Greetings Simmons Alumnae/i!

I hope you are doing well, and can reconnect with Simmons by joining us at some of the exciting events we have planned for this year. Thank you to all who took the time to complete the online survey in January. In response, we have tried to plan a variety of events, in a variety of locations, and at a variety of times. While we try to make our events metro-accessible, it is not always possible. If you rely on public transportation, please feel free to contact Linda or me, who will do our best to help you make carpool arrangements. Additionally, if you find the cost of an event prevents you from attending, please contact Linda or me. *If you are interested in attending an event, we will do our best to make that happen.*

A big thank you to those who have volunteered their time to make these events a reality: Priscilla Gould ’71, Laura McShane ’92GS, Mary Jane Nutter ’50, Andi Silverstone ’71, Colleen Teixeira ’05 and Gerri Williams ’73.

Please consider reconnecting with Simmons area alumnae/i in 2006. We have a very interesting, accomplished, friendly group in the Washington DC area. I welcome your ideas and feedback on how to make Simmons a more meaningful part of your life.

~ Rebeca Blum ’84  
President, Washington D.C. Metro-Area Simmons Club

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2006 Schedule of Events

Play Ball!
Boston Red Sox vs. Baltimore Orioles
Saturday, April 8, 2006
4:35 PM
Oriole Park at Camden Yards
333 West Camden Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

That’s right; we have 25 tickets to see the Boston Red Sox take on the Baltimore Orioles. With all the Boston fans in the area, seeing the Red Sox play here can feel almost like being at Fenway Park. The seats are in the upper box on the third baseline. Tickets are $20 each and are limited to 4 per alumnae/i and will be available on a first come, first served basis.

To register, please visit the events calendar on www.alumnet.simmons.edu

Award-winning author and Simmons alumna
Elinor Lipman ’72, ’00HD
will be promoting her newest book
My Latest Grievance
at
Politics and Prose
5015 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC
Wednesday, April 19, 2006
7:00 PM

My Latest Grievance

Born and raised in a college dorm and chafing under the care of “the most annoyingly evenhanded parental team in the history of civilization,” Frederica Hatch is starting to feel that her life is stiflingly snug. But then, into this cozy but claustrophobic world, comes Laura Lee French, a wannabe Rockette and the new dorm mother at the lackluster women’s college where Frederica’s parents teach and agitate. Further disturbing the peace is the fact that Miss French—in the distant past—had been married to Frederica’s earnest and unglamorous father. Fearing scandal and campus glee, the three Hatches and Laura Lee attempt to keep their secret....

Although this is not a club organized event, it would be a great reason to call your Simmons friends and enjoy an evening together!

Visit www.elinorlipman.com for more information
From All Angles: The Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina
Thursday, April 20, 2006
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
The Mayflower, A Renaissance Hotel
1127 Connecticut Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20036

We all observed the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina, some more personally than others. Join us for an evening of engaging conversation as we look at this tragedy from many angles - how the entire nation was affected, what Simmons did in response, the educational issues that surfaced, the many problems we continue to face, and what we have learned that may help us never to repeat the past.

Featured Moderator and Panelists
Rashonda Ambrose ’02
Theresa Perry-Shapiro, Professor of Africana Studies and Education Simmons College
Lorita B. Williams, Executive Director of Alumnae/i Relations Simmons College
Claire Rubin ’61, President of Claire B. Rubin & Associates, a disaster research and consulting firm and Managing Editor of the Journal of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

Agenda for the Evening
6:00 p.m. Check-in
6:15 p.m. Panel Discussion
7:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception

The cost is $50 per person for both alumnae/i and guests. We are confident that this event will be a sell-out, so advance registration is required. The Alumnae/i Club is covering the cost of tax, gratuities, and room rental fee.

Please use the enclosed registration card for your response or
visit the events calendar on www.alumnet.simmons.edu by April 11.

Pot Luck Lunch
At the home of Priscilla Gould ’71
Saturday, June 10, 2006
12:00 pm
6313 Herkos Court
Bethesda, MD 20817

You are invited to enjoy the company of other Simmons Alumnae/i as we relax by Priscilla’s garden over a pot luck lunch. Make some time for yourself. Come and chat with fellow alumnae/i you haven’t seen since Tea. Come meet new and fascinating alumnae/i.

Please let her know what you would like to bring: drinks, a main dish, or dessert. Priscilla’s home is near the Bethesda and Medical Center stops on the Metro Red Line. Please let her know if you would like to be picked up at the Metro.

R.s.v.p. to Priscilla at Priscilla.Gould@hp.com or (301) 530-8025
The National Historic Landmark Building that houses the National Portrait Gallery is currently undergoing an extensive renovation. When the building re-opens in July 2006, it will be a dazzling showcase for American art and portraiture that celebrates the vision and creativity of Americans. The museum is housed in the Patent Office Building located at 8th and F Streets, NW, Washington, D.C., 20560. This is near the Gallery Place/Chinatown stop on the Metro Red, Yellow & Green lines.

We will select an exhibit and try to arrange for a tour once the museum re-opens to the public. Please use the enclosed registration card for your response or register on Alumnet through the Events Calendar. *If you would like to volunteer to organize the museum tour, please indicate this on your registration card.* We will also have lunch at a near by restaurant.

Visit [http://www.npg.si.edu/](http://www.npg.si.edu/) for more information

Please use the enclosed registration card for your response or visit the events calendar on [www.alumnet.simmons.edu](http://www.alumnet.simmons.edu)

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**“15-Minute Networking”**
Thursday, October 26, 2006
Time TBD ~ Most likely in the early evening
Most likely in a Metro accessible, downtown DC location
Cost~ To be determined

The Simmons alumnae/i group in the Washington area represents a mixture of remarkable people who can serve as a wonderful resource pool. This activity will provide an opportunity to connect with alumnae/i who share your interests and aspirations. “15-Minute Networking” will feature interactions with pre-selected participants with similar interests, plus a period for general mingling.

Even if you cannot attend this event, completing the networking information form will help us learn more about our fantastic alumnae/i here in DC.

Please download the form on the Alumnet Washington D.C. mini-website and submit it electronically by emailing it to Laura McShane, ’92GS at lshane20770@lycos.com. If you prefer, please complete the survey included with this newsletter, and send it to Laura McShane at 8445 Greenbelt Road, Apt. 2, Greenbelt, MD 20770. If you have any questions regarding the networking survey or event, please contact Laura via email or at 301-552-6572.
**Annual Winter Tea**  
Sunday, December 3, 2006  
2:30 PM  
Willard InterContinental  
1401 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C.

You are cordially invited to join the Club for its Annual Winter Tea. This event has grown into a wonderful tradition that is highly anticipated and always proves to be a fantastic afternoon. This year we have selected the classic tea service at The Willard InterContinental Washington. A grand, historic landmark hotel, The Willard InterContinental Washington combines heritage and luxury to make it a favorite of domestic and international travelers. The museums of the National Mall, the National Christmas Tree and Holiday Pageant are all within walking distance.

Please bring your friends, daughters, or mothers for a special afternoon tea. We plan to again host representatives from the College, perhaps even President Scrimshaw, who will bring us up-to-date on the latest news and happenings.

The Willard InterContinental Afternoon Tea offers a varied assortment of tea sandwiches, cakes and pastries, as well as scones and clotted cream. **The cost is $45 per person for both alumnae/i and guests. Reservations are limited to 3 per alumnae/i.** Your registration will include payment for the tea service. Once again, the Alumnae/i Club is covering the cost of tax, gratuities, and room rental fee. Please use the enclosed registration card for your response. Because this is always our most popular event of the year, **advance registration is required.**

The Willard InterContinental is located at 1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. Parking is available onsite, and the hotel is two blocks from the Metro Center station on the Metro Red, Orange and Blue lines.

Please use the enclosed registration card for your response  
or  
Visit the events calendar on [www.alumnet.simmons.edu](http://www.alumnet.simmons.edu)

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**Register on Alumnet**

It’s fast and easy! It’s the best way for you to become a continuing part of the Simmons community and keep up to date with College news and events in your area. Registering on Alumnet give you access to search the alumnae/i database and reconnect with classmates. Help younger alumnae/i utilize us as a valuable resource for professional support. Visit [www.alumnet.simmons.edu](http://www.alumnet.simmons.edu) and click ‘join today’ on the top of the page’s right side. If you have questions, call the Office of Alumnae/i Relations at 800-246-0573.
Washington D.C. Metro-Area Simmons Club
2006 Dues and Event Registration Form

If you have questions regarding dues, please contact Treasurer Linda James '00SM at 703-339-5747 or ljames1039@aol.com. Mail your check made payable to Alumnae Club Simmons College, WDC with the completed membership form to:

Linda James
6618 Sky Blue Court
Alexandria, VA  22315

(Please detach and return this portion)

Name:________________________________Class:________________Telephone:________________

Address:______________________________________________________________________________

Email Address: _____________________________

_____ Dues  $30
$25 for G.O.L.D. (graduates of the last decade '96-'06)
$25 for alumnae/i who graduated in or before '56

_____ From All Angles panel event at the Mayflower Hotel ~ $50 per person

Guest Names & Class Years (If Applicable) __________________________________________________

_____ National Portrait Gallery ~ No entrance fee

Guest Names & Class Years (If Applicable) __________________________________________________

_____ 15-Minute Networking ~ Cost to be determined

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_____ Annual Winter Tea at the Willard InterContinental ~ $45 per person

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