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9th Annual Dinner with Friends

Saturday, April 9, 2011



Guest Speakers

Roy Blount, Jr. is a humorist, sportswriter, poet, performer, lecturer, dramatist, and writer. He is the author of 21 books including *Alphabet Juice* (2009); *Hail, Hail, Euphoria!: Presenting the Marx Brothers in Duck Soup, the Greatest War Movie Ever Made* (October 2010); and *Long Time Leaving: Dispatches from up South* (2007). Roy's writing has appeared in numerous publications, including *The New Yorker*, *Playboy*, *Vanity Fair*, *GQ*, *Rolling Stone*, and *National Geographic*. His work has also been anthologized in such collections as *The Best of Modern Humor* and many others. He is a panelist on NPR's *Wait, Wait...Don't Tell Me* and the president of the Authors Guild. Raised in Decatur, Georgia, Blount received a Bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt and a Master's degree from Harvard.

Gretchen Holbrook Gerzina is the host of the nationally-syndicated program "The Book Show," on which she interviews every week some of the finest writers working today. She has appeared frequently on British television and radio documentaries. Some of her books include *Mr. and Mrs. Prince: how an extraordinary eighteenth-century family moved out of slavery and into legend* (2009); *A Room of Their Own: the Bloomsbury artists in American collections* (2008); *The Annotated Secret Garden* (2007); *Francis Hodgson Burnett: the unexpected life of the author of The Secret Garden* (2006); and *Black London: Life Before Emancipation* (1995). Gretchen has a Bachelor's degree from Marlboro College, a Master's degree from Simmons College, and a Doctorate from Stanford University. She has been a tenured professor at Vassar College and at Barnard College, Columbia University. She is now the Kathe Tappe Vernon Professor in Biography at Dartmouth College, where she is the first woman ever to chair the English department, and the first African-American woman to chair an Ivy League English department.

Please join us!

Dinner with Friends

Champagne and hors d'oeuvre reception

Live jazz music by UMass Amherst students

Gourmet dinner

Book signing & lively talks by our guest speakers:

Roy Blount, Jr.

Gretchen Holbrook Gerzina

\$140 per person or \$250 for two

(of which \$95 is tax deductible, \$160 for two)

All proceeds will benefit the W.E.B. Du Bois Center

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6:30 p.m., Learning Commons

W.E.B. Du Bois Library

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