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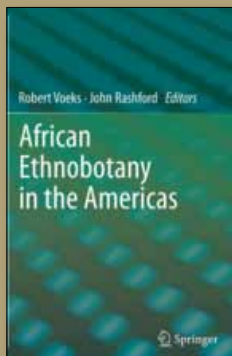
Eleni Valanos '13 has found a productive application for her BA in political science. As a research analyst for the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, she gathers input from constituents and helps formulate policy. [Learn more here.](#)

ELENI VALANOS '13
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MEET OUR NEW FACULTY

Look around this fall and you'll see that nearly every department in the school has new members among its faculty. These new faces represent a broad spectrum of backgrounds and specialties, from Nebraska to Oregon to Massachusetts, and from Arabic history to interpersonal communication to feminist philosophy. Five of these new professors are roster faculty and six are visiting professors. [Learn more here.](#)



Anthropology professor **John Rashford's** "African Ethnobotany in the Americas" is the first comprehensive examination of ethnobotanical knowledge and skills among the African diaspora in the Americas. [Have a look here.](#)



HISTORY REVISITED

To commemorate the **100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War I**, faculty and staff from the College (and MUSC), will be reading memorable poems from that war. This project, organized in part by history professor Richard Bodek, began with his reading of a poem on Cougar Mall in late August. It will continue each Thursday throughout the academic year. Find out more [here.](#)

>>> SPOTLIGHT

■ LITERATI IN CHARLESTON

Be among the first to hear author **Margaret Bradham Thornton** read from her debut novel "Charleston," on September 4 at 7:00 p.m. in Randolph Hall. Thornton, who is the editor of Tennessee Williams' "Notebooks," has had her work published in "Ploughshares," "The Paris Review," "World Literature Today," "The Seattle Review," "Theatre History Studies," and "The Times Literary Supplement." She is a native Charlestonian, a graduate of Princeton University and currently resides in Florida. A book signing and reception will follow. ([Additional information here.](#))

■ UPCOMING EVENTS

(partial list)

>> SEPTEMBER

10 – Study Abroad Fair,
9:00 to 2:00 Cougar Mall

>> OCTOBER

14 – An Evening with David Finkel (College Reads author)
7:00 p.m. Sottile Theatre



DONOR PROFILE

Meet **Katie Heath '08** – a strong supporter of the [Dean's Excellence Fund](#). "I am happy to support this fund," explains Katie. "Working for the College of Charleston has given me an inside look at the world of nonprofit higher education. I was stunned to learn how much the College relies on donors such as alumni to support its ongoing work. By giving to the Deans Excellence Fund, I hope that the School of Humanities and Social Sciences can do more. And by more I mean more research, more programs, more fieldwork, more student and alumni engagement. In my view, so much of one's college experience is shaped by that one special experience, that one professor who you just clicked with, or that one class you wish you could take over and over again. I hope my donation makes more of these kind of experiences possible for current and future students in HSS."

<< **KATIE HEATH '08, COMMUNICATION MAJOR, NOW WORKING IN THE OFFICE OF ALUMNI Relations.**

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