The Association of Departments of English
presents
the Francis Andrew March Award
to
Paul Lauter
for Distinguished Service to the Profession of English Studies

As a teacher, scholar, and administrator, Paul Lauter has for over half a century stood as an exemplar of the activist intellectual; his service to our profession has also been exceptional service to our nation and to the cause of social justice. Lauter’s groundbreaking scholarship and criticism, his pioneering editorial work, his committed teaching, and his principled administration have conscientiously and compellingly served the larger public good and democratic struggle. His storied career stands as a model of public service. He has taught in freedom schools in Mississippi; in Roosevelt University’s Upward Bound program; as director of the nation’s first community school project at Adams-Morgan in Washington, DC; as a faculty member serving traditionally underrepresented students at SUNY Old Westbury; and at Trinity College, where he is Allan K. and Gwendolyn Miles Smith Professor of English, Emeritus. He was a founding editor of the Feminist Press and of the journal Radical Teacher and the founding general editor of the transformative Heath Anthology of American Literature, which powerfully redirected the field toward a more historicized and inclusive representation of the diverse voices and origins of American literature. Paul Lauter recognizes that a society is transformed through its institutions and their practices, and he has spent his career challenging our profession to change its institutions: to refocus where scholarly attention is paid, to redefine how canons are formed, to expand the venues and avenues for publication, and to revise the nation’s curricula and teaching to better acknowledge and serve the highest ideals of the pluralistic country in which we live. The ADE Executive Committee is delighted to name Paul Lauter the recipient of the twenty-sixth Francis Andrew March Award.

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