

Hollins News Flash - December 2010

Campus



Hollins Professors Ranked in Top 25 Nationally

An education think tank has named Hollins among the "25 Colleges with the Best Professors." The Center for College Affordability and Productivity ranked Hollins among the best in the nation, according to a report by CBSMoneyWatch.com. Hollins joins such prestigious institutions as the U.S. Military

Academy, Wellesley College, Carleton College, and Bryn Mawr College in the rankings.

Congratulations to our faculty on this well-deserved recognition!

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Hankla Named Director of Jackson Center

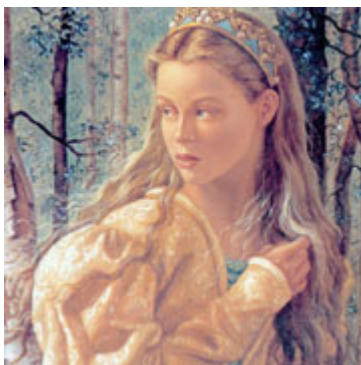


Professor of English Cathryn Hankla

'80, M.A. '82 has been appointed director of the Jackson Center for Creative Writing, home to Hollins' undergraduate and graduate writing programs. While the graduate program has existed for more than fifty years and Hollins has offered classes in creative writing for even longer, the Jackson Center was initiated in 2008 through a \$5 million commitment from Susan Gager Jackson '68 and her husband, John, through the Liana Foundation. When fully implemented in 2012, the Jackson gift will also endow graduate and undergraduate fellowships and scholarships.

[More about the Jackson Center](#)

New Illustration Certificate in Children's Literature



Detail from *The Silver Wood* by Ruth Sanderson (from the book *The Twelve Dancing Princesses*)

Starting summer 2011, Hollins will offer a [graduate level certificate in children's book illustration](#). The goal of this program is to help artists develop a personal vision and style for tomorrow's picture book market. Closely associated with Hollins' longstanding graduate program in the study and writing of children's books, this new program is taught by noted illustrators, including core faculty Ruth Sanderson and Ashley Wolff.

[Conference](#), June 23-25.

Save the Dates: Hollins will host the [2011 Children's Literature Association](#)

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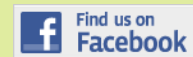
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Students / Faculty

NEA Fellowship for English Professor

Congratulations to Assistant Professor of English Thorpe Moeckel, who has been honored with a Creative Writing Fellowship in poetry from the National Endowment for the Arts. The fellowships encourage the production of new works of literature by allowing writers the time and means to write; Moeckel is one of only 42 poets chosen this year from more than 1,000 eligible applicants to receive a \$25,000 award.



[Read more](#)

Identical Quadruplets Attend Hollins



Photo by Sam Dean, Roanoke Times

[Public Radio](#) (audio file).

A set of rare identical quadruplets - Mackenzie, Meredith, Stephanie, and Jessica Jackson - are first year students at Hollins.

The Jacksons, whose parents serve on Hollins' Parents Council, have been profiled by the [Roanoke Times](#) and [WVTF](#)

Quad Quote

"We had some dark moments on November 4 and the days following: there was loss, sacrifice, and weariness. Yet I am full of joy for the spirit that is in Hollins. Many acts of kindness, generosity, and unselfishness combined with good humor and hard work inspired all of us."

- Hollins President Paula Brownlee after the flood of 1985 devastated campus and the Roanoke community.

In remembrance of the 25th anniversary of the flood, Hollins posted a [photo gallery on Facebook](#).

Student and Faculty Highlights

- In September, **Assistant Professor of Communication Studies Vladimir Bratic** joined 1,000 academics, activists, war survivors, and students from around the world on an ocean cruise from Spain to Morocco aboard the Peace Boat, a chartered passenger ship operated by a Japan-based NGO dedicated to promoting peace and human rights. Peace Boat is part of a network of NGOs worldwide called the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC). Bratic is a core member of GPPAC's media advisory group, which develops strategies for working through the media to achieve peace and the prevention of violent conflict. > [Read more...](#)
- **Professor of Music Judith Cline** will be presenting a lecture/recital on the songs of John Jacob Niles, a Kentucky composer, arranged for voice and guitar, at *The Phenomenon of Singing International Symposium VIII* in St. John's, Newfoundland, in the summer of 2011. The symposium is the introductory component to Festival 500, a major international choral festival.
- **Tennis coach Leslie Bernard** and her husband and two sons have been named Family of the Year by the United States Tennis Association (USTA) - Virginia. Bernard has coached at Hollins since 1997 and is a past recipient of Coach of the Year honors from the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC). Last season, she guided the Hollins tennis team to a second-place finish in the ODAC. An active member of the board of the Roanoke Valley

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Tennis Association, Bernard also serves as director of the Roanoke Valley Invitational Tennis Tournament. Bernard's husband, John, and sons, ten-year-old J.B. and seven-year-old Alexander, are accomplished tennis players.

> Read more [student accomplishments](#) and [faculty highlights](#)

Alumnae/i

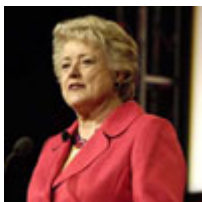
Alumnae/i Highlights



Margaret S. "Tog" Newman '58 received the North Carolina Award, the highest civilian honor the state bestows, on Oct. 7, 2010. Newman currently serves as the chair of the statewide board of directors of the N.C. Center for Nonprofits. Newman chaired the N.C. Arts Council in 1993-2005 and continues to serve on the board as trustee emeritus. She is also past president and a board member of the Southern Arts Federation, a regional organization working in partnership with the state arts agencies of nine southeastern states.

Pamela J.H. Slutz '70, a career Foreign Service officer and current U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi, was presented with the Distinguished Alumnae Award on October 19, 2010. Slutz was formerly U.S. Ambassador to Mongolia. She has also served as Deputy Director of the American Institute in Taiwan, chief of the political section in Jakarta, director of the Office of Regional and Security Policy in the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, and deputy director of the Office of Chinese and Mongolian Affairs.

> [Read more](#)



Ellen R. Malcolm '69 has been appointed to the board of directors of the National Park Foundation, the official charity of America's national parks. Malcolm is chair of the board of EMILY's List, an organization to elect Democratic women to office, which she founded in 1985 and lead for 25 years.

> Read more [alumnae accomplishments](#)

Order Cheese Straws: Great Holiday Gift



Do you love the tangy crunch of southern style cheese straws? Are you an alumna, parent, or friend of Hollins? If you answered "Yes," then we know you'll be excited that this Hollins fundraiser is now available nationwide!

The Richmond Alumnae Chapter, in partnership with Carriage House Products, is delighted to offer cheese straws - plus a wide range of delicious products - for a discounted price to Hollins alumnae, parents, and friends anywhere in the U.S. A portion of the proceeds from the chapter's sales has been donated to the Virginia Lee Cox Blakely Scholarship at Hollins,



Scatter Garden

Hollins now has a special place on campus for the scattering of cremated remains. Located behind the meditation chapel of duPont Chapel, the scatter garden is isolated and provides a serene place in which to remember a loved one.

The space is enclosed with a low fence and plantings and is not far from the lovely Beale Garden. The name of the deceased with dates of birth and death is placed on a memorial plaque within the garden space. A scattering fee of \$200 will be charged in the form of a tax-deductible gift to Hollins in the name of the decedent.

Contact Jan Fuller '78, university chaplain, at (540) 362-6665 or jfuller@hollins.edu to make arrangements before the scattering takes place.

Links

[Alumnae Web site](#)

[Online Update Form](#)

which is a need-based scholarship for students from the Richmond area.

- 10% discount off all products ordered online or over the phone, exclusively for Hollins alumnae and family
- Easy shipping
- Perfect for holiday parties and gifts
- [Learn more and order online](#)

[Online Alumnae/Directory](#)

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Reunion 2011: June 3-5, 2011

save the date

Reunion June 3-5, 2011 Hollins University

Reunion 2011 will celebrate **all classes ending in 1 or 6 and the class of 2009** - but remember, the entire Hollins family, regardless of class year, is invited to return and bring their families. Various packages and pricing options will be available, but plan to arrive on Thursday, June 2, to explore all the Roanoke Valley has to offer and enjoy expanded Alumnae College offerings.

- Visit the [Reunion Web site](#)
- Contact your [Reunion Chair](#)
- Visit your [class Web site](#)

Funding

Alumna Gift Renovates Guest Cottage



Thanks to a generous gift from an anonymous alumna, Hollins is renovating the Robbie Hunt Burton Alumnae Cottage with hopes of earning certification by the U.S. Green Building Council under their Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building program. If

successful, the Alumnae Cottage, built in 1905, will become Hollins' first LEED certified building.

The cottage, which has been in dire need of repairs for several years, will feature the first geo-thermal heating and cooling system on campus, low-maintenance building materials, many with recycled content, and high-energy efficient appliances.

Interior design will put the Alumnae Cottage on par with [Barbee](#), providing additional guest housing during the academic year and much needed housing for summer faculty. Renovation is expected to be completed by early February.

Hollins Only Women's College To Get Dominion Grant

Hollins is one of only three private colleges in Virginia - and the only



women's college - to receive a grant from a new initiative established by The Dominion Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Dominion Resources. The university was awarded \$30,000 to support students in building a photovoltaic system, which is used to directly convert the sun's energy into electricity.

[Read more](#)

Batten Challenge Closes in on First Million

With three years to go, the Batten challenge to raise \$5 million for scholarships has received \$721,000. Jane Parke Batten '58 issued the challenge in the waning days of the [Campaign for Women Who Are Going Places](#) with the intent of maintaining momentum following the end of the eight-year comprehensive campaign.

Batten's challenge is for Hollins to raise \$5 million by December 2013 in order to receive a matching grant of the same amount. Gifts qualifying for the match will support endowed scholarships for students interested in participating in the Batten Leadership Institute at Hollins or its related Certificate of Leadership Studies and all Hollins Fund gifts designated for scholarships.

[Learn more](#)

Thanks to You: Endowment Highest Ever



Hollins has attained a personal best. The university's endowment has grown to \$139.5 million as of the end of October 2010, the largest in Hollins' history. When [The Campaign for Women Who Are Going Places](#) began in

2002, the endowment was \$85 million. Over the eight years of that historic fundraising campaign, which ended this past summer, the endowment rose by 52 percent, while many other private colleges in Virginia suffered stagnant or falling endowments.

This accomplishment would not have been possible without the enthusiastic, ongoing support of our alumnae. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

[Alumnae Events](#)

Watch your mailbox, your inbox, or check [Facebook](#) or the [Hollins Web site](#) for more details on the following events!

January 20: Richmond Cocktail Reception at VMFA

January 26: Chatham, NJ Reception at the home of Anne Wallace Altizer '85

January 27: New York Cocktail Reception with J-term Interns at the home of Alex Trower Lindsey '86



January TBD: Washington, DC Annual Post-Holiday Party

[Photos from Alumnae Tinker Day Parties](#)

Plan now to attend!

[Reunion 2011: June 3-5, 2011](#)

Campus Events

You're invited to the Hollins campus for lectures, [art exhibits](#), films, plays, [athletic events](#), readings, and much more.

January 6: Exhibition Opening and Reception for "Pool: Works by Suzanna Fields"

January 9: Documentary film: "Why We Lie"

January 28-29: [Roanoke Regional Writers Conference](#)