

Hollins News Flash - March 2009

Happy Spring!



Campus



Wyndham Robertson Library Honored by American Library Association

[The Wyndham Robertson Library](#) at Hollins has received the 2009 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award in the college category from the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), a division of the

American Library Association.

The library staff impressed the selection committee with its "can do" attitude that has resulted in many innovative and creative programs. "The library's 'green' program, an emphasis in the university's strategic plan, displays forward thinking - far ahead of the curve both in content and partnership with the student body," said Pamela Snelson, chair of the Selection Committee. "The campus dining hall bookmobile program is one that members of the selection committee are eager to emulate at their libraries."

"Receiving an Excellence in Academic Libraries Award is a national tribute to a library and its staff for the outstanding services, programs and leadership they provide to their students, administrators, faculty and community," said ACRL Executive Director Mary Ellen K. Davis.

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Alumnae: You Can Help a Senior Find a Job

The Class of 2009 is facing an unprecedented challenge: finding a job in this dismal economy.

YOU can help!

If you have an opening at your workplace or know of job openings in your area, please send

- your name, e-mail address,
- and the job information (title, qualifications, application instructions)
- to Hollins at alumnae@hollins.edu.

We'll post alumnae job openings to our seniors this spring.

Thank you in advance for your support of our excellent senior class, soon to be our newest alumnae!



[Slideshow from Short Term 2009](#)

[Slideshow from Founder's Day 2009](#)



Hollinsummer for High School Girls: July 12-24, 2009

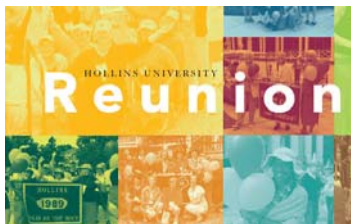
Do you have a daughter, niece, granddaughter, or babysitter who would love to spend a few weeks living and learning at Hollins?

[Hollinsummer is a two-week program](#) that gives high school girls a taste of college life. Students take two noncredit classes, live on campus with girls from all over the country, and enjoy a full roster of extracurricular activities.

>> [Learn More](#)

Links of Interest

Alumnae/i



[Reunion 2009 is on the Web: Riders Welcome](#)

This **May 29-31, 2009**, Hollins invites alumnae in class years ending in 4 and 9 and the class of 2007 back to campus! Reunion this year will feature a special celebration of the riding program - all riding program alumnae are invited to attend.

Highlights:

- **Celebrating 50 years of Riding** in the Guy Burkholder Era 1959-2009: All riding alumnae, regardless of class year, are invited to attend the riding reunion with a special Reunion package.
- **Exhibit and talk by painter Mary Page Evans '59:** *From Nature* features paintings and works on paper focusing on the elements of nature.
- **Behind the Doors Art Tour:** A backstage art tour begins at Hollins' own Eleanor D. Wilson Museum and continues with Roanoke's museums and galleries, including the new Taubman Museum.
- **Women Who Have Gone Places:** A panel of

distinguished alumnae from the 1930s to the 2000s discuss how Hollins shaped their success.

- **Looking Abroad: The 35th Anniversary of Hollins Abroad-London:** Enjoy high tea on Saturday afternoon.
- **Batten Leadership Workshop:** plan on experiencing a mix of insight building and consciousness raising. Designed for those in the early to mid stages of building a career or with children at home.

Visit these sites for more information:

- [Reunion home page](#)
- [Schedule of Events](#)
- [Register Online for a Package](#)
- [Class Giving Updates](#)

Recent Alumnae Accomplishments



The short story, "Magic Words" written by **Jill McCorkle M.A. '81**, has been chosen for inclusion in *Best American Short Stories 2009* and also has been selected for *New Stories from the South: The Year's Best, 2009*. It was also chosen as one of the top five stories of the Best of the Net in 2008. "Magic Words" is from her new story collection, *Going Away Shoes*.

During the 2008 election campaign and continuing through our nation's recent leadership transition, several Hollins women played key roles:

- At his final news conference, President George W. Bush took his last question from ABC White House correspondent **Ann Compton '69**;
- **Ellen Malcolm '69**, founder of EMILY's List, raised substantial sums for Democratic women candidates;
- **Suzy Allen Redpath '69** produced CBS News' inauguration special;
- and **Cynthia Hale '75** helped lead the Inauguration Interfaith Prayer Service at Washington's National Cathedral. Hale was the convocation speaker at Founder's Day this February and was featured [in an article in the Roanoke Times](#).

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Quad Quote

"It's a reality we define ourselves by our work. I define myself as being part of Hollins. I really have loved my job, truly."

- Recently retired director of the Career Center, Tina Rolan

In February 2009, **Jamilyn Cole '00** left North Carolina for Uganda, where she will be living for the next 6-12 months working for the UNITE project of the North Carolina Zoo, as a conservation education trainer. Jamilyn is living in the small village of Bigodi, Uganda which is on the perimeter of Kibale National Forest. She provides training and materials to teachers in eight schools that border the National Forest, to aid them in the development of environmental and conservation curricula and activities. You can follow Jamilyn's adventures on her blog: www.jamilyncole.com.



Distinguished Alumnae Awards



Blanche Capel '68, a highly regarded researcher and professor of cell biology at Duke University, received Hollins' Distinguished Alumnae Award on January 30, 2009. She is known for her work testing the role of SRY, the Y-linked male sex-determining gene, in the organogenesis of the testis. Her laboratory research team discovered a previously unknown mechanism in the formation of blood vessels that may help scientists better understand how a tumor rallies a blood supply to

its aid. Earlier in March she was be a panelist for Hollins' [2009 Conference on Role Models for a New Century: Women and Leadership in Science and Mathematics](#).

Lyda Hill '64, a business woman, volunteer, philanthropist, and environmentalist, was presented with the Distinguished Alumnae Award on March 10, 2009. Three years after graduating from Hollins, she started her own travel company and turned it into the largest travel agency in Texas. From there she managed other family owned businesses, including Colorado Springs' Seven Falls. Hill is a savvy business and community leader and fundraiser whose vision and hard work have benefitted numerous educational, medical, environmental, and cultural organizations in Texas and Colorado.



All distinguished alumnae - both degreed and non-degreed - are eligible to receive the Distinguished Alumnae Award. Anyone may nominate a distinguished alumna by printing out [the nomination form](#) (PDF) on the alumnae Web site and sending it to Alumnae Relations, Hollins University, P.O. Box 9629, Roanoke, VA 24020.



The Hollins Campaign for Women Who Are Going Places

The largest fundraising campaign in Hollins' history ~ [Learn how you can make an impact on Hollins' future](#)

JOB OPENING:

[DIRECTOR OF CAREER CENTER](#)

If you or someone you know is qualified for this position, please

Students / Faculty

Faculty and Staff Retiring



Nancy Healy, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, joined the Hollins faculty in 1983 and has taught undergraduate and graduate courses in computer science. During the 1980s she was director of the Computer FUNdamentals Camp at Hollins, and in the '90s was coordinator for the Horizon and commuter student programs as well as Pinnacle, a national honor society for non-traditional students. She is a founding member of the Virginia Society for Technology Educators and co-authored two books: *Computer Fundamentals* and *Learning About Computers*. She holds a master of science in liberal arts degree from Hollins.



Jan Knipe, Professor of Art, joined the Hollins faculty in 1987 and has taught beginning and advanced drawing and senior project courses for undergraduate students in the studio art program as well as design courses for non-majors. In addition, she is a working artist whose work has been presented in a number of one person shows and regionally and nationally competitive exhibitions. Her work is also in numerous private and public collections. She received the Hollins University Distinguished Service Award in 2000 and a Fellowship Award from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in 2000-2001.



Tom Mesner has been employed at Hollins since 1982, most recently as Registrar. He started his career at Hollins working in the library in circulation and reference before becoming a part of academic administration. Prior to his current position, he served as Associate Dean for Student Academic Affairs and Assistant Dean for Academic Administration. He also is an alumnus of Hollins, earning an M.A. in English in 1981. He taught a course in Asian history each fall and spring semester in addition to his administrative duties. Tom is married to Jeanne Larsen in the English department.



Vince Rewekant, who is retiring June 30, has been a custodian at Hollins since 1984. He was also the Buildings Department truck driver for 10 years. He has worked in all buildings on campus, but those buildings assigned to him over the years include the Art Annex, Botetourt Hall, the laundromat, Pleasants Hall, Rathaus, the Riding Center, the Theatre, Turner Hall, and the Richard

see application information listed on the job opening web page.

Hollins University is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Director of the Career Center....

> [Read full job description and application instructions](#)

Wetherill Visual Arts Center second and third floors. Vince received the Roberta A. Stewart Service Award in 2003.



Tina Rolen became a member of the Career Center staff in 1992 and served as assistant director until 1995, when she became associate director. She was named director in 2004 and served in that capacity until her retirement on February 28. A recipient of the Distinguished Service Award in 1999, she has had a profound impact on the lives of countless Hollins women

with the guidance she has provided over the years on internships, graduate schools, future careers, and improving personal skills in everything from writing resumes to preparing for job interviews. Hollins is proud to announce that the Alumnae Association Board recently voted unanimously to make Tina an Honorary Hollins Alumna.

Hollins Fellow Featured in PBS Documentary

Lawrence Becker, a Fellow of Hollins University and a polio survivor, is among the interviewees in *The Polio Crusade*, a new one-hour documentary that was shown on PBS's American Experience on February 2. Based in part on the Pulitzer Prize-winning book *Polio: An American Story* by David Oshinsky, *The Polio Crusade* blends the personal accounts of polio survivors with the story of New York lawyer Basil O'Connor, who rallied the American public to fight a war against polio through the establishment of the March of Dimes. Becker teaches philosophy occasionally in the M.A.L.S. program. He taught philosophy full-time at Hollins from 1965-1989. The documentary can be viewed online here: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/polio/>



Fellowships for Student and Professor



Junior **Tiffany Robinette**, a studio art and psychology major, has been awarded a grant of artistic merit by the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, one of only 13

winners out of 150 applicants. In addition, **Professor of Art Bob Sulkin** has been awarded a Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Fellowship for 2009-10. He was one of 14 professional artists to be honored this year, and was recognized by the Virginia General Assembly.

Madaline F. "Dick" Spickard, Division I secretary who worked at Hollins for 48 years, passed away on January 14. Spickard was the 1995 recipient of the Roberta A. Stewart Service Award, given each year to a deserving staff member. She was beloved by faculty, staff, students, and alumnae.



> [Read a Roanoke Times story about Dick](#)

Funding

1842 Society Weekend in Chicago: September 25-27



Members of the *1842 Society* and *Miss Matty's Circle* are invited to [this year's special weekend September 25-27, 2009, in Chicago.](#)

[Make your 1842 Society or Miss Matty's Circle gift or pledge for 2008-2009](#) and join President Nancy Oliver

Gray and the Hollins Trustees in Chicago for an exclusive weekend just for our closest friends. Tour the Art Institute of Chicago, enjoy an architecture river cruise along soaring towers, and much more. Make your hotel reservations early!

>> [Online Photo Gallery from the 2008 weekend in Washington, D.C.](#)

>> [Learn more about the 1842 Society](#)

The Perfect Present for Polly



Men casting about for the perfect gift for their wives would do well to consult Bob Garbee. Garbee landed on the perfect 50th reunion gift for his wife, **Mary "Polly" Barksdale Garbee '59**, when he called the Hollins development office and asked to speak to Diane Markert, director of planned giving, about [a Charitable Gift Annuity \(CGA\).](#)

He had no doubt about Polly's dedication to her alma mater. She had established a scholarship in honor of her father, Judge Alfred Dickinson Barksdale, who served on the Hollins Board of Trustees for

more than thirty years. Polly was also the force behind two other scholarships recognizing favorite Hollins professors Stuart Degginger and Marguerite Prinnet.

To the Garbees, [the Charitable Gift Annuity](#) had great appeal because it would provide Bob with income, benefit Hollins, and make Polly happy because he designated the gift for the Marguerite Prinnet Abroad Scholarship. In this time of economic uncertainty, Bob's gift will provide him with a guaranteed lifetime income. Garbee also received a tax deduction and was able to spread capital gains taxes on appreciated stock over a period of five years. The annuity passes to Hollins upon Garbee's death.

> For information on the benefits of a Charitable Gift Annuity, contact Diane Markert at 540-362-6659 or dmarkert@hollins.edu.

> [Visit our Planned Giving Web site](#)

Annual Report on Giving is Online

[The 2007-2008 Annual Report on Giving is online](#) (PDF). This report recognizes gifts made to Hollins from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. We're very grateful to all of our donors who generously support Hollins. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Tuggle Anderson '98 at LTAnderson@hollins.edu.



Upcoming Events

[Alumnae Events](#)



- April 1: Greenville**
- April 2: Roanoke**
- April 2: Atlanta**
- April 11: Richmond Easter Egg Hunt**
- April 21: Birmingham 50s, 60s, 70s Lunch**
- April 22: Birmingham 80s, 90s, 00s Lunch**
- April 23: Montgomery**

April 26: Philadelphia

April 30: Richmond
May 20: Charlottesville
May 21: Norfolk
May 29-31, 2009: REUNION
June 3: Chicago



Campus Events Calendar

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- [Athletics Calendar](#)
- [English Department Readings](#)
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