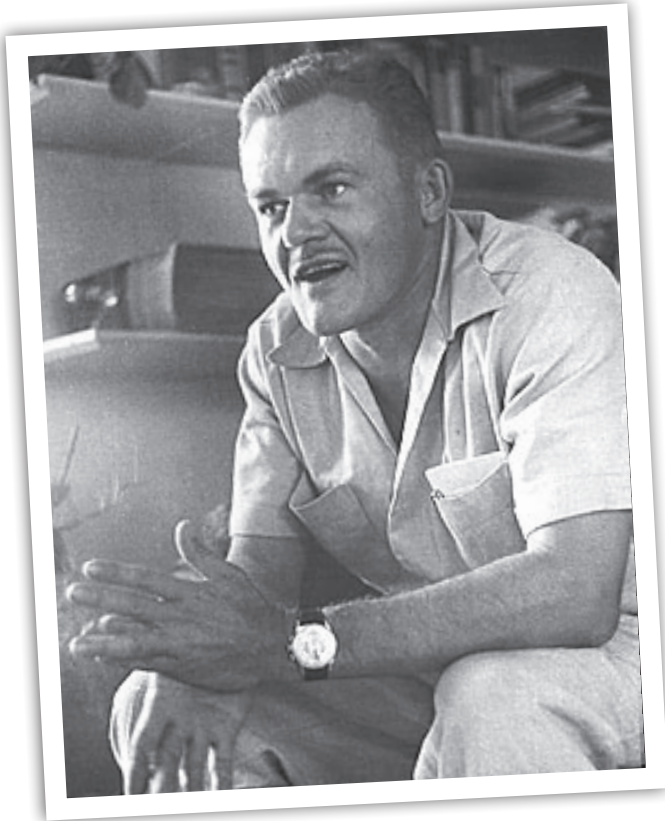


The James Jones Endowed Chair in English and History



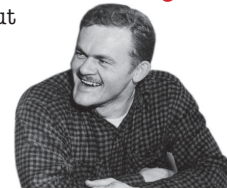
“I am confident the establishment of this endowed chair will be a key moment in the history of the James Jones Literary Society - the day when we began the work of re-awakening academe to the huge significance of Jones’ work.”

: Michael Lennon
editor of the letters of Norman Mailer

“James Jones is one of the few major American novelists to emerge here since the Second World War. He was an immensely talented man, and I think it is a splendid idea to endow a chair in his name at Eastern Illinois University.

He would have grumbled, but I think it would have given him true pleasure.”

: Norman Mailer



“I appreciate ... bringing the [endowed] chair in my father’s name to Eastern Illinois University. I know he’d be quite pleased that his name and his work will help future generations of students understand and appreciate the dark days of World War II.”

: Kaylie Jones



The establishment of a James Jones Chair in World War II Studies in English and History was initiated in 2007 as a collaborative effort of the James Jones Literary Society, the College of Arts and Humanities, and the Departments of English and History at Eastern Illinois University, in Charleston.

Our immediate goal is to raise \$1.5 million to establish the endowed chair, in James Jones’s name, in English and History. Our long term goal is that the endowed chair will provide for courses, lectures, and symposia that will give generations of students insight into the work of James Jones and a knowledge of the war that another longtime friend, the late writer Willie Morris, called “one of the most memorable events of mankind, more catastrophic perhaps than anything in the history of the human race.” Morris also observed that Jones was “the one person to have given us this stunning corpus of work, which will be read, and remembered, and reread 500 years from now.”

To learn more about the James Jones Endowment Chair at Eastern Illinois University or to make a contribution, please contact:

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