

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Doris Betts Fiction Prize Winners to Read in Charlotte**

David McGuirt (the 2009 Doris Betts Fiction Prize winner) and Malcolm Campbell (the 2008 Winner) will read from their “Betts” stories on Thursday, January 28, at Park Road Books in Charlotte, N.C. at 7:00 p.m. As emcee for the evening, Professor Paula Eckard of the UNC-Charlotte English Department will talk about submitting to the 2010 Betts Prize competition.

Malcolm Campbell is the author of two travel guidebooks and founder of the independent publishing house, Walkabout Press, Inc. A graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill and of Vermont College’s MFA in Writing program, Campbell lives in Charlotte with his wife and three young sons. His story “The Whales Moved On” was selected by fiction writer Tim Gautreaux as the 2008 Betts winner and appeared in the 2009 *North Carolina Literary Review*, which will be available for sale at the bookstore.

David McGuirt’s story “Blind Faith” will appear in the 2010 *NCLR* and was selected by fiction writer Kat Meads. McGuirt also lives in Charlotte with his wife and three children. He is a graduate of Appalachian State University and a past winner of the Garland Keever award for humor writing from UNC-Charlotte.

Doris Betts inspired students for over thirty years as a teacher at UNC-Chapel Hill and is the author of three short story collections and six novels. Her many honors include a Guggenheim Fellowship, the John Dos Passos Prize and the Southern Book Award.

The Doris Betts Fiction Prize is awarded each year by the *North Carolina Literary Review* and the North Carolina Writer’s Network. The submission deadline is February 1.

The winner of the 2010 Doris Betts Fiction Prize will be selected by *NCLR*’s new Fiction Editor, Liza Wieland, author of *A Watch of Nightingales*; *Bombshell*; and *The Names of the Lost*. The recipient of two Pushcart Prizes, Wieland has also published two story collections, *Discovering America* and *You Can Sleep While I Drive*.

The 2010 Betts Prize-winning story and select finalists will be published in the *North Carolina Literary Review*. For more information about *NCLR*, go to: [www.nclr.ecu.edu](http://www.nclr.ecu.edu). And for Betts prize eligibility and submission guidelines, see: [www.newwriters.org](http://www.newwriters.org).

Park Road Books is located at 4139 Park Road in the oldest shopping center in North Carolina and has been voted Charlotte's best bookstore for 22 years in a row.