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ALUMNAE/I

Reunion 2006

Reunion 2006, held June 2 - 4, drew over 400 alumnae, spouses, children, and friends. Among the highlights:

- **Jerry Hardy FitzGerald '61** and **Fran McCall Lewis '61** received the Rath Award, given annually to an alumna or alumnae whose participation in the life of Hollins has been extraordinary and whose personal investment of time and effort in the institution over the years represents the very best of the Hollins spirit.
- The Pat Thomas Bain Award, given to the individual or group whose efforts have achieved a significant increase in Hollins Fund participation, was shared this year by **Hazel Bernard '76** and **Catherine Orgill West '51**.
- **Professor of Art Bill White** received the Betsy Green Grubbs '72 Award for his significant contributions in the arts.
- **Athletic Hall of Fame** inductees: **Carol Curtis Stevens '56** – tennis, **Gwin Coffin Allen '66** – lacrosse, **Anne Grauer '71** – lacrosse and field hockey, and **Clayton Vail '76** – tennis, basketball, and lacrosse.
- Reunion 2006 also commemorated the 40th anniversary of the *Huckleberry Finn*-inspired rafting trip down the Mississippi River undertaken by 16 Hollins students in 1966, on the Rosebud Hobson raft. **Tricia Neild Moulton '66** shared stories, home movies, and memorabilia from the trip. The anniversary of their journey has been highlighted in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and the *Paducah (Ky.) Sun*.
- [Reunion news](#)
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Members of the Rosebud Hobson crew hold their flag in 1966



Members of the crew at Hollins in 2006



Annette Polan '67, an internationally known portrait artist, is a recent recipient of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Outstanding Public Service Award, one of the highest honorary awards available to the Chairman for recognition of exceptional public service. Presented at a June 13 Pentagon ceremony, the award recognizes Annette's extraordinary support of America's service members and their families. Annette conceived and organized [*Faces of the Fallen: America's Artists Honor America's Heroes*](#), an award winning exhibition of original portraits of the 1,327 American service men and women who lost their lives in Afghanistan and Iraq between 2001 and 2004. Over 200 artists contributed to the exhibit (including **Hollins Professor of Art Bill White** and Hollins alumnae **Taisie Berkeley '70**, **Mary Page Hilliard Evans '59**, and **Lida Matheson Stifel '70**), which is on display at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery until early 2007 at which time the portraits will be presented to the families on behalf of the artists. Hollins held a [private reception and tour](#) of the exhibit for alumnae and friends in May 2005.

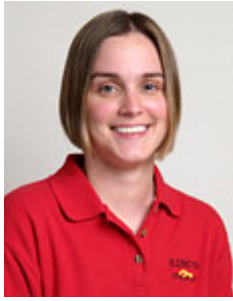


Gwen Fernandez '06, an art history major and president of the Student Government Association, was selected for an internship with the Office of the Curator at the Supreme Court of the United States for summer 2006. She will be conducting tours of the Supreme Court building and giving lectures on the architecture. Her individual projects with visitor services staff will include creating and piloting new public programs as well as general management of visitor services programs. "Don't Underestimate Single-Sex Schools," an opinion piece written by Gwen, was published in *The Roanoke Times* and at [CollegeNews.org](#).



A ground-breaking sportswriter, **Mary Garber '38** received Hollins' first Distinguished Alumnae Award on May 25, 2006. Garber, who worked for more than 40 years for the *Winston-Salem Journal* and the *Twin City Sentinel*, was the first woman sportswriter to cover the Atlantic Coast Conference. Garber overcame many obstacles to become a sportswriter: she was not allowed to enter locker rooms and had to sit with players' wives instead of in the press box. Because she was a woman, the Atlantic Coast Sportswriters Association and the Football Writers Association refused her membership for years. However, Garber persevered and went on to win more than 40 writing awards during her career, including becoming the first woman to receive the Red Smith Award from the Associated Press Sports Editors last year.

The Distinguished Alumnae Award honors individual alumnae who have brought distinction to themselves and to Hollins through broad and inspiring personal or career achievements; local, national or international volunteer service; or significant contributions to society. If you would like to nominate an alumna for the Distinguished Alumnae Award, contact us at alumnae@hollins.edu.



Alicia Kemnitz '02 has been appointed Senior Women's Administrator for the Athletics Department of King's College in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Alicia serves full-time as head coach of both the men's and women's swim teams at King's, while also creating aquatics programming for the college's students and staff, as well as children and adults in the surrounding communities. During her time at Hollins, Alicia was a two-time Old Dominion Athletic Conference all-star selection while setting three university swimming records and served as Student Government Association President and co-Treasurer.

► Read more [Alumnae Accomplishments here](#).

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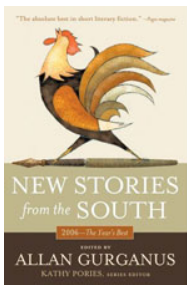


Lan Bai '09 with ODAC referee after being named Rookie of the Year.

Hollins' varsity tennis team finished third in the 2006 Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) Women's Tennis Championship. Hollins' final score of 70 was just two points behind second-place winner Emory & Henry. Five team members were named to the 2006 All-ODAC Tournament Team: **Lan Bai '09** (also chosen as ODAC Rookie of the Year by the league's coaches), **Melissa James '06**, **Barrett Jones '07**, **Alice Rainka '06**, and **Sarah Sullivan '08**.



Wyona Lynch-McWhite, director of the Eleanor D. Wilson Museum, was chosen to be a participant in the 2006 Museum Leadership Institute (MLI) at The Getty Center in Los Angeles. The Museum Leadership Institute is an intensive residential program that deals with a variety of topics relevant in the current landscape of museum management and leadership. Admission is competitive. She was also chosen to serve as a juror for the 2006 Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Visual Arts Fellowships.



Josh Chapman's (M.F.A. in creative writing) story "Amanuenis," which appeared in the *Mid American Review*, has been selected by Alan Gurganus to appear in *New Stories From the South, The Year's Best: 2006*. His story "Caroline" will appear in the spring issue of *Ghoti Magazine*. His story "Thirstyland" is forthcoming in *Shenandoah* in the fall, "Mount Turkey" will be published by Hobart in the fall, and "Little Miss Effinger" will be published by the *Powhatan Review* in the summer or fall.



Associate Professor of Art Kimberly Rhodes' book, *Ophelia and Victorian Visual Culture: Representing Body Politics in the Nineteenth Century*, has been accepted for publication by Ashgate. In addition, she presented the paper, "Models, Muses and Makers: Finding Feminism in Fiction," at the annual College Art Association conference in Boston in February. And, she is currently serving a two-year term as president of the Historians of British Art, an international organization affiliated with the College Art Association.

Lisa O'Quinn '07, an art history major, had her photos featured in the March/April issue of *The Roanoker* magazine. Lisa worked as a photography intern during [January Short Term](#) for Leisure Publishing, which produces *The Roanoker*.



Donna Faye Burchfield

The Board of Trustees approved tenure for **Jeffrey Bullock, dance**; tenure and promotion to associate professor for **Lori Joseph, communications**; and promotions to full professor for **Jean Fallon and Edwina Spodark, French**; **Fred Franko, classical studies**; and **Donna Faye Burchfield, dance**. Donna Faye recently received a Teacher of the Year Award by the School of Dance at the North Carolina School of the Arts for her contributions to dance education and training.



Jennifer Champagne '06

Equestrians **Mandy Lynch '08** and **Jennifer Champagne '06** both earned honors at the 2006 Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) National Championships, held at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex in May. Mandy was awarded the National Championship in the Novice Equitation on the Flat competition and Jennifer captured fourth place in Open Equitation Over Fences.



R.H.W. Dillard

R.H.W. Dillard, professor of English, whose “Ten Poems from *What Is Owed the Dead*” (from his nearly completed seventh book of poems) is featured in the spring 2006 issue of *Blackbird: An Online Journal of Literature and the Arts*. The text of **Professor Emeritus William Jay Smith's** play, *The Straw Market*, which had its world premiere at Hollins in 1966, is also included in this issue, along with an introduction by **Henry Taylor M.A. '66** (who performed in that production when he was a graduate student here). For more information, visit www.blackbird.vcu.edu.

- ▶ Read more [Student Accomplishments](#) and [Faculty Highlights](#).
- ▶ View [Student Artwork](#).

CAMPUS

First Comprehensive Leadership Training for Women in Roanoke

Hollins will launch a professional women's leadership certificate program in October, the first such initiative of its kind in the Roanoke Valley. The 12-month course is designed to accommodate the schedules of full-time working women, especially those who are mid-career or are emerging professional women in business, nonprofit organizations, and education. The practical training offered in leadership skills is intended to help increase effectiveness in the workplace and give attendees an advantage when applying for jobs and promotions. For more information, click here:

<http://www.hollins.edu/news/pop/pwli.pdf>



For an application form, click here:

http://www.hollins.edu/newspop/pwli_app.pdf



Suzy Allen Redpath '69

Commencement 2006

Hollins conferred 177 bachelor's degrees and 60 master's degrees at graduation ceremonies held on May 21. **Suzy Allen Redpath '69** was guest speaker. As a senior producer with CBS News, Suzy has covered some of the most important national and international stories of the past 30 years, shared one of broadcast journalism's most coveted honors, Columbia University's Alfred I. duPont Award, and won two Emmy Awards for breaking news coverage. Currently, she is senior coordinating producer for the CBS News program, *48 Hours*. She has been active with the National Down Syndrome Society (founded by her classmate **Betsy Fentress Goodwin '69**) and The American Field Service, an exchange student organization. Suzy served on the Alumnae Board from 1999 to 2002 and joined the Hollins Board of Trustees in 2004.

- [Commencement news](#)
- [Photos](#)
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Hollins Desktop Wallpaper

Hollins desktop wallpaper is now available for your computer! Go to: <http://www.hollins.edu/wallpaper/index.html>. You'll see instructions on how to set whatever image you choose as your computer's wallpaper (background).

Send a Hollins E-Card

E-mail your friends with a Hollins image at <http://www.hollins.edu/e-card/index.cfm>. These have recently been updated to include some wonderful historical photographs.



Podcasts

Listen to new podcasts on the Hollins Web site! These audio podcasts can be downloaded to your iPod or listened to from your computer.

- [Ask President Nancy Oliver Gray](#) (mp3)
- [Creative Writing Cha-Cha](#) (mp3)



Looking for back issues of Hollins Columns

The University Archives is missing the *Hollins Columns* issues below. We need 2 copies of each. If you don't mind parting with your copies, please send them to Beth Harris, Special Collections Management Librarian, Wyndham Robertson Library, Hollins University, P.O. Box 9000, Roanoke, VA 24020, phone (540) 362-6237, e-mail bharris@hollins.edu.

- 1982-3, vol. 53: 15, 18
- 1983-4, vol. 54: 18
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- 1990-1, vol. 62: 8
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- 1994-5, vol. 67: 3
- 1998-9, vol. 71: 7
- 2001-02, vol. 74: 5

FUNDING

Last Chance to Give

Thank you to everyone who has given generously to the Hollins Fund this year. If you haven't given yet, there's still time. Your gift **received by June 30** can help put the Hollins Fund over the top! And anyone who gives \$1,842 to the current year's Fund or the 2006-2007 Fund will receive an invitation to take part in the 1842 Society Weekend in New York City (see below).

- [Give online](#)
- Call (800) 846-5371
- Mail to Hollins University, P.O. Box 9629, Roanoke, VA 24020

Hollins has prepared a **special message** which you can view by clicking the link below.

<http://www.hollins.edu/alumnae/thankyou/>



New Endowments

Three new endowed funds were announced at Reunion 2006: the Mary Terrell Joseph Scholarship for students in need from Louisiana, from Trustee **Mary Terrell Joseph '66**; the Letitia N. Wilkinson Scholarship for English and creative writing students, created with a bequest from **Letitia Nelson Wilkinson '36**; and a 50th Reunion gift to help endow the new undergraduate program in [environmental studies](#) from **Nancy Albert Wolf '56**.



1842 Society Weekend in New York City: December 2-3, 2006

Join President Nancy Oliver Gray and Hollins Trustees for a holiday weekend in the city. Highlights of the weekend include:

- Private tour of the exhibition "Louis Comfort Tiffany and Laurelton Hall – An Artist's Country Estate" at the Metropolitan Museum of Art led by **Nadia Hartman '05**, great-granddaughter of Louis Comfort Tiffany.
- Cocktail party at the fabulous apartment of Julian and Josie Robertson overlooking Central Park. Josie and Julian, Wall Street investor and brother of Trustee **Wyndham Robertson '58**, have graciously invited us to their apartment again as they did for our first 1842 trip to New York in December 2001.

Contact us at rsvp@hollins.edu or (800) 846-5371 for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Campus Events Calendar](#)

► [Art Exhibitions in the Eleanor D. Wilson Museum](#)



Anne Kesler Shields '54

“View from the Towers,” an installation of photographs by **Anne Kesler Shields '54**, will be on display in the Wilson Museum’s Wetherill-Wilson Gallery through September 2.

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QUAD QUOTE

“One of the goals of this program is to help our region view Hollins as a valuable educational resource. We want Hollins and women’s leadership to be seen as synonymous.”– President Nancy Oliver Gray on Hollins’ new professional women’s leadership certificate program.

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