

Hollins News Flash for September 2005

Campus News

Hollins Takes Action In Hurricane Katrina Aftermath

Following the devastating impact of Hurricane Katrina, Hollins has taken steps to help members of the campus community touched by this disaster and those living in the affected areas:

- Hollins welcomed applications from women enrolled at colleges or universities that were unable to open due to the hurricane. These students would be able to attend Hollins tuition-free for one semester and would have to pay only for room and board during that time. Hollins received numerous inquiries and welcomed two students to campus for the fall semester.
- Alumnae and friends of Hollins generously donated funds to help these two students with their expenses associated with enrolling at Hollins.
- The Student Government Association sponsored a candlelight vigil in remembrance of hurricane victims. Approximately 150 students took part.
- Hollins established an [online forum](#) for alumnae, students, parents and friends to post messages. Click [here for the forum](#).
- The soccer team raised over \$1,100 for Red Cross Disaster Relief, with the help and matching funds from syndicated radio host Delilah.
- A prayer service was held to remember the victims, survivors, evacuees, hosts, rescue workers, and those members of the Hollins community who are affected by the hurricane. A prayer banner was begun to include the names of those for whom the community is concerned.
- Ruth Doan, professor of history, organized a faculty symposium to address the ecological, economic, and social implications of this disaster and place it in an appropriate historical context.
- Students helped organize a Katrina Relief Dinner in which peanut butter and jelly sandwiches were served to students instead of the regular meal. The reduced meal saved \$700 in costs, which Aramark, the university's food services provider, doubled for a total contribution of \$1,400 to the Red Cross. In conjunction with the dinner, a mural was painted, and the Hollins Repertory Dance Company performed in remembrance of hurricane victims.
- Hollins hosted a Hurricane Katrina relief concert featuring national touring act Ross Cooperman and two local bands.
- The Class of 2008 held a car wash with a portion of the proceeds going to Katrina disaster relief.

Hollins will continue to explore ways in which the university can respond to this national tragedy made even greater by the recent hurricane Rita.

Inauguration of Nancy Oliver Gray: October 14, 2005

You are invited to join us for the [inauguration of Nancy Oliver Gray](#) as Hollins University's eleventh president on Friday, October 14, 2005, at 11:30 a.m. in duPont Chapel. [Family Weekend](#) will be held in conjunction with the inauguration events, October 14-16. Festivities for the weekend include:

lecture by syndicated columnist Ellen Goodman on October 13, inaugural exhibition of the [Eleanor D. Wilson Museum](#) by internationally-known photographer Carrie Mae Weems, lecture and reception with Carrie Mae Weems on October 14, and a special dinner for members of *The 1842 Society* on October 14. Please contact Dotty Weaver at (540) 362-6393 or rsvp@hollins.edu if you plan to attend these events.

Award for Literary Magazine

Cargoes, Hollins' literary magazine, has been awarded the Undergraduate Literary Prize for content by the Association of Writers and Writing Programs (AWP). The category was judged by award-winning poet Allison Joseph. Published annually, *Cargoes* features poems, short stories, prose, and photographs by Hollins students.

Funding Updates

Interactive Pen Displays Installed in Classrooms

Thanks to a \$22,500 classroom technology grant from the Verizon Foundation in partnership with the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges (VFIC), Hollins has installed Symposium interactive pen displays in seven classrooms on campus. Manufactured by SMART Technologies, the displays consist of flat-screen monitors with touch-sensitive screens. Hollins faculty will be able to write or draw on each screen with "digital ink," and the writing will show up on both the computer screen and a projector screen at the front of the classroom. The professor can save the digitally enhanced pages and place them on the Internet for easy viewing, allowing students to return to the annotated pages for reference and review.

Trustee Scholar Awards

The Trustee Scholar Award initiative is being implemented by the trustees to attract the best and brightest students by providing a competitive financial aid package. Trustees, alumnae, and other donors are asked to make a commitment of \$25,000 per year for four years for a total commitment of \$100,000 to support these talented and deserving students. Leadership donors will endow their \$25,000 a year Trustee scholarship by establishing a \$500,000 named endowment fund. Trustee Scholar candidates are eligible to receive up to \$15,000 each year for four years, and award amounts are determined by comparing each student's academic performance to that of other applicants. Through the end of May 2005, generous alumnae and trustees had committed nearly \$650,000 over the next four years to become Trustee Scholar Award sponsors of the Class of 2009. To become a sponsor, contact the development office at (800) 846-5371.

Capital Projects

Hollins has recently received gifts to renovate the Botetourt art studio into a dance studio, transform Dana 115 from a computer lab to a psychology lab, and refurbish the Green Drawing Room. These projects began this summer. Funding has been identified to replace the porch at Duchouquet and add air conditioning to the Sandusky hill house. Gifts from Rodie Gamble Funkhouser Savage '49, Wilhelm and Helen Zuelzer, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Geddie have helped purchase new weight-training and cardiovascular machines for the Funkhouser Weight Room.

Students and Faculty

Dr. Randall Flory, Paula Pimlott Brownlee Professor of Psychology and chair of the psychology department, will present "Shedding New Light on the Winter Blues" on October 12 at the Roanoke Higher Education Center as part of its Lifelong Learning series. Dr. Flory has performed extensive research into Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), including the first study ever that compared two

non-drug therapies that have proven to be more effective and less expensive than medication. His work has received national attention and has been reported in *USA Today*, *Self* magazine, and ABC News.

Michelle Abate, assistant professor of English, has been invited to serve on the advisory board for *Child* magazine's selection of the best children's books of 2005. The board comprises librarians, teachers and children's literature scholars from around the nation who vet and then nominate children's books from a wide array of genres that have been published during the past year.

Susan L. Thomas, associate professor of political science and women's studies, has been selected Ambassador to the 2006 world conference "The Right to Be Different: International Conference on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Rights," in Montreal. She will also chair a committee on lesbian legal issues.

Jeffery Bullock, associate professor of dance, for a second year participated as a teacher-in-residence as part of the American Dance Festival's (ADF) International Linkage Program in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, from May 16 - June 2. The ADF's Mongolian program enhances the importance of the arts and stresses the development of individual creativity based on the traditions of Mongolian society. He helped teach modern and jazz technique classes as well as composition and improvisation to Mongolian teachers, dancers, and choreographers.

Adia Harvey, assistant professor of sociology, whose article tentatively titled "'We Don't Believe in Looking Crazy': Intersectionality, Entrepreneurship, and the Black Beauty Salon" has been accepted for publication in *Gender & Society*, a peer-reviewed sociology journal. The article is based on her dissertation work and will appear in the December issue.

Students to Present at International Conference

Four Hollins Writing Center tutors will be presenting in October at the International Writing Center Association Conference in Minneapolis. Their presentation will focus on how interpersonal relationships and feminist pedagogy inform the work of writing center tutors at Hollins with traditional and international students. The students represent a variety of years and majors: Mallory Haar '07, women's studies; Katy McGarr '06, English/creative writing; Laura Smith '07, English and economics double major; Martha Gregor '08, English with a French minor. The conference will feature presentations from American, European and South African institutions over a three-day period, not only giving Hollins visibility but giving our tutors the opportunity to situate themselves as professionals in an academic environment.

Alumnae/i

Colette Kunkel '91 won an Emmy Award this September for her work as a producer of the documentary film, "Ladies First," which aired on PBS in 2004. The film tells how women in Rwanda have led political and social change in their country in the 10 years since genocide killed 800,000 there.

Ann Compton '69, ABC News Radio National correspondent, has been named to the National Radio Hall of Fame. Induction into the Hall of Fame will take place on November 5, 2005. Compton has covered every president since Gerald Ford and has reported on seven presidential campaigns. Compton, who recently was elected president of the White House Correspondents Association, joined ABC News in 1973 and has been assigned to the White House since 1974. Her reports are heard regularly on ABC News Radio, the nation's largest commercial radio news gathering organization with 2,500 affiliates. On September 11, 2001, Compton was the only broadcast reporter permitted to remain

on board Air Force One during the dramatic hours following the terrorist attacks on our nation when President George W. Bush was unable to return to Washington, D.C., for national security reasons. She received an Emmy Award for her television coverage of those events. Compton began her broadcast career during her junior year at Hollins when she interned at WDBJ-7 in Roanoke.

Bang the Last Nail In, a novel by **Amanda Bull '05**, made the "Almost Finalist" category in the prestigious Faulkner-Wisdom Pirate's Alley novel contest. The designation ranks her in the top 19 of 400 submissions.

Rosamond Larmour Loomis '33 will be honored at The Bishop's School on October 22, 2005, as part of the preparatory school's Founder's Day. She was headmistress there from 1953 to 1962. Mrs. Loomis is 94 ("and a half," she says).

Stella Ferguson Thayer '62 was recently named president of the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in Saratoga Springs, NY. Thayer has been active in Thoroughbred racing since 1986. She served as president of the Thoroughbred Racing Associations for a two-year term beginning in 1999, been a museum trustee since 1994, and served as an executive vice-president before being elected president.

"True Story," a short film by **Stephanie Via '05**, won first prize at the Aurora Picture Show's Eighth Anniversary Weekend. The film was among 25 selected for screening from approximately 120 entries from across the United States and abroad. First prize was awarded based on audience ballot. Via was recently invited to screen the film at the Orinda Film Festival in California.

Elizabeth Karmel '83 has a new cookbook, *Taming the Flame: Secrets for Hot-and-Quick Grilling and Low-and-Slow BBQ*, that is getting national attention. She made one of her recipes on "The Today Show," *Food & Wine* magazine featured her in its June issue, *Redbook* excerpted her book in its July issue, and she has appeared on Sara Moulton's Food Network television show several times.

Taisie Berkeley '70 has received a Fulbright Scholarship Award to go to India for six months during the 2005-06 school year. Berkeley's project is to photograph women helping women gain economic justice and to have an exhibition of her images and text in Pune, India, and in Washington, D.C., when she returns. She will examine women in poverty and how they are mentored by the leaders of several organizations, including the Self Employed Women's Association in Gujarat and the Lila Poonawalla Foundation in Pune.

Upcoming Events [Campus Events Calendar](#)

Thursday, October 13, 8:00 p.m., duPont Chapel

Distinguished Speaker Series

Lecture by Syndicated Columnist Ellen Goodman: "Whatever Happened to the Women's Movement?"
Goodman won the Pulitzer Prize for Distinguished Commentary in 1980.

Friday, October 14, 11:30 a.m., duPont Chapel

Inauguration of Nancy Oliver Gray

Friday, October 14, 4:00 p.m., Niederer Auditorium, Wetherill Visual Arts Center.

Lecture by Photographer Carrie Mae Weems

Weems is an internationally known, award-winning, photo-based artist whose work has been included in more than 150 group and solo exhibitions. The National Museum of Women in the Arts organized in 1996 a mid-career survey and national tour of her work. Reception following sponsored by Wachovia Bank, N.A.

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

[Alumnae Events](#)

Baltimore Alumnae Chapter Tinker Day cruise: October 22

D.C. Alumnae Chapter cocktail reception: October 27

Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter cocktail reception with President Gray: November 10

Richmond Alumnae Chapter cocktail reception with President Gray: November 17

Reunion 2006: June 2 - 4, 2006

[Hollins Alumnae Travel](#)

Germany's Legendary Holiday Markets: November 28-December 6

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

For more information on these learning vacations, contact Dotty Weaver at (540) 362-6393 or travel@hollins.edu.

Quad Quote

"When you go to a big school where you are just a number, you think, 'Okay, I went there. On to the next chapter.' Women who graduate from Hollins, this is part of their life, this is their chapter."
- Amy Eanes '05 in a recent *Hollins Columns* article about three members of the class of 2005 returning to work in the admissions office.

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