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Specialization

Victorian literature; the Bible as literature; poetry

Biography

B.A., Florida State; M.A., Ph.D., Northwestern

Professor Qualls is the author of *The Secular Pilgrims of Victorian Fiction: The Novel as Book of Life* (Cambridge, 1982), and of articles and reviews on 19th-century English literature and on the Bible and its literary impact. Currently, he is the Interim Vice President for Undergraduate Education; in the past he has served as Chair of the English Department, Director of the English Graduate Program, and Dean of Humanities in the School of Arts and Sciences. His particular focus as a member of the Rutgers community has been the ways graduate and undergraduate education should work together constructively in a research university. From 2004 until earlier this year, he chaired the Task Force on Undergraduate Education, a group of faculty, staff, and students appointed by President Richard L. McCormick to thoroughly examine and then reorganize undergraduate education at Rutgers' New Brunswick/Piscataway campus. Professor Qualls was recently named the 2006 New Jersey Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support Education.