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**Patrick Posey Garrett
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Ruston, Louisiana 71270**

PERSONAL

Age 69, Born March 25, 1939
Height 5' 10"
Weight 160 lbs.
Health Excellent
Nationality American
Spouse Mary Dudley Burkhalter Garrett
Children Mary Holland Garrett LeBlanc
Jay Donovan Garrett
Lee Patrick Garrett
Elizabeth Claire Garrett DeCuir
Grandchildren: 11, ages 17 to 2.
Religion United Methodist, member, Trinity United Methodist Church

EDUCATION

Ed.D., North Texas State University, 1969
Major Field: English Education
Minor Field: Administration

Fifty-four graduate hours in English (Ph.D. level), Louisiana State University, 1963-1966

M.A., Auburn University, 1963.

B.A., Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, 1961

Diploma, Ruston High School, 1957

SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCE

**Distinguished Professor of English, Louisiana Tech University,
1992- present**

**Sachs Professor of English, Louisiana Tech University, 2000-
present**

**Head and Professor, Department of English, Louisiana Tech
University, 1982-1992**

**Head, Department of English, Northeast Louisiana University,
1980-1982**

**Assistant/Associate Professor of English, Northeast Louisiana
University, 1965-1982**

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PUBLICATIONS

**Participant, Squire Creek Book Club colloquium, *Why We Hate Us*,
February 3, 2009.**

Book Reviews, Bastrop Literary Forum, January 5, 2009.

**Participant, Inaugural of Kardatzke Collection loan to Tech
Archives, November 11, 2008.**

**Book Talk, Short Flights, Squire Creek Book Club, August 12,
2008.**

**MC, Fred Dean Reception upon his induction into the National
Football Hall of Fame, Ruston Civic Center, August 11, 2008.**

**Wichita, Kansas trip to research literary artifacts in the Museum
of World Treasures, Kardatzke Collection, July 7-11, 2008.**

**Coordinated Chris Andrews' Lecture Event, January 17, 2008,
featuring
writer/historian/news consultant Douglas Brinkley.**

Presentation, Ruston Littera Club, April 4, 2007.

**Participant, C.S. Lewis Summer Institute, Williams College,
Massachusetts, July 7-16, 2006**

**Coordinated Chris Andrews' Lecture event, Oct. 18, 2005, Thomas
Assembly Center, featuring Pulitzer Prize winner Jeff Marx and Joe
Ehrmann.**

**MC, Ruston High School Alumni Association Awards Luncheon,
October 13, 2006**

**MC, Ruston High School Alumni Association Awards Luncheon,
Oct. 21,
2005, Squire Creek Country Club.**

Speaker, RHS Homecoming Assembly, Oct. 20, 2005.

**Housed Tulane Coach Brad Smiley and family, family residence,
Sept.- November.**

**Wrote script for Ruston history documentary feature film and
helped Michael Kampisi and associates select pictures to accompany
script, Fall, 2005.**

**Tenure/Promotion Committee, School of Lit. and Lang., 2005-06,
06-07.**

MC, David Anderson Day Ceremony in Ruston, Aug. 4, 2005.

Speaker, A.E. Phillips writing class, Feb. 28, 2005.

Chair, Sachs' American Novel Committee

Address, Ruston High School Jr. English Honors, Faulkner, 12/04

**"The Tower" from *Short Flights*, address, A.E. Phillips, February 6,
2004.**

Address, Ruston High School, Career Day, February 18, 2004.

Promotion and Tenure Committee, Chairman, 2002-2003

Address, Bastrop Literary Guild, Mark Twain, April 3, 2002.

Address, Young at Heart, Temple Baptist Church, April 19, 2001

Address, Ruston High School Class of 1946, July 14, 2001

Reading from *Penumbra*, Lincoln Parish Library, Oct. 19, 2001

Address, Lay Speaker, Trinity United Methodist Church, Oct. 21, 2001.

Address, Ruston Lions Club, January 21, 2002

Hemingway address, Literary Guild of Bastrop, April 2001

Book talk, Temple Baptist Church group, April 2001

Book talk, Sigma Tau Delta, Louisiana Tech University, February 8, 2001.

Coordinated Pulitzer Prize Winner Jeffrey Marx's visit to Tech and Ruston High School, November 1 and 2, 2000.

Promotion and search committees, English, 2000-2004

Address, RHS Class of '45 Reunion, June 17, 2000.

Master of Ceremonies, Tom Judd Day Program, May 21, 2000.

Address, Lincoln Parish Academic Awards Banquet, Ruston Civic Center, November 15, 1999.

Laity Sunday Sermon, Farmerville United Methodist Church, October 17, 1999.

Address, Hemingway Centennial Celebration, "Hemingway's Affirmation of Faith: The Old Man and the Sea," Bay View, Michigan, July 21, 1999.

Address, Bay View Women's Council, "Hemingway's True Love," Petoskey, Michigan, July 21, 1999.

Keynote Address, Peach Festival Opening Ceremonies, June 11, 1999.

Address, RHS English Honors Class, "Faulkner," May 20, 1999.

Book talk, Penumbra, Lincoln Parish Retired Teachers, May 5, 1999.

Book talk, Penumbra, Senior Citizens Center of Monroe, March 5, 1999.

Book talk, Penumbra, Literary Guild of Bastrop, March 3, 1999.

Book talk, Penumbra, Junior Garden Club of Ruston, February 18, 1999.

Book talk, Penumbra, English Speaking Union of Monroe, September 27, 1998.

Tech Rome faculty, May 26- July 3, 1998.

Address and reading, Golden Key Honorary Society, Louisiana Tech University chapter, May 11, 1998.

Address, Ruston Junior High School, April 30, 1998.

Poetry reading, Literary Guild of Ruston, March 18, 1998.

Book signings, Penumbra, December 13, 1997: Books-a-Million in Monroe. December 10, 1997: Tower Books in Shreveport, Books-a-Million, Bossier. December 6, 1997: On the Avenue, in Ruston, Tech Bookstore, Ruston. November 30, 1997: Windows Bookstore in Monroe.

Book publication, Penumbra, Burke Publishing Company, San Antonio, Texas, November 28, 1997.

Faulkner talk, Ruston High School Junior English students, November 10, 1997.

**Book signing, Harps Upon the Willows, Petoskey, Michigan,
August 16, 1997.**

**Master of Ceremonies, Mickey Slaughter Roast, Louisiana Tech
Football, June 20, 1997.**

**Book talk, Harps Upon the Willows and Short Flights, The Review
Club of Monroe, May 5, 1997**

**Article publication, "Hemingway's True Love," PAPA Journal, Fall,
1997.**

Poetry reading, Jonesboro Les Beaux Book Club, March 24, 1997.

**"Hemingway's True Love" paper delivered at the Arkansas
Philological Association meeting, Fayetteville, Arkansas,
October 11, 1996.**

**Harps Upon the Willows, book talk, Bastrop Literary Forum,
December 4, 1996.**

**Harps Upon the Willows, book talk, Ruston Culture Guild, April 4,
1996.**

**Instructor, Spring School of Christian Growth, Trinity United
Methodist Church, February-April, 1996.**

**Address, "The Function of Grace in Frost's 'Death of the Hired
Man'" Minden Book Club, January 17, 1996.**

**Book talk, Harps Upon the Willows, Minden Book Club, December
13, 1995.**

**Book talk, Harps Upon the Willows, Ruston Lions Club, December
12, 1995.**

**Books signings, Harps Upon the Willows, Tech Bookstore,
November 28, 1995, Mary Ann's Books, December 2, 1995,
Windows Bookstore, December 3, 1995, Tower Books,
December 9, 1995, Books-a-Million of Baton Rouge,
December 16, 1995.**

Book publication, Harps Upon the Willows, collection of personal narratives, Burke Publishing Company, San Antonio, Texas, November, 1995.

Publication, "At Mr. Dick Thompson's" Louisiana Cultural Vistas, Summer 1995, Vol. 6, No. 2, pp. 52-58.

Address, "The Function of Grace in Frost's 'Death of the Hired Man'" Trinity Arts Celebration, May 14, 1995.

Book talk, Short Flights, Ruston Arts Club, April 21, 1995.

Book talk, Short Flights, DMA, April 26, 1995.

Exhibitor, Minden Arts Festival, March 25, 1995.

Book talk, Short Flights, Ruston Garden Study Club, February 16, 1995.

Shreveport Book Club, *Short Flights* presentation, February 14, 1995.

***Short Flights* signings, Tower Bookshop and Books-a-Million, Shreveport, December 10, 1994.**

***Short Flights* presentation, Ruston Book Club, October 27, 1994.**

***Short Flights* presentation, Ruston Cosmos Club, October 14, 1994.**

***Short Flights* presentation, Ruston Civic Guild, October 13, 1994.**

Writing workshop, principal speaker, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Monroe, Louisiana, October 12, 1994.

Master of Ceremonies, Louisiana Tech University Centennial Celebration Banquet, September 30, 1994.

***Short Flights* presentation, Ruston Kiwanis Club, August 4, 1994.**

***Short Flights* presentation, Ruston Rotarary Club, August 3, 1994.**

***Short Flights* book signing, Mary Ann's Bookstore, Ruston, June 17, 1994.**

Television interview, *Short Flights*, KTVE Morning Show, Monroe, June 10, 1994.

Moderator, Television presentation, "The King James Translation," with Dr. Ed Jacobs, Trinity Presents, February 1994.

Book publication, *Short Flights*, Burke Publishing Co., San Antonio, Texas, 1994.

Paper presentation, "NCATE and English," Philological Association of Louisiana, 1993.

Program chair, Faulkner session, Philological Association of Louisiana, 1992.

Participant, Monroe Area Committee for the Humanities, 1973-1982.

Teacher, American Institute of Banking, 1973-1975.

Curriculum consultant, Ouachita Parish Schools, 1972; Monroe City Schools, 1976; Union Parish Schools, 1977.

Consultant Coordinator, Gifted Student Program, Morehouse Parish Schools, 1977-1982.

Participant, Conference on College Composition and Communication, Los Angeles, California, 1974; St. Louis, Missouri, 1975; Philadelphia, 1976; New Orleans, 1980; New York, 1984; San Francisco, California, 1991.

Publication, "Technical Writing at Louisiana Tech University," *The Austin Communicator*, Vol. 7, Issue 2, October, 1987, pp. 8-9.

Publication, "*Place-Names in Lincoln Parish, Louisiana*," Ruston

Daily Leader, July 4, 1976.

Publication, "Creativity and the Literacy Crisis," Resources in Education, August, 1975.

Directed Master's theses, 1974-1980.

Program chair, "Using the Computer in Teaching Composition," Conference on College Composition and Communication, New York, New York, 1984.

Address, "Creativity and the Literacy Crisis," Conference on College Composition and Communication, St. Louis, Missouri, 1975.

Poetry judge, regional competition, Louisiana State Poetry Society, 1990.

Speaker, Student Association of Engineers, Interview seminar, "Good English and the Interview, " 1984, 1985.

Evaluation Committee member, Louisiana State University in Shreveport, 1974.

Committee member , Joe Davies' Commission to Reform Education in Louisiana, Board of Trustees, 1976.

Chairman, Arts and Sciences ad hoc committee to revise registration at Louisiana Tech University, 1985-86.

Administratively responsible for:

1) several Louisiana Endowment Grants for the Humanities awards made to the English Department, 1986-92.

2) Fletcher Lecture Series, first privately funded English lecture series at Louisiana Tech University.

3) Revamping freshman English at Louisiana Tech University, shifting focus from grammar to composition, 1982-83.

4) Establishing minimal proficiency standards for freshman

English composition at Louisiana Tech University.

5) Computerized tutorial program for English 099.

SELECTED ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS- UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY

Athletics Council Chairman- 1986-1992.

Administrative Board, Trinity United Methodist Church.

Administrative Board, Wesley Foundation.

Omicron Delta Kappa

South Central Modern Language Association

Modern Language Association

WPA

Louisiana Association of College Composition

Louisiana Tech Tower Club

Sigma Tau Delta

Distinguished Service Award, City of Monroe, 1975, 1976, 1977.

Commissioner, Monroe Housing Authority, 1976-1982.

United Way of Ouachita Parish:

Employee Giving, 1974

University Drive, 1975

Quarter and Admissions Board, 1975-1977

Corporate Giving, 1975

Chairman, Division of Government and Education, 1976.

Monroe Parents' League Officer, 1973.

P.T.A. officer, Monroe City Schools, 1973-1975.

**Public Schools Committee Chairman, Monroe Chamber of
Commerce,
1980-1981.**

**Vice-President, Louisiana Tech University Letterman's Club, 1985-
1986.**

**Louisiana Tech University voting delegate to the NCAA national
convention, 1986- New Orleans, 1987- San Diego, 1988-
Nashville, 1989- San Francisco, 1990- Dallas, 1991-
Nashville.**

Chairman, Athletics Director search committee, 1986.

Director, Greater Tech Foundation, 1987.

**Member, Search committee for new commissioner, American
South Conference, 1987.**

Louisiana Tech University Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet

Committee, Chairman, 1987-1992.

**NCAA Presidents' Commission National Forum, Louisiana Tech
University representative, June 20-21, 1988, Orlando,
Florida.**

**Participant, International Conference on Critical Thinking and
Educational Reform, Sonoma State University, August, 1990.**

**Chairman, Fund drive for the Mabel and Doug McGuire Endowed
Professorship in English, 1991-1992.**