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## The Unlikely Origin of *Chess for Dummies*

James Eade, American chess master, chess tournament organizer and author is the 2016 recipient of the UT Dallas Chess Educator of the Year Award.

A former chairman of the chess advisory board for UT Dallas, Eade has written several books including *Chess for Dummies*, which is widely considered one of the best-selling chess books of all time. He has been the editor of two chess journals and is a former president of the Chess Journalists of America (CJA). Currently, he is the president of the U.S. Chess Trust.

Eade was also instrumental in organizing a number of international chess tournaments for the World Chess Federation (FIDE). As a player, he is considered a solid master with a FIDE ranking of 2320.

The awards reception is scheduled for 6:15p.m., February 23 in the Eugene McDermott Suite. A light buffet will be provided. In addition to receiving the award, Eade will discuss “The Making of a Chess Reference Book.”

The awards ceremony is an integral part of ChessFest, an annual celebration of chess organized by UT Dallas’ [Eugene McDermott Library](#) and the renowned [UT Dallas Chess Program](#).

The event is open to the public. The awards ceremony lasts from 7p.m. - 8p.m. To attend, please RSVP to [james.stallings@utdallas.edu](mailto:james.stallings@utdallas.edu).



Jim Eade became a United States Chess Federation chess master in 1981 and holds the title of FIDE Master. Today he writes about and teaches chess.



### “Blindfold Chess” to be held in McDermott Library

UT Dallas students have a chance to go against some of the best chess players in the world. UTD Grandmasters Denis Kadric from Bosnia-Herzegovina and David Berczes from Hungary are playing games of giant chess in Eugene McDermott Library’s lobby on Feb. 24. During the games, the Grandmasters will either sit with their backs to the board or be blindfolded, making it impossible to see the position of the pieces or touch them. The event takes place from noon to 2p.m. This event is free to the public.

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