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Author Madison Jones to Present Talk at Library

AUBURN – Acclaimed author Madison Jones will give a reading from his new book, *The Adventures of Douglas Bragg*, on Thursday, December 4, 2008, at 2 p.m. in the Special Collections and Archives Department of the Ralph Brown Draughon Library at Auburn University.

Jones, former writer-in-residence at Auburn University, is the award winning author of twelve books, including *Nashville 1864: The Dying of the Light*, which was awarded a Michael Shaara Award for Civil War Fiction from the United States Civil War Center. His new book, *The Adventures of Douglas Bragg*, follows a long tradition of Southern humorists, including Mark Twain, Erskine Caldwell and Harry Crews. A coming-of-age novel, it is, according to reviewer Hugh Ruppensburg, “full of jokes, pranks, shenanigans, tall tales, country music, drug-running morticians, houses of ill repute, hypocritical preachers, communes, and fun.” In addition to membership in the prestigious Fellowship of Southern writers, Jones has held fellowships from the Sewanee Review, Rockefeller Foundation and Guggenheim Foundation. He is also the recipient of the Harper Lee Lifetime Literary Award.

The reading and book signing is sponsored by the Auburn University Libraries, the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities in the College of Liberal Arts and the Auburn University Bookstore. A reception will follow the program, and copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. For more information on the program contact the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center at 334-844-4946 or visit www.auburn.edu/cah.

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