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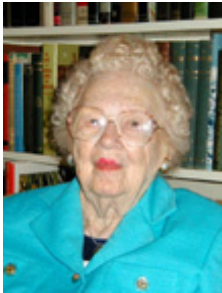
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**ALUMNAE/I**



**Tiffany Marshall '97** is the 2005 recipient of the University of Virginia School of Law's Lewis F. Powell Fellowship, the school's highest honor for a graduate pursuing a public service career. Tiffany is a third-year law student at the University of Virginia. The fellowship, named after Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell, Jr., will cover her salary over the next two years to work at the Mississippi Center for Justice advocating for the rights of Mississippi's incarcerated children. Tiffany is the president of the Public Interest Law Association and is the liaison to the American Bar Association's Steering Committee on the Unmet Legal Needs of Children. Read about Tiffany's honor at the law school's web site:

[http://www.law.virginia.edu/home2002/html/news/2005\\_fall/marshall.htm](http://www.law.virginia.edu/home2002/html/news/2005_fall/marshall.htm)



*Photo by Jennifer L. Muzyka*

**Agnes Sanders Riley '24** celebrated her 104th birthday on February 13. Mrs. Riley earned her degree in chemistry with high honor from Hollins and a master's degree in physical chemistry from the University of Chicago in 1925. She was an instructor and then an assistant professor at Hollins from 1925 to 1932, an instructor at Newcomb College at Tulane University from 1932 to 1936, and an instructor in the Army Specialized Training Program at the University of Kentucky from 1944 to 1945. She is a member of Iota Sigma Pi, the national honor society for women in chemistry, and in 2002 was presented with a medal from the organization upon their shared centennial. Mrs. Riley has been active through the years in a variety of organizations and received an award for her volunteerism with her local chapter of the American Cancer Society.



**Betsy Stefany '70** was one of a small group invited to NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, TX in January for the historic first view of the Stardust mission's capsule. [NASA's Stardust mission](#) captured and returned to Earth cometary and interstellar dust particles after a seven-year, 3 billion mile trip. Scientists believe the cargo will help provide answers to fundamental questions about comets and the origins of the solar system.

Betsy was part of a nine member team representing [the JASON Project](#), a middle school expedition-based interdisciplinary science and technology project supported in part by NASA funding. Betsy moderates JASON Project's online literature discussion. She is completing her [masters in children's literature](#) at Hollins, researching interactive features in novels.



**Alexandra Loyd Knight '95** is becoming well known for her custom designed, handmade alligator skin handbags. Her bags have appeared on the red carpet at the 2006 Academy Awards and been featured in many publications including *Vogue*, *Town & Country*, and the *Oprah* magazine. Visit her web site at: [www.alexandraknightonline.com](http://www.alexandraknightonline.com)



[Watch the short film](#), *True Story*, by **Stephanie Via '05** that premiered at the Sundance Film Festival this year. *True Story* was one of only 73 short films the Festival chose to show this year from over 4,300 submissions. After *True Story* was screened, one reviewer wrote, "it's possible this three minutes affected me as much as any I've experienced in film."



**Allison Connolly '00** recently received a Tanner Teaching Assistants' Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching from UNC-Chapel Hill, which recognizes excellence in the teaching of undergraduates by graduate teaching assistants. Allison teaches in the romance languages department at UNC.



*Laura-Gray Street '84*

The first volume of a new series of competitive anthologies, *Best New Poets 2005*, was recently published by *Meridian* magazine from the University of Virginia. Three of the fifty poems in the collection are by Hollins poets: **Laura-Gray Street '84**, **Temple Cone M.A. '97**, and **Duffie Taylor '07**, who is the youngest poet represented in the book. Learn more at <http://www.bestnewpoets.org/>.

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

### STUDENTS/FACULTY



**Emmaline V. Simpson '06** was just accepted into the top-rated Strategic Studies program in the country at Georgetown University. Emmaline will graduate from Hollins with a double major in History and English. She is a member of the Batten Leadership Institute, a manager of the Hollins swim team, Honor Court Chair, and president of the Hollins chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa.

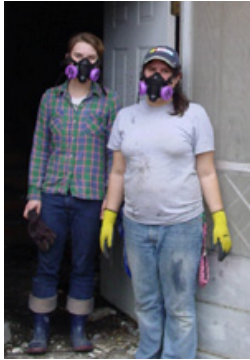


### ***These Gardens*: Read the book online**

[These Gardens](#) is a collaborative book consisting of 29 poems about gardens by Professor of English [Jeanne Larsen](#) and 26 still-life flower drawings by Professor of Art [Jan Knipe](#). Professors Larsen and Knipe were assisted by three students: **Jessi Lawson '06**, who helped bind the limited edition of 30 copies; and **Ashley Miller** and **Melissa Miller '03**, who helped design and print the books.

Click to enter [These Gardens](#), where you can listen to the artist and the poet

and view sample pages of the book.



**Ten Hollins students** spent two weeks of their J-term aiding in the Hurricane Katrina disaster relief effort. The students, along with Hollins Writing Center Director **Marcy Trianosky**, joined the Roanoke-based Interfaith Coalition of Neighbors Helping Neighbors in Kiln, Mississippi. The coalition, a group of more than 20 synagogues and churches, adopted Kiln in Katrina's wake and has been sending volunteer teams to help clear and rebuild the 2,000-resident community. The Hollins contingent cleaned mud and other debris from homes in the area.



*Assistant Professor  
LeeRay Costa*

**LeeRay Costa**, assistant professor of anthropology and women's studies, is engaged in a collaborative project with Hollins students entitled "Hollins Women Making Change" that focuses on the activist and social change work of Hollins alumnae. Hollins students involved in the project with Professor Costa are **Denita Wray '06**, **Mallory Haar '07**, and **Erika Ogier '08**. Related to this work is Hollins' first-ever [Women's Leadership and Social Change Conference](#), which was held last weekend and featured four alumnae as keynote speakers.



**Catherine Fitzgerald-Pittman '08** and **Kathe Almonte '07**, with their coaches, Associate Professors of Philosophy **Jim Downey** and **Michael Gettings**, made an excellent showing at the seventh Ethics Bowl tournament recently. Though it competed with one fewer debater than the other schools, Hollins won three of its four matches, earning a three-way tie for a finalist spot.

The Ethics Bowl is a round-robin debate program in which student teams from 15 private colleges in Virginia address case studies based on ethical issues. Many notables from the business sector, law, finance, journalism, and other fields listen to and offer reactions to team presentations. The theme of the 2006 Ethics Bowl was "Ethics and Sports." The annual event is sponsored by the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges (VFIC) and Wachovia Bank.

HOLLINS **blog**

The Hollins web site now features the [blogs](#) of four current students so that prospective students can get an inside look at life at Hollins. [Read the blogs here.](#)

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

### **CAMPUS**

#### **Return to Hollins this summer**

Come back to the campus you love or introduce your favorite high school girl to what Hollins has to offer:

#### **[Tinker Mountain Writers Workshop: June 11-17, 2006](#)**

Want to be a writer who makes people think, ponder, and listen? This



workshop for adults is your opportunity to develop the writing skills you've always wanted. Choose from six one-week workshops - led by a remarkably talented faculty - in poetry, fiction, and nonfiction. Questions? Contact Christine Powell at [cpowell@hollins.edu](mailto:cpowell@hollins.edu) or (540) 362-6229.

### **Hollinsummer: July 9-21, 2006**

Two weeks of fun and learning on one of Virginia's most beautiful campuses. Hollinsummer gives rising sophomore, junior, and senior girls a taste of college life. Enroll your daughter, niece, or babysitter. Questions? Contact admissions at [huadm@hollins.edu](mailto:huadm@hollins.edu) or (800) 456-9595.



### **Starkie/West Annex now Swannanoa Hall**

Renovation work on Starkie House/West Annex is now complete. The former residential hall has been turned into offices and seminar rooms for the English and creative writing department. The dedication of Swannanoa Hall will be held on April 21, 2006. View photos of Swannanoa Hall here:

<http://www.hollins.edu/about/projects/swannanoa.htm>



### **Beale Garden work in progress**

The Garden Club of Virginia's work to restore Beale Garden is well under way. In addition to new plantings, the restoration includes: replacing the stone wall and steps to the chapel, replacing the large boxwoods on the terrace with small flowering trees to provide a view from the chapel into the garden, and re-establishing walking paths within the garden's original circular plan. Whenever possible, old plantings are being reused on campus or within the existing garden. View photos of the progress here:

<http://www.hollins.edu/about/projects/beale.htm>

### **FUNDING**

#### **\$2 million gift for Batten Leadership Institute**

Frank Batten, retired chairman and CEO of Landmark Communications, and his wife, Jane Parke Batten '58, have presented Hollins with a gift of \$2 million to endow the program that bears their family's name, the [Batten Leadership Institute](#).



The Battens' gift will allow Hollins to build upon this signature program, which is centered on the philosophy that each woman's leadership gifts start with developing a strong sense of self, combined with skill development, mentoring, and real world leadership projects, both on campus and off.

#### **Ford Foundation Grant to Promote Constructive Dialogue**

Hollins has received a \$10,000 stipend from the Ford Foundation to participate in the organization's *Difficult Dialogues* initiative. The program promotes campus environments where sensitive subjects can be discussed in a spirit of open scholarly inquiry, academic freedom and with respect for different viewpoints.



*Assistant Professor*

*Jennifer Boyle*

Hollins will use its stipend to support an initiative called “A Civil Voice: Difficult Dialogues on Sexuality, Gender Expression, and Homophobia on Virginia’s College Campuses.” Hollins professors **Jennifer Boyle** and **LeeRay Costa** collaborated with the American Association of University Professors to apply for the stipend, and will develop this program in partnership with a consortium that includes Virginia Commonwealth University and Norfolk State University. A conference/workshop is planned for spring 2007. The Ford Foundation awarded grants and stipends to 43 higher education institutions for this two-year initiative.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

[Campus Events Calendar](#)

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

[Alumnae Events](#)

▶ [Photos from alumnae events](#)

Hampton Roads Chapter Reception for President Gray: March 16, 2006

Richmond Chapter Easter Egg Hunt: April 15, 2006

St. Louis Chapter Reception for President Gray: April 26, 2006

[Commencement 2006: May 21, 2006](#)

[Reunion 2006: June 2-4, 2006](#)

[Tinker Mountain Writers Workshop: June 11-17, 2006](#)

[Hollins Alumnae Travel](#)

**Scotland - Highlands, Islands, and Lowlands:** June 25-July 3, 2006

For more information, contact Dotty Weaver at (540) 362-6393 or [travel@hollins.edu](mailto:travel@hollins.edu).

[Hollinsummer: July 9-21, 2006](#)

### **LINKS**

▶ [Alumnae Web site](#)

▶ [Update your information](#)

▶ [Log in to Connect@Hollins](#)

▶ [Send your class news](#)

▶ [Give a gift online](#)

▶ [Send a Hollins E-Card](#)

### **QUAD QUOTE**

“I hope that my successes will encourage more young women to come to Hollins and join Batten [Leadership Institute], because it is not only challenging, but extremely exciting and rewarding when I see that I am actually applying the ideas I have learned and I see the result: myself as an emerging leader.”

– Angela Parks '08 on her experience in the Batten Leadership Institute.

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