

## **\$500,000 Anonymous Gift To Turchin Center And Two Professor Honored**

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And, Creative Writing Professor Joseph Bathanti has won the 2006 Spokane Prize for Short Fiction. His collection of short stories was selected from more than 500 entries and will be published this fall by Eastern Washington University Press. Bathanti, who is co-director of the school's visiting writer's series, has also received the Carolina Novel Award, the Novello Literary Award, and been nominated for Pushcart prizes in both short fiction and creative non-fiction.