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UNH Pulitzer Prize-winning Poet Wins Lindberg Honor

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DURHAM, N.H. , Charles Simic, distinguished professor of English at the University of New Hampshire for nearly 30 years, has won the annual Lindberg Award for his achievements as both an outstanding scholar and teacher in the College of Liberal Arts.

Following tradition, Robert Mair, professor of psychology at UNH, will present his address, "The Origin of Memory: Insights from Amnesia," at the annual Lindberg ceremony Monday, April 22. Mair was the 2001 recipient of the Lindberg Award for his achievements as an outstanding scholar and teacher in the College of Liberal Arts. A reception in room 112 of Murkland Hall will begin at 3 p.m., followed by the address at 3:30 p.m. in Murkland 110. Both the reception and address are free and open to the public.

"Professor Simic's accomplishments have been extraordinary," says Marilyn Hoskin, dean of the college. "He represents the finest traditions of creative activity and dedicated teaching, and we thank him for his contributions to the intellectual life of our community."

Simic has published more than 20 volumes of poetry, three collections of poems, five books of essays and memoirs, a critical study of the artist Joseph Cornell, and 13 works of translation. In addition, he has contributed hundreds of poems and essays to the most widely read literary journals in the country, including *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, *The Paris Review*, *The London Book Review of Books*, *Harpers* and *The New Republic*. His work has brought him an impressive list of national awards, most notably a MacArthur Fellowship, the Pulitzer Prize, the American Academy

of Poets Edgar Allen Poe Award, the PEN prize for translation, two grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, a Guggenheim Fellowship and the Academy of American Poets Fellowship for Distinguished Poetic Achievement.

"Given Professor Simic's astonishing record of publication, one might worry that such productivity had taken a toll on his teaching," says Michael DePorte, chair of UNH's English department. "Nothing could be farther from the truth. During Simic's nearly 30 years at UNH he has been a dedicated, memorably vivid teacher, who, to quote a young poet in one of his workshops, 'opens up new worlds to the students.'"

Janet Aikens, UNH professor of English, notes that "in the spirit of Gary's (Lindberg) combined scholarship and teaching, Simic enables UNH students to discover for themselves why it is that literature, and poetry in particular, is of vital importance to our world today."

The annual Lindberg Award was established by the College of Liberal Arts in 1986 in memory of Professor Gary Lindberg of the Department of English. Professor Lindberg was an exceptional scholar and outstanding teacher whose dedication and service to UNH as well as the wider community exemplified the highest academic standards and ideals.

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