaines Center launched a blog. The blog examines Gaines' work in relation to African American, American, Southern, and world literature. Along with literature, it looks at Gaines in relation to history, music, sports, and other cultural aspects. Click on the link below to follow us on Blogger.

Contributions

Tax-deductible contributions to the Gaines Center can be made online to the [University of Louisiana at Lafayette Foundation](#).

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Welcome to Our New Interim Director

Join us in welcoming the new Interim Director of the Ernest J. Gaines Center Dr. Matthew Teutsch. A recent graduate of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette with a PhD in English, Dr. Teutsch 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 KRVS.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 Evangeline Parishes participated. During the institute, participants had the opportunity to examine items from the archives and to discuss ways to incorporate those materials into the classroom. They also participated in discussions of Gaines' work and of techniques to teach Gaines in the secondary classroom. Some of the participants agreed to construct lesson plans outlining pedagogical practices for teaching Gaines. These lesson plans will be available through the center's website soon. In the meantime, head over to the [Ernest J. Gaines Center's 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 materials. If you would like to provide any information that would help teachers and students who visit the site, please contact [Dr. Matthew Teutsch](#) directly.

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