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Department of English Language and Literature Presents Annual Visiting Writer Series

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – The Gardner-Webb University

Department of English Language and Literature will present author

Wiley Cash as part of its annual Visiting Writer Series on April 16 at 7 p.m. The event will be held in Ritch Banquet Hall, located inside Dover Campus Center and is open to the public.

A native of Western North Carolina, Wiley Cash is the author of the New York Times bestseller, “A Land More Kind Than Home,” which was a featured book for Gardner-Webb English I, II and American Literature II classes this semester. Around 350 students have read the fictional work, which is Cash’s first novel. He will discuss elements of the book with students during an afternoon presentation and will be available for an intensive question and answer session. The evening event is open to the entire community and will include a public reading of an excerpt of his novel and give attendees a chance to learn more about Cash, his craft, and the work he is inspired to create.

“The Visiting Writer Series offers students a chance to read a work of contemporary literature as well as the opportunity to meet the author who wrote it,” said Dr. Chris Davis, professor of English at Gardner-Webb. “Their image of a writer as a stodgy, boring person is typically shattered once the room is shared with the living author.”

Cash holds a Bachelor of Arts in Literature from the University of North Carolina-Asheville and a Master of Arts in English from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. He earned a Doctor of English from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette.

In addition to numerous grants and fellowships from the Asheville Area Arts Council, the Thomas Wolfe Society, the MacDowell Colony, and Yaddo, his stories have appeared in *Crab Orchard Review*, *Roanoke Review*, and *The Carolina Quarterly*. His essays on Southern literature have been featured in *American Literary Realism*, *The South Carolina Review*, and other publications.

“This visit will enhance the students’ learning in an active way as they engage Wiley in conversation,” Davis shared. “Hopefully, this experience will sharpen their perspective and give them added knowledge about what it is like to be a professional writer.”

Cash currently teaches fiction and non-fiction writing in the Southern New Hampshire University Low-Residency MFA Program. He and his wife currently live in West Virginia. His father, Roger Wiley Cash, graduated from Gardner-Webb University in 1970.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University blends a liberal arts core curriculum with more than 55 specialized major and minor programs, a comprehensive academic experience grounded in a Christian environment of service, leadership, and intellectual freedom.