

Carter Revard

Carter Revard was born in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. He is patrilineally Osage and in 1952 was given his Osage name, *Nom-peh-wah-the*, by his grandmother. He grew up in the Buck Creek Valley where he worked in the hay and harvest fields, trained greyhounds, and graduated from Buck Creek School, which had one room for eight grades. He graduated from Bartlesville College High by winning a radio quiz scholarship to the University of Tulsa, where he earned a B.A. in 1952. He then received a B.A. from Oxford University with the help of a Rhodes Scholarship. In 1959 Revard received his doctorate from Yale University. Revard has taught at Amherst College, Washington University in St. Louis, and as visiting professor at the University of Tulsa and the University of Oklahoma.

His scholarly work has been medieval English literature (manuscripts, patrons, social contexts), linguistics, and American Indian literature. Two collections of his poems (*Ponca War Dancers* (1980), *Cowboys and Indians Christmas Shopping* (1992)) have been published by Point Riders Press in Oklahoma. *An Eagle Nation* and *Family Matters, Tribal Affairs* have been published by the University of Arizona Press. His poetry, stories and essays have appeared in numerous literary journals and anthologies. He belongs to the Modern Language Association, the American Indian Center of St. Louis, the Association for Studies in American Indian Literature, the River Styx Literary Organization, the Association of American Rhodes Scholars, the University of Tulsa Board of Visitors, the St. Louis Gourd Dancers and Phi Beta Kappa. *Family Matters, Tribal Affairs* won the 2000 Wordcraft Circle Writer of the Year (Prose –

Autobiography) and was a finalist for the Oklahoma Book Award for Non-Fiction. *An Eagle Nation* won the Oklahoma Book Award for Poetry.