

# NEWSLETTER

THE SMITH COLLEGE CLUB OF ATLANTA, INC.

SPRING 2011

## ENDING RACISM: THE WORK AHEAD - AN EVENING WITH SMITH PROFESSOR MARY HALL

APRIL 20, 2011 AT THE GARDEN HILLS HOME OF ANNE HARPER '70

This spring's talk from Professor Mary F. Hall, Ph.D., LICSW, of the Smith College School of Social Work promises to be very different from the Club's recent offerings on Isaac Newton's interest in alchemy and archaeology on Greek islands. Professor Hall will speak to the Club about "silent racism," built into the fabric of America's cultural institutions today. This cultural phenomenon, she says, is uniquely American and has been rendered silent and unspoken under our current norms of political correctness.

Professor Hall has taught in both the master's and doctoral programs and served in various administrative positions during her tenure with the School of Social Work, where she also received her M.S.W. Most notably, she has served as the Director of Continuing Education, a Clinical Coordinator in the Doctoral Program, and an Area Coordinator in the Fieldwork Department. She has also served in multiple elected and appointed leadership positions in the National Association of Social Workers, including President of the Massachusetts Chapter, Representative for the New England Region on the National Board of Directors, and past Chair of the NASW National Committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity. Her scholarship interests in the area of race include the legacy of slavery and undoing racism and the interface between race and gender and clinical practice. She is currently teaching an elective course entitled Advanced Studies in Race and Racism. Professor Hall also holds a B.A. in Sociology and French

from Otterbein College, a M.A. in Applied Sociology from Boston University, and a Ph.D. in Clinical Social Work from the Simmons College School for Social Work.

This lecture will draw on selected comparisons of the experiences of citizens of African descent in Brazilian and Cuban cultures to make visible the silent racism in American culture. Professor Hall will discuss how the enduring paternalistic assumptions and stereotypical images that have resulted in uniquely American cultural enactments around race and racism from slavery into the present will serve as a platform to reflect on the work ahead.

The Club would like to thank Anne Harper in advance for her willingness to again host an event in her home. If you would like to learn about opportunities to host a future event in your home (or place of business) please let us know!

**WHAT:**

*Ending Racism: The Work Ahead* lecture given by Professor Mary Hall

**WHERE:**

179 Bolling Rd. NE, Atlanta, 30305

**WHEN:**

Wednesday, April 20, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

**RSVP:**

By April 15, attending only, online at <http://tinyurl.com/scprofessor11> or to Nancy Gallagher at 404-327-7888 (leave a short message with your name and phone number and/or email address).

**COST:**

Free; light refreshments will be served. Questions? Send an email to [AtlantaSmithClub@gmail.com](mailto:AtlantaSmithClub@gmail.com).

## 2011 HOLIDAY TEA

On January 9, about 55 Georgia Smithies of all ages gathered at the midtown Atlanta home of Leslie Graitcer '66 for the Club's annual Holiday Tea. A raffle organized by Cara Saylor Polk '65 raised \$130 for the Margaret Mitchell Scholarship Fund and children's books were collected for the YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter for Northeast Georgia. Many thanks again to all who participated in the raffle, paid dues, provided food, and simply attended the event! Special thanks to Leslie for her generous offer to host the tea. If you have any photos from the tea (or other events) that you'd like to share with the Club, please send them to [AtlantaSmithClub@gmail.com](mailto:AtlantaSmithClub@gmail.com).



## VISIT US ONLINE!

Find upcoming events, contact info, membership forms, and more on our website: <http://alumnae.smith.edu/smithcms/atlanta/> The Club is also on Facebook; search for Atlanta Smith College Club.

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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Smithies,

So great to see many of you at the Holiday Tea and the recent spring social at Cafe Lily. I think we all agree that a big part of what made the Smith experience so special was the conversation and camaraderie among some incredible women.

I'm pretty excited about Prof. Mary Hall's talk on April 20 (see page 1). As we prepare for a public event about "Margaret Mitchell at Smith" this fall, in conjunction with the 75th anniversary of the publication of *Gone with the Wind*, this discussion will be a timely and provocative one, especially in light of learning that Mitchell silently supported many Morehouse medical students. I hope you'll be able to join us for one of the related events below, too, and learn the truth behind the shy, private face of the author of one of the world's most successful, controversial books and the namesake of Georgia's Smith scholarship fund.

I've always thought that community service could be both a great way for Smith to gain more visibility in the Atlanta community, as well as provide a way for local Smithies to give back if they'd like to.

Thanks to Kristin Halloran for identifying the opportunity to help clean and beautify Margaret Mitchell Square as part of a downtown service day on Saturday April 16 and to Dora Guzman for organizing the effort. See page 3 for more information.

Also, a big welcome to Kimberly Stillwachs, our new club secretary! As the school year nears its close, I hope you will consider volunteering for the leadership team for next year. I think everyone on the team will attest that it's not just a great way to give back to Smith and help with recruitment, but also a lot of fun. Terms start August 1, so if you're interested, please contact me.

Look for a postcard in late May/early June with details about this year's Smithnic. And finally, a gentle reminder that your dues are the reason we are able to put on alumnae events in Atlanta. They also support the book awards and the high expense of printing and mailing the newsletter and invitations.

Hope to see you at a Club event soon!

-Anya Martin '85

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## GONE WITH THE WIND ANNIVERSARY

As many of you know, 2011 is the 75th anniversary of the publication of *Gone With the Wind*, Margaret Mitchell's only book and the world's all-time best-selling novel. Along with a variety of other organizations, the Smith College Club of Atlanta invites you to celebrate this anniversary by taking part in any of the year's planned events. Information can be found at <http://www.margaretmitchellhouse.com/gwtw75/>

Although none of these events are officially sponsored by the Smith College Club of Atlanta, we'd love to facilitate Smithie meet-ups at any of them. Please use our facebook page to let others know which events you plan to attend. In particular, if you are interested in attending the May 14 event at the Margaret Mitchell House (see the above link) as a group, during the 11 a.m. time slot, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/mmsc2011/> and let us know. Depending on interest, we also hope to organize an informal gathering for discussion over coffee or snacks before or after.

To honor the *Gone With the Wind* anniversary as well as the 50th anniversary of Georgia Public Broadcasting, a black tie event at the Georgian Terrace on June 9, 2011 will celebrate the premiere of a new film that will appear in the future on American Masters, a national PBS series. If you're interested in learning more or attending this event, please email Mary Hinkel at [hinkelfamily21380@earthlink.net](mailto:hinkelfamily21380@earthlink.net).

The summer issue of the *Alumnae Quarterly* will have a section on *Gone With the Wind* and our very own Charlise Lyles will be contributing. The issue may include a sidebar on the Margaret Mitchell Scholarship, which provides tuition assistance to young women from Georgia. The Club has held small fundraisers at recent events to benefit the scholarship fund and hopes that the publicity associated with this year's anniversary will promote additional giving. If you are interested in finding out more about how you can help, please contact the Club or any of the officers.

## BOOK AWARD UPDATE

In 2010, the Club presented 12 awards to students from Georgia high schools - three more than 2009, thanks to the help of alumnae donations. In 2011, we will be adding Johns Creek High School in Fulton County (at their request) and reintroducing the award at Grady High School in Atlanta. This represents an increase of 55% since 2004. After six years of running the program on behalf of the Atlanta Club, Mary Hinkel is stepping down. If you're interested in leading this effort next year, please contact her at [hinkelfamily21380@earthlink.net](mailto:hinkelfamily21380@earthlink.net).

## CLASS OF 2014

The Atlanta Club is working to build stronger relationships with current and prospective students from Georgia. We met some of them at the Smithnic last summer and hope to continue with this initiative. If you're interested in helping prepare exam-time care packages for current Smith students from Georgia, please email [AtlantaSmithClub@gmail.com](mailto:AtlantaSmithClub@gmail.com) and let us know what you'd be willing to contribute (baked goods, funds for mailing, gift cards to Northampton businesses, time for assembly, etc.).

## SMITH ADMISSIONS

Our Alumnae Admissions Coordinators are looking for volunteers to help with interviewing prospective students and other admissions-related activities. If you're interested, please email Kamina Pinder ([pkamina@hotmail.com](mailto:pkamina@hotmail.com)) or Charlise Lyles ([lcharlise@aol.com](mailto:lcharlise@aol.com)).

## LOCAL ALUMNAE NEWS

**Kamina Pinder '93**, one of Atlanta's Alumnae Admissions Coordinators, is now the southeast representative for the Network of Alumnae Admission Coordinators. She will be working with all Alumnae Admission volunteers throughout our region.

**Rachel Willis '04**, a third-grade teacher at Morningside Elementary School, was one of 55 teachers across the country to be awarded the 2010 "Oscar of teaching," the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. Rachel attended Atlanta public schools herself and participated in Teach for America. The award recognizes the importance of outstanding educators and was conceived to encourage talented young people to become teachers. More about the award and a longer biography of Rachel can be found at <http://www.mff.org/>.

**Luma Mufleh '97**, recipient of the 2010 Smith Medal, recently announced that Fugees Family, the non-profit organization that she founded to work with Atlanta-area child survivors of war, has added a girls' soccer team to its well-known boys teams. The first class of girls will also begin at Fugees Academy in the fall. Help the Fugees by visiting <http://www.fugeesfamily.org/> or find them on facebook, and watch your email and our facebook page for an upcoming Fugees soccer game get-together.

**Anya Martin '85** recently launched Atlanta's first comprehensive guide to 20th-century pop culture activities. Visit <http://atlretro.com/> for features on vintage shopping, classic movies, big band and swing dance, disco, classic cars, and more.

THANK YOU TO ALL NEW\*  
2010-2011 CLUB MEMBERS!

### Sustaining Members

Anne Harper '70

### Contributing Members

Jenny Miller '96

Virginia Taylor '61

### Members

Ashten Bailey '03

Amy Bucklin '97

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Nancy Fenn Dietz '66

Kalia Edmonds '96

Diana Fleming '97

Donna Gilli '78

Morgan Moorehead '09

Susan Olson '64

Alyssa Stalsberg '00

Ellen Kierr Stein '69

Nancy Perkinson Sumner '68

Suzanne Talbott '67

Ardath Weck '62

Kathleen Yukishige '81

\*paid 10/26/2010-2/20/2011

## EARTH DAY 2011

Join other metro Atlanta Smithies to clean up Margaret Mitchell Square, across the street from where "Gone With the Wind" premiered in 1939, for Earth Day. On April 16, we'll be one group that's part of a clean-up effort in downtown Atlanta from 9 a.m. to noon. No tools or special skills required (if you have your own work gloves, though, please bring them) - if you're interested or have any questions, please send an email to Dora Guzman at [dorabguzman@gmail.com](mailto:dorabguzman@gmail.com). Let's make Peggy proud!

## JOIN THE CLUB! 2010-2011

There are several levels at which you can support the Smith College Club of Atlanta or sustain your current membership. Please fill out the form below, and send with a check payable to The Smith College Club of Atlanta, Inc. to **Jenny Miller, 743 Myrtle St. NE, Atlanta, GA 30308**

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|--|------|--|------|---|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recent grad (2006-2010) | \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing member | \$60 | <input type="checkbox"/> Margaret Mitchell Circle           | \$150 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basic member            | \$30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining member   | \$90 | <input type="checkbox"/> Book award (\$35 each or \$ _____) |       |
|  |      |  |      | <input type="checkbox"/> Margaret Mitchell Fund (\$ _____)  |       |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation year: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Save the green! Check here to opt out of receiving a paper newsletter; please double-check your email address above.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# BOOK CLUB

2011

MARCH

8 **Smith College Club of Atlanta Spring Social** at Cafe Lily

14-18 *Spring Break!*

27 **Book club meeting: *Peter Pan*** (see note, this page)

APRIL

16 **Earth Day at Margaret Mitchell Square** - watch your email for more information!

16 *Celebrating Collaborations: Smith's annual showcase of student research*

20 **Ending Racism: an evening with Professor Mary Hall** (see page 1)

29 *Second semester classes at Smith end*

MAY

3-6 *Final exams (Help us support current students; see page 3)*

12 Reunion begins for classes of 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, and 2006

14 *Ivy Day and Illumination Night*

15 *Commencement*

19 Reunion begins for classes of 1931, 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, and 1981

JULY

17 **Save the date! Second annual Smithnic** for alumnae, current and prospective students, and families. Invitations to come.

The Smith College Club of Atlanta's Book Club typically meets on the third or fourth Sunday of each month at a member's home. The host provides snacks and each attendee should bring a beverage of her choosing. The next meeting is on Sunday, March 27 at 3 p.m. at Anya Martin's house. The club will discuss *Peter Pan* by J.M. Barrie. Those who are familiar with more recent versions of the story may be surprised by the tone of the original book! (Image below of Tinkerbell and Peter flying from the currently-running in-the-round production of *Peter Pan* at Pemberton Place in Atlanta.)

If you'd like to add your name to the book club email list, please contact Cynthia Schlag-Morneweck at [cmorneweck@gmail.com](mailto:cmorneweck@gmail.com).



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