



## Hollins Professor's Memoir Earns Honor

Roanoke, Va. –*Dressed Up Like Planets and Dancing*, a memoir by Hollins University Associate Professor of English Marilyn Moriarty, has been selected as a finalist for the 2006 Prize in Creative Nonfiction by the Association of Writers and Writing Programs (AWP).

Competition judge Kyoko Mori, a Briggs-Copeland lecturer in creative writing at Harvard University, called Moriarty's manuscript "an ambitious memoir in which the author asks questions about war and peace, lies and secrets, [and] the burden of history on an individual and her family."

As a finalist, Moriarty will receive help in getting her manuscript published from the AWP, a nonprofit organization of writers, teachers, colleges and universities. The AWP's annual competition is open to all authors who have written book-length, original works in English for adult readers.

Moriarty has been a member of the Hollins faculty since 1992. She holds a Ph.D. in English from the University of California at Irvine.

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