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ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

In 2023, Newcomb Institute celebrates the 130th anniversary of the Newcomb Alumnae Association (NAA), the alumnae association of Newcomb College at Tulane University. The NAA has been a hub for building community and fostering professional connections for over 30,000 Newcomb and Tulane graduates globally since its formation in 1893.

Under the Oaks

Under the Oaks is a recognition and awards ceremony hosted by Newcomb Institute during Commencement week. Historically, Under the Oaks was the commencement ceremony for Newcomb College. Today, the Institute keeps this tradition alive by honoring student and faculty award recipients, Newcomb Scholars, Mortar Board members, and Oak Wreath recipients, as well as our student leaders, student employees, grant recipients, and graduating Residential Learning Community residents. Newcomb Institute also honors Newcomb College tradition by hosting the 50th Year Reunion for graduates of Newcomb College and recognizes the current fiftieth-year class during the Under the Oaks ceremony.

Newcomb Fellows

The Newcomb Fellows Program is a voluntary association of faculty drawn from across Tulane University. Newcomb Fellows partner with us in pursuing Newcomb Institute's mission and participate in activities of the Institute that foster faculty-student interaction and research.

Distinguished Newcomb Fellow

Since 1994, an accomplished member of the Tulane faculty has been named Distinguished Newcomb Fellow. Newcomb Institute is proud to carry on this tradition, annually recognizing one Fellow who is deemed to have made an extraordinary contribution to the Newcomb community.

DISTINGUISHED NEWCOMB FELLOW

Anneliese Singh, Ph.D., LPC (NC '91)



Dr. Anneliese Singh (she/they) serves as Associate Provost for Diversity and Faculty Development and Chief Diversity Officer at Tulane University, where she is also a professor. As Chief Diversity Officer, Dr. Singh leads Tulane's strategic initiatives in equity, diversity, inclusion, and anti-racism work. Dr. Singh's scholarship and community organizing explores racial healing, racial justice, and racial trauma. She conducts research funded by the National Institutes of Health on the resilience, trauma, identity development, and cardiovascular health of trans and nonbinary communities, with a focus on Black, Indigenous, and people of color, and young people. Dr. Singh is also the author of *The Racial Healing Handbook: Practical Activities to Help You Challenge Privilege, Confront Systemic Racism, and Engage in Collective Healing* and *The Queer and Trans Resilience Workbook*. Dr. Singh is a co-founder of the Georgia Safe Schools Coalition and the Trans Resilience Project to help translate research findings into real-life systemic and social change efforts.

Mortar Board Teaching Awards

Each year, the Newcomb-sponsored chapter of the national honor society Mortar Board honors one tenured and one non-tenured Tulane faculty member with the Excellence in Teaching awards.

Jenny Mercein, M.F.A.



Excellence in Teaching Award, Tenured Faculty

Jenny Mercein is an actor, teacher, director, and writer currently living in New Orleans, where she is an Associate Professor at Tulane University. She is a proud producer of *Roleplay*, a play and documentary film project exploring student perspectives on love, sex, power, and consent. The script for *Roleplay* is published by Dramatic Publishing. She is also the co-creator of the acclaimed docudrama *X's and O's*, about football and traumatic brain injury, which received the Rella Lossy Award Playwright Award. Her new solo show *Two Elizas*, created with support from the Newcomb Institute, will premiere at Luna Stage in West Orange, New Jersey this May.

Mercein's directing credits include *Dance Nation* (Tulane), *Gryla* (RVK Fringe Festival, Iceland, KC Fringe, Kansas City), *Gratitude Assignment* (Tulane), *The Metromaniacs* (Tulane), *Dancing at Lughnasa* (Tulane), *Too Much Water* (UCSB), and *Heathers the Musical* (Out of the Box Theatre, Santa Barbara). Her acting credits include *Your Honor*, *NCIS: New Orleans*, *30 Rock*, *Blue Bloods*, *Unforgettable*, *Law & Order*, and extensive theater credits spanning the country. A proud member of AEA, SAG-AFTRA, and the National Alliance of Acting Teachers, Mercein received a Bachelor of Arts in theater studies and the history of art from Yale University and a Master of Fine Arts in acting from the University of Washington.

Emilia Oddo, Ph.D.



Excellence in Teaching Award, Non-Tenured Faculty

Dr. Emilia Oddo is an Assistant Professor of Greek Archaeology. Her interests are centered on the archaeology of Crete in the Bronze Age, especially the Late Bronze Age (Neopalatial period, ca. 1700-1470 BCE). In the course of over a decade of field experience, Dr. Oddo has specialized in Neopalatial pottery analysis. Much of her research has focused on the ways in which pottery style is manipulated to convey the identities of different geographical areas of Crete as well as different socio-political groups. This line of work is illustrated in Oddo's recent publications on the pottery of Southeast Crete: "Pottery Styles and Social Dynamics at Neopalatial Myrtos-Pyrgos: Identifying Southeast Crete as a Ceramic Region" (AJA 2019) and the two edited volumes *Exploring a Terra Incognita: Recent Research on Bronze Age Habitation in the Southern Ierapetra Isthmus* (2019, with K. Chalikias) and *South by Southeast: The History and Archaeology of Southeast Crete, from Myrtos to Kato Zakros* (2022, with K. Chalikias).

Moving beyond the Southeast, Dr. Oddo has broadened the scope of her research to include North-central Crete in her new book, titled *Knossos: The House of the Frescoes* (2022), where she analyses pottery and other material remains from building excavated by A. Evans in 1923 in Knossos, the site considered to have politically and culturally dominated Crete.

Mortar Board Class of 2023

Mortar Board is a national honor society recognizing college seniors for their exemplary scholarship, leadership and service.

Jesse Abed

Benjamin Bernstein

Mac Bressler

Raphael Deykin

Matthew Fisher

Naomi Griswold

Patricia Kelly Jackson

Sylvie Kirsch

Maya Klapper

Isabelle Less

Izabella Lilly

Sophia Mogol

Hannah Murphy

Celia Nistal Lozano

Catherine Pappas

Emma Sampson

Ethan Sirhal

Margaret Strauss

Zachary Wellman

Anna Wood

Josephine Louise Award

Newcomb Senate serves as the liaison between the past and present Newcomb-affiliated student body of Tulane University. The organization preserves Newcomb traditions as they support the current vision of the Newcomb Institute, while seeking to incorporate new traditions that promote strength and growth.

Every year Newcomb Senate selects a staff member to receive the Josephine Louise Award for outstanding contributions benefitting the undergraduate student body.

Julia Broussard, MSW, LCSW (SLA '10)



Julia Broussard is the Associate Director and Deputy Title IX Coordinator for the Title IX office at Tulane University. In this role, Julia collaborates on the development and implementation of new initiatives and projects related to sexual misconduct prevention and response, as well as Title IX trainings, materials, and communications for the campus community. Julia previously worked in Case Management and Victim Support Services at Tulane.

Outside of work, Julia volunteers with the New Orleans Medical Reserve Corps and serves on the Board of Directors for the Newcomb Alumnae Association. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in sociology and French from Tulane University, a Master of Social Work from Louisiana State University, and a clinical social work license.

Oak Wreath

The Oak Wreath is bestowed upon graduating seniors who have distinguished themselves through an engaged pursuit of learning, leadership in student activities, commitment to the mission of Newcomb Institute, and contribution to the Newcomb-Tulane community.

Emma Allen
Jamia S. Brown
Alessandra Fraim
Erica Gan
Adia Handy

Evan Hendrickson
Karen Huang
Patricia Kelly Jackson
Katherine Joseph
Divya Kikkeri
Madeline Nellis

Carsyn Olivier
Isha Patlola
Sofia Pedrelli
Dora Pungan
Aaliyah Randall
Grace Riley

Grace Rudman
Karlyn Simcox
Yu Jung "Kay" So
Katherine "Kate" Sonderegger
Christine Tong
Sara White



(Students clap for Newcomb Scholars after they present their research topics at the Newcomb Scholar Symposium 2023.)

Newcomb Institute Grant Recipients

Newcomb Institute provides grants in support of research, conference attendance, and community engagement. Newcomb Institute also supports a number of experiential learning opportunities, including participation in Feminist Camp, the Public Leadership Education Network (PLEN), and internships within the corporate and non-profit spheres. These members of the Class of 2023 received funding in support of these endeavors:

Research, Conference, and Community Engagement Grant Recipients

Emma Allen

Research: *Gender Politics of Young Adult Literature*

Research: *Thesis Research at the Globe Theater*

Conference: *Sigma Tau Delta National Convention*

Mary Elizabeth Barrow

Research: *The Impact of Sub-lethal Lead Exposure on Northern Mockingbirds in New Orleans*

Oona Bruss

Scholars Fulton Grant

Karina Davanzo

Research: *The Effect of a Mediterranean Diet on the Gut-Brain Axis*

Vanessa Dike

Conference: *National Society of Black Engineers Region V Fall Regional*

Mya Drost-Para

Conference: *Let's Talk About Sex*

Addison Dunn

Conference: *Society of Behavioral Medicine*

Grace Gallic

Research: *Community, Gender, and Leadership Perceptions*

Sophia Glazer

Research: *Swakopmund, Namibia Domestic Violence Shelter Documentary and Research Project*

Conference: *National Women's Studies Association*

Sylvia Griffin

Conference: *National Association of Broadcasters*

Cecilia Hammond

Research: *Impact of Deforestation on Abiotic Conditions in Chocó Rainforest, Ecuador*

Sequoya Henry

Research: *Capstone Film, "Fresh Roses"*

Maya Jammulapati

Research: *Dance Performance: Manakin Mating Behavior to Promote Conservation Efforts in the Chocó Rainforest*

Sarah Little

Research: *The Effects of Low-intensity Ultrasound on the Extracellular Environment of Cortical Neurons*

Sloan Livaccari

Research: *Phenology of Palm Trees in the Chocó Rainforest, Ecuador*

Manal Malik

Community Engagement: *Education (T'aleem) for All*

Annabelle Meloy

Conference: *National Association of Broadcasters*

Lily Mesnik

Conference: *Rollins College Latin American Studies Symposium*

Phoebe Meyer

Conference: *The Society for Personality and Social Psychology Convention*

Arielle Morris

Conference: *Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting*

Dora Pungan

Conference: *Gordon Research Conference on Immunology of Fungal Infections*

Conference: *American Thoracic Society*

Grace Riley

Conference: *National Women's Studies Association*

Ellie Rokicki

Research: *CONNECT (COVID-19 associated Outlooks on the Novel Networks of Elder Communications Technology) Study*

Sophie Sanchez

Research: *The Experiences of Abortion Providers in a Post-Dobbs America*

Conference: *Let's Talk About Sex*

Anna Shattuck

Conference: *The Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology*

Sarah Uher

Research: *Soil Characteristics of Different Land Use Types in a Biodiversity Hotspot*

Kelly Vinh

Research: *Enhancing Neuron Growth and Regeneration Post-Spinal Cord Injury Using Drug Assisted Low to Mid Intensity Pulsed Ultrasound Therapy*

Abigail Wilhelm

Research: *The Implications State Abortion Laws Have on the Entry-Level Labor Market*

Winna Xia

Conference: *Rollins College Latin American Studies Symposium*

Jingzhi Yang

Research: *Machine Learning in Predicting Compromised Email Accounts*

Daija Yisrael

Conference: *Let's Talk About Sex*

Dana Zapolin

Conference: *Society of Behavioral Medicine*

Feminist Camp Grant Recipients

Patricia Kelly Jackson

Feminist Camp, Summer 2022

Akira Shelton

Feminist Camp, Summer 2022

PLEN Grant Recipients

Lena Heier

PLEN Health Policy

Patricia Kelly Jackson

PLEN STEM Policy

Summer Internship Funding Recipients

Emma Allen

Internship: City of Light Publishing

Marian Boyd

Internship: Fund 17

Internship: Guidepoint Global

Jamia Brown

Internship: Emerson Collective

Alessandra Fraim

Internship: Poeppel Lab at New York University

Grace Gallic

Internship: Management Consulting Intern at Spirit Consulting

Sophia Glazer

Internship: Lift Louisiana

Claire Ramsay

Internship: Remarq Inc, Tulane University Institute on Water Law and Policy Digital Research Interns

Newcomb Institute Student Employees

We thank and recognize our graduating student employees for their service to Newcomb Institute.

Kelsey Lain

*Reproductive Rights, Health,
and Justice Student Worker*

Alex Avera

Front Desk Team Member

Rachel Tabor

*Technology Graduate Assistant
and Manager of the Technology
and Digital Humanities Lab*

Newcomb Institute Interns

Class of 2023 Technology and Digital Humanities Lab Interns

Newcomb Institute's Technology Initiatives promote feminist leadership in technology-centered communities through student programming and digital scholarship. Our paid Digital Research Interns and Information Technology Interns work on a team while learning valuable tech skills and building a digital portfolio. Newcomb also awards grant funding to students to participate in the Grace Hopper Celebration conference every fall.

Evan Hendrickson

Tess Kleanthous

Laya Kumar

Marisa Long

Rhea Majumdar

Madeline Nellis

Aaliyah Randall

Olivia Riess

Naomi Stoner

Helena Wang

Winna Xia

Jingzhi Yang

Class of 2023 Reproductive Rights and Reproductive Health (RRRH) Interns

Newcomb Institute coordinates with local reproductive rights and reproductive health organizations in New Orleans to provide paid internships for undergraduates. Internship positions provide students with the opportunity to develop valuable skills, knowledge, and connections related to this field. Every year the RRRH interns present their research projects at our annual Conceiving Equity event.

Meredith Abdelnour

Emma Allen

Y'vonne Antoine

Carissa Bruton

Chandler Brock

Sofia Gomez

Jay Hartley

Khira Hickbottom

Alecia Hobdy

Patricia Kelly Jackson

Maya Jammulapati

Rajvi Kumar

Naomi Lacey

Kelsey Lain

Isha Patlola

Natalie Pruitt

Grace Riley

Sophie Sanchez

Amanda Schaller

Pooja Talati

Class of 2023 Feminist Summer Internship Program Participants

Newcomb Institute's Feminist Summer Internship Program provides opportunities for students to work with organizations across the nation focused on gender equity. The Institute offers an internship stipend to each intern to help cover living expenses and travel. Students complete at least 240 hours of work on a project defined by partner organizations such as Ms. Magazine, Planned Parenthood, the National Women's History Museum, Feminist Majority Foundation, and more.

Meredith Abdelnour

Mya Drost-Para

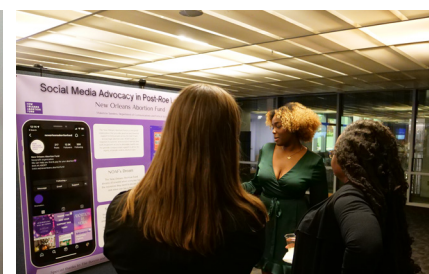
Zoe Green

Khira Hickbottom

Kelsey Lain

Akira Shelton

Daija Yisrael



Student Leadership

Newcomb Institute supports over twenty student organizations, as well as the Spark Residential Learning Community, which encourages first-year and second-year students to build and engage in creative, intellectual, and social justice communities at Tulane, in New Orleans, and beyond. Graduating students who have participated in these programs include:

Student Organization Officers

Emma Allen	Erica Gan	Jordan Klein	Carsyn Olivier	Kassandra Stoddard
Tarsa Ampolini	Anjana Ganapathy	Nina Kuhn	Catherine Pappas	Elle Sullivan
Kanny Anandaraj	Molly Graham	Kelsey Lain	Isha Patlola	Annalisa Teleha
Libby Antonneau	Adia Handy	Isabelle Less	Emily Powers	Amanda Toole
Kirsten Bazet	Anna Hofbauer	Carlie Littman	Dora Pungan	Andre Trahan
Madi Bolin	Abigail Holland	Talazia Manuel	Aaliyah Randall	Amelia Viator
Claire Borges	Karen Huang	Morgan McBride	Olivia Riess	Zoe Videlefsky
Carissa Bruton	Katie Joseph	Callie McDuffie	Grace Rudman	Caitlin Vincent
Taryn Clarke	Swathi Katakam	Ra'Janae Morris	Anna Ryu	Sara White
Emily Cline	Jenna Katlin	Grace Muhm	Kate Scalet	Molly Widoff
Marilyn Clisham	Divvyva Kikkeri	Carlotta Murrin	Anna Shattuck	Corinne Wight
Mya Drost-Parra	Maya Klapper	Madeline Nellis	Karlyn Simcox	Olivia Zorilla
Lorena Fons-Dotson	Tess Kleanthous	Tracy Neutzling	Kate Sonderegger	

Spark Residential Learning Community

Selin Ferhangil	Naomi Griswold	Lillian Knizley	Carsyn Olivier	Sarah-Michelle Whitler
Sophia Glazer	Eva Gutt	Elizabeth McClendon	Naomi Stoner	Madi Bolin
				Emma Bryan

Newcomb Institute Awards

The Newcomb Institute Awards recognize students who have demonstrated superior academic excellence, outstanding leadership, character, and integrity and have created influential initiatives in university and community service.

Involvement Awards

*Cynthia B. Taffaro
Memorial Award*
[Students Against Food
Insecurity](#)

Doris K. Joffrion Award
[Kara Schiek
Yu Jung "Kay" So](#)

*Newcomb Institute Resident
Advisor Award*
[Maggie Green](#)

Research Award

*Shelley Coverman
Memorial Award*
[Kaitlin Krushafeski
Alex Marks
Lily Mesnick](#)

First-Year Student Award

Shirley Gauff Award
[Olutunmike Adeleye](#)

Sophomore Award

*Class of 2005 -
Jennie C. Nixon Award*
[Janae Burney
Emma De Leon](#)

Junior Award

*Dorothy Young
Memorial Award*
[Jasmine Kiley](#)

Senior Awards

*1914-2004 Award for
Exceptional Character*
[Grace Rudman
Sara White](#)

*Class of 1909 Prize
to the Outstanding Senior*
[Emma Allen](#)

*Damaris Moore Corrigan
Memorial Award*
[Jamia Brown](#)

Gifford Darling Riess Award
[Dora Pungan
Karlyn Simcox
Katherine Sonderegger](#)

*Sylvia Dreyfus
Memorial Award*
[Patricia Kelly Jackson](#)

Under the Oaks Award
[Divya Kikkeri](#)

Newcomb Scholars Class of 2023

At the beginning of every school year, first-year Tulane students vie for a spot in the selective Newcomb Scholars Program, an academically rigorous, interdisciplinary learning experience focused on feminist leadership. Newcomb Scholars participate in various undergraduate research, seminars, and exceptional learning opportunities. Upon completing the program, the Newcomb Scholars present their research at the annual Scholars Symposium.

Emma Allen

Majors: Political Economy; English

Minor: Strategy, Leadership, and Analytics

Research: The Gender Politics that Diminish Young Adult Literature

Mariela Arreola

Major: Psychology

Minor: Jewish Studies

Research: Colorism, Racial Stress, and Coping

Marian Boyd

Majors: Political Economy; History

Research: American Right-Wing Extremism and Conspiratorialism: Contextualizing QAnon Within the John Birch Society

Jamia Brown

Majors: Gender and Sexuality Studies; Africana Studies

Research: Using New Orleans Bounce to Explore a Black and Queer Defiant Pleasure Politic

Oona Bruss

Major: Design

Minor: Studio Art

Research: Acrylic COVID-19 Barriers: Examined and Reimagined

Karina Davanzo

Major: Neuroscience

Research: The Effects of Diet-Modulated Changes to the Gut Microbiome on the Inflammatory Response of the Brain

Sophia Glazer

Majors: English; Gender Studies

Minor: Political Science

Research: Colonialism and its Impact on Domestic Violence in Namibia: How Namibian Fiction Advocates for Social and Political Change

Khira Hickbottom

Majors: English; Africana Studies

Research: Girl (Im)Possible: Gwendolyn Brooks, Poetic Style, and the Sociopolitical Backdrop of the 20th Century

Julia Hughes

Majors: Digital Media Practices; Political Science-International Development

Short Film: "Typecast: Film Production Through a Gendered Lens"

Maya Jammulapati

Majors: Ecology and Evolutionary Biology; Dance

Research: Dance as a Pathway to Empathy: A Lecture Demonstration to Promote Conservation Awareness among Children

Sarah Klimek

Major: International Relations

Minor: Public Health

Research: A Tale of Two Regions: Persistent Inequities in Rural Healthcare

Kelsey Lain

Major: English

Research: COVID Stress Exposure Is Associated with Depressive Symptoms in Physiologically Active Mothers

Sofia Pedrelli

Majors: Finance; International Relations

Research: The Role of American Trade Agreements and Treaties in National Security Interests

Sophie Sanchez

Majors: Public Health; Gender and Sexuality Studies

Research: Professional Identity and the Experiences of Abortion Providers in Post-Dobbs America

Amanda Schaller

Majors: Neuroscience; Psychology

Research: He Says She Says: A Quantitative Data Analysis of Gender Identity and Acceptance of Rape and Consent Myths Within an Intervention Course

Anna Shattuck

Major: Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Minor: Mathematics

*Research: The Effect of Infection on Thermoregulatory Behavior of Monarch Caterpillars (*Danaus plexippus*)*

Apoorva Verghese

Majors: Psychology; Linguistics

Minor: Spanish

Research: Examining National Identity and the Role of Religion in Bollywood Films

Winna Xia

Majors: Neuroscience; History

Minor: Spanish

Research: The Effect of Recombinant Annexin A2 on Pro-Inflammatory Neutrophil Activation



Newcomb College Class of 1973

Susan K. Ainsworth
Vanann B. Allen
Amy K. Althans
Phillipa L. Anderson
Catherine Cheek Applewhite
Susan Totzke Baird
Diane Adler Baker
Diane E. Balkin
Nancy Hall Barnidge
Paula L. Bass
Diane Walker Baum
Janice Y. Benjamin
Bonnie Bernstein
Sheelah Strong Black
Julia W. Bland
Susan J. Blatt
Mildred Pilie Bradley
Barbara J. Brin, M.D.
Sheila Balot Brown, M.D.
Vickie Haddenhorst Brunstetter
Ilene P. Buchalter
Cathy Dalton Burling
Katherine P. Cain
Nancy Woodard Cain
Cathryn G. Calisch
Leigh Drake Carriere
Mary A. Carrigan
Beth Bonart Carvell
Denise M. Cassens
Sally Chazen
Sally Craige Christensen
Fanny Luk Chu
Suzanne Lichter Clark
Susan Clayton
Jean S. Colahan
Mary A. Coloney
Cheryl E. Conner
Lou A. Coots
Helen Carnes Craig
Helen Lill Craige
Alma E. Cuervo
Karen Haynes Curtis
Margarita O'Byrne Curtis, Ph.D.
Jane Beazley DeCell
Patricia E. Dennis
Barbara G. Dickson
Mary Kock Dickson
Marina Westerstrom Diego
Margaret R. DiJohn
Linda C. Doherty
Jill A. Douthett
Jeanet Dreskin-Haig
Virginia D. Dreux
Bonnie Levine Drozdowicz, D.P.M.
Bruce Ann Cornell Ducote
Gillian F. Duncan
Diana G. Eblen
Shelley Frockt Elias
Gwendolyn Garner Ellis
Merri Steinberg Ex
Ann de Montluzin Farmer
Jean Matthews Farnsworth
Arlene T. Feldman
Marlene B. Feltus-Jackson
Sheila Ferran
Abbe S. Finn, Ph.D.
Katherine D. Fisackerly
Marlive S. Fitzpatrick
Susan Niles Flater
Mary Ellen Wallace Fleury
Anne Higgins Foley
Rebecca Odom Francis
Barbara L. Freedman
Rosalie J. Freidlin
Kathie Zufacht Garcia
Vivian Taylor Gardiner
Connie Garrett
Odessa Rutter Giffin
Riedy Lustig Gimpelson
Rachael Glasser
Karen F. Godwin
Mary E.P. Gowland
Rustin Josephs Gray
Andrea Landsman Greenspan,
LCSW
Linda H. Greenstein
Linda M. Griffith, M.D., Ph.D.
Martha S. Gruning
Margaret S. Hall
Wanda L. Harris
Marie Collins Hebert
Ellen B. Hicks
Susan Ponsaa Hoffman
Dana Robinson Hogue
Leslie A. Holder
Diane Ryan Holt
Charlotte C. Hoskins
Julianne P. Huber, M.D.
Mary Beth Curtin Hudson
Ann Quave Irvine
Paula Shapiro Jacobson
Christine D. Jellow
Susan L. Johnston
Margot Banos Jones
Ellen Straus Jovic
Anne Packer Julian
Ann Levy Kantor
Barbara A. Kaplan
Leah Kaplan
Robin F. Kaplan
Suzy Pasch Kaplan
Esther Goldstein Kelly
Linda K. Kelly
Margaret A. Kelly
Laura M. Knarr
Helen B. Kolb
Ronda Friedlander Kottle
Susan E. Krantz, Ph.D.
Karen Lautz Kropp
Ruth S. Kullman
Dorothy L. C. Lake
Sarah T. Latham
Laura A. Leach
Patricia Schuster LeBlanc
Rose McCabe LeBreton
Cathy A. Leff
Jeanne E. Legault
Ann Kessler Levin
Jane Strauss Levine
Stefanie L. Levinson
Marjorie Edwards Levy
Sherry Bender Levy
Vicki D. Levy
Dr. Regina M. Liebman
Carolyn M. Lipson-Walker, Ph.D.
Mary Dowling Livaudais
Eileen S. Lorberbaum
Irene Briede Lutkewitte
Rosanne McCaffrey Mackie
Beth F. Mandell
Barbara Petersen Marascalco
Dianne J. Marshall
Celia A. Martin
Shirley Rabe Masinter
Anne E. Mason
Bonnie H. Matson
Lysbeth Smith Maurogordato
Linda Cahal McTernan
Karen Meador
Lydia R. Melendreras
Katharine Ross Merrell
Peggy Manning Meyer
Betty A. Miles
Margaret A. Miller, M.D.
Suzanne Barrere Mistretta
Nanette Y. Mollere, Ph.D.
Pamela J. Monast
Patricia Stewart Morales
Dr. Patricia A. Moss
Janis Myer
Flora Eustis Nelms
Jean Buettner Newberry
Danielle Dutrey Newlin
Sharon D. Nichols
Karin Swenson Nilsson
Aida Raverta Norman
Heather A. Norville, Ph.D.
Antoinette Owen O'Connor
Vicki L. O'Toole
Natalia Cokinos Oakes
Emilia Ogozalek
Fran Phillips Ordoyne
Judith W. Page, Ph.D.
Daria Palmer
Suzanne Mandel Palmer
Barbara T. Parkinson
Trevlig D. Pearson
Mimsy Perrien
Paula A. Perrone
Phyllis Gutterman Pollack
Mary L. Portais
Katherine S. Posey
Joan A. Powell
Marianne Morehiser Pradoura
The Honorable Linda Raspolich
Pratt
Jacqueline Ramey
Kay Kraft Raybin
Paula Whitson Reed
Susan Stevens Reeder
Donna Bilton Reher, MD
Maureen Clancy Richoux
Deborah S. Robinson
Judith Ferency Robinson

*Class of 1973 In Memoriam**

Keenan P. Romig
Rebecca Ray Roniger
Rita Wolff Rosenberg
Barbara A. Roth
Geneen C. Roth
Patricia Pruett Sander
Teresa Diaz Santa Coloma, Ph.D.
Susalee N. Sasser
Linda J. Saul-Sena
Roslyn Harris Scheckner
Janet L. Schinderman
Carol Shure Schwab
Cynthia Cohen Schwartz
Jane Schwartz
Deborah Lipstate Seidman
Cheryl Gay Shapiro
Susan Wexler Shonkoff
Patricia A. Short
Sally A. Shushan
Lois O'Nan Sifen
Jane Slaff
Eleanor M. Smith
Nancy D. Smith
Patty Crosby Smith
Helen E. Sneed
Rosalyn K. Sommers
Ellen T. Spiller
Marsha F. Stein
Maria O'Bryne Stephenson
Barbara C. Strobach
Elizabeth Mattox Tarkington
Suzanne E. Taylor
Karen H. Terre
Susan Tillinghast
Sheryl Gerber Title
Alice Weil Torrey
Carol Traub
Donna McCurley Trent, Ph.D.
Diane Strauss Turner
Ester B. Udell
Patricia C. Ungar
Anne C. Vaden
Diane S. Van Reed
Tamara Vannoy
Leslie Venners
Glese A. Verlander, M.D.
Lauchlin Tench Waldoch
Nancy Stockbridge Waldron
Camille Rogers Waters
Elizabeth Stouse Weatherford
Christine Ravotti Webb

Fern Z. Wender, Esq.
Elizabeth B. White
Isabel B. Whitt
Deborah Gaddy Whitty
Dr. Aileen Wiglesworth
Ann Jordan Wilde
Angela T. Wilkes
Deborah Williams
Laurelle Neel Williams
Patricia Lewis Williams
Carroll J. Williamson
Marian Webber Williamson
Susan K. Wilson
Theon A. Wilson
Eve Koven Wiznitzer
Mary F. Wolfson
Joan Wolkin, Ph.D.
Jane Parker Woofter
Elizabeth Wood Wright
Karen Kleger Yelsey
Nicolette A. Yianilos
Kay Sampson Yuspeh

Bettina Lee Barnes
Catherine Dorothy Terry Blevins
Marilyn Sue Carifi
Carol Jeanne Caspar
Camille Marie Cherbonnier
Margaret Louise Dillon
Eugenie Merritt Dunn
Leslie Rubin Graf
Frances A. Beaver Howell
Claire Morvan Kronlage
Nancy Beth Leff
Pam Lynn Frank LeNoir
Ivonne del Portillo Lightfoot
Noel Engemoen Lindzey
Beth Jo Marx, D.C.
Barry Mnookin
Nancy Todd Bres Mulenex
Elizabeth Aronsson Parker
Suzanne Haydon Phares
Nancy Michele Herman Planchard
Kathryn Eleanor Pyle
Deborah L. Rachlin, Ph.D.
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Mary Jane Capella Silva
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**As of April 19, 2023*

Class of 1973 Reunion Committee

Many thanks to the Newcomb alumnae who contributed to the planning for this weekend's celebration, including:

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Newcomb Alumnae Association Awards

Since 1974, the Newcomb Alumnae Association has honored the achievements of outstanding alumnae through its award program.

THE YOUNG ALUMNA AWARD is given to a Newcomb/Tulane alumna who has exhibited ongoing contributions to their field. Nominees are eligible for fifteen years beyond graduation, and should be under the age of 40.

THE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD is given to a Newcomb College alumna in recognition of her significant, long-term commitment to community service.

THE OUTSTANDING ALUMNA AWARD is given to a Newcomb College alumna who reflects Newcomb's tradition of excellence, and exhibits prominence in a business or professional field and in her contributions to the well-being of national, state, or community life. The recipient's accomplishments and contributions should have been sustained over a long period of time and/or achieved recognition on the national or international level.

The Awards Committee is soliciting nominations for the 2024 awards cycle. Please contact the Newcomb Alumnae Office for additional information at newcombalumnae@tulane.edu or 800.504.5565.

THE NEWCOMB ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION AWARDS COMMITTEE 2023

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Lauren Lee Pettiette Schewel (NC '09)

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Elsa Angrist (NC '66)

Melissa Bronstein (LA '11)

Simran Dhaliwal Emaus (SSE '08)

Nghana Lewis (NC '94)

Emily LaMonica (NC '09)

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Helen Schneidau (NC '67)

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Kerry Stockwell (NC '05)

NEWCOMB ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OUTSTANDING ALUMNA AWARD ALEXANDRA "ALLY" COLL, J.D. (NC '07)



Since earning her B.A. in History and Political Science from Newcomb College in 2007, Ally Coll has dedicated herself to advancing civil rights and equality under the law. After working in electoral politics for several years, Coll earned her J.D. from Harvard Law School, where she served on the Board of the Harvard Women's Law Association and as the Executive Policy Editor of the Harvard Law and Policy Review. A native of Washington D.C., she also spent time working on Capitol Hill in both chambers of Congress as the Press Secretary for the U.S. Senate Budget Committee and Elections Counsel for the U.S. House Committee on Administration.

In 2017, Coll joined the law firm Boies Schiller Flexner, LLP as a litigation associate. Six months into her time at the firm, Tarana Burke's longstanding #MeToo movement went viral, and the news broke that Coll's firm had been representing Harvey Weinstein and the Weinstein Company. She ultimately left the firm to launch the Purple Campaign, a non-profit organization dedicated to addressing workplace harassment. In the five years since its founding, the organization has formed partnerships with corporations representing millions of workers around the world, successfully advocated for the enactment of state and federal laws to address workplace harassment, and provided tools and resources to empower employees to create change in their own workplaces.

Coll is now an Assistant Professor of Legal Studies at George Mason University's Schar School of Policy and Government, where she teaches Constitutional and Civil Rights Law.

NEWCOMB ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

SUSAN FRIEDLANDER KEITH (NC '68)



Susan Friedlander Keith's community involvement has been long-term and impactful. Keith graduated from Newcomb College in 1968 with a B.A. in French. After completing her education, she lived in Washington D.C. with her family for twenty years, where she established her business, Culture to Culture. Through Culture to Culture, Keith provided training and marketing services that emphasized cultural variables and the value of international expansion to businesses.

After relocating with her family to Albuquerque, Keith was able to provide similar services for several companies in New Mexico. In 1997, she was asked to help a group of farmers create a marketing plan for their business. Keith secured funding from the Mid Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) to conduct market research for local agricultural products. When said research indicated that there was a viable market opportunity, Keith created the Agriculture Collaborative, which brought together a wide range of stakeholders, including agriculture extension agents, restaurants, water specialists, pueblos, schools, academics, and political representatives, for monthly meetings related to local agriculture.

Keith managed the Agriculture Collaborative from 2003 to 2008. In 2007, MRCOG decided to fund the initiative as a permanent program. Today, almost twenty years after it began, the program is still in operation, providing an opportunity for producers to gain critical information about factors influencing their work and raising awareness in the general Albuquerque community about the importance of local agriculture.

In 2019, Keith began volunteering with Project ECHO, a research organization in Albuquerque, to help the organization reach its goal of expanding access to healthcare knowledge to one billion people by 2025.

NEWCOMB ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION YOUNG ALUMNA AWARD

BRITTNEY SHEENA (SSE '18)



Brittney Sheena is building momentum in the fields of medicine, public health, and health equity. After graduating from Tulane in 2018, Sheena accepted a global health research fellowship at the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, while pursuing her Master of Public Health at the University of Washington. She researched the global burden of hepatitis and cirrhosis, and collaborated with the Coalition for Global Hepatitis Elimination and World Health Organization to track progress toward elimination goals. At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Sheena used seasonal trends of pneumonia to develop a novel seasonality covariate that expanded temporal and geographic projections. Her work contributed to accurately predicting rising cases and deaths in colder months, and helped guide policy for the Pan American Health Organization.

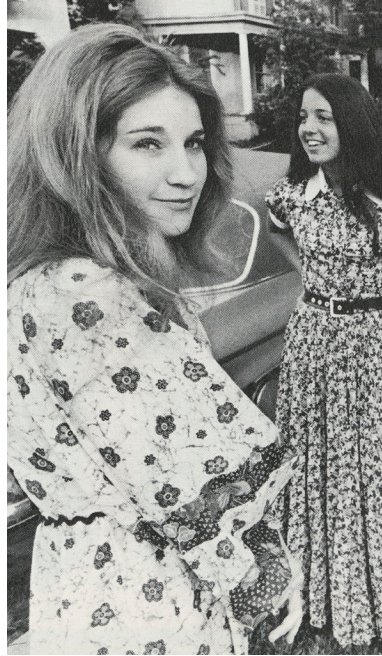
In 2021, Sheena worked as a Program Director with the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship Houston-Galveston. She mentored medical students on community-based projects that addressed unmet health needs in underserved populations in Houston. Sheena began her own medical education in 2022 at the Tulane University School of Medicine. She serves as a Student Clinic Leader at Ozanam Inn, providing free medical care to community members at one of the largest homeless shelters in New Orleans. Sheena is also a Civic Health Alliance Ambassador, and works to increase civic participation among healthcare workers, students, and patients, and break down the systems that often bring patients to them in the first place. Sheena is passionate about advancing health through patient-centered care, public health, and advocacy.



Harriott Sophie Newcomb



Josephine Louise Newcomb



Newcomb College History and Traditions

Josephine Louise Newcomb founded the H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College in 1886 in memory of her only daughter, Harriott Sophie Newcomb. Her gift to the Tulane University Board of Administrators created the first degree-granting college for women within a university in America.

The mission of the College evolved with political and societal events. During World Wars, Newcomb women filled military roles abroad and support roles at home. During peacetime, the student body grew and became more diverse. The women's movement encouraged Newcomb students to enroll in classes and pursue fields traditionally reserved for men.

Newcomb Institute began operating on July 1, 2006 to provide academic and leadership programs. Each year since its inception, the Institute has hosted speakers across academic disciplines and professions; presented events focusing on leadership, academics, and career preparedness; funded student research, faculty development, and community rebuilding initiatives, and upheld the traditions of the College through events such as Under the Oaks.

Mission Statement

The H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College Institute shapes the future by educating students to achieve gender equity. It is our mission to develop leaders, discover solutions to the intractable gender problems of our time, and to provide opportunities for students through curricula, research, community engagement, and close collaboration with faculty.

Daisy Chain

Daisy Chain was part of Newcomb College commencement ceremonies since the College's early days. The chains were made from clover, oleander, magnolias, or daisies, and were collected from campus gardens and neighbors' yards. Later chains consisted of more than 1,000 daisies assembled by outstanding representatives of the junior class. Although daisy chains were once a frequent sight on women's college campuses, the Newcomb Institute chain is one of the few remaining in the country.



The Brown Robes

The brown robes displayed at Under the Oaks are replicas of the robes made at the beginning of the 20th century and passed from class to class to be worn by the Class President and Class Speaker. The original robes were embroidered each year with the year of the graduating class, beginning in 1910. The original robes have been placed in the Newcomb Archives. Robes bearing the Newcomb crest that adorned the original gowns were made in 2001 and will continue to be passed from one graduating class to the next.

Newcomb Pin

The Newcomb pin is a longstanding tradition, carried forward from 1894 to commemorate the first Newcomb class pin.

Newcomb Mortar Board Decal

The Newcomb Mortar Board decal—the blue “N”—is formed by three pillars representing past, present, and future.

Newcomb Leadership Commemorative Cord

The Newcomb Leadership Commemorative Cord is a way for our student leaders to remember their time at Tulane, and involvement with Newcomb Institute. The threads of the cord weave together to bond each one into a stronger cord, symbolizing that we are strongest when we work together.

Traditions like the pin, the decal, our Daisy Chain, and the Brown Robes have bound together Newcomb Alumnae throughout the generations.

*Congratulations to the Class of 2023.
Welcome to the Newcomb Alumnae Association.*





(Newcomb College students during Homecoming in 1970.)

Newcomb College Alma Mater

WRITTEN BY FANNIE HEASLIP LEA (NC 1904)

MUSIC BY WALTER GOLDSTEIN

*Where stars arise in Southern skies
And loyal love in laughter lies,
O Newcomb fair, we bring to thee
Our hearts' allegiance, bold and free.
We bring to thee, where e'er shall be
The star of our ascendancy.*

Chorus

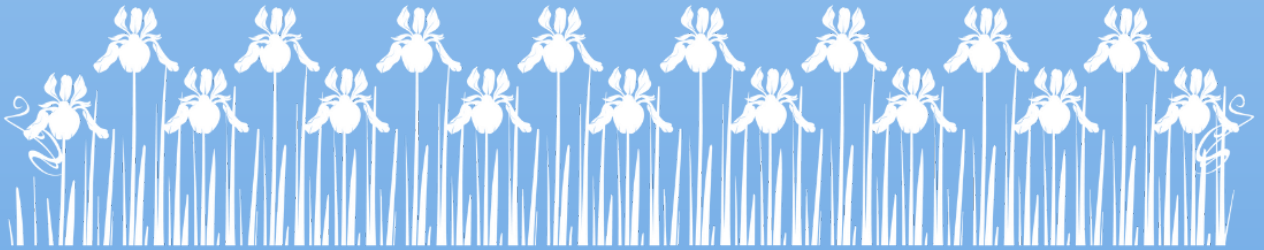
*O Alma Mater, Stand we nigh,
Thy daughters lift Thy flag on high!*

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