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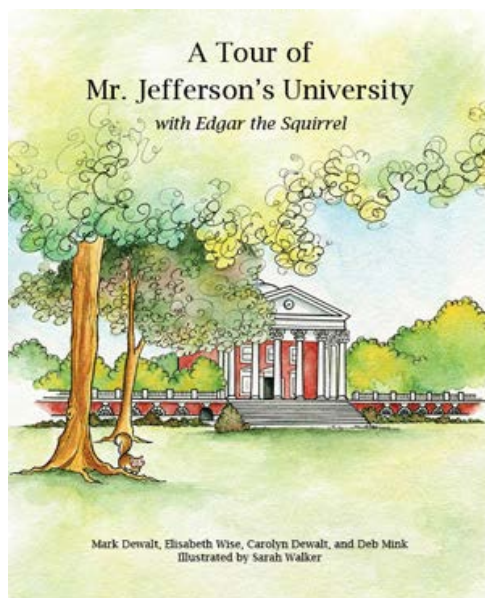
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Quick Facts

- A “Meet the Authors & Illustrator and Book Signing” will be held on Nov. 7 from 4:30 – 6 p.m. at the Winthrop University Bookstore in the DiGiorgio Campus Center.
- The story involves a tour of the University of Virginia through the eyes of a gregarious Northern Gray Squirrel. The bushy-tailed entertainer/scholar provides plenty of historical detail and fascinating facts about the higher education institution conceived and designed by U.S. President Thomas Jefferson.



ROCK HILL, S.C. – Two [Richard W. Riley College of Education](#) professors teamed with two educators and an illustrator to create a new book, “[A Tour of Mr. Jefferson’s University with Edgar the Squirrel.](#)”

A “[Meet the Authors & Illustrator and Book Signing](#)” will be held on Thursday, Nov. 7 from 4:30 – 6 p.m. at the Winthrop University Bookstore in the [DiGiorgio Campus Center.](#)

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Designed for elementary-age children, the book contains instructional activities and beautiful illustrations about the revered institution.

A portion of the book sale proceeds will benefit the [Thomas Jefferson Society](#) for the Preservation of the Lawn.

The book was written and designed by:

- [Mark Dewalt](#), professor of educational research at Winthrop’s College of Education. His other children’s books are the “Life and Times of Abe Lincoln” (2008 and now in second printing, 2010), “Life and Times of Thomas Jefferson” (2010) and “South Carolina People and Places” (2011). The Thomas Jefferson book was among the top 10 in sales at the University of Virginia’s bookstore in 2010. An expert on one-room schoolhouses in the United States, the Reading, Pa., native has written a book about Amish education in the U.S. and Canada.

- [Deb Mink](#), director of student academic services and associate professor at Winthrop’s College of Education and native of Kolona, Iowa.

- [Carolyn Dewalt](#), assistant principal at Gardner Park Elementary School, Gastonia, N.C. Married to Mark Dewalt, Carolyn and her husband are both University of Virginia graduates. This is the Colonial Heights, Va., native’s first book.

• **Elisabeth Wise Skolny**, English teacher at Scot High School in Madison, West Va. She was the co-author of “South Carolina People and Places.” The Clover, S.C., native earned a bachelor’s degree (2003) and master’s degree in teaching in English (2012), both at Winthrop.

Sarah Walker, the book illustrator, is an art teacher at Washington Elementary School in Shelby, N.C., and East Elementary School in Kings Mountain, N.C. The Blacksburg, S.C., resident is a 2013 graduate of Winthrop with a master’s degree in teaching in art. Walker earned her undergraduate degree at the Savannah College of Art and Design. She previously illustrated the book, “Where in Outer Space is the NICU?” (2011), and wrote and illustrated the book, “Bo Peep’s Sheep” (2010).

“**A Tour of Mr. Jefferson’s University with Edgar the Squirrel**” can be ordered by calling 704/860-8391. Follow Edgar the Squirrel on Twitter: [EdgarDSquirrel](#)

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