



Assembly on Literature for Adolescents of the NCTE

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## **ALAN Online News: Our New Executive Director**

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### **Welcome to the new Executive Director of ALAN: Dr. Mark Letcher!**



The ALAN Executive Director Search Committee is thrilled to have selected the newest executive director of ALAN, Mark Letcher.

Mark Letcher is an Associate Professor of English Education at Lewis University, where he directs the English Language Arts Teaching program and teaches courses ranging from freshman composition to young adult literature. He has been an active ALAN member since 2004, has served on a number of ALAN committees, and chaired the Amelia Elizabeth Walden Award Committee (2015-16). He served as ALAN President during the 2018 workshop in Houston, TX.

Outgoing ALAN executive director, the indomitable Jim Blasingame, will mentor Mark until January 2021 when Letcher will officially take over the responsibilities of the ED. Jim has been a loyal, dedicated, and highly amusing ED and we thank him for his service to ALAN.

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