

University of Cape Town Summer School Extension

presents a public lecture by Professor David Attwell

Autobiography into fiction: J.M.Coetzee's *Disgrace*

J.M. Coetzee's *Disgrace* has attracted more published literary criticism than any other work in the history of South African literature. Beginning as the story of a distinguished writer who is invited onto a Truth Commission but declines because he is about to be exposed for sexual misconduct, the novel underwent innumerable changes as it became a trenchant account of South Africa's deep psycho-sexual history. Drawing on his research into the manuscript material housed at the Ransom Centre of the University of Texas at Austin, Professor David Attwell will discuss the genesis and development of J.M.Coetzee's Booker prize-winning novel.

Date: Monday 14 July 2014
Time: 18.00-19.00
Venue: LT3, Kramer Building, Middle Campus
Cost*: R75 (full fee); R37 (staff and students); R19 (reduced)
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David Attwell is head of the Department of English at the University of York and an internationally renowned J.M. Coetzee scholar. His critical biography, *J.M. Coetzee and the Life of Writing: Face to Face with Time*, a study of Coetzee's authorship in relation to his life and archived papers, is poised for international release.

