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## Georgia Southern professor publishes crime novel

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In July, creative writing professor Tony Morris, Ph.D., released his debut novel, *Deep River Blues*, a regional crime thriller set in the Appalachian Mountain region of Eastern Tennessee.

“With the perception of a poet and the knack of a novelist, Tony Morris joins the ranks of some of the finest crime fiction writers,” wrote acclaimed mystery writer Craig Johnson. “In turn, part James Lee Burke, Tennessee Williams and William Faulkner, *Deep River Blues* will pull you under and have you gasping for breath.”

Morris is also the associate editor of *Southern Poetry Review* and director of the Ossabaw Island Writers’ Retreat. He has published four books of poetry, and has earned the Louisiana Literature Poetry Prize and the Tennessee Writers Alliance Poetry Award. In addition, Morris has been nominated for the

Pushcart Prize three times.