

# Friends of Houston Cole Library presents Tom Franklin



Author Tom Franklin, Alabama born and now a resident of Oxford, Mississippi and teacher in the MFA program at the University of Mississippi, will speak on Tuesday evening, October 30, 2007, as the Friends of the Houston Cole Library's fall event.

Franklin is not a stranger to JSU. He has appeared twice at On the Brink, the February literary festival featuring emerging writers of the South. His novel, *Hell at the Breech*, draws inspiration from the nonfiction account, *The Mitcham War of Clark County, Alabama*, authored by the head of the Department of History and Foreign Languages, Harvey Jackson III, in collaboration with Joyce White Burrage and James A. Cox. Franklin is married to poet Beth Ann Fennelly who has also appeared as an On the Brink writer.

Currently in print (and available at the event for purchase and signing) are his three volumes, the story collection, *Poachers*, and the novels, *Hell at the Breech* (2003) and *Smonk* (published in 2006). The title story in *Poachers* won the 1999 Edgar Award, and the collection was named a Best First Book of Fiction by *Esquire*. Franklin was awarded a 2001 Guggenheim Fellowship.