Aboard the All-Suite, 100-Guest Corinthian
April 20 – 28, 2015

HOSTED BY
SMITH COLLEGE PRESIDENT KATHLEEN MCCARTNEY
AND WILLIAM HAGEN

CROSSROADS OF CIVILIZATIONS
Sardinia, Malta, Sicily & Southern Italy

WITH
SUSAN M. ETHEREDGE, Professor & Chair, Education & Child Study
AND JOHN DAVIS, Alice Pratt Brown Professor of Art
Dear Alumnae and Friends,

In April 2015, my husband, Bill, and I will be hosting an exciting Smith Travel trip to the Mediterranean, and we would be delighted if you joined us. Together, we will explore the area’s rich and varied history. We’ll visit ancient temples in Malta and medieval ruins in Sicily and southern Italy, and stroll along the beautiful streets of Marsala, Palermo and Salerno.

I am particularly excited about spending time in Sicily, which is the home of my mother’s family, and sharing that experience with you. This is my first Smith Travel trip and, of course, Smith won’t be far from my thoughts. On a pre-cruise option to Florence, Italy, we will spend a day in Pistoia, visiting the city’s innovative, world-renowned public early childhood schools. Susan Etheredge, professor of education and child study (and Smith alumna), will lead us in a discussion about her work there and demonstrate how Smith has contributed to the global discussion about young children’s education.

Also joining us on the cruise will be John Davis, the Alice Pratt Brown Professor of Art, whose lectures and discussions will shed light on the allure of Italy for painters and sculptors and bring to life the sites we visit.

Our home throughout this incredible voyage is the 50-suite Corinthian, whose intimate size and elegant yet relaxed ambiance make it the ideal vessel for fostering Smith friendships, whether over a relaxed meal, on deck or conversing with our faculty.

We expect interest in this trip to be high, so please reserve your space now by contacting Elizabeth Bigwood, director of Smith Travel, at 800-225-2029.

Bill and I look forward to welcoming you aboard next spring as we set sail through the Crossroads of Civilizations.

Sincerely,

Kathleen McCartney

President
**SMITH COLLEGE HOST & FACULTY**

**Kathleen McCartney** is the 11th president of Smith College, a position she assumed in July 2013. A summa cum laude graduate of Tufts University, she earned master's and doctoral degrees in psychology from Yale University. She is an authority on child development and a leader in higher education.

As she begins her presidency, she is focusing on outreach to the Smith community, including alumnae around the world. Already, she has launched important conversations on access and affordability, innovative approaches to liberal arts, and the capacities needed for students to succeed and lead.

McCartney was previously dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE)—only the fifth woman dean in Harvard's history. She doubled HGSE's financial aid for master's students, raised funds for international faculty research, and dramatically increased fellowship support for doctoral students. A signature accomplishment of her tenure was the creation of a three-year doctorate in educational leadership designed in collaboration with the Harvard Business School and Kennedy School of Government.

McCartney's research has focused on childcare and early childhood experience, education policy, parenting, poverty, and behavior genetics. She has authored some 150 articles and book chapters and was a principal researcher for a 20-year study of the effects of childcare on child development. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the National Academy of Education, the American Educational Research Association, the American Psychological Association and the American Psychological Society. She was the recipient in 2009 of the Distinguished Contribution Award from the Society for Research in Child Development. In recognition of her thoughtful and creative leadership at HGSE, *The Boston Globe* in 2011 named her one of the 30 most innovative people in Massachusetts.

In 2013, she received the Harvard College Women's Professional Achievement Award, which honors an individual who has demonstrated exceptional leadership in her professional field.

**Susan Etheredge**, professor and chair of the department of education and child study at Smith, received the A.B. degree from Smith College in 1977; her master's degree in education and child study from Smith in 1985; and the doctoral degree in education from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1995. At Smith, Susan teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in early childhood foundations and issues, literacy, children's literature, curriculum and instruction, and human development. She was the recipient of Smith's Sherrerd Prize for Distinguished Teaching in 2005. Susan has also served Smith as Associate Dean of the Faculty; inaugural director of the first-year seminar program; and co-founder and co-director of the Coral Reef Ed-Ventures Program. Her research and journal publications address inquiry-based teaching and learning in the early childhood/elementary classroom. She is co-author of two books: *Introducing Students to Scientific Inquiry: How Do We Know What We Know?* and *Insights and Inspirations from Reggio Emilia: Stories of Teachers and Children from North America*. Susan is currently writing a book about the world-renowned early childhood schools of Pistoia, Italy, where she spent a sabbatical year pursuing an ethnographic research study in the innovative public preschools and kindergartens.

**John Davis** is the Alice Pratt Brown Professor of Art at Smith College, where he also teaches in the American Studies Program. He is a graduate of Cornell University, and he earned his doctorate at Columbia University. Prior to joining the Smith faculty in 1992, Davis taught at Princeton University, and he was a Research Associate at the National Gallery of Art, Washington. In recent years, he has served as a visiting professor in Kyoto, Brussels, and Paris. Between 2007 and 2012 he was Smith’s Associate Provost and Dean for Academic Development. Davis is the author of several dozen books, articles, and catalogue essays, and he is the recipient of fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Henry Luce Foundation, the Wyeth Foundation, the Terra Foundation, the Fulbright Association, and the Mellon Foundation, among others. At Smith he specializes in the art and architecture of the United States. Davis has a particular interest in American artists who traveled abroad, and he will be sharing some of his research on American painters and sculptors who sought inspiration in Italy. He will also be discussing some of the most important artists of the Italian Renaissance, as well as key works of Italian architecture.
**ITINERARY**

*Monday, April 20, 2015*

**USA**
Fly from the U.S. to Rome, Italy.

*Tuesday, April 21*

**ROME, Italy | CIVITAVECCHIA | EMBARK**
Upon arrival in Rome, transfer to Civitavecchia and embark *Corinthian*. (D)

*Wednesday, April 22*

**CAGLIARI, Sardinia | SU NURAXI | NORA or CAGLIARI**
Arrive in Cagliari, Sardinia’s capital, built on a hill facing the sea. Disembark and drive to the village of Barumini to visit Su Nuraxi, Sardinia’s most important and impressive nuragic complex and a UNESCO Heritage of Humanity site. After lunch aboard, spend time at leisure to explore Cagliari on your own, or take an excursion to Nora, whose ancient remains date from the Carthaginian and Roman periods. (B, L, D)

*Thursday, April 23*

**MARSALA, Sicily | SELINUNTE and MOTYA | MARSALA**
Take a morning excursion to Selinunte, Sicily’s most westerly ancient Greek colony. A highland overlooking the sea provides a tranquil setting for the expansive ruins of what was once among the island’s most progressive cities. Spend the afternoon at leisure in Marsala or explore Motya, founded by Phoenicians in the 8th century b.c. Its museum exhibits superb sculptures. (B, L, D)

*Friday, April 24*

**VALLETTA, Malta**
Enjoy views from the deck as *Corinthian* sails into the dramatic harbor of Valletta. In the morning explore the Palace of the Grand Masters, the Co-Cathedral of St. John, and the National Museum of Archaeology. In the afternoon it’s a short drive to the remarkable Tarxien Temples, dating back to 2800 b.c., and onto Hagar Qim, an even older temple that stands atop a hill on the island’s southern edge overlooking the sea. (B, L, D)

*Saturday, April 25*

**MESSINA, Sicily, Italy | TAORMINA | MESSINA**
Drive to the stunning small town of Taormina and visit the magnificent Greek theater, which offers dramatic views of Mount Etna (the largest active volcano in Europe) and the Sicilian coastline. Also enjoy time exploring Taormina’s quaint streets and gardens on your own. (B, L, D)

*Sunday, April 26*

**PALERMO | MONREALE | PALERMO**
Palermo became one of Europe’s greatest cities by the 12th century under the Normans and has inherited a tremendous artistic legacy. A morning tour includes La Martorana church, noted for its beautiful mosaics, and the glorious Cappella Palatina (Palatine Chapel), one of Italy’s finest works of art, featuring dazzling mosaics, an exquisitely carved ceiling, and inlaid marble floors and walls. In the afternoon, travel to the small medieval town of Monreale to visit its famed Norman Cathedral and elegant Cloister, with its magnificent series of mosaics. Return to Palermo in the late afternoon with time at leisure to wander its streets independently. (B, L, D)
OPTIONAL THREE-NIGHT PRE-CRUISE EXTENSION IN FLORENCE & PISTOIA | April 17-21, 2015

Smith is planning an optional three-night pre-cruise stay in Florence that provides a special introduction to this glorious Renaissance city. Among the Smith-related arrangements will be a unique, behind-the-scenes art tour and the opportunity to meet students and administrators from the Smith Junior Year Abroad program. Also enjoy a full-day excursion to medieval Pistoia to visit the city’s innovative early childhood public schools, a site of Professor Etheredge’s scholarly research. Accommodations are at the Hotel Helvetia & Bristol, conveniently located near the Piazza della Repubblica.

The optional extension in Florence is available at an additional cost. Further details will be provided upon registration. (Please note: Fly from the U.S. on April 17, arrive in Florence on April 18, and embark Corinthian on April 21.)

Monday, April 27

SALERNO | POMPEII or PAESTUM | SALERNO
From Salerno, choose an excursion to Pompeii, the Roman city both destroyed and preserved by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79. No other place so completely captures the character of life in the early Roman Empire. Alternatively, choose to visit Paestum, the ancient Poseidonia (City of Poseidon), which was founded by Greeks around 600 B.C. and later taken over by the Romans. Paestum is famed for its magnificent Doric temples, which are among the best preserved ancient monuments in the Mediterranean. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, April 28

CIVITAVECCHIA | DISEMBARK | ROME | FLY TO USA
Disembark and transfer to the airport in Rome for return flights. (B)
CORINTHIAN SETS THE STANDARD FOR PRIVATE-STYLE CRUISING

In an era of mega cruise ships that carry thousands of passengers, Corinthian is a delightful alternative. More like a private yacht than a cruise ship, Corinthian accommodates only 100 guests in 50 suites. Corinthian’s limited guest capacity, fine facilities, and distinctive style of operation attract like-minded travelers who return again and again to enjoy its custom-crafted itineraries and a style of cruising that is rarely found today.

All of Corinthian’s suites face outside, providing views of the sea and landscape. Several have a private balcony. There are expansive open deck areas and attractive facilities, including a gym, spa, library (with Internet access), beauty salon, two lounges, a sun deck with Jacuzzi, and an outdoor cafe. An elegant restaurant accommodates all guests in an open, unassigned seating. An elevator serves all decks. A resident physician attends a well-equipped infirmary. Wi-Fi is available throughout the ship.

Served by 65 seasoned officers and crew, Corinthian complies with the latest international safety regulations, including those of the U.S. Coast Guard, meets the requirements of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and is outfitted with the most current navigational and communications technology. Corinthian is equipped with retractable fin stabilizers and a fleet of Zodiac inflatable craft for forays ashore.
Program Inclusions

Included
- 7-night cruise aboard the all-suite, 100-guest Corinthian
- Complete program of tours and excursions
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship
- All meals aboard ship including:
  - early riser’s coffee & pastry, breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, and dinner
- Wine with lunch and dinner aboard ship
- Educational program of lectures and discussions by accompanying Smith faculty
- Professional Travel Dynamics International tour staff
- Complete pre-departure materials
- Baggage handling and transfers aboard
  on the designated program arrival and departure dates
- Gratuities to porters, guides, and drivers

Not Included
- Airfare
- Visa and passport fees (if applicable)
- Trip cancellation and baggage insurance
- Meals and beverages other than those specified above
- Personal expenses aboard
  (such as laundry, telephone, Internet)
- Port taxes and charges
- Gratuities to shipboard personnel

Air Reservations
Airfare is not included in the Cruise and Land Rates. To make your air reservations, please contact your preferred airline, travel agent, or the Travel Dynamics International air desk toll-free at 1-877-711-9896 Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 5:30 pm (EST).

For reservations or information, please contact Elizabeth Bigwood at 413-585-2029 or 800-225-2029 or alumtrav@smith.edu

Cruise & Land Rates

All accommodations aboard Corinthian are suites. They face outside, affording sea views, and include a bedroom with two twin-size beds that can convert to a queen-size bed, sitting area, mini-refrigerator, safe, spacious closets, climate control, telephone, TV, DVD/CD player, Internet connection, and bathroom with marble vanity, shower, and other amenities. All suites are non-smoking.

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Port taxes & charges: $400 per person

VS & PHS suites are provided with private butler service and other exclusive amenities.

Single Occupancy: Single accommodations are limited and are available in select categories at a supplement to the per person, double occupancy rates. Single rates, per person: Category B: $11,690; Category A: $12,190. Single accommodations are limited. Smith will be happy to assist solo travelers in sharing spacious suite accommodations with a fellow alumna. Triple occupancy rates are available on request.
GENERAL INFORMATION

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: A deposit of $1,500 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour. For your convenience, you may charge your deposits to your American Express, Visa, Discover, or MasterCard. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure. Credit cards are not accepted for final payment. However, personal checks are accepted for both deposits and final payment.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: All cancellations are subject to a $300 per person fee. In addition, cancellations received 61-90 days prior to departure will result in a 20% charge of the total tour cost per person. Cancellations received within 60 days of departure are subject to 100% cancellation penalties.

INSURANCE: We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance in the event of unforeseen circumstances. Travel Dynamics International Ltd. reserves the right to charge a fuel supplement, without prior notice, if the NYMEX oil price exceeds $85 per barrel. The itinerary, accommodations, and arrangements are subject to change at the discretion of Travel Dynamics International Ltd.

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Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for $________ ($1,500 per person) to hold a reservation for ____ place(s) on Crossroads of Civilizations. I understand that final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure and is payable by check only.

Please make check payable to:
Travel Dynamics International
and mail with this registration form to:
Smith Travel, Office of Alumnae Relations,
33 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01063
Fax: 413-585-2015  Phone: 413-585-2029 or 800-225-2029  Email: alumtrav@smith.edu

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Please select cabin category in order of preference:
PHS__   VS__   AA__   A__   B__   C__   D__   E__

☐ Twin Beds  ☐ Double Bed

☐ Single Occupancy

☐ Share (Please assist in pairing me with a fellow solo traveler. Shares cannot be guaranteed.)

☐ Triple Occupancy

☐ Please book me/us on the Optional Pre-Cruise Extension in Florence & Pistoia. (at an additional cost)

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Each participant must sign below:
I/We have read the “General Information” section and agree to its terms.

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