



[Inauguration of Nancy Oliver Gray](#)

The [inauguration](#) of Hollins' 11th president, Nancy Oliver Gray, took place on October 14 with more than 500 visitors in attendance. The Hollins Medal was presented to Ann Shaw Cornelson '56 and Betty Peace Stall '53 during the ceremony. The weekend also honored the inaugural exhibit of the [Eleanor D. Wilson Museum](#), by internationally-known photographer [Carrie Mae Weems](#).

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[Paris Abroad 50th Reunion](#) a Success

More than 100 alumnae and friends visited Reid Hall, toured favorite haunts, and enjoyed lovely receptions at alumnae homes in Paris, September 24 through 29, in celebration of 50 years of Hollins Abroad-Paris.

Here's a bit of 50th anniversary nostalgia: The first Hollins Abroad students left New York harbor for Le Havre on the S.S. Liberté after a grand champagne send-off. The transatlantic sail took six days and the postcards home confirming safe arrival took two weeks (no e-mail or cell phones then).

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Fall Dance Gathering

Friday, November 4, and Saturday, November 5, 2005

8:15 p.m., Shaftman Hall, [Jefferson Center](#), 541 Luck Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia.

This year's program will feature fifty years of dance and works by current Hollins dance MFA students, undergraduate students, and works by choreographers outside the Hollins community. Each night will feature different pieces. Former Hollins dance students will also perform. The Hollins dance community looks forward to sharing its love and passion for movement with you. For further information, please contact the [Hollins Dance Department](#) at cphillips@hollins.edu or (540) 362-6230.



Alumna Lecture at Hollins: Dr. Elizabeth Brownlee Kolmstetter '85

“Transportation Security Administration:

The Building of an Agency after 9-11”

Thursday, November 10, 2005

4:30 p.m., Ballator Gallery, third floor of Moody Center

Dr. Kolmstetter will discuss her first hand experience helping to establish the newest federal agency in the wake of September 11. She will share the vision for the agency and the challenges associated with hiring a new federal

workforce of 55,000 security screeners across 430 airports in less than one year. There will be time for question and answers from the audience, including anything participants would like to know about a career in the Federal Government, working in homeland security, and balancing career and family.

Dr. Kolmstetter graduated from Hollins with majors in psychology and computer science. Her mother, Dr. Paula P. Brownlee, was the Hollins President from 1981-1990.

Two Hollins Icons Pass Away

Dr. Frances J. Niederer

Dr. Frances J. Niederer, founder of Hollins' art history program and art history professor from 1942 to 1980, died on Wednesday, October 26, 2005. The Frances Niederer Artist-in-Residence Program, a scholarship, and the auditorium in the [Wetherill Visual Arts Center](#) are named for her.

A memorial service will be held tomorrow, Saturday, October 29, 2005, in New Jersey. The full text of the obituary may be found here:

http://obituaries.roanoke.com/obits/obtd?cat=2&seq_num=51&pg=0&id=41763



If you wish to give to Hollins in memory of Dr. Niederer, you may do so in one of three ways:

- A gift to the Hollins Fund in her memory
- A gift to the Frances Niederer Scholarship (a merit based scholarship for an art student with preference for an art history major)
- Name a seat in the Niederer Auditorium for a gift of \$2,500

To give, call (800) 846-5371. Or you may [give online](#) and select either "The Hollins Fund" or "Other." If you choose "Other," select "I would like to make my gift in memory of" and write in the space provided whether you would like your gift to go to the scholarship or a seat in the auditorium.

Ann Splitstone

The legendary Director of Admissions at Hollins, Ann Splitstone, passed away on October 13, 2005. Ann was head of admissions at Hollins from 1949 to 1977. She received the Hollins Medal and was made an Honorary Alumna.

The full text of the obituary may be found here:

http://obituaries.roanoke.com/obits/schd?seq_num=1&spId=0&id=41503

A memorial service was held today, Friday, October 28, 2005, at Brandon Oaks. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 2101 S. Jefferson Street, P.O. Box 8538, Roanoke, VA 24014, marked for the Disaster Fund, or to Hollins.





Tax Incentives for Giving to Hollins

The Katrina Emergency Relief Act of 2005, signed into law September 23, provides the opportunity for a taxpayer to **claim, as an income tax deduction**, qualified charitable contributions of cash made from August 28, 2005, to December 31, 2005, **up to 100 percent** of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income. This law even applies to gifts made to most non-Katrina-related charitable organizations, such as Hollins. For more about this new law, please contact your legal or tax advisor.

For more information, you may also contact Jayne Shaw, director of capital and planned giving, at jshaw@hollins.edu or (800) 846-5371. You may [give online](#) using our secure online form.

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