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Michael Montgomery,  
a linguist's linguist and a true southern gentleman,  
whose work continues to shape the course of the  
study of Southern English

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