**HSS ALUMNI IN THE NEWS**

Ryan Graudin ’09 has been putting her BA in English to work. Her first book – *All that Glows* – was just released by HarperTeen. Graudin cites Brett Lott and Trish Ward as big influences. [Learn more here.](#)

**RYAN GRAUDIN ’09, AUTHOR OF All that Glows ➞ SEE THE UPCOMING EVENTS FOR BOOK LAUNCH**

**ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENT**

Among the many achievements of HSS alumni are the awards bestowed by the Alumni Association last fall to author Padgett Powell ’74 (Alumnus of the Year – pictured left) and homeless veterans coordinator Stephanie Felder ’04 (Young Alumna Award). Both gave talks to students and faculty on campus last fall. [Check out their YouTube profiles: Padgett Powell, Stephanie Felder.](#)

**RESEARCH**

Organized by the political science department, the annual William V. Moore Research Conference features undergrads from the College, along with area high school seniors, each presenting their work on a variety of topics in this field. The conference (April 4, 2014) honors the late William Moore, a former political science professor. It reflects his passion for transformative undergraduate education and taking the opportunity to improve political discourse. [Learn more here.](#)

**SPOTLIGHT**

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

Here are two examples of the important ways in which contributions to HSS are having an impact:

Religious Studies prof., Todd Levasseur writes, “The Dean’s funding helped me tremendously. I was able to attend a workshop at Springbank Ecospirituality Retreat in Kingstree and generated a peer-reviewed article.”

And anthropology prof. Hector Quirko concurs: “An important step in my work was attending the annual meeting of the Communal Studies Association in Historic Harmony and Old Economy, which was supported by the Dean’s fund.”

**EARLY WINTER HIGHLIGHT**

Critically acclaimed comic novelist Gary Shteyngart spoke to students in January about his recent work.

**CHRESTOMATHY**

Check out the latest issue of *Chrestomathy*.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

*(partial list)*

**FEBRUARY**

15 – Book launch for *All that Glows* at Blue Bicycle Books 5:00 p.m.

**APRIL**

4 – William V. Moore Research conference at the Stern Center

**MAY**

9 – HSS Scholars reception

10 – Spring commencement

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