



# WHERE WE STAND: VOICES OF SOUTHERN DISSENT

A panel discussion marking the publication of *Where We Stand: Voices of Southern Dissent* (New South Press, 2004) featuring contributing authors:

**John Egerton**, *independent scholar*

**Paul Gaston**, *Professor Emeritus of Southern and Civil Rights History, University of Virginia*

**Gene Nichol**, *Burton Craige Professor of Law, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

**Laughlin McDonald**, *Director, Voting Rights Project, ACLU*

**Susan Ford Wiltshire**, *Classical Studies, Vanderbilt University*

**4:10 p.m., Tuesday, October 5, 2004**

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The Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities and the Center for the Study of Religion and Culture are cosponsoring a panel discussion led by several prominent scholars who have contributed essays to the recently published volume entitled *Where We Stand: Voices of Southern Dissent*, edited by Anthony Dunbar (NewSouth Books, 2004). Panel members will be:

**John Egerton.** Egerton is a prominent independent scholar and author. His essay in the volume is entitled "The Southernization of American Politics." He has written extensively in books and articles about education, race, history, food, and other manifestations of Southern culture. His many volumes include *The Americanization of Dixie: The Southernization of America*; *Speak Now Against the Day: The Generation Before the Civil Rights Movement in the South*; and *Southern Food*.

**Paul M. Gaston.** Gaston is Professor of History Emeritus at the University of Virginia. His contribution to the book is entitled "My Yellow Ribbon Town: Meditation on My Country and My Home." His publications include *The New South Creed: A Study in Southern Mythmaking*, *Women of Fair Hope*; and *Man and Mission: E. B. Gaston and the Origins of the Fairhope Single Tax Colony*. Professor Gaston has also authored numerous articles and book chapters.

**Laughlin McDonald.** McDonald is director of the Voting Rights Project of the ACLU. He has represented minorities in numerous voting and other cases, testified frequently before Congress, and has written extensively for scholarly and popular publications on constitutional and civil liberties issues. His most recent book is *A Voting Rights Odyssey: Black Enfranchisement in Georgia*. "Democracy Cannot Be Exported If It Is Not Secure at Home" is the title of his essay.

**Gene R. Nichol.** Nichol is Burton Craige Professor and Dean at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law where he teaches courses in constitutional law and civil rights. Nichol is the author (with Martin Redish) of *Federal Courts* (second edition, West Publishing) and has published articles on civil liberties and federal judicial power in a wide variety of journals. His essay is entitled "Ignoring Inequality."

**Susan Ford Wiltshire.** Wiltshire is Professor of Classical Studies at Vanderbilt University, and her contribution to the volume is entitled "Standing on the Promises: Absolutes and Imagination in Southern Religion." Her many books include *Public and Private in Vergil's Aeneid*; *Greece, Rome, and the Bill of Rights*; *Athena's Disguises: Mentors in Everyday Life*; and *Seasons of Grief and Grace: A Sister's Story of AIDS*.