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As a scholar and teacher, John David Guillory has recast our understanding of the literary canon, multiculturalism, literary studies as an educational formation, and the recurrent “crisis of the humanities” and thoughtfully explored the turbulent interface where humanist intellectual ambition meets humanists’ political aspirations. His clear thinking, challenging insight, voluminous knowledge, and hard work have illuminated the educational work of the humanities and strengthened the field of English studies and the community of higher education. Silver Professor of English and former chair of English at New York University, he is author of Poetic Authority: Spenser, Milton and Literary History and the groundbreaking Cultural Capital: The Problem of Literary Canon Formation; coeditor of What’s Left of Theory? New Work on the Politics of Theory; and author of influential articles in PMLA, Profession, Critical Inquiry, the ADE Bulletin, and elsewhere. His work has extended our thinking in rich and rewarding ways about that foundational act of our field—reading—and cast a bright light on the acquisition of literacy as an attainment vital for our democratic society. Long a friend to the ADE, John David Guillory has demonstrated commitment to exploring important institutional and disciplinary questions in the context of department administration. His intellectual example is distinguished and indispensable.

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