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Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges Announces Winners of VFIC / 2009 Mednick Grant Awards Totaling \$29,538

Richmond, VA- The Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges (VFIC) is pleased to announce the awarding of the Maurice L. Mednick Memorial grants totaling \$29,538 to the following distinguished VFIC Professors:

Dr. Jamie Frueh, Associate Professor, Department of History and Political Science, Bridgewater College;

Dr. Scott Matthew Boltwood, Associate Professor of English, Emory & Henry College;

Dr. Claire Elizabeth Deal, Associate Professor of Rhetoric, Hampden-Sydney College;

Dr. Christina Antonia Salowey, Associate Professor of Classics in the Department of Philosophy, Religion, and Classics, Hollins University;

Dr. Kirt vonDaacke, Assistant Professor, History Department, Lynchburg College;

Dr. Maria Lena Hobson, Associate Professor of Art History, Mary Baldwin College;

Dr. Pamela Sue Diener, Associate Professor, Physical Therapy Department, Marymount University;

Dr. Susan T. Stevens, Professor, Department of Classics, Randolph College;

Dr. Jonathan Douglas Allen, Assistant Professor of Biology, Randolph-Macon College;

Dr. Rama Balasubramanian, Assistant Professor, MCSP, Roanoke College;

Dr. John Tobias Jacobs, Professor and Chair of English, Shenandoah University;

Dr. John Edward Ashbrook, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Sweet Briar College;

Dr. Jeffrey Kenneth Hass, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Richmond;

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Dr. Paul M. Ressler, Professor of Biology, Department of Biology, Virginia Wesleyan College;

Dr. Alison Kay Bell, Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Archaeology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 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 500 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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