

Julia L. Eichelberger
English

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Julia Eichelberger joined the College faculty in 1992. She earned a B. A. from Davidson College and an M. A. and PhD. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She teaches a variety of courses, including first-year writing, a survey of American literature, literature of the American South, American poetry since 1945, African American literature, and Charleston writers. She has published *Prophets of Recognition: Ideology and the Individual in Novels by Ellison, Morrison, Bellow, and Welty* (LSU Press, 1999), and articles on other American writers, especially Eudora Welty. Another book, on Eudora Welty's letters, will be published in 2012 by the University Press of Mississippi.

Dr. Eichelberger helped lead the English department's creation of a new first-year writing curriculum and a new program of study for English majors double majoring in secondary education. She was interim director of the M. A. program in English in 2008 and Associate Chair in 2010 and 2011. She has been a Faculty Senator and, from 2002-2005, was Faculty Senate Secretary. Other service includes chairing the Honors, Faculty Welfare, and Academic Planning committees, and service on the President's Advisory committee and the Provost's committee on Planning and Priorities. From 2005 to 2007 she chaired the Ad Hoc Committee on General Education, leading a campus-wide effort to revise the core curriculum. In 2006-2008 she served on the Holman Prize Committee of the Society for the Study of Southern Literature, selecting the year's best book on Southern literature. Locally, she has written and edited programs for Piccolo Spoleto and for Vocal Arts Ensemble concerts at Mepkin Abbey.