

In Memoriam

Notices of deaths received before June 12, 2009

Alumnae

Charlotte Baker Montgomery '29, April 28, in Nacogdoches, Texas. She taught art, headed the Portland Art Museum in Oregon for five years, and wrote and illustrated 21 books for animal lovers and children. An active member of environmental and animal rights organizations, she is survived by numerous members of her extended family.

Helen Hotchkiss Foster '32, September 15, 2008, in Sebastopol, California.

Janine Lempereur Mouraille '32, in 2006, in France. She had a career as a professor of English at the University of Nice.

Elizabeth Ross Danz '36, February 20, in Seattle. She supported Seattle Repertory Theatre and Seattle Children's Hospital. She is survived by two daughters, four grandchildren, and her cousin, M. R. Redd '60.

Charlotte Menker Decker '36, March 25, in Corvallis, Oregon. A resident of Corvallis since 1946, from 1981 to 1985 she and her husband lived in Washington DC, where he was a member of Reagan's cabinet. She volunteered with 4-H, Boy Scout Mothers' Club, and Benton County Republican Women's Club. Survivors include a daughter.

Helen Norton Hudson, MA '37, in Boise, Idaho. She lived in Texas for many years.

Willa Percival '37, August 16, 2008, in Sandy Spring, Maryland. She traveled widely and was an accomplished photographer of dignitaries, industry, and everyday life.

Grace Williams Nicholl '39, April 8, in Leawood, Kansas. She served Mills as class secretary and regional governor for the Midwest area and was an avid tennis player, gardener, and community volunteer. Survivors include her husband, Tom; five children; and 14 grandchildren.

Charlotte Paules Schachter, MA '39, in Rolling Hills Estates, California.

Donna Wear Winslow '41, February 8, in Stockton, California. She is survived by four children and nine grandchildren.

Edith Lilienthal Dorfman '42, March 9, in San Francisco. She served on the board of the Jewish Community Center and volunteered at Congregation Emanu-el. She is survived by her husband, Ben; a son; and six grandchildren.

Nancy Scovil Roberts Durning '42, November 30, 2008, in Prescott, Arizona. She was an avid golfer and bridge player and volunteered for the Girl Scouts. She is survived by two daughters.

Peggie Parker Eccles '42, May 8, in Jacksonville, Oregon. A WASP pilot in World War II, she later served as president of United Way for Klamath County and the Pacific Northwest Region; she was also a leader on the National Camp Fire Board. She is survived by three children and 17 grandchildren.

Ardell Burnett Davis '44, May 14, in Edina, Minnesota. She was a founder and lifelong member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Survivors include four sons and five grandchildren.

Elsie Richmond Monette '46, May 25, in Dallas, Texas. She served as director of the St. Michael School in Dallas until 1985. She was on the board of the national and southwestern associations of Episcopal Schools and a member of the Junior League. She is survived by her husband, Bob; two children; two grandchildren; and her sister Daphne Rockwell '41.

Susan Harnly Peterson '46, March 26, in Scottsdale, Arizona.

A professor of ceramic arts at the University of Southern California and founder of the ceramics department at Hunter College in New York, she wrote several award-winning books on famed potters and the craft of ceramics and earned a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Council on Education in the Ceramic Arts. She is survived by three children and seven grandchildren.

Martha Wickland Stumpf '46, May 2, in Arcata, California. She worked for the University of California, Berkeley, for more than 20 years and was a travel tour leader; in retirement, she volunteered as a reader in Richmond elementary schools. She is survived by four sons and seven grandchildren.

Beryl Fayette Kettner '47, January 10, 2007, in Laguna Woods, California. A gifted musician, she taught piano and flute and directed a chorus of Harvard Business School wives while her husband studied there; she was also an athlete who trained for the Olympics. Survivors include her husband, Bob, and five children.

Mayrelee Fallquist Newman '48, October 22, 2008, in Boone, North Carolina. She was a faculty member in education at Appalachian State University until 1989, with particular interests in adult education, occupational training, and literacy.

Ann Berman Ullman, ME '48, July 29, 2008, in Santa Rosa, California.

Jeanette Johnston Caston '49, August 21, 2008, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She was a gifted needleworker, gardener, and golfer. She is survived by three children, six grandchildren, and her cousin Judith Sue Turner '61.

Catherine Osgood Chanock '49, January 15, in Bethesda, Maryland. She was a dance instructor and performed with the Washington Dance Repertory Company. Survivors include her husband, Robert; a son; and four grandchildren.

Lorraine Miller Kuppenbender '49, February 3, in Carmichael, California. She managed a ranch and real-estate investments, and enjoyed bridge and golf. Survivors include four children and ten grandchildren.

Jane Lewis Luers '49, May 18, in Springfield, Illinois. She was involved in foreign student activities for many decades and supported several community-

building initiatives. She is survived by her husband, Byron; three children; and two grandchildren.

Laura Lee Thompson McClure '49, January 4, in Princeton, New Jersey. She taught at the New School for Music Study in New Jersey, founded a women's choral group in Chicago, and served on the women's auxiliary of the Chicago Symphony. She later completed a master's degree at Westminster Choir College in Princeton. She is survived by her husband, Donald; three children; three grandchildren; and a step-grandson.

Beverly Baugh Turner '50, January 29, in Collinsville, Oklahoma. She was active with community theater and Junior League of Oklahoma City. She is survived by her husband, Robert; three sons; nine grandchildren; and her cousin Virginia Harmon Gohrband '51.

Joan Gilbert Bailin '52, January 12, in Upland, California. She was engaged with many community and political groups, including the League of Women Voters and Claremont Adult School, where she taught English as a Second Language. She is survived by three daughters.

June-Marie Fink Engelbrecht '51, MA '53, May 11, in Cincinnati, Ohio. She worked as a legal secretary, historian, and photographer. Survivors include her husband, Lloyd.

Martha McDuffie Youngberg '52, March 27, in Coronado, California.

Marilyn Guild '53, October 15, 2008, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She spent most of her adult life in San Diego. She is survived by her sister Janice Trigg '51 and a niece.

Phillipe Mutrux, MA '53, November 10, 2008, in San Francisco.

Jessie Squire, ME '53, in Oregon. She was a nursing instructor and author of *Basic Pharmacology for Nurses*.

Marilyn Justman '60, May 27, in Evanston, Illinois. She made her

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living as a computer consultant but was passionate about poetry and social justice. She leaves behind a son and two grandchildren.

Laura Bliven Moseley '64, March 19, in Oakland, California. Survivors include her husband, William.

Elaine Lee Elliott Flynn '68, February 17, in Sherman Oaks, California. She worked as a tax accountant and was an avid gardener. She is survived by her daughter.

Agnes Friesen '87, March 16, in Berkeley, California.

Jane Curliano Mazzella '88, May 6, in Milan, Italy. An advocate for children's education, literacy, and the arts, she pursued her interest in cultures by teaching English in Japan, studying art history in Italy, and pursuing art education at Columbia Teachers College. She is survived by her husband, Marcello, and two children.

Karen Ramey '96, March 14, in Alameda, California. She was in the first group of women to graduate from the Mills Evening Program. She recently started making jewelry and had already sold many pieces. She is survived by her husband, Bruce Van den Broucke, her mother, and a brother.

Timanna Tamlyn Bennett '02, February 8, in Oakland. She loved her time at Mills as an American studies major and women's studies minor, and was planning on returning this fall to pursue graduate studies.

Faculty & Staff

Herbert W. Graham, January 25, in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. An expert in oceanography, paleontology, and beekeeping, he joined Mills as an associate professor of biology in 1939, eventually becoming a full professor, head of the Biology Department, and convener of the School of Natural Sciences. In 1948, he began work with the U. S. government's Philippine Rehabilitation Project. He went on to join the Fish and Wildlife

Service, then led the Fisheries Laboratory in Woods Hole until 1971. Survivors include a son, a daughter, and two grandsons.

Spouses & Family

Warren Baird, husband of Mima Goudge Baird '77, date unknown, in Walnut Creek, California.

David Bull, husband of Anna Ewing Bull '52, September 23, 2008, in Greenwich, Connecticut.

Glenn E. Camper, husband of Janis Botts Camper '51, March 24, in Lodi, California.

Rune Carlson, husband of Christina Ward Miller '71, April 3, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Virginia Cravanas, mother of Sharon Cravanas Johns '73 and Mary Mills '03, April 17, in Oakland, California.

Clifford Henry Evans, father of Barbara Evans '63, January 30, in Colorado.

Everett Evans, father of Laura Evans '05 and son-in-law of Jane Boardman Mowry '54, November 29, 2008, in Orinda, California.

Ted Fisher, husband of Mary Jane Fisher '70, December 10, 2008, in Thousand Oaks, California.

Penny Z. Hansen, mother of Karen Hansen '00, February 4, 2008, in Glendale, California.

William Ingram, husband of Polly Ong Ingram '50 and brother-in-law of Sandra Ong '59, November 20, 2008, in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Michael Majchrzak, former husband of Elizabeth Nusbaum Majchrzak '75, May 5, in Moraga, California.

Lancelot Orlando, husband of Margaret Young Orlando '69, April 1, in Bountiful, Utah.

Eric L. Peterson, brother of Yvonne Peterson Noack '48, December 8, 2008, in Grass Valley, California.

Lloyd Pitts, father of Linda Pitts Custard '60, March 16, in Dallas, Texas.

Nate Rosenberg, husband of Deborah Beck Rosenberg '57, February 4, in Palo Alto, California.

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Mabel Ang by *Virginia Ong Gee '51*

Laura Balas, MA '92, by *Helen Hovdesven*

Phyllis Lupton Brislaw '52 by *Virginia Brown Liebergesell '53*

Rune Carlson, husband of Christina Ward Miller '71, by *Leah Hardcastle Mac Neil, MA '51, P '75*

Trista Kline Conger '43 by *Mary Kellogg McDonald '63*

Evelyn "Peg" Deane '41 by *Mary Hart Clark '42*

Jean Ginder Dew '56 by *Marilyn Hudson Niepoth '56*

Nancy Roberts Durning '42 by *Alice Gonnerman-Mueller '42*

Gary Erickson by *Mary Ann Doty Erickson '82, P '79, P '82*

Everett "Bill" Evans, father of Laura Evans '05, by *Flora Kirschner Isaacson '54*

Barbara "Barb" Hazelton Floyd '48 by *Marcia and David Bowen, William Floyd, Margery Friday, and Susan Schmitter*

Evelyn Crampton Franke, MA '56 by *Carol Castner Staiger '46*

Alfred Frankenstein by *Cheri Foster Feiner '67*

Professor William A. Gaw and his wife Helen by *Jane Farrell Gaw '52*

Janet Gill '62 by *Susan Shackelford Lounsbury '62*

Caroline Goodwin '22, P '52, by *San Joaquin Mills Club*

Jane Green '79 by *Emilie Reese Green '45, P '79*

Sara Amodei Grosskettler '58, P '83, P '86, by *Amy Schanno McCarthy '58*

Elizabeth Rulison Harrington '40 by *Helen Smith*

Lorraine Miller Kuppenbender '49 by *Carol Brehm*

Mary Lanigar '38 by *Joan Lewis Danforth '53, Terry Hinkle Fairman '68, Irene Panagopoulos '85, Lorna DuMont Shinkle '79, Edgar and Patricia Grubb, P '95*

Jane Lewis Luers '49 by *Jane Melin Wilday '43*

Emiteria Reyes Manese, P '72, by *Corazon Manese Tellez '72*

Boitumelo "Tumi" McCallum '09 by *Steven Burrell, Margaret Moja, Teboho Moja, P '09*

Laura Thompson McClure '49 by *Donald McClure*

Charles and Elizabeth Merwin by *Irene Crown Merwin '67*

Madeleine Milhaud by *Katherine Farrow Jorrens '57*

Marcia Miller '63 by *Josephine Bailey, Anita Aragon Bowers '63, P '84, Grace Dote '63*

Laura Bliven Moseley '64 by *Lucile Pedler Griffiths '46, MA '47, P '75*

Grace Williams Nicholl '39 by *Dorothy Prouty Karr '43*

Susan Harnly Peterson '46 by *Lucile Pedler Griffiths '46, MA '47, P '75, Paula Merrix Sporck '46, Betty Taves Whitman '46*

Ruth Poh by *Julie Gonsalves Esettine '00*

Virginia Hill Roemer '52 by *Judith Hill Jensen '54*

Nate Rosenberg, husband of Deborah Beck Rosenberg '57, by *Myrna Bostwick Cowman '57, Elizabeth Elston '57*

Barbara Rouse, mother of Robin Buntz Harris '70, by *Nancy Meyer Neal '70*

George and Julia Saslow by *Rondi Saslow '64*

Martha "Marty" Wickland Stumpf '46 by *Edward and Audrey Ditmer Gibney '46, Lucile Pedler Griffiths '46, MA '47, P '75, Helen Barbour Poindexter '46, Paula Merrix Sporck '46, Alice Hughes Weber '46, Betty Taves Whitman '46*

Franklin and Imogene Walker by *Katherine Farrow Jorrens '57*

Shirley Weishaar by *Edward Balzer, MA '97, Shannon Wolfe '96*

Cecily Jones Welmers '61 by *Thomas Welmers*

Marian Wickline '35 by *Janet Armes Koupal '57*

Reynold and Helen Wik by *Katherine Farrow Jorrens '57*

Bonnie Wilkinson, P '68, by *San Joaquin Mills Club*

Elaine Amerine Witt '48 by *Sally Mayock Hartley '48*

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I came, I SAW, I conquered

By Monique C. Parker '04, MBA '06



Support and success: Monique Parker (second from right) and her SAW classmates.

IN THE SUMMER OF 2000, just before the start of my first year of college, I boarded the plane in Portland, Oregon, and headed to Oakland, California. I was excited—and scared—not knowing what to expect when I arrived at Mills College to attend the Summer Academic Workshop (SAW). I had no idea that a six-week program would have such a tremendous impact on my academic, personal, and professional life.

I joined 11 other young women on a summer journey that included classes to help us develop effective study habits and build the leadership and team-building abilities necessary to achieve academic excellence. Workshops provided a comfortable environment in which to reexamine ideas I had about myself and

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to reflect on what it means to be a leader in the classroom and in life.

My idea of success, for one, found an entirely new definition. In the past, “success” meant receiving an A on an assignment or having the right answer in class. As I realized that this would happen less frequently at Mills than in high school, I began to doubt whether I could actually succeed in college. Through the support of my SAW sisters, staff, and mentor, I was able to expand my beliefs. Today, success means I’ve used all of my resources to complete a task. It means that I’ve carefully considered every possibility. At the end of the day, success is my willingness to try, and then try again. I also came to see that leadership could happen in many ways and extends beyond the vice president or president of a club.

The classes taken during SAW encouraged me to think critically about my assignments and the questions posed during lectures and on tests. Instead of every problem demanding a dichotomous answer—black or white, yes or no, up or down—SAW enabled me to see the gray areas and to incorporate complexity into my thinking. I felt fully engaged in my coursework and soon found, for example, that concepts from a sociology class became relevant for an English essay.

SAW’s explicit goal of helping students achieve academic excellence inspired me to study harder when I felt like going to sleep or partying, to seek additional help from the writing center when an important paper was due, and to reach out to women who had completed the program before me. In fact, the social relationships established through SAW with fellow students, staff, professors, and mentors were an important factor in my success at

Mills. Some of the women I met through the program remain my best friends, while others have been instrumental in my life as mentors, advisors, and professional references.

Today, as a professional liability claims examiner with Oregon Health and Science University, I believe that I can attribute most of my personal and professional achievements to the skills I gained through SAW, including self-discipline, problem solving, team building and time management. The skills I learned that summer validated what my parents had taught me: “With hard work and dedication you can achieve any goal.”



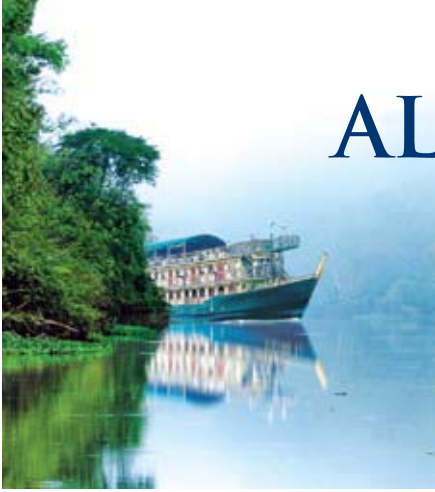
Rediscovering Mills Reunion '09

SAW 20th Anniversary Celebration

Former participants in the Summer Academic Workshop (SAW) are invited to join the Alumnae of Color BBQ on Sunday, October 4, to celebrate SAW’s 20 years of success in preparing first-generation college students for success at Mills and beyond.

For SAW alumnae and guests, admission is free. RSVP to 510.430.2123. For all other alumnae, Reunion registration is required for this event. For details, see www.mills.edu/reunion or call 510.430.2123.

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Past, present, and future travelers with the Alumnae Association of Mills College can now share their experiences by posting comments and pictures on the "AAMC Travelers" Facebook page. Links to brochures for future trips can also be found under the Events tab of this page.

The Amazon

Spend 10 days in one of the world's most beautiful natural environments, where you will cruise the river in search of exotic wildlife, such as colorful macaws and river dolphins. Visit villages along the river and Peru's capital city, Lima. Included is an optional one-night camp experience in the Peruvian rainforest, complemented by regional meals.

February 26–March 7, 2010, \$4,695

Mysteries of the Mekong: Saigon to Angkor Wat

Visit historic venues in Ho Chi Minh City and enjoy a reception and dinner with local Mills alumnae. Cruise from Vietnam to Cambodia, visit a family-owned food business in Vinh Long and a catfish farm in Chau Doc, and see the stunning Khmer architecture of Angkor Wat during this 12-day trip.

March 7–18, 2010, \$4,195

Early booking discount: sign up for either of these two trips by September 24 and receive \$1000 off!

See the Amazon for \$3695 or travel to Asia for \$3195

The Civil Rights Movement: Beginnings and Hopes

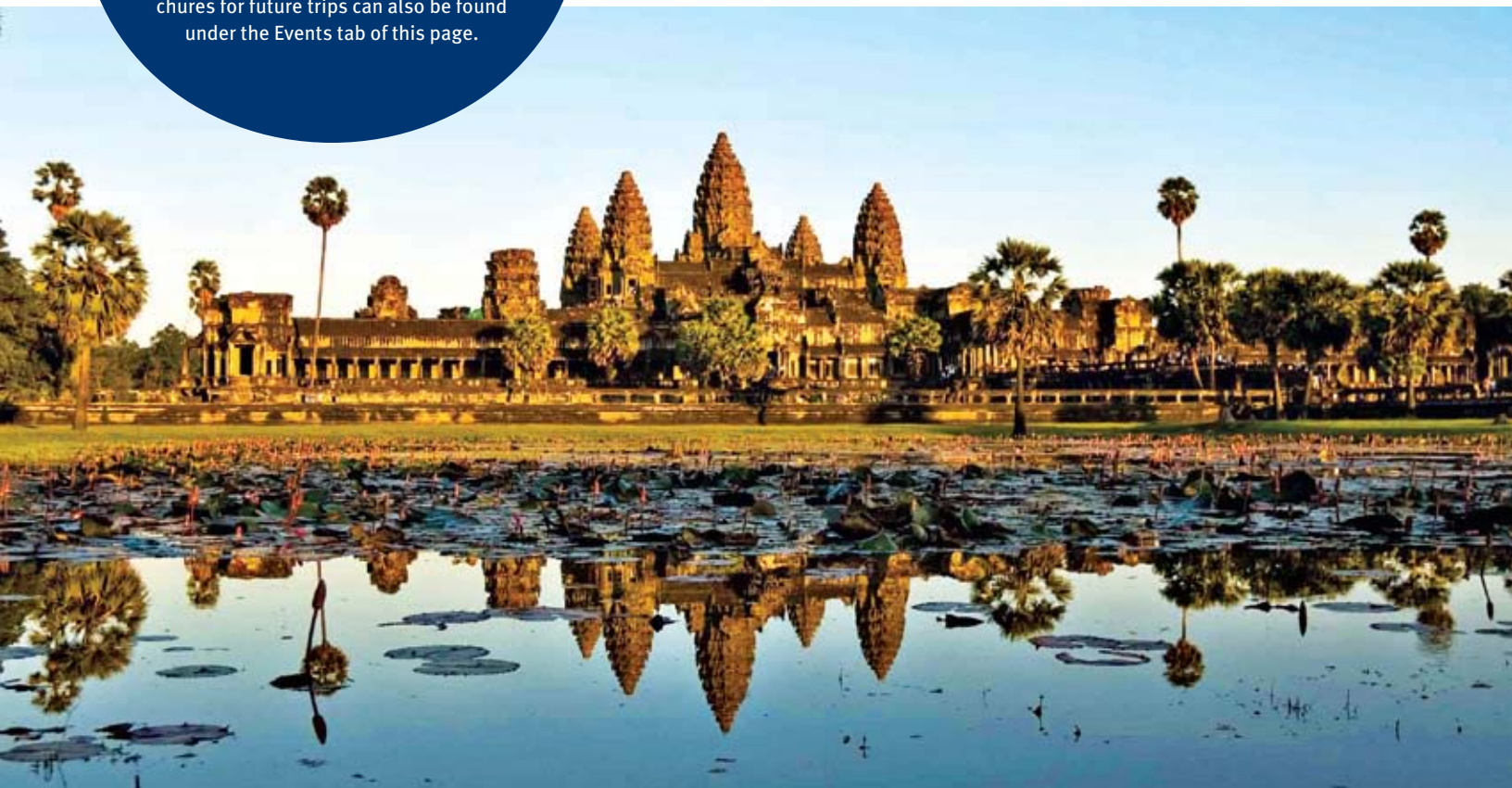
Journey through history with Mills Professor of Sociology Bruce Williams as your study leader. The itinerary includes the home of Martin Luther King Jr. and King Memorial Baptist Church, the Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame, the Southern Poverty Law Center, Brown Chapel AME Church, and Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma. The six-day trip also includes a visit to the Gee's Bend Quilters Collective and a meeting with the directors of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute.

April 6–11, 2010, \$2,195

The Flavors of Burgundy and Provence

Enjoy a two-day stay in Paris, the "City of Light," then relax on a cruise from Châlons-sur-Saône to Arles in the south of France, where Vincent van Gogh created many of his most famous paintings. Along the way, see the picturesque and historic towns of Tournon-sur-Rhône and Tain-l'Hermitage, Viviers, and Avignon. An exciting excursion to Monte Carlo completes your 12-day journey.

June 12–23, 2010, \$3,640



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Cuba: Beauty and Decay A Photographic Journey

Photographs by Vivian Stephenson
Text by Carlota Caulfield

Through December 13, 2009

A Havana native and tireless traveler, Vivian Stephenson returned to Cuba in 1999 and 2002 after a long absence. In this exhibit, Stephenson offers a splendid series of photographs of the cities of Havana, Trinidad, and Sancti-Spíritus. These three cities, founded early in the 16th century by Spanish settlers in Cuba, are a testament to centuries of history. Through Stephenson's eyes, that history comes alive. Her photographs document important architectural treasures: forts, palaces, churches, plazas, civil buildings, and even a ruined sugar mill.

- **Vivian Stephenson**, former chief operating officer of Williams-Sonoma, has served for 10 years on the Mills College Board of Trustees, which she led as chair from 2002 to 2009.
- **Carlota Caulfield**, professor of Spanish and Spanish American studies at Mills, was born in Havana, Cuba. Her work includes numerous articles on Latin American and Spanish literature as well as nine books of award-winning poetry.



Vivian Stephenson, *Central Park View / Vista del Parque Central*. Courtesy of the artist.

Also on view at the Mills College Art Museum

Pae White: In Between the Inside-Out

Through October 18, 2009
Artist lecture: September 30, 7:30 pm,
Danforth Lecture Hall, free

Working on the boundary between art and design, Pae White combines intricate craftsmanship with an inventive use of media, from digital imaging to earthenware ceramics. Curated by Sandra Percival, this exhibition of new work and an installation coincides with White's participation in the 2009 Venice Biennale in Italy.

A Room of Their Own: Bloomsbury Artists in American Collections

November 7–December 13, 2009

Conceived to exemplify the breadth and strength of the complex artistic output of the Bloomsbury artists, the exhibition will include over 190 paintings, watercolors, drawings, books from the Hogarth Press, and decorative works from the Omega Workshops. Organized by the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University.

Museum Hours:

Tues.–Sun. 11:00 am–4:00 pm
Wednesday 11:00 am–7:30 pm
Monday closed

Admission is free

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