

Larry Carlson
English

1993 Distinguished Teaching Award
2002 Distinguished Advising Award



Larry Carlson joined the College of Charleston in 1979 upon earning his Ph.D. in English from Pennsylvania State University. Rising through the ranks to Professor, he received the College of Charleston's Distinguished Teaching Award (1993) and the Distinguished Advising Award (2002); he also received the South Atlantic Association of Departments of English Outstanding Teacher Award (1993). Thrice he was named a South Carolina Governor's Distinguished Professor (1994, 1996, 2002). Dr. Carlson was a finalist for the South Carolina Professor of the Year Award as well as a nominee for the CASE USA Professor of the Year Award. He was a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. A specialist in American literature, Dr. Carlson taught thirty-nine different courses (thirty-three undergraduate, six graduate) and directed over seventy undergraduate and graduate tutorials, master's theses, and bachelor's essays. In recognition of his special individual work with undergraduates, he received an Undergraduate Research Initiative Award (2002) from the College of Charleston. During its six-year summer residency at the College of Charleston (1994-1999), he also taught visiting teachers in the German-American Institute Tübingen.

Dr. Carlson was awarded research grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities (Research Fellowship for College Teachers, Travel to Collections Grant), the American Philosophical Society, and the Southern Regional Education Board. He served as a peer reviewer for the National Endowment for Humanities (Collaborative Research and Scholarly Editions Program; Research Materials Program; Summer Seminars for Teachers Program), Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, University of Tennessee Press, University of Georgia Press, *Prose Studies: History, Theory, and Criticism*, *Nineteenth-Century Studies*, *Christianity and Literature*, and the Ball State University *Forum*. Dr. Carlson's publications have appeared in a variety of journals and books, including *American Literature*, *Studies in the American Renaissance*, *The American Renaissance in New England*, *Lives Out of Letters: Essays on American Literary Biography and Documentation*, *Documentary Editing*, *Emersonian Circles*, *American Literary Magazines: The Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries*, *The Encyclopedia of American Literature*, and *The Encyclopedia of Transcendentalism*. He served as President of the Louisa May Alcott Society from 2008 to 2010.

Dr. Carlson chaired the English Department at the College of Charleston from 2002 through 2007. From its implementation in 1993 to 2002, he directed the M.A. program in English. In addition, from 2001 to 2002 he served as a special assistant to the Provost/Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs to coordinate the innovative teacher-scholar initiative, which led to the establishment of the Distinguished Teacher-Scholar Award.

He retired in 2009 with the title Professor Emeritus.