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Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges Announces Winners of VFIC / Mednick Grant Awards Totaling \$30,000

Richmond, VA- The Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges (VFIC) is pleased to announce the awarding of the Maurice L. Mednick Memorial grants totaling \$30,000 to the following distinguished VFIC Professors:

Dr. Jason C. Vuic, Assistant Professor, History and Political Science Department, Bridgewater College

Dr. Matthew Frederick, Associate Professor of Trumpet and Music., Emory & Henry College

Dr. Marc A. Hight, Elliott Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Hampden-Sydney College

Dr. Jeanne Larsen, Professor of English, Department of English & Creative Writing, Hollins University

Dr. Laura Long, Associate Professor, English Department, Lynchburg College

Dr. Sara Hair James, Professor of Art History; Chair, Art History division of the Department of Art and Art History, Mary Baldwin College

Dr. J. Skye Donovan, Assistant Professor, Physical Therapy, Marymount University

Dr. Ronald W. Gettinger, Professor, Biology, Randolph College

Dr. Melanie Gubbels Bupp, Assistant Professor, Department of Biology, Randolph-Macon College

Dr. Wendy R. Larsen-Harris, Associate Professor, English; Roanoke College

Dr. Beverly Brown Schulke, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice/Sociology; Chair Criminal Justice Studies; Shenandoah University

Dr. Janet C. Steven, Assistant Professor, Biology; Sweet Briar College

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Dr. Daniel S. Margolies, Batten Associate Professor, Department of History; Virginia Wesleyan College

Dr. Timothy Maurice Diette, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics; Washington and Lee University

The Maurice L. Mednick Memorial was created in 1967 in honor of a young Norfolk industrialist who died from accidental causes and whose family and business associates wished to perpetuate his name by establishing a memorial that would emphasize his and the donors' strong interest in higher education. Administration of the Mednick Memorial Fund is vested in the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges to encourage the professional development of college teachers and improve their academic competence through fellowships for research and advanced study. Since 1975, approximately 515 research grants have been awarded to the colleges.

Founded in 1952, the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges is a nonprofit fund-raising partnership supporting the programs and students of 15 leading private colleges in the Commonwealth: Bridgewater College, Emory & Henry College, Hampden-Sydney College, Hollins University, Lynchburg College, Mary Baldwin College, Marymount University, Randolph College, Randolph-Macon College, Roanoke College, Shenandoah University, Sweet Briar College, University of Richmond, Virginia Wesleyan College, and Washington & Lee University. The VFIC supports these traditional undergraduate institutions by securing gifts and grants for the consortium, increasing their visibility, facilitating collaborative initiatives among the colleges and supporting programs which ensure that these colleges' personalized and effective educational experiences remain an affordable choice for the young men and women who will be tomorrow's citizen-leaders.

For more information about the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges and this grant program, visit www.vfic.org.

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