

NEWSLETTER

THE SMITH COLLEGE CLUB OF ATLANTA, INC.

SPRING 2012

AN EVENING LECTURE WITH SMITH COLLEGE PROFESSOR EMERITUS DONALD ROBINSON

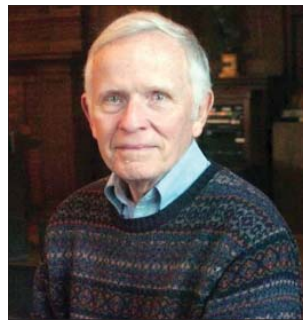
On March 29, the Smith College Club of Atlanta will welcome and host Smith College Professor Emeritus Donald Robinson, former Charles N. Clark Professor of Government and American Studies. Since 2012 is a presidential election year, Professor Robinson will present a timely lecture, "The Stakes in the 2012 Presidential Election: A Constitutional Perspective."

Professor Robinson joined the Smith College faculty in 1966 where he taught courses on the presidency, political parties, and constitutional history. He retired from Smith College in 2004. Throughout his distinguished academic career he left many indelible marks on Smith, including the founding of the Smith Internship Program in Washington, DC.

Other accomplishments at Smith include his collaboration with Project '87, an interdisciplinary study of the U.S. Constitution; and his broad international scholarly work, including his study of the development of the Japanese constitution which resulted in his co-authorship of the award-winning book *Partners for Democracy: Crafting the New Japanese State Under MacArthur*. He has also served as consultant to the Ford Foundation on programs relating to constitutional

democracy in the developing nations of the Third World and in Eastern Europe.

The Club would like to thank Mary Hinkel '73 in advance for her willingness to host this 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!



Professor Donald Robinson

WHEN:

Thursday, March 29, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

WHERE:

1718 Mason Mill Rd., Atlanta 30329-4129.
No parking is allowed on Mason Mill Rd., but space is available on Mason Woods Dr.

RSVP: Please let us know (only) if you will attend. Access this link: <http://tinyurl.com/smithprofessor2012> or call Nancy Gallagher '87 at (404) 327-7888 (Leave a short message with your name and phone number.)

COST: This is a free event. Light refreshments will be served.

SAVE THE DATE APRIL 19, 2012

Reconnect with old friends, make new ones, meet the club's officers, find out about upcoming events, and chat with local Smithies at Cafe Lily in downtown Decatur.

WHAT:

Smith College Club of Atlanta Spring Social

WHEN:

Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE:

Cafe Lily 308 W. Ponce de Leon Ave., Decatur 30030 www.cafelily.com

RSVP: Please let us know (only) if you will attend. Access this link: <http://tinyurl.com/ASCspringsocial2012> or call Nancy Gallagher '87 at (404) 327-7888 (Leave a short message with your name and phone number.)

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY AT GLOBAL VILLAGE SCHOOL

On March 22, consider leaving work a little early to join Smith College alumnae from 4:00-5:00 p.m. for a special "Connections Tea" to share your college and career experiences with young women, aged 13-17, who attend the Global Village School (GVS). The one-on-one time will give the girls a chance to ask questions and alumnae an opportunity to learn more about GVS, including how to get involved as tutors and volunteers.

If you attended the Holiday Tea in January, you met two extraordinary young women who are studying at GVS—Bae Meh from Myanmar (Burma) and Ekhlass from Sudan. You also heard from GVS Executive Director Grace Hawkins and GVS Development Director Temple Elliott.

GVS's mission is to help teenage survivors of war acquire the education necessary to succeed in life and to fulfill their dreams. The school is housed at the Decatur Presbyterian Church in Decatur, GA. Students are selected based on recent arrival in the U.S. and a strong desire to learn. As Smith College alumnae, we know how important an excellent education and the camaraderie of other women can be. GVS gives these young women the opportunity to study English, math, history, and science, as well as extracurricular areas like music and physical education, in a warm, optimistic community. The goal is to prepare them to be able to attend and to thrive in public high school where they often feel like outsiders due to language and cultural barriers.

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GVS student (Ekhlass) and Grace Hawkins

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Smithies,

I hope you're all doing well. It was great to see over 60 alumnae at the Club's annual Holiday Tea on January 8! Thank you again to Donna Gilli '78 for hosting the tea at her lovely home in Dunwoody. What an enjoyable afternoon of tea, wine, munchies, and great conversation with fantastic women. Thanks also to Morgan Moorehead '09 for organizing the raffle, which raised over \$100 for the Margaret Mitchell Scholarship fund. Additionally, Morgan and Nancy Roth Remington '72 invited some very special guests from the Global Village School (GVS), which educates refugee girls. As president of the Club, one of my goals is to help alumnae connect with service opportunities of local organizations that support the education and self-esteem of young women. I'm pretty excited to see that goal finally come to fruition with GVS. Be sure to read the article on page 1 to find out more about an upcoming event.

It was also so nice to reconnect with Luma Mufleh '97, who founded Fugees Family and its soccer team, which has gained international attention for its impact on improving the lives of refugee boys. Last year Luma launched a girls' soccer team and the Fugees Academy, an independent middle school. Luma and Shola Oni '97 plan to organize an event where we can learn more about the soccer team and school. Stay tuned!

It's hard to believe how fast time has passed. I'm already in my third (and final) year as president. I was nervous, at first, to take on the responsibility, but it's been a great pleasure serving the Club. Three years ago, the Smith College Club of Atlanta was very quiet. Recently its revival has attracted much attention from Smith College and

was one of the reasons that President Carol Christ wanted to visit Atlanta last fall. I cannot say enough times that Atlanta would not have such a vibrant Club if not for the amazing women who have donated their time, skills, and enthusiasm to the leadership team. If you have been enjoying Club activities or want to help raise awareness of Smith College in Georgia, the leadership team is a meaningful and fun way to give back to an educational institution that shaped us in so many ways. A community is only as strong as its members, so I encourage you to consider joining the team for next year. Please email me if you're interested.

Finally, I always hate to bring up money matters, but if you have not paid your dues for 2011-2012, please consider doing so as soon as possible. Dues are essential to the Club's ability to organize Atlanta-based alumnae events and to pay for book awards. In fact, the dues we receive this year will determine whether the Club can continue to afford the high expense of printing and mailing newsletters and event invitations. (See page 3 for a special note about this challenge.)

Nevertheless, the year isn't over yet. I hope to see you March 29 when we host Smith College Professor Emeritus Donald Robinson and at the spring social April 19. Look for an email/postcard in late May/early June with details on our annual Smithnic summer social event to welcome new students and have fun with your families.

Warm regards,

Anya Martin '85

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RECENT EVENT PHOTOS HOLIDAY TEA



(L-R) Charlise Lyles '81, Afiya Shani Williams '08, Wynetta McNeill '78



Alumnae at home of Donna Gilli '78

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY AT GLOBAL VILLAGE SCHOOL CLUB COMMUNICATIONS

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This service opportunity was organized by Smith College Club of Atlanta Volunteer Outreach Coordinator Morgan Moorehead '09, at the suggestion of Nancy Roth Remington '72. Nancy became involved with GVS in December 2009, just a few months after the school opened its doors. At the heart of Nancy's volunteerism is an opportunity to pass on the kindness of friends and strangers—in other words, “to pay it forward,” she says. Her experiences at GVS quickly inspired her to become one of the school's most passionate supporters.

Nancy started out teaching a weekly English class, and she is now one of two regular assistants in a class for beginning readers and a tutor to several girls on Wednesday afternoons. “One girl particularly stands out,” Nancy states. “For reasons that are unclear to most of the staff, this beautiful young woman, who has been in Atlanta for exactly two years, has had a very hard time gaining English language skills. She chatters with animation in her native languages, though she can't read. When she first arrived she had no knowledge of English, and after six months, she could barely make herself understood. Now, although she still reads at a low level and can get discouraged that her progress is slower than that of fellow students, she can make herself understood and is able to help newer students. GVS's commitment to education wrapped in lots of hugs has clearly made the difference.”

Nancy considers her Wednesday tutoring commitment at GVS a priority and schedules her business and personal trips around it. In addition, she is a leader in fundraising activities, which are essential to keeping this special school in operation.

She also serves on a committee that seeks to provide activities to help the girls understand opportunities in the U.S. once they acquire a solid grounding in basic skills. “Every day I work directly with the girls—seeing their progress, hearing the raucous laughter in the halls, and watching the small army of volunteers and dedicated teachers. I'm grateful to have the opportunity to be connected to GVS and the girls,” Nancy says.

We are looking for women from a diverse selection of careers to participate in the “Connections Tea” at GVS. If you are interested, please contact Morgan Moorehead at morgan.j.moorehead@gmail.com, ideally before March 15.

LOCAL ALUMNAE NEWS

On March 11, Shana Corey '96 will be signing her new children's book, *Here Come the Girl Scouts! The Amazing All-true Story of Juliette “Daisy” Gordon Low and Her Great Adventure*. Described as a “girl power picture-book,” it celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts which was founded in 1912 in the author's hometown, Savannah, Georgia. Check out this recent Smith article at the link: <http://alumnae.smith.edu/cms/?spotlight=behind-the-book-shana-corey-96>

WHEN:

Saturday, March 11, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

WHERE:

Little Shop of Stories, 133A East Court Square, Decatur 30030, (404) 373-6300

Despite the Club's best efforts to continue snail-mail communication with Georgia-based alumnae, rising printing and mailing costs are likely to make this unsustainable in the near future. Each printed newsletter mailing costs the Club over \$500, and we are not collecting sufficient dues to support this expense; we'd prefer to use Club funds for face-to-face events! It's likely that beginning in the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the Club will have to start relying on email and our website <http://alumnae.smith.edu/smithcms/atlanta/> for most of the Club's communication, including newsletters.

If you have not been receiving emails from the Club please visit <http://alumnae.smith.edu>, scroll to the bottom of the page, and update your contact information. If you do not have an email address, please include a note when you return your membership form, and we will send you printed newsletters in the future. Smith Clubs all over the country are facing this issue, and we've decided that using technology to reduce costs is the best way for our Club to move forward. Thank you for your understanding!

THANK YOU CLUB MEMBERS!*

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*Dues paid 7/1/11-2/21/12

JOIN THE CLUB! 2011-2012

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, 119 Madison Avenue, Decatur GA 30030**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Recent grad (2007-2011) | \$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 (\$ _____) | |

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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

2012

MARCH

- 11 **Book Signing:** *Here Come the Girl Scouts!* by Shana Corey '96 - see page 3
- 17-25 *Spring Break!*
- 18 **Book Club** - see note, this page
- 22 **Global Village School: Connections Tea** - see page 1
- 29 **Evening with Smith College Prof. Emeritus Donald Robinson** - see page 1

APRIL

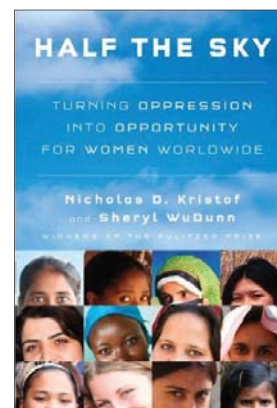
- 15 **Book Club**
- 21 *Celebrating Collaborations: Smith's annual showcase of student research*
- 19 **Smith College Club of Atlanta Spring Social at Cafe Lily** - see page 1

MAY

- 3 *Second semester classes end*
- 8-11 *Final Exams*
- 17-20 *Reunion for classes '87, '92, '97, '02, '07*
- 19 *Ivy Day and Illumination Night*
- 20 *Commencement!*
- 20 **Book Club**
- 24-27 *Reunion for classes '32, '37, '42, '52, '57, '62, '67, '72, '77, '82*



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The Book Club met Sunday, February 19 at the home of Melissa Carel '80. Since the meeting date was close to Valentine's Day, this created an ideal setting for their discussion of *Parallel Lives: Five Victorian Marriages* by Phyllis Rose.

The next book is *Half the Sky* by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. The Book Club will meet Sunday, March 18, 2012. Contact Dora Guzman at dorabgzman@gmail.com or Cynthia Schlag-Mornebeck at cmornebeck@gmail.com if you'd like to join the club and for the meeting location.



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