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WYNDHAM ROBERTSON LIBRARY NEWS

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HOW TO WIN A RESEARCH AWARD

You worked hard on that paper/presentation/project, and it's about to bring you rewards beyond a shiny GPA. How does \$250 sound? Or, if money doesn't interest you, consider the following endorsement by Writing Center Director Brent Stevens: "When we get a paper back from an instructor with a good grade, we tend to cheer and forget. But this contest gives its participants another venue to polish and showcase their work. Participation in a contest like this, even without victory, builds confidence. And it's confidence, I believe, that is central to a writer's success."

If we've convinced you, submit your work today for the first annual undergraduate research award. In addition to the rewards mentioned above, winning work will be preserved on the library's website and in the Hollins Archives. This year's winners will have the satisfaction of being the first-ever recipient of such a prize at Hollins, and it won't look bad on your graduate school applications, either...

See pg. 2 for more of
"Research Award"

Apply for the Research Award today!
<http://libguides.hollins.edu/award>

IT'S HERE: COFFEE, ALL THE TIME!



The trial period for staffed coffee service in the library's Coffee Commons has ended. In its place, a coffee machine now provides fresh ground cups whenever the library is open: regular, decaf, cappuchinos, lattes, mochas and more! It's also more environmentally responsible: you can use your own cup. Thanks are due to Sodexo for their efforts to determine how best to deliver a great cup of joe, whenever you are working in the library. And thank you for your patience - now come and have a cup!

TWO FILMS ON LOCAL FOOD

This February, our plates are full – with local food! Two films are on the menu, one local and one national. Even better: both will be introduced by the filmmaker.

Sunday 2/20, 2 p.m.

Urban Lots,
Garden Plots

Jim and Cathy
Crawford like a



challenge. Their film starts with the story of the old, broken-down house next to their Roanoke house, and how they tore it down to make a first-rate organic garden. What follows is a trip around our area to visit a wide variety of local growers, from urban gardens to CSA operations. "Urban Lots, Garden Plots" will be shown in Jackson Screening Room with an introduction by filmmaker Jim Crawford; the film will be followed by a free reception. Our "Now at the Library" documentary series is supported by Student Services.

Wednesday, 2/23, 7 p.m. Ingredients

This film takes you from the farm into the kitchen, to meet farmers and chefs around the country who are revitalizing the connection between our local community and our health. Featuring celebrated chefs and beautiful cinematography, "Ingredients" tackles a crucial topic in a way that will inform and delight you. "Ingredients" will be shown in the VAC auditorium with an introduction by producer and cinematographer Brian Kimmel; this film is sponsored by the Darcy Ellis Godhard Fund for Social Justice. *{Photo by Jim Crawford}*

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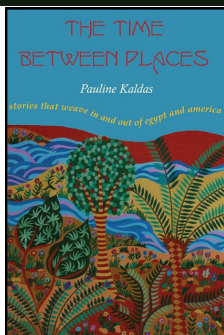
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NEW! FACULTY PUBLICATION DATABASE

Associate Professor of English Pauline Kaldas's new book, *The Time Between Places: Stories that Weave In and Out of Egypt and America*, has been published by the University of Arkansas Press. It is available in the Wyndham Robertson Library, as well as in the Hollins bookstore.



For more faculty publications, visit: <http://libguides.hollins.edu/facultypubs>.

This new database allows you to search for new publications by Hollins faculty: books, articles, conference proceedings and more. Listings include information on how to access materials available from the library, whether on the shelf or in one of our databases. For more information about the faculty publications database, contact Luke Vilelle at [362-6592](tel:362-6592) or lvilelle@hollins.edu

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Got the bibliography blues? Zotero is free software that helps you save and organize citation information as you do your research. When you're ready to write, Zotero makes in-text citations and bibliographies as easy as two clicks!

Learn more at free workshops offered this semester by the library:

- Monday, Feb. 21 , noon - 12:45 p.m.
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- Thursday, Feb. 24, noon - 12:45 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 8 , noon - 12:45 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 9, 6-6:45 p.m.
- Friday, March 11 , noon - 12:45 p.m.
- Monday, April 4 , noon - 12:45 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 5 , 6-6:45 p.m.
- Thursday, April 7, noon - 12:45 p.m.

Sign up by emailing mbarber@hollins.edu; signup sheets are also available at the library's reference desk. Come and learn how Zotero can save you time!

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RESEARCH AWARD CONTINUED

The competition is open to students at all levels, and to give everyone a chance, two prizes will be awarded: one is reserved for first years and sophomores, the second for juniors and seniors. Winners will be selected by a committee of librarians, faculty and students.

So, what makes a good research project? It's not as simple as a long bibliography: criteria include originality and creativity in choosing and using your sources, including clear and effective synthesis in your project or paper. The information must be used ethically and cited correctly. Finally, in your descriptive essay you should explain how this project has contributed to your growth as a scholar.

Applying is easy: just submit your project, along with a short essay describing your research methods. Ask your professor to recommend you, which she can do by using a quick online form. Applications are due Feb. 28. By late March, the finalists will be announced and the winner will be revealed at a reception on April 7.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BETH HARRIS

Beth Harris's article on the Margaret Wise Brown collection in the Hollins Archives appeared in the Oct./Nov./Dec. 2010 issue of *Virginia Libraries* journal. The article, titled "Discovering the unexpected: the Margaret Wise brown collection at Wyndham Robertson Library, Hollins University" describes the enjoyment of working with a varied collection of manuscripts, letters and other papers from the famous Hollins alumna who, as Harris puts it, "broke the mold of what was being written for children in the 1930s and 1940s."

Beth Harris is Special Collections and Government Information Librarian.



Margaret Wise Brown
(class of '32)