

## The Class of 1995 Selects... Rebecca West (Class of 1964)



A professor of Italian and chair of the Romance languages and literatures department at the University of Chicago, Rebecca West is a recognized specialist in 20th century Italian literature and culture. She has worked on Italian film studies and medieval Italian literature.

Her book, "Eugenio Montale: Poet on the Edge," received an award in 1981 from the Modern Language Association as the best book on an Italian topic. West earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in French and Italian from the University of Pittsburgh in 1968 and her master and doctor of philosophy degrees from Yale University. She joined the University of Chicago faculty in 1973 as an instructor in Italian and French.

While a student at Butler High School, West was active in school music and drama groups and a member of the senior queen's court. The Class of 1964 voted her the most musical, outstanding language student and outstanding

writer.