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C3: CAREER CONNECTION CONFERENCE

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: *Rhonesha Byng*

Rhonesha Byng is an award-winning journalist and the founder and CEO of Her Agenda, a digital media platform that bridges the gap between ambition and achievement for millennial women. The site provides inspiring content and community that helps women get started or to move to the next level of their career.

Rhonesha's philosophy in life is represented by her acronym of N.E.S.H.A. – No one Ever Slows Her Agenda, which was also the inspiration for her company.

Rhonesha was named to the 2017 *Forbes Magazine* "30 under 30" list in the media and dorm room founders categories. *ESSENCE* magazine named her among "50 Founders To Watch." She's also one of NBCBLK's "28 under 28," and "29 People To Know" by BET. She's spoken at The White House during the Obama administration and the United State of Women Summit. Her work received awards from the Associated Press and the New York Association of Black Journalists. Early in her career, as a field producer with NBC New York (WNBC-TV), she earned an Emmy award as part of team coverage for a breaking news story.

Rhonesha is an alumna Posse Scholar and attended DePauw University on a full-tuition leadership scholarship.



CLOSING REMARKS: *Djuna Osborne*

Djuna Osborne is a licensed clinical social worker with her B.A. in English and an M.S.W. from the University of South Carolina. She has an 11-year career in community mental health treating impoverished individuals with chronic medical and mental health issues, substance abuse, and acute crisis in hospitals, jails, and clinics.

She currently has a private practice in Roanoke County serving a variety of clients throughout the Roanoke Valley. With the help of a friend, Djuna organized the Women's March on Roanoke in 2017, which drew a crowd of 4,000 women, men, and children to downtown Roanoke. Shortly thereafter, she was asked to run for office for the House of Delegates in the 17th District. She did not win, but quickly repositioned herself to run for Roanoke City Council, and was elected.

Djuna currently is in her second year as councilwoman. When she is not working for the city or for her clients, Djuna loves to spend time with her husband and two daughters, ages eight and six. She enjoys running, cooking, road trips, and volunteering.



SCHEDULE OVERVIEW: WHAT, WHERE, WHEN

Friday, October 4

8:30 – 10:30 AM

Check-in opens for alumnae/i conference leaders

Cromer Bergman Alumnae House

7:30 – 9:30 AM

Breakfast

Moody Student Center, lobby and dining hall

Conference leaders can enjoy a hot or cold breakfast alongside students. Please use your breakfast voucher, included in your packet received at check-in. Coffee, tea, and pastries are also available for purchase at Greenberry's coffee station until 2 pm.

8:30 – 10:15 AM

Informal gatherings of alumnae/i conference leaders and moderators

Moody Student Center, Intercultural Room, lower level

Consider setting a time to informally meet with your fellow panelists and moderator to go over last-minute preparatory details.

9:10 – 10:10 AM

Open classrooms for alumnae/i conference leaders

Alumnae/i are invited to sit in on select classes during this time frame.

- HIST 111 – CREATING THE AMERICAN NATION with Christopher Florio, assistant professor, history *Pleasants, Room 107*
- PHIL 211 – SYMBOLIC LOGIC with James Downey, assistant professor, philosophy *Wyndham Robertson Library, Jackson Screening Room, lower level*

- STAT 251 – STATISTICAL METHODS I with Julie Clark, associate professor, mathematics *Dana Science Building, Room 111*

- FREN 261 – TOPICS IN FRENCH I (*class taught in French*) with Jeanne Jégouso, visiting assistant associate professor, French *Dana Science Building, Room 103*

- BIOL 207 – ECOLOGY with Renee Godard, director of environmental studies, professor and chair, biology *Dana Science Building, Room 202*

- PSY 205 – RESEARCH DESIGN (*must have background in psychology to attend*) with Tiffany Pempek, associate professor and chair, psychology *Dana Science Building, Room 115*

- PHYS 101 – INTRODUCTION TO ASTRONOMY with Justin Yonker, visiting assistant professor, physics *Dana Science Building, Room 102*

10:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Check-in opens for students and other registered attendees

Moody Student Center, lobby

10:45 – 11:30 AM

C3 orientation for alumnae/i conference leaders

Wetherill Visual Arts Center, Niederer Auditorium

What might alumnae/i panelists and presenters expect from student participants? Christine Harriger, director of career development and life design, and other Hollins administrators will share important information and suggestions to ensure an exciting day of successful community engagement.

11:30 AM

Alumnae/i conference leaders group photo

Cocke Building, front steps

11:45 AM – 1:15 PM

Networking lunch reception for students, alumnae/i, and participating faculty and staff

Moody Student Center, Ballator Gallery, Rathskeller, and dining hall

Network and engage with the campus community during a luncheon reception. There will be designated locations per academic major to encourage connection between students and alumnae/i who share similar interests of study. With one exception, daytime classes conclude at 11:40 a.m. – please join us as soon as you are able.

1:30 – 2:30 PM

Opening Session

Hollins Theatre

Keynote speech by Rhonesha Byng, founder and CEO of Her Agenda and award-winning journalist.

2:30 – 5:30 PM

Alumnae/i lounge is open

Moody Student Center, Intercultural Room, lower level

This space is reserved for conference leaders to enjoy alumnae/i to alumnae/i conversations, store luggage, or recharge phones and themselves.

2:45 – 3:30 PM

C3 Programming – Time Slot One

(see following pages for details)

3:45 – 4:30 PM

C3 Programming – Time Slot Two

(see following pages for details)

4:45 – 5:30 PM

C3 Programming – Time Slot Three

(see following pages for details)

5:30 – 6:30 PM

Students Closing Connections: Continuing the Conversation

Moody Student Center, lobby

Students are invited to meet with career center staff to request alumnae/i contact information, share impressions of the day, or suggest topics for the ongoing *How did YOU Get There?* mentoring series.

6 – 7:30 PM

President's reception for alumnae/i conference leaders and moderators

Lorimer House (President's House)

Saturday, October 5

8:30 – 9:15 AM

Breakfast

Moody Student Center, dining hall

9:30 – 10:15 AM

Networking Sessions: Round One

Various locations

10:30 – 11:15 AM

Networking Sessions: Round Two

Various locations

11:30 AM – 12 PM

Closing Remarks

Dana Science Building, Babcock Auditorium

Remarks made by Djuna Osborne, Roanoke City Council member and licensed clinical social worker

UNDERSTANDING THE “TRACKS” AT C3

The refreshed C3 curriculum demonstrates the versatility of the liberal arts by featuring a cross-sector, interdisciplinary approach in Friday’s sessions, complemented by focused industry-based networking with alumnae/i and Roanoke regional community partners on Saturday.

Insights from the Field

Each session in this track showcases the rich variety of liberal arts career paths around a coherent subject or theme, and features alumnae/i with a variety of undergraduate majors working across sectors around a common interest (e.g. arts, business and entrepreneurship, healthcare, STEM, public advocacy, and working internationally).

- Working the Globe
- Minding Your Business
- Curating Culture
- Healing and Healthcare
- Advocating for Justice
- STEM Pioneers

Issues of Interest

These issue-oriented sessions will foster dynamic conversations of importance to all community members regardless of field or role. Timely and provocative, they address concerns of the moment and offer meaningful perspectives and strategies for moving forward on such issues as equity, gender, diversity, and authenticity in the workplace.

- Driven by Mission
- Out at Work
- Landing in Unexpected Industries

Navigating the Process

This track addresses the “how to’s” of career exploration and transition. Alumnae/i conference leaders will reflect on and field questions about specific aspects or stages of the process, such as internships; the first five years out of college; whether or when to pursue an advanced degree; finding your purpose; and the many unexpected twists and turns life may take.

- Invaluable Internships
- Life After Hollins: The Early Years
- Going to Graduate School?
- The Winding Path
- Virtual You: Managing Your Media Presence

Interactive Connections

It wouldn’t be a Career Connection Conference without time to connect one-on-one and face-to-face! These sessions allow for focused exchanges between students and alumnae/i for the purpose of career mentoring through general networking and mock interviews.

Limited spots available.

- Speed Connection (first come first serve basis at the door)
- Mock Interviews (preregister for instructions)

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Contact careerconference@hollins.edu for more information.

SESSION PERIOD ONE (2:45-3:30 PM)

Choose to attend one of the following sessions.

Insights from the Field

WORKING THE GLOBE

Dana Science Building, Room 102

Unlike some shared cultural experiences, the capacity for international travel or multilingualism is uneven in American society. Yet the success of many businesses, organizations, and governments increasingly requires cross-cultural literacy and the expansion of audiences and markets under globalization. This session illuminates how gaining international experience can be invaluable across business, government, and nonprofit sectors. Representing business, education, human resources, and philanthropy, alumnae/i participants will discuss their experience internationally and in globally-focused work or organizations.

MODERATOR: **Ramona R. Kirsch**, director, international programs

ALUMNAE/I	MAJOR(S)	CAREER EXPERTISE
Lia Kelinsky-Jones '09	psychology	associate director, Ph.D. candidate, participation and international development policy, intercultural learning
Maya Rioux '16	international studies	senior lead administrator, global staffing, international communication
Pavithra Suresh '16	international studies	Ph.D. candidate, cultural studies, intercultural and international communication, teacher of global affairs

MINDING YOUR BUSINESS

Dana Science Building, Babcock Auditorium

By some estimates, today's students will change jobs as many as 15 times over the life course, including moving into roles or organizations that don't yet exist. This session will highlight the innovative mindset required to stay agile and find new business opportunities in a rapidly changing world. Representing client relations, entrepreneurship, finance, hospitality, marketing, and technology, this session will explore the business strategies pursued by Hollins students who will also reflect on how a liberal arts education enabled them to succeed in their fields.

MODERATOR: **Karen Messer-Bourgoin '84**, professor, practice-business; director, institute for entrepreneurial learning

ALUMNAE/I	MAJOR(S)	CAREER EXPERTISE
Betsy Coe '04	studio art	culinary arts entrepreneur
Frances Kalema '11	business	hospitality, sales operations and revenue management, hotel management
Carol Robinson '69	economics	financial consulting, business and financial services
Lauren Alice Staley '11	psychology	director of customer success, nonprofit government research, profit software

SESSION PERIOD ONE (2:45-3:30 PM)

Issues of Interest

DRIVEN BY MISSION

Wetherill Visual Arts Center, Niederer Auditorium

Some people choose to pursue a career or enter “a field,” while others know only one thing: There’s a problem to solve, a constituency to serve, or a wound to heal. Representing environmentalism, journalism, nonprofits, and urban planning, this session will feature alumnae/i who followed a particular interest or sense of purpose wherever it led into their current roles and work/life configurations. Be inspired and learn from them how to follow your calling.

MODERATOR: **Christine Harriger**, director, career development and life design

ALUMNAE/I	MAJOR(S)	CAREER EXPERTISE
Annie Kirschner '04	English	executive director, nonprofit management, AmeriCorps VISTA, development director, fundraiser
Beth JoJack '98	English creative writing	freelance editor and writer, journalism
Brenna Rivett '15	environmental studies international studies	principal research associate, urban ecology, housing and economic development, data analyst, environmental consulting
Blair St. Ledger Olson '13	environmental studies	program manager, environmental sciences and ecology, nonprofit and private sectors
Kayla Deur '16	sociology environmental studies	program coordinator, field-based learning, outdoor education

Navigating the Process

INVALUABLE INTERNSHIPS

Wetherill Visual Arts Center, Room 119

Hollins offers students the opportunity to engage in internships during academic semesters, January Term, or summer. In a rapidly changing economy and competitive marketplace, gaining work experience through internships is more important than ever. Hollins defines an internship as a learning opportunity in which a student gains supervised, practical experience with a business, nonprofit, or other organization. This session will discuss the importance of doing internships, including the alumnae/i-driven Signature Internships during January Term.

MODERATOR: **Amber Becke**, career development and life design coordinator

ALUMNAE/I	MAJOR(S)	CAREER EXPERTISE
Ashani Davidson '17	biology	clinical scientist, inpatient and outpatient studies, cosmetic chemistry
Alex Pell '15	international studies	strategy and analytics, City Year Boston Corps, learner performance research
Amanda Sandidge '11	environmental studies	senior lead administrator, environmental scientist, industrial hygienist, senior environmental compliance analyst
Jasmine Carter '19	political science	alumnae relations coordinator, alumnae engagement, political science, social justice
Lia Joseph '17	sociology	Ph.D. candidate in sociology, social justice, student organization development, and administration

SESSION PERIOD ONE (2:45-3:30 PM)

LIFE AFTER HOLLINS: THE EARLY YEARS

Dana Science Building, Room 142

Launching out of Hollins can be cause for both celebration and anxiety. This session will deliver tried and true strategies on relocating to a new city and finding housing, managing finances, finding a mentor and new social network, and overcoming transitional challenges that may affect you emotionally, physically, socially, and financially. Don't worry, you've got this! And these alumnae/i have YOUR back.

MODERATOR: **Rebecca Seipp**, assistant university librarian, liaison librarian

ALUMNAE/I	MAJOR(S)	CAREER EXPERTISE
Catherine Doss '14	communication studies music	news producer, media management, communication
Grace Iaquinto '15	business	business consultant, sports and entertainment consulting, service representative
Elizabeth K. Trout '17	political science	associate, legislative aide
Kacee Eddinger '14	English	library and information science, youth services, medical insurance

Interactive Connections

SPEED CONNECTION

Moody Student Center, Goodwin Private Dining Room

This event operates much like a "speed dating" session – alumnae/i will be assigned to a table and students will rotate to and from tables in five-minute increments. Because participants range from first years to seniors and career interests run the gamut from fairly focused to currently clueless, the conversations will vary, but all will be enjoyable and informative!

ALUMNAE/I PARTICIPANTS: Christian Carr '94, Syreeta Combs-Cannaday '02, Christine Holt Fix '97, Alicia M. Johns '13, Mallory Kate Potock '09, Amanda C. Sandidge '11, Alexis Hair Tahinci '06, Elizabeth Trosch '98,

MOCK INTERVIEW

Moody Student Center, Janney Lounge

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ALUMNAE/I PARTICIPANTS: Lauren Bates-Rowe '06, Jessie Coffman '04, Mary Flinn '69, Elyse Stolpe '10

SESSION PERIOD TWO (3:45-4:30 PM)

Choose to attend one of the following sessions.

Insights from the Field

CURATING CULTURE

Dana Science Building, Room 102

Designing a life is itself a profoundly creative act. In this panel we will hear from alumnae/i who have found ways in different roles and work/life configurations to express their commitment to the arts and culture. Representing art history, creative writing, dance, higher education, museum work, and publishing, alumnae/i in this session will discuss how they keep the arts and humanities alive—for themselves and others.

MODERATOR: **Jenine Culligan**, director, Eleanor D. Wilson Museum

ALUMNAE/I	MAJOR(S)	CAREER EXPERTISE
Christian Carr '94	art history English	art history professor, museum director, graduate coordinator
Jenefer Davies '91, M.A.L.S. '03	dance theatre	associate professor of dance, touring internationally, aerial dance
Tricia Edwards '92	art history	museum management, entrepreneur
Mary Flinn '69	English	executive director/senior editor, poetry and fiction editor

HEALING AND HEALTHCARE

Dana Science Building, Babcock Auditorium

Now, more than ever, the world needs practitioners and researchers committed to empathetic, innovative, and holistic solutions to recalcitrant healthcare issues. Representing counseling, education, healthcare policy, and clinical practice, alumnae/i in this session will discuss the paths that led them to their current roles, illuminating different ways beyond the M.D. to make a difference in improving the well-being of others.

MODERATOR: **Mary Ellen Apgar**, director, student engagement programs

ALUMNAE/I	MAJOR(S)	CAREER EXPERTISE
Anne Chisman Abraham '77	psychological services	licensed clinical social worker specializing in death and dying, grief and loss, women's loss
Lauren Bates-Rowe '06	economics	assistant vice president of health policy, policy development for legislative and regulatory initiatives, federal lobbyist
Molly Budd '15	biology	certified physician assistant, medical scribe, pharmacy technician
Yafen Liang '12	English business	assistant manager of practice operations in department of OBGYN, healthcare administration

SESSION PERIOD TWO (3:45-4:30 PM)

Issues of Interest

OUT AT WORK

Wetherill Visual Arts Center, Niederer Auditorium

This session highlights the importance of identity and affinity in career development and life design. How might people from underrepresented groups navigate applying to or working for normative institutions? How does one gauge whether an organization is inclusive? Representing business, higher education, and the military, alumnae/i in this session will explore how we might bring our whole selves to work. From strategizing how and when intersectional identity gets into a cover letter, to navigating questions about email pronouns, partner benefits, and nonbinary bathrooms to dealing with discrimination on the job. Alumnae/i in this session will discuss self-aware, contextually informed, and intentional processes for both fitting in at work and finding fitting work.

MODERATOR: LeeRay Costa, professor, gender and women's studies, and anthropology; director, faculty development

ALUMNAE/I	MAJOR(S)	CAREER EXPERTISE
Lia Joseph '17	sociology	Ph.D. candidate in sociology, social justice, student organization development, and administration
Rebecca Siekman-Kalis '73	economics	manufacturing and operations, CEO
Patricia Cope-Levy '09, M.F.A. '15	dance	coordinator of Christian formation, religious educator, dance instructor
Jacqueline Whitt '03	history international studies	associate professor of strategy, international studies, department of defense professor, author, associate executive director
Alex Pell '15	international studies	strategy and analytics, City Year Boston Corps, learner performance research

Navigating the Process

GOING TO GRADUATE SCHOOL

Wetherill Visual Arts Center, Room 119

This is not a session about how to apply to or find graduate programs in any particular field (faculty, the career center, and alumnae/i mentors are available year-round to help with those inquiries). Rather, in a rapidly changing economy, this session will generate a robust discussion about how you will know whether or when to pursue advanced study. Today's students are among the most indebted in history and many graduate students or Ph.D.'s are considering alternative careers given few available faculty positions. In addition, graduate schools often value applicants with prior work experience as that often leads to more informed and intentional plans for advanced study. When is a graduate degree a ticket to upward mobility and when might it carry unacceptable opportunity costs or debt? Alumnae/i conference leaders will lead a lively discussion about how to determine if and when advanced study is right for you.

MODERATOR: Liz Gleim '06, assistant professor, biology and environmental studies

ALUMNAE/I	MAJOR(S)	CAREER EXPERTISE
Alicia M. Johns '13	mathematics	Ph.D. candidate, child health and human development, biostatistics, pharmaceuticals
Grace Iaquinto '15	business	business consultant, sports and entertainment consulting, service representative
Pavithra Suresh '16	international studies	Ph.D. candidate, cultural studies, intercultural and international communication, teacher of global affairs

SESSION PERIOD TWO (3:45-4:30 PM)

THE WINDING PATH

Wetherill Visual Arts Center, Niederer Auditorium

This session should highlight what we know beyond a doubt: Hollins women are not only going places, but the routes they take are varied and unpredictable. Alumnae/i will consider the twists and turns they've experienced in their careers, as well as reflect on roads not taken. This is a great session both for those who think they have their lives perfectly planned and those who have no idea what to do next.

MODERATOR: **Renee Godard**, professor of biology and chair, director, environmental studies

ALUMNAE/I	MAJOR(S)	CAREER EXPERTISE
Syreeta Combs-Cannaday '02	film photography	parents fund development officer, liberal arts institutional advancement, communications director for theatre
Tina Dimacali '93	economics	structural engineer, historic preservation, entrepreneur, chef services
Holley Russell '87	computational sciences	healthcare software quality assurance project manager, software trainer, technical support analyst
Carol Robinson '69	economics	financial consulting, business and financial services
Beth JoJack '98	English creative writing	freelance editor and writer, journalism

Interactive Connections

SPEED CONNECTION

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ALUMNAE/I PARTICIPANTS: Blair Celli '03, Frances Kalema '11, Alexis Hair Tahinci '06, Lauren Walker '04

SESSION PERIOD THREE (4:45-5:30 PM)

Choose to attend one of the following sessions.

Insights from the Field

ADVOCATING FOR JUSTICE

Dana Science Building, Room 102

The root meaning of the French word for lawyer (avocat) is advocate, or one who promotes a particular cause or issue. Many of us are exposed to legal and political systems through popular television shows, but this often obscures a wide range of roles in advocacy, law, and government. This session illuminates many pathways into working toward justice. Representing practicing lawyers as well as the judiciary, alumnae/i in this session will discuss current needs and trends in advocacy, law, and government.

MODERATOR: **Courtney Chenette '09**, assistant professor, political science, gender and women's studies

ALUMNAE/I	MAJOR(S)	CAREER EXPERTISE
Alexis Hair Tahinci '06	studio art	attorney/federal judicial law clerk, legal research, drafts judicial opinions and jury instruction
Elizabeth Trosch '98	philosophy	district court judge, public defender attorney
Elizabeth K. Trout '17	political science	associate, legislative aide
Elysse Stolpe '10	history international studies	assistant commonwealth attorney, litigation associate in international arbitration and complex commercial litigation, adjunct professor, senior executive editor
Lia Joseph '17	sociology	Ph.D. candidate in sociology, social justice, student organization development, and administration

STEM PIONEERS

Dana Science Building, Babcock Auditorium

Historically, if you asked children from most cultures to draw a scientist, engineer, or mathematician, they would not picture a woman. At Hollins, we are proud to boast many science majors and alumnae/i working in related fields. Representing business, data analytics, scientific research, and environmental compliance, alumnae/i in this session will discuss how to pioneer your way into fields where women have been historically underrepresented and make your own unique contributions.

MODERATOR: **Brian Gentry**, assistant professor, chair of physics

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Ashani Davidson '17	biology	clinical scientist, inpatient and outpatient studies
Amanda Sandidge '11	environmental studies	environmental compliance analyst, environmental scientist, industrial hygienist
Anne Lindblad Quanbeck '79	statistics	clinical research, president and CEO
Holley Russell '87	computational sciences	healthcare software quality assurance project manager, software trainer, technical support analyst

SESSION PERIOD THREE (4:45-5:30 PM)

Issues of Interest

LANDING IN UNEXPECTED INDUSTRIES

Wetherill Visual Arts Center, Niederer Auditorium

Everyone knows what doctors, lawyers, and teachers do. But what about new and emerging roles or industries less likely to be represented in popular media? This session should highlight what we know beyond a doubt: Hollins students are not only going places, but the routes they will take are varied and unpredictable. Representing consulting, specialty foods, manufacturing, transportation, and professional sports marketing, alumnae/i will consider how they ended up in some unexpected industries. This is a great session for anyone who wants to learn what's possible when you get out of your familiar comfort zone!

MODERATOR: **Jenny Call**, university chaplain

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Tina Dimacali '93	economics	structural engineer, historic preservation, entrepreneur, chef services
Christine Holt Fix '97	art history	urban planning/transport, historic preservation, global engineering, transportation and environmental planning
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MODERATOR: **Luke Vilelle**, university librarian, liaison librarian

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Maya Rioux '16	international studies communication studies French	senior lead administrator, global staffing, international communication
Pavithra Suresh '16	international studies communication studies Spanish	Ph.D. candidate, cultural studies, intercultural and international communication, teacher of global affairs
Kayla Deur '16	sociology environmental studies	program coordinator, field-based learning, outdoor education

SESSION PERIOD THREE (4:45-5:30 PM)

VIRTUAL YOU - MANAGING YOUR DIGITAL PRESENCE

Wetherill Visual Arts Center, Room 119

Today, digital and social media have a significant impact on recruiting, networking, and job searching. You must be strategic about how you represent yourself online. What are employers looking for in your online presence and social media profiles? How do you use media most effectively for networking and job hunting? How can you market media savvy on your resume? How can you clean up a problematic online presence? Experienced in communications, alumnae/i presenters in this session will answer such questions and more!

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Lexi Mondot '12	dance theatre	executive assistant to president, arts management, dance instructor, French tutor, assistant choreographer, cofounder
Mallory Potock '09	business	marketing lead, Global Content partnership, television production

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 | NETWORKING SESSIONS

8:30-9:15 AM

BREAKFAST, MOODY DINING HALL

9:30-10:15 AM

ARTS/MUSEUMS

Christian Carr '94; Syreeta Combs-Cannaday '02; Patricia Cope-Levy '09, M.F.A. '15; Jenefer Davies '91, M.A.L.S. '03; Tricia Edwards '92

Taubman Museum of Art: Beth Pline, deputy director of operations
Dana Science Building, Room 114

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Betsy Coe '04, Tina Dimacali '93, Rebecca Siekman Kalis '73, Carol Robinson '69

New Virginia Economy: Mike Hamlar, host and entrepreneur
Moody Student Center, Janney Lounge

HEALTHCARE

Anne Chisman Abraham '77, Lauren Bates-Rowe '06, Molly Budd '15, Liz Schwartz Kauffman '09, Yafen Liang '12

Bradley Free Clinic: Ruth Cassell M.A.L.S. '15, director of operations
Dana Science Building, Room 142

LEGAL CAREERS

Elysse Stolpe '10, Alexis Hair Tahinci '06, Elizabeth Trosch '98

Dana Science Building, Room 102

NONPROFITS

Emma Barone '12, Kayla Deur '16, Annie Kirschner '04, Brenna Rivett '15, Elizabeth K. Trout '17

Local Colors of Southwest Virginia: Lisa Spencer, executive director
Moody Student Center, Goodwin Private Dining Room

10:30-11:15 AM

BUSINESS FINANCE

Frances Kalema '11, Rebecca Siekman Kalis '73, Carol Robinson '69, Lauren Alice Staley '11
Moody Student Center, Janney Lounge

COMMUNICATIONS/MEDIA MARKETING

Catherine Doss '14, Mary Flinn '69, Beth JoJack '98, Lexi Mondot '12, Mallory Kate Potock '09

Nexstar Media Group, Inc.: Kay Norred, WFXR news director
Dana Science Building, Room 114

EDUCATION

Emma Barone '12; Jenefer Davies '91, M.A.L.S. '03; Kacee Eddinger '19; Lia Joseph '17;

Liz Schwartz Kauffman '09; Pavithra Suresh '16; Jacqueline E. Whitt '03

Moody Student Center, Goodwin Private Dining Room

GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC SECTOR

Lauren Bates-Rowe '06, Christine Holt Fix '97, Brenna Rivett '15, Elizabeth K. Trout '17

City of Salem: Melinda Payne '81, director of economic development
Dana Science Building, Room 102

STEM

Ashani Davidson '17, Alicia Johns '13, Alex Pell '15, Holley Russell '87, Amanda C. Sandidge '11

Dana Science Building, Room 142

11:30 AM-Noon

Closing Remarks by Djuna Osborne, Roanoke City Council

Dana Science Building, Babcock Auditorium

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ANNE CHISMAN ABRAHAM '77 graduated with a degree in psychological services. Immediately after graduation, Anne began her career as a medical social worker at Norfolk General, then Hampton General, then Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. After surviving

divorce, single parenting three fantastic sons, and stage IV malignant melanoma, Anne received her master's degree in social work in 2009. She received her clinical license and has been a licensed clinical social worker since 2013. Anne is in private practice in Norfolk, specializing in death and dying, grief and loss, and women's issues.

EMMA BRETSCHNEIDER BARONE '12



LAUREN BATES-ROWE '06 is the assistant vice president of health policy for the Medical Society of Virginia. She is responsible for leading policy development for legislative and regulatory initiatives for MSV. Lauren's previous roles include implementing the Affordable

Care Act at the state and federal levels and serving as federal lobbyist for healthcare providers and voluntary health organizations. She is a native Virginian.



MOLLY BUDD '15 earned a B.S. in biology and minor in chemistry at Hollins. She graduated from Arcadia University in May 2019 with a M.M.S. in physician assistant studies. She is a board certified physician assistant. Prior to PA school, Molly worked as a medical assistant and scribe at a

doctor's office and as a pharmacy technician to gain healthcare experience in order to apply to programs. She is excited to begin her career as a physician assistant.



CHRISTIAN CARR '94 has been engaged continually with museums and art history since graduating from Hollins. She started her career at the National Gallery in DC six weeks after graduation, used the Metropolitan Museum of Art as the basis for her master's degree, and

earned her Ph.D. in art history while serving as a museum director. Since 2012 she has been a professor at the Savannah College of Art and Design where she

teaches classes in her specialty areas of 19th-century art, American art, and museum studies with a focus on leadership practices. She also serves as graduate coordinator, reviewing applications to the M.A. program in art history and advising students on career paths and programs to enhance their marketability and knowledge.



JASMINE CARTER '19 received a B.A. in political science and a minor in social justice at Hollins. During her undergraduate career, she completed multiple internships at various nonprofits in Roanoke, Lexington, and Washington, D.C., serving underrepresented

communities. Currently, she is the alumnae relations coordinator at Hollins and interning for a political campaign in her hometown of Buena Vista, Virginia.

BLAIR CELLI '03

ELIZABETH "BETSY" COE '03

JESSIE COFFMAN '04



SYREETA COMBS-CANNADAY '02 joined Bucknell University advancement in 2017 and assists Bucknell parents' in making unique gifts to sustain the university's quality and reputation as an elite liberal arts institution. At Bucknell, Syreeta is a member of the UA Diversity, Equity,

and Inclusion Task Force. She collaborates with members of the parents and alumni boards to create opportunities for students at black-owned companies in Pennsylvania and the East Coast. Before Bucknell, Syreeta was the communications director at Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble, where she contributed to more than 65 professional theatrical productions, including four world-premieres created by her husband, Richie, and won a Data Arts Honorarium for her work innovating audience marketing strategies. Syreeta founded the Women's Solo Performance Festival, which was awarded the 2016 NEA Challenge America Grant. She is the president of the Bloomsburg Public Library Board of Trustees. She lives in rural Pennsylvania with her husband and three kids, Irene, Judah, and Mona.

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PATRICIA COPE-LEVY '09, M.F.A. '15 has a B.A. and M.F.A. in dance from Hollins. In 2009-10, she worked in Belfast, Northern Ireland, in peace and reconciliation with the Young Adult Volunteer Program with the Presbyterian Church (USA). She worked as a religious educator at

Wolfson Children's Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida, before moving back to Roanoke to serve as the coordinator of Christian formation at Christ Episcopal Church. She has also been teaching and making dance work with various dance companies and currently teaches at Roanoke Ballet Theatre, as well as producing her own dance works around identity politics. She is married to Meredith Cope-Levy '12, M.F.A. '18 and they are looking forward to becoming moms this winter.



ASHANI DAVIDSON '17 is a clinical scientist at the Estée Lauder Companies Clinical Research Center where she conducts safe, controlled studies and experiments to support claims made by over 30 beauty and cosmetic brands under the ELC umbrella. She graduated with a B.S.

in biology and a minor in dance along with a certificate in leadership studies from the Batten Leadership Institute. She began her career as a clinical researcher and scientist completing numerous internships in the scientific research and medical field. These internships included ambulatory surgical centers in Jamaica and Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York, where she began hands-on training with inpatient and outpatient studies and gathering data to further assist with clinical trials. While at Hollins, she tested the measurable effects Behen oil, extracted from Moringa seeds, would have on the growth of bacteria commonly linked to acne vulgaris found on facial skin. Ashani currently resides in New York and is a member of the Society of Cosmetic Chemists and Cosmetic Executive Women.



JENEFER DAVIES '91, M.A.L.S. '03 is the associate professor of dance at Washington & Lee University and artistic director of W&L dance. Her choreography has been commissioned by dance, opera, and theatre companies and has toured to Spain, Greece, Scotland, and throughout the

United States. Her academic program in aerial dance is one of the first in the country and her dancers have performed at the Ailey Citigroup Theatre, the Corcoran Gallery of Art, and from the rooftops of the W&L

campus. Jenefer's new book *Aerial Dance: A Guide to Dance with Rope and Harness* was recently published by Routledge Press.



KAYLA DEUR '16 earned her B.A. in environmental studies and sociology and a certificate in leadership studies. She was introduced to field-based learning at Hollins and after thriving in the outdoor classroom on campus and abroad, she felt motivated and empowered to facilitate similar

experiences for others. After graduating, Kayla worked for three years as an outdoor educator for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation at the Brock Environmental Center in Virginia Beach, where she felt as much a student as a teacher. Most recently, Kayla has joined Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline in Roanoke to create programs for Girl Scouts of all ages and to build partnerships within Southwest Virginia. She is also a cocreator and instructor for Girls Empowered by Mountain Shepherd (GEMS), a wilderness-based education and empowerment program for preteen and teen girls located in Catawba, Virginia.



CHRISTINA "TINA" DIMACALI '93 earned her B.A. in economics at Hollins before completing her B.S. in structural engineering from Washington University in 1995. As a licensed professional engineer in Philadelphia, her work ranged from

new construction to historic preservation. In 2004 she changed careers to start Clean Your Plate, offering chef services for 10 years. Relocating to San Francisco, she brought her talents to Dandelion Chocolate, a bean to bar chocolate company. As production manager she combined technical prowess, business and people skills in one role. Recently, she was promoted as Dandelion's program manager, doing strategic planning for future projects.



CATHERINE DOSS '14 earned a B.A. in communication studies and double majored in music at Hollins. She then went to the New School in New York City and earned her M.S. in media management in 2016. Since graduating, she's worked at two television stations in the Roanoke-

Lynchburg market, and now produces the 6 o'clock news on WDBJ7. This June, she won an award for Outstanding Newscast from the Virginia Association of Broadcasters.

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KACEE EDDINGER '14 earned a B.A. in English and creative writing, with a minor in communication studies and a certificate in leadership studies from the Batten Leadership Institute. She went on to complete a Master in Library and Information Science at Kent State University in

2017 while working for a medical insurance call center. Kacee now works as a youth services librarian with the Montrose Regional Library, planning programs, developing collections, and answering many reference questions. She lives in Montrose, Colorado, with her extremely photogenic cat, Munch.



PATRICIA "TRICIA" EDWARDS '92 has devoted her career to making museums inclusive and accessible to a broad general public. Before joining the Smithsonian Institution in 2006, she worked for the Delaware Museum of Natural History and the Baltimore Museum of Industry. As the head of

education for the Smithsonian's Lemelson Center, she developed Spark!Lab, a hands-on invention workspace for families at the National Museum of American History. She opened Spark!Lab spaces in cities across the U.S. and abroad, and launched a consumer product line under the Spark!Lab brand. In 2018, she joined Smithsonian Affiliations as its associate director to lead the development of a new organizational vision and strategic plan designed to broaden access and deepen the impact of the Smithsonian's work across the U.S.



CHRISTINE HOLT FIX '97 earned her B.A. in art history at Hollins and received her Master of Planning in Historic Preservation from the University of Virginia in 1999. She is a certified planner for a global engineering firm focusing on transportation and environmental

planning. She specializes in rail, highway, and transit projects in North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia. Christine has navigated projects through the National Environmental Policy Act and worked on statewide transportation plans; as a grant writer her projects have been awarded federal funding totaling \$82.5 million. Christine lives in Richmond, with her husband, Warren, and two girls, Anna and Sarah, whom she hopes will attend Hollins.



MARY FLINN '69 is senior editor of *Blackbird*, an online journal of literature and the arts, and has edited literary journals for 39 years, having also served as the poetry and fiction editor of *64* and the editor of the *New Virginia Review*. She is coeditor, with George Garrett, of *Elvis in Oz: New*

Stories and Poems from the Hollins Creative Writing Program (University of Virginia Press, 1992) and facilitated the editing of *The Gazer Within* (University of Michigan Press, 2001), a collection of essays by Larry Levis. Mary received the inaugural Theresa Pollak Award for Words from *Richmond Magazine*, and *Style Weekly* recognized her as one of their 2016 Richmond Women in the Arts.

GRACE IAQUINTO '15



ALICIA M. JOHNS '13 earned her B.S. in mathematics. While at Hollins, she played varsity soccer, worked in the Quantitative Reasoning Center, and coached at a local high school all four years. After Hollins, she went on to work a post baccalaureate fellowship at the Eunice Kennedy

Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development in the biostatistics branch. She was then accepted to the biostatistics Ph.D. program at Virginia Commonwealth University. At VCU, she has worked with several researchers in the Medical Center, particularly through the school of pharmacy. She is currently working to complete her dissertation and searching for jobs in pharmaceuticals or consulting research organizations.



BETH JOJACK '98 began her career at *The Roanoke Times* where she primarily wrote feature stories and movie reviews. She later moved to the *Athens Banner-Herald* in Georgia where she covered the city's fabled music scene and interviewed a long list of performers, including St.

Vincent, Brandi Carlile, and Lyle Lovett. In 2009, she joined the ranks of the thousands of journalists laid off in the wake of the recession and industry collapse. Beth returned to school for a master's degree in social work, but the career change didn't take. In 2013, Beth began working full time as a freelancer. Her main client is the Humane Society Legislative Fund.

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JALIA "LIA" JOSEPH '17 is a Ph.D. student at Texas A&M University. They earned their B.A. from the department of sociology at Hollins with a minor in social justice in May 2017. After leaving Hollins, they went on to work in the department of student activities in Student

Organization Development and Administration at Texas A&M. Now, Lia is a graduate teaching assistant in the department of sociology. Their research specializes in race/ethnicity, social movements, feminisms, qualitative methods, and white logics.



FRANCES KALEMA '11 earned her B.A. in business communication with a minor in studio art. After graduating from Hollins, she relocated to Atlanta where she began her career in the hospitality industry. She quickly moved up the ladder working in sales, operations, and revenue management

for Hyatt Corporate-owned hotels. For the last few years she has managed over three hotels ranging from Marriott, Hyatt, and IHG brands. She is currently the general manager for IHG in Tampa.



REBECCA SIEKMAN KALIS '73 earned her B.A. in economics at Hollins before receiving her M.B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles. With a career background in manufacturing and operations, she has held various CEO positions for middle-size manufacturing companies

in the Western U.S. Currently, Rebecca serves as an operating partner and a board member for private equity owned companies. Her volunteer participation has centered around charities funding scholarships for low income and migrant students.



ELISSA "LIZ" SCHWARTZ KAUFFMAN '09 earned her B.S. in psychology at Hollins before receiving her M.S. in psychology and Ed.S. in school psychology at Millersville University in 2013. She is a nationally certified school psychologist working in Prince

George's County, Maryland. She works with children K to 21 and regularly holds parent and teacher trainings about developmental trauma, autism, and executive functioning. She holds a leadership role in her union and

advocated for increased access to school mental health support at the local and state level. She is mother of two active children, Millie (three) and Theodore (four).



LIA KELINSKY-JONES '09 earned her B.S. in psychology at Hollins before receiving her M.S. from Virginia Tech with a focus on leadership development and program evaluation. She is currently pursuing her Ph.D. part time with a focus on participation and international

development policy. She was recently promoted to associate director in Cranwell International Center after serving as the senior assistant director for Intercultural Learning and program director for Mozaiko: A Global Living-Learning Community. Previously at Virginia Tech, she served in project management roles for the Center for International Research, Education, and Development; continuing and professional education; and the psychology department.



ANNIE OLSON KIRSCHNER '04 earned a B.A. in English, creative writing. She's the executive director of Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon and the state's Hunger Task Force. Annie started there in 2005 as an AmeriCorps VISTA. Over 14 years in the anti-hunger movement, she's

expanded access to free school meals through outreach, organizing, and policy change; pushed for equitable services for people receiving SNAP; fundraised an annual budget of nearly a million dollars as the development director; and now leads strategic priorities and acts as an advocate and spokesperson for the belief that all people have the right to be free from hunger.



YAFEN LIANG '12 studied business, English, and leadership at Hollins. She earned her M.B.A. from Baruch College in 2016, which also afforded her the opportunity to briefly study abroad in Lyon, France, at the IAE Lyon School of Management. The first six years of her career were spent at a

community hospital in her native Queens, New York, where she was promoted to department administrator for Obstetrics and Gynecology. This experience cemented her passion for healthcare administration and she continues her work today overseeing a busy OBGYN practice near Rockefeller Center for Columbia University Irving Medical Center.

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LEXI MARTIN MONDOT '12 has a B.A. in theatre and dance with an arts management certification. She currently supports the global president of public affairs at Weber Shandwick, overseeing initiatives such as an online publication with experts from 25 countries. Her first

internships through Hollins were at the Alley Theatre in Houston and Théâtre Aleph in France. Previously in NYC she worked as an EA, dance instructor, French tutor, in-home personal assistant, assistant choreographer, prop assistant, stage manager, along with other freelance engagements. She cofounded Mino Multimedia LLC, where she continues projects on the side. After juggling both freelance and full-time work, she understands the importance of balance and hopes to be a resource to other Hollins women.



BLAIR ST. LEDGER OLSON '13 received her Master in Science from the University of Virginia in environmental sciences with a concentration in ecology, where she analyzed endangered sea turtle nesting densities as well as nest site selection in relation to topographical

features. Her undergraduate degree is in environmental studies with a minor in mathematics from Hollins. After influential experiences in both the nonprofit and private sectors, she is currently a program manager with Generation180, a clean energy nonprofit. She specializes in advocacy and education, and is passionate about how community empowerment and agency can have a positive impact on the environment.



ALEXANDRA "ALEX" PELL '15 received a B.A. in international studies with a minor in theatre. After graduating from Hollins, she worked as a City Year Boston corps member where she first became interested in the education sector. She recently moved into a new role as a strategy

analyst at Penn Foster, where she measures student progression data to drive measurable improvements in learner performance and student graduation rates.



MALLORY KATE POTOCK '09

graduated with degrees in business and communication studies. A Batten Scholar and collegiate athlete, Mallory studied with the Batten Leadership Institute and rode on the Hollins riding team all four years. She started her career in television production

before transitioning to marketing. After getting her M.B.A. in 2017, she relocated to San Francisco where she currently resides. Mallory works at Twitter where she leads business marketing for the Content Partnerships team.



ANNE LINDBLAD QUANBECK '79

joined Emmes, a contract research organization tackling challenges that impact public health, in 1982, after a year-long stint as a statistics teacher. She worked her way up the ranks, and became president and CEO in 2013. Over her 30+ years at Emmes,

she has led major projects in oncology, neurology, ophthalmology, as well as transplantation, stroke, TBI, dental disease, and swallowing disorders. Anne has served as a reviewer for the National Institutes of Health on multiple projects, and has chaired several data and safety monitoring committees. She is a former president and board member for the Society of Clinical Trials. Anne holds a B.A. in statistics at Hollins, an M.S. in biostatistics from Virginia Commonwealth University, and Ph.D. in statistics from George Washington University. While at Hollins, she competed on the Hollins riding team. Anne has hosted internships at Emmes for Hollins students, and was recently awarded the Distinguished Alumnae Award at Reunion 2019. She is married to David Quanbeck, and they have two children.



MAYA RIOUX '16 holds a B.A. in international studies with minors in communication studies and French. She resides in Washington, D.C., and works for Robert Half International, Inc., a global staffing agency with over 400 locations worldwide. As senior lead administrator, she

manages a team of 10 admins and supports over 100 staffing professionals. In December 2018 she was recognized as a Robert Half Chairman's Award-winning Administrative Professional, one of 25 chosen globally. Currently, she is eyeing next steps toward her career goal of foreign service officer with the U.S. State Department.

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BRENNA RIVETT '15 graduated with a double major in environmental and international studies, and has a certificate in leadership from the Batten Leadership Institute. She is a principal research associate at the National League of Cities (NLC) focusing on urban sustainability,

housing, and economic development policy issues in cities across the country. Before coming to NLC, Brenna worked as a data analyst for an environmental consulting firm while pursuing a master's degree in urban ecology from American University. An urbanist at heart, she enjoys helping cities come up with innovative solutions to improve livability for residents and create more sustainable environments.



CAROL SCHWENZFEIER ROBINSON '69 began her first job at what is now Bank One. She worked for several banks in the area of investments and was an insurance agent and registered representative for Northwestern Mutual Insurance Company/Robert W. Baird. Carol

retired in 2014 from the Northern Trust Company, where she served many roles including trust administrator and certified financial planner providing in-depth planning for wealthy clients living in Florida, Atlanta, and Washington, D.C. She provided life insurance and annuity expertise for Northern employees, Northern clients, and their advisors throughout the United States. Carol is an avid sailor, racing and officiating racing events as well as cruising around the world. She has four children and eight grandchildren, and lives in Annapolis, Maryland, in the summer and Fort Myers, Florida, in the winter.



HOLLEY RUSSELL '87 started at Hollins as a pre-med/biology major but switched to a "computational sciences" (mathematics, statistics, computer science) major. After college Holley pursued a master's degree in computer science at Villanova University, but realized that coding

was not a good fit and reoriented toward an M.B.A. The first 10 years of Holley's career were spent as a software trainer and technical support analyst for three software companies—two were small start-up companies, the third was a subsidiary of US Healthcare. The past 20 years have been spent as a software quality assurance project

manager for Aetna, Lincoln Financial, and, currently, United Healthcare. Holley currently manages a team that designs and executes various tests for large scale projects to prove all system components work together as expected before going live in production. While at Hollins, Holley was a member of the college's Intercollegiate Horse Show Association riding team and brought a National Championship award to Hollins. Riding has continued to be a constant in her life, providing balance to her professional career. She also survived the flood at Hollins in November 1985.



AMANDA C. SANDIDGE '11 holds a B.A. in environmental studies. During her senior year at Hollins, she participated in an internship with Mountain Castle Soil and Water Conservation District. Following her time in AmeriCorps as a watershed coordinator, she focused on health

and safety working as an environmental scientist and industrial hygienist. She is licensed in the management of several classifications of hazardous materials, as well as evaluation of property conditions and worker exposure. She is currently the senior environmental compliance analyst for Advance Auto Parts supporting the health and safety of employees, and the environment, along with sustainability efforts.



LAUREN ALICE STALEY '11 earned her B.S. in clinical psychology with a minor in art history. She spent four years working as a researcher at the American Institutes for Research in Washington, D.C., and decided to make a sector switch from nonprofit government research to for-profit

software. Three years at a tech startup, she is now the director of customer success, managing about \$1.2M of her own customers in addition to overseeing customers for her team while continuing to develop the department for the quickly growing company.

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ELYSSE STOLPE '10 has served as an assistant commonwealth's attorney for the City of Waynesboro since 2015. In this role she prosecutes a variety of misdemeanors and felonies in General District, Juvenile and Domestic Relations, and Circuit Courts, and prepares appellate briefs

and assists with law enforcement investigations. Prior to joining the commonwealth's attorney's office, Elysse practiced law in Washington, D.C., as a litigation associate in the fields of international arbitration and complex commercial litigation at the international law firm Dentons. Elysse is also an adjunct professor of law at the University of Virginia School of Law, teaching Trial Advocacy to second- and third-year law students. She currently serves as a member of the Hollins Alumnae Board and president of the Augusta Bar Association. In the spring of 2014, Elysse published her note "MS-13 and Domestic Juvenile Sex Trafficking: Causes, Correlates, and Solutions" in the *Virginia Journal of Social Policy and the Law*, the journal for which she also served as senior executive editor. At Hollins, Elysse was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and earned a B.A. in history and international studies, and a certificate in leadership studies. She earned her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 2014.



PAVITHRA SURESH '16, received her B.A. degree in international studies from Hollins in 2016, and went on to receive her M.A. in intercultural and international communication from American University in Washington, D.C. She is currently a doctoral student

in cultural studies at George Mason University in Fairfax. Pavithra's current interests involve the parallel dialectics between the West/East, whiteness/otherness, masculine/feminine, and 'normal' or 'able'/'queer' or 'disabled' bodies, specifically applied to the erasure of queer identities within Hindu Indian-American contexts. Pavithra also teaches GLOA 101: Introduction to Global Affairs.



ALEXIS HAIR TAHINCI '06 received her J.D. from Penn State's Dickinson School of Law in 2010. She has practiced with two law firms, one with 140 attorneys in Pennsylvania and the other with 35 attorneys in Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia. At both firms, she primarily

represented organizational clients in a variety of civil litigation matters. She currently serves as a law clerk to a federal district judge in Abingdon, Virginia. In this role, she conducts legal research, drafts judicial opinions and jury instructions, and conducts a variety of administrative and legal tasks that help to keep the chambers running smoothly. She finds her contribution to the administration of justice in both civil and criminal cases to be rewarding and intellectually stimulating work.

ELIZABETH K. TROUT '17



JACQUELINE E. WHITT '03 is an associate professor of strategy at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. At Hollins she studied history and international studies and then earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in military history from UNC Chapel Hill. She has worked for

the Department of Defense as a professor since 2008, including at West Point and the Air War College. She is the author of an award-winning book, *Bringing God to Men: American Military Chaplains and the Vietnam War*. She writes and speaks about American strategy and the social and cultural history of the U.S. military. She is also the associate executive director of American Model United Nations.



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- Parking
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1. **Alumnae Cottage (Robbie Hunt Burton)** (guest housing)
2. **Athletic Complex** (Funkhouser-Fox Fitness Center, gymnasium, Northern Swimming Center)
3. **Barbee House** (guest housing)
4. **Batten Tennis Center**
5. **Beale Garden**
6. **Botetourt Hall** (Botetourt Reading Room, dance studios, human resources, mail services, plant facilities, security)
7. **Bradley Hall** (Batten Leadership Institute, events planning, TALMADGE RECITAL HALL)
8. **Carvin House** (student residence)
9. **Cocke Memorial Building** (business, marketing, president, public relations, VP for academic affairs, VP for finance and administration)

10. **Community Garden**
11. **Cromer Bergman Alumnae House** (alumnae relations, development, VP for institutional advancement)
12. **Dana Science Building (BABCOCK AUDITORIUM)**
13. **Duchouquet Cottage** (faculty residences)
14. **duPont Chapel** (cultural and community engagement, spiritual and religious life)
15. **East Building** (inclusivity and diversity office, student residence)
16. **Eastnor** (graduate and continuing studies, Horizon Program)
17. **Eleanor D. Wilson Museum**
18. **Faculty Avenue**

19. **French House** (student residence)
20. **Hill Building/Old Parsonage**
21. **Lorimer House (President's House)**
22. **Main Building** (academic services, GREEN DRAWING ROOM, printing services, registrar, scholarships and financial assistance, student residence, undergraduate admission, VP for enrollment and marketing)
23. **Malvern Hill**
24. **Moody Center** (Ballator Gallery, coffee shop, dining room, Goodwin Private Dining Room, Hollins Store, Janney Lounge, Rathskeller, Roanoke Times Conference Room, snack bar, VP for student affairs)
25. **Pleasants Hall** (social sciences)
26. **Power Plant**
27. **Presser Hall** (music)
28. **Randolph Hall** (student residence)
29. **Rath Haus** (student residence)
30. **Riding Center** (Kirby Riding Ring, stables)

31. **Roanoke County Recycling Center**
32. **The Rock**
33. **Rose Hill** (student residence)
34. **Sandusky** (student residence)
35. **Security** (Botetourt Hall)
36. **Swannanoa Hall** (children's literature, English, Jackson Center for Creative Writing)
37. **Theatre**
38. **Tinker House** (student residence)
39. **Turner Hall** (education, health services, humanities, international programs)
40. **West Building** (Career Center, student residence)
41. **Richard Wetherill Visual Arts Center** (art history, film, NIEDERER AUDITORIUM, studio art)
42. **Wyndham Robertson Library** (Center for Learning Excellence, HOLLINS ROOM)

Friday Program at a Glance

11:45 AM to 1:15 PM	Networking Lunch Reception <i>Moody Student Center</i>							
1:30 to 2:30 PM	Opening session with keynote speaker, Rhonesha Byng <i>Hollins Theatre</i>							
TRACK	INSIGHTS FROM THE FIELD		ISSUES OF INTEREST	NAVIGATING THE PROCESS		INTERACTIVE CONNECTIONS		
LOCATION	<i>Dana Science Building, Room 102</i>	<i>Dana Science Building, Babcock Auditorium</i>	<i>Wetherill Visual Arts Center, Niederer Auditorium</i>	<i>Wetherill Visual Arts Center, Room 119</i>	<i>Dana Science Building, Room 142</i>	<i>Moody Student Center, Goodwin Private Dining Room</i>	<i>Moody Student Center, Janney Lounge</i>	
2:45 to 3:30 PM	Working the Globe	Minding Your Business	Driven by Mission	Invaluable Internships	Life After Hollins: The Early Years	Speed Connection <i>Limited spots available; first-come, first-serve!</i>	Mock Interview <i>Preregistration required.</i>	
3:45 to 4:30 PM	Curating Culture	Healing and Healthcare	Out at Work	Going to Graduate School?	The Winding Path	Speed Connection <i>Limited spots available; first-come, first-serve!</i>	Mock Interview <i>Preregistration required.</i>	
4:45 to 5:30 PM	Advocating for Justice	STEM Pioneers	Landing in Unexpected Industries	Virtual You: Managing Your Media Presence	Life After Hollins: The Early Years	Speed Connection <i>Limited spots available; first-come, first-serve!</i>	Mock Interview <i>Preregistration required.</i>	
5:30 PM	Students Closing Connections: Continuing the Conversation, Moody Lobby							
6 PM	Alumnae Reception, Lorimer House							

Saturday Program at a Glance

8:30 to 9:15 AM	Breakfast Mingle <i>Moody Student Center dining hall</i>					
LOCATION	<i>Dana Science Building, Room 114</i>	<i>Moody Student Center, Janney Lounge</i>	<i>Dana Science Building, Room 142</i>	<i>Dana Science Building, Room 102</i>	<i>Moody Student Center, Goodwin Private Dining Room</i>	
9:30 to 10:15 AM	Fine/Performing Arts Museums	Entrepreneurship	Healthcare	Law and Related Work	Nonprofits	
10:30 to 11:15 AM	Communications Media Marketing	Business Finance	STEM	Government Public Sector	Education	
11:30 AM to NOON	Closing remarks by Djuna Osborne, Roanoke City Council <i>Dana Science Building, Babcock Auditorium</i>					