

Emeritus faculty member publishes essays, reviews

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Alfred University Professor of English Emeritus Dr. Benjamin W. Howard has had work published recently in many publications. His essay "Audacious Island," as well as two of his reviews, will appear in the Summer 2007 issue of Sewanee Review. The essay concerns the quality of audacity in contemporary Irish writing as exemplified by such writers as Marina Carr, Sebastian Barry, and Patrick McCabe. The Sewanee Review is America's oldest library quarterly. For more information, please see www.sewanee.edu/sewanee_r.... Also, Howard's review-essay "Explorer of the Wild Mind" appears in the current issue of "Buddhadharma: The Practitioner's Quarterly." The essay discusses "Back on the Fire," a new book of essays by the "eco-poet" and essayist Gary Snyder. An excerpt from his essay, as well as information about Buddhadharma, may be found at www.theBuddhadharma.com/i.... Lastly, Howard's review-essay "A Very Public Hermit" appears in the current issue of Shambhala Sun, a widely read magazine that serves the international Buddhist community. The essay concerns "Echoing Silence: Thomas Merton on the Vocation of Writing." Information about the Shambhala Sun may be found at www.shambhalasun.com. Howard's entire review-essay may be found online at www.shambhalasun.com/inde.... Howard earned a B.A. with highest honors at Drake University, and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Syracuse University. He completed post-doctoral studies in 18th century literature with Ronald Paulson at Johns Hopkins University, and in contemporary poetry with John Hollander at Yale University.