

Stanford



Adam Johnson

Phil and Penny Knight Professor of Creative Writing
English

Bio

BIO

Adam Johnson is a Professor of English with emphasis in creative writing at Stanford University. Winner of a Whiting Award and Fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts and the American Academy in Berlin, he is the author of several books, including *Fortune Smiles*, which won the 2015 National Book Award, and the novel *The Orphan Master's Son*, which was awarded the 2013 Pulitzer Prize. His fiction has appeared in *Esquire*, *GQ*, *Playboy*, *Harper's Magazine*, *Granta*, *Tin House* and *The Best American Short Stories*. His work has been translated into more than thirty-five languages.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, English

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Stanford University, (2015- present)
- Associate Professor, Stanford University, (2010-2015)
- Senior Jones Lectureship, Stanford University, (2007-2010)
- Draper Lectureship, Stanford University, (2006-2007)
- Jones Lectureship, Stanford University, (2005-2006)
- Marsh McCall Lectureship, Stanford University, (2004-2005)
- Jones Lectureship, Stanford University, (2001-2004)
- Wallace Stegner Fellowship, Stanford University, (1999-2001)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Holtzbrinck Fellowship, The American Academy in Berlin (2016)
- The Story Prize, Story Prize Foundation (2015)
- National Book Award, National Book Foundation (2015)
- The Sunday Times EFG Short Story Award, The Sunday Times of London (2014)
- Dayton Literary Peace Prize, Dayton Literary Peace Prize Foundation (2013)
- Guggenheim Fellowship, John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation (2013)
- California Book Award, Gold Medal, Commonwealth Club of California. (2013)
- Shortlist, IMPAC Dublin Literary Award (2013)
- Longlist, American Library Association Andrew Carnegie Award (2013)
- Finalist, PEN Center USA Fiction Award (2013)

- Pulitzer Prize, Columbia University (2013)
- Finalist, National Book Critics Circle Award (2013)
- Book of the Year, Northern California Independent Booksellers Association (2013)
- Finalist, Northern California Book Award (2013)
- Gina Berriault Literary Award, San Francisco State University. (2011)
- Fellowship, National Endowment for the Arts (2010)
- Whiting Writers' Award, Whiting Foundation (2009)
- Best American Short Stories, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (2009)
- California Book Award, Silver Medal, The Commonwealth Club of California. (2004)
- Discover Great New Writers Award, Barnes & Noble, Inc. (2003)
- Young Lion's Award Finalist, New York Public Library (2002)
- Debut Writer of the Year, Amazon.com (2002)
- Distinguished Dissertation Award, Florida State University (2001)
- Dean's Fiction Prize, Florida State University (2001)
- Sewanee Scholarship, University of the South (2000)
- Kingsbury Fellowship, Florida State University (1997)
- Kingsbury Fellowship, Florida State University (1999)
- Wallace Stegner Fellowship, Stanford University (1999)
- Breadloaf Scholarship, Middlebury College (1999)
- Glendon B. Swarthout Prize for New Fiction, Arizona State University (1992)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- B.A, Arizona State University , Journalism (1992)
- M.A, McNeese State University , English (1996)
- M.F.A, McNeese State University , Creative Writing, Fiction (1996)
- Ph.D., Florida State University , English (2000)

Teaching

COURSES

2023-24

- Advanced Fiction Writing: ENGLISH 290 (Win)
- Graduate Fiction Workshop: ENGLISH 390 (Aut)
- Quantum Narratives: ENGLISH 190QN (Win)

2022-23

- Advanced Fiction Writing: ENGLISH 290 (Spr)
- Graduate Fiction Workshop: ENGLISH 390 (Aut)
- Quantum Narratives: Writing Fiction about Science, Philosophy and Human Experience in the Quantum Age: ENGLISH 90QN (Spr)

2021-22

- Advanced Fiction Writing: ENGLISH 290 (Win)
- Graduate Fiction Workshop: ENGLISH 390 (Aut)

- Stories Everywhere: THINK 49 (Aut)

2020-21

- Advanced Fiction Writing: ENGLISH 290 (Win)
- Graduate Fiction Workshop: ENGLISH 390 (Aut)
- Stories Everywhere: THINK 49 (Aut)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Fortune Smiles**
Johnson, A.
Random House.2015
- **The Orphan Master's Son**
Johnson, A.
Random House.2012
- **Parasites Like Us**
Johnson, A.
Viking.2003
- **Emporium**
Johnson, A.
Viking.2002