

Preface

This special issue of *Crossroads* is a festschrift for Professor Jacek Wiśniewski. It opens with an introduction in which Professor Wiśniewski recounts how he became a scholar of British and American literature and describes the teachers who influenced and inspired him on his academic path. This volume has been written and compiled because Professor Jacek Wiśniewski, in turn, influenced and inspired many more students, some of whom wrote M.A. and Ph.D. dissertations under his guidance and went on to become scholars of British and American literature themselves. We have gathered five papers written by five people who at different points of time, between late 1980s and the beginning of this millennium had a privilege to write their Ph.D. dissertations under Professor Wiśniewski's supervision. It is their way of saying 'thank you so much for all Your hard work, meticulous corrections, and endless inspirations'.

Grzegorz Moroz

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