

# Inaugural Class of The Grady Fellowship Named

06/06/08

Author: Sherrie Whaley

Contact: Parker Middleton, [jparker@uga.edu](mailto:jparker@uga.edu)

The University of Georgia's Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication has named 58 alumni and other prominent communication professionals to its inaugural class of The Grady Fellowship.

The Grady Fellowship recognizes and honors those "whose lives and careers have contributed measurably to the national reputation the college enjoys," stated Grady College Dean E. Culpepper Clark. The new recognition was created by the Grady Board of Trust, the college's advisory board.

"Named to the charter class of the Fellowship are a core of individuals who proudly proclaim The University of Georgia and Grady College as alma mater and a few who, although not UGA graduates, have become synonymous with the college's success through longstanding service to its mission," Clark explained.

Fellowship members include Jimmy Alston, Atlanta; Bill Anderson, Hermitage, Tenn.; Neil Aronstam, New York, N.Y.; Dennis Berry, Boca Grande, Fla.; Tyus Butler, Athens; Conway Broun, Athens; Otis A. Brumby, Jr., Marietta; Don E. Carter and Carolyn McKenzie Carter, Sea Island; Maxine Clark, St. Louis; Frank Compton, Atlanta; Carlton Curtis, Atlanta; Carrol Dadisman, Tallahassee, Fla.; Tom Dowden, Cashiers, N.C.; Miriam Drewry, Athens; Jenny Duffey and Lee Duffey, Atlanta; Bruce Finland, McLean, Va.; Rex Granum, Washington, D.C.; Millard Grimes, Athens; Charles Hayslett, Atlanta; Larry Hooks, Atlanta; Betty Hudson, Washington, D.C.; Charlayne Hunter-Gault, Johannesburg, South Africa; Tom Johnson, Atlanta; Brian Johnstone, Marietta; Chris Jones, Alpharetta; and Warren Jones, Rome.

Additional members include Tom S. Landrum, Athens; Rebecca Leet, Arlington, Va.; Dan Magill, Athens; Mike McDougald, Rome; Eugene Methvin, McLean, Va.; Jim Minter, Fayetteville; Frazier Moore, New York, N.Y.; Powell A. Moore, Dulles, Va.; William S. Morris, III, Augusta; W. H. "Dink" NeSmith, Jr., Athens; Eugene Patterson, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Donald A. Perry, Atlanta; Richard Riley, Gainesville; Don Rountree and Neva Rountree, Atlanta; Tom Russell, Bogart; Bill Shipp, Kennesaw; Jay Smith, Atlanta; Loran Smith, Athens; A. Mark Smith, Eatonton; Lessie Smithgall, Gainesville; Paul Stone, Athens; Gloria Ricks-Taylor, Athens; Carolyn Caudell Tieger, Washington, D.C.; Nick Trigony, Naples, Fla.; Claude Williams, Athens; Robert Williams, Blackshear; Jim Wooten, Atlanta; Dick Yarbrough, Atlanta; and Neely Young, Norcross.

"By virtue of their accomplishments, friendship and service, members of the Grady Fellowship are considered members *emeritus* and *honoris causa* (for the sake of honor) of the college's Board of Trust," noted Clark. "In many ways, the Grady Fellowship already exists, and we are simply recognizing an accomplished fact as we celebrate the bonds of friendship and trust that unite us."

Clark noted that the Fellowship is a living, organic entity and that additional members will be added to its ranks. An ad in the May issue of *Georgia Trend* announced the inaugural 2008 class.

"The Fellowship celebrates relationships, the friendships that sustain careers and a shared commitment to journalism and mass communication education and to its professions," he said.

The inaugural class of the Grady Fellowship will be formally presented on Thursday, Nov. 20, 2008 at the Athens Classic Center as part of the college's Centennial Gala event. At the black-tie reception and dinner, Grady College will announce its Centennial Campaign for Grady, a seven-year campaign that will culminate in 2015 and create the necessary investments for Grady's next 100 years.

"Bringing Fellowship members, alumni and friends together in an historic way, the November 20 Centennial Gala promises to be a pivotal moment in the life of the college," said Clark. "We will project Grady's future from the strong shoulders of those who have served us long and well and whose careers light the path for students who follow."

Formal invitations to Grady's Centennial Gala will be mailed in early fall. For information, contact Karen Andrews, Grady College special events coordinator, at 706-542-6840 or [karena@uga.edu](mailto:karena@uga.edu).