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Speakers to laud women's achievements

Noted poet to share writing with campus

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Meredith will hold a convocation featuring poet and author Lucille Clifton on Monday, Mar. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Auditorium.

Clifton is the poet laureate of Maryland and is a two-time Pulitzer Prize nominee in poetry. She has also won an Emmy Award, the Juniper Prize for poetry and creative writing fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Clifton holds the title of Distinguished Professor of Humanities at St. Mary's College in Maryland.

According to Betty Adcock, writer in residence at Meredith College, the convocation featuring Clifton will be a poetry reading.

"Lucille Clifton is one of the most honored African American poets in America. Her poetry is tough and warm, physical and spiritual. She deals with womanhood, motherhood, sisterhood and what it is to be human—and she does it with humor, too," said Adcock.

Beth Mulvaney, convocation committee chair and professor of art, explained that this particular convocation is important because Clifton is a noted African-American author.

As the Convocation Committee Chair, Mulvaney encourages everyone to attend the convocation.

"Convocations bring the community together, which is one of the purposes of a liberal arts college," explained Mulvaney.

She went on to explain, "No matter what field you are in, Lucille Clifton should be able to speak to everyone. Roommates should be able to go and hear Lucille Clifton's poetry reading, and it should open up a field of discussion between them."

Mulvaney encourages everyone to come to Clifton's reading, and she also asks everyone to attend the convocation scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, featuring Wes Jackson, founder of the Land Institute in Salina, K.S., in the Chapel at 10 a.m.

You've seen the play, now meet the author

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Meredith College will host a convocation given by a Pulitzer-Prize winning playwright on Sunday, March 26 at 3 p.m. Wendy Wasserstein, author of the play *Uncommon Women and Others*, the most recent production given by the Meredith Performs theatre company, will be speaking on "A Life in the Theater." The convocation will be presented in conjunction with the Center for Women in the Arts.

Born in Brooklyn and raised in Manhattan, Wasserstein's list of professional accomplishments is long. She earned her bachelor's degree from Mount Holyoke College, the setting of *Uncommon Women*, and her master of fine arts from the Yale School of Drama.

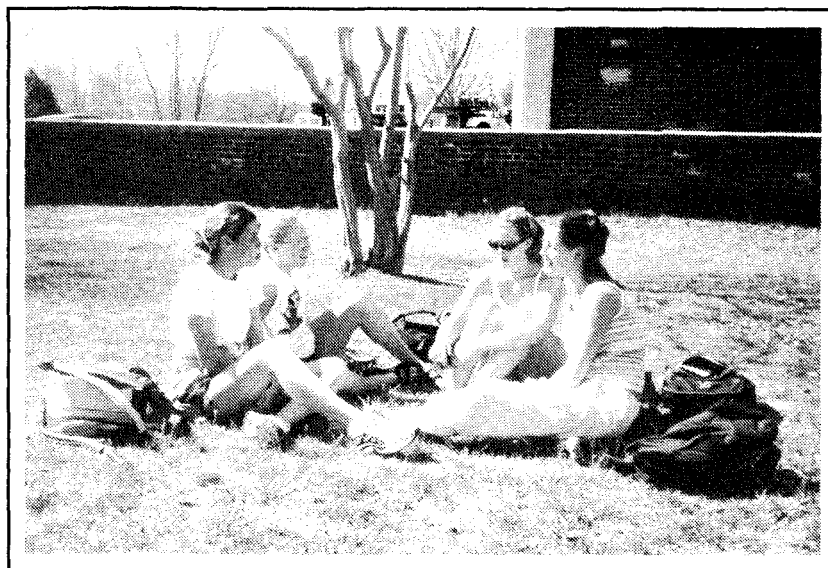
While Meredith students are probably most familiar with the Wasserstein play performed here, her most distinguished work is *The Heidi Chronicles*. This play alone earned the playwright the Pulitzer Prize, the New York Drama Circle

Prize, the Drama Desk Award, the Outer Critics Circle Award, the Susan Smith Blackburn Prize, and the Tony Award in 1989. Wasserstein's work and ambitions have not gone unnoticed by her peers.

Aside from various publication credits, including *The Sisters Rosensweig* and *Bachelor Girls*, Wendy Wasserstein has made herself a prominent contributor to the areas of women's art and literature. In the past, she has served as an editor of *New York Woman* magazine and *Harper's Bazaar* and is at present a contributing editor of *New Woman*. In addition, this acclaimed playwright serves on the Council of the Dramatists Guild, on the Board of the British American Arts Association, and has taught at Columbia University and New York University. *The Object of My Affection*, a popular movie starring Jennifer Aniston, was also written by Wasserstein.

The titles of Wendy Wasserstein's works indicate her interest in women in their various roles. The convocation is free and open to the public.

Sunshine on our shoulders



These Meredith students took advantage of the warm weather in the week before spring break. During the 70-degree days, some professors held classes outside, and many students studied and relaxed in the warm sun.

The first day of spring was officially Monday, but the rain and cool temperatures have fooled many on campus.

Forecasters are calling for warmer temperatures later in the week, making many students who plan to attend formal very happy.

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