

Faculty of the Liberal Arts and Sciences

In 1988, the Faculty of the Liberal Arts and Sciences was formed by the joining of the separate faculties of Newcomb College and the College of Arts and Sciences (now Tulane College). Today, the faculty consists of nearly 280 members serving in 22 academic departments. The students of these dedicated teachers have been nationally recognized in recent years by Rhodes, Marshall, and Goldwater awards. Individual faculty achievements in scholarship have been recognized by Guggenheim and Fulbright awards, fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Council of Learned Societies, and the National Humanities Center, and membership in the National Academy of Sciences. Sponsored research awards from such federal agencies as the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, and the Department of Energy and from private foundations and corporations provide numerous opportunities for undergraduates to engage in research.

Following the descriptions of the individual histories and special resources provided by Newcomb and Tulane Colleges are the policies, programs of study, and curricular requirements for the undergraduates in these liberal arts and sciences colleges.

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HISTORY

The H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College for Women was founded in 1886 by Josephine Louise Le Monnier Newcomb, an entrepreneur and visionary, as the first degree-granting college for women within a university in the United States. Mrs. Newcomb's concern was for the higher education of women "which shall look to the practical side of life as well as to literary excellence." Her several gifts and final bequest to the college were made in memory of her daughter, Harriott Sophie, who died of diphtheria in 1870 at the age of 15. All of these funds for the college she entrusted to the Administrators of the Tulane Educational Fund.

After the founding of Tulane's medical college in 1834, the Law School and Tulane College for men were added in 1847. Newcomb College joined Tulane University as the liberal arts and sciences college for women in 1886. Originally, Newcomb College was located on Washington Avenue in the Garden District of New Orleans. In 1918, Newcomb moved to the Broadway campus adjacent to Tulane's other undergraduate colleges and schools, where it has remained.

The years from Newcomb's founding in 1886 to the present have brought many changes to the college. In the 1960s, freshman and sophomore courses for Newcomb College and Tulane College became co-educational, and by 1969 most academic departments in both colleges were unified under one chair. In 1976, coeducational housing was introduced as an option, and a single curriculum for Newcomb College and Tulane College was adopted in 1979. In 1988, the faculties of the two undergraduate liberal arts and sciences colleges, Newcomb College and Tulane College, were joined into a single Faculty of the Liberal Arts and Sciences.

NEWCOMB COLLEGE TODAY

Newcomb College has as its mission the education of women in the liberal arts and sciences. The College is committed to the academic and personal development of all Newcomb students. Vital to the identity of Newcomb as a coordinate college for women within a research university is the participation of students and faculty in the production of new research on women and the integration of this research into the undergraduate curriculum. With its own academic advising, Honor Board, student organizations and programs, Newcomb maintains a strong sense of identity and community but also takes full advantage of the resources of the university. Newcomb and Tulane Colleges share a faculty, a common curriculum, and coeducational classes. Tulane's graduate and professional schools have a strong influence on the high quality of the research, the facilities, and the faculty guidance available to Newcomb students.

Newcomb students have the opportunity to hone their leadership skills in college organizations and through a variety of programs offered within the College. Students may participate in programs, organizations, and activities within Newcomb College and in those in the broader Tulane community. Residence hall accommodation is available in single-sex and in coeducational halls. At Newcomb, students have the best of two worlds: a small liberal arts college dedicated to personal attention and development, and a dynamic, comprehensive research university consisting of scholars at the forefront of their academic fields. The main instructional resource of Newcomb College is the superb research and teaching faculty - nearly 300 professors in the Faculty of the Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Newcomb College today is committed to the fundamental values of the liberal arts and sciences, and the curriculum required of Newcomb students reflects that commitment. Newcomb College offers its 2,000 students a rigorous, intellectually challenging liberal arts and sciences education, not only as preparation for a career or advanced study but also as a strong foundation for an enriched life. The blend of Newcomb, Tulane, and New Orleans—with its rich and varied history, traditions, and events—provides unlimited academic and cultural opportunities. The curriculum includes a broad general education in sciences and mathematics, social sciences, humanities, and fine arts, and in-depth study of one or more particular disciplines. Each student completes her program with electives chosen to fit her particular needs. Graduates earn a bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, or bachelor of fine arts degree from Newcomb College of Tulane University.

Sound academic and pre-professional advising complements the Newcomb curriculum. Many Newcomb students continue their education in graduate schools or professional schools of business, law, medicine, public health, and social work.

The six administrative departments within the College are the offices of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Newcomb College Student Programs, Newcomb Center for Research on Women, Newcomb College Children's Center, Newcomb Alumnae Affairs, and the Newcomb Art Gallery.

A special opportunity offered to both faculty and Newcomb students is the Newcomb Fellows Program sponsored by the Newcomb Foundation. The program contributes to fulfilling the mission of Newcomb College by broadening and enhancing the academic experience of Newcomb students. The Fellows Program permits students to participate actively in research, and it has been directly responsible for forging close ties between faculty in different fields and dedicated, interested Newcomb students.

The Newcomb fellows, a core faculty committed to women's education and drawn from all faculties of the university, are eligible for funding of research and course planning in support of their activities for the college. When fellows are funded through Newcomb Foundation grants for their scholarly activities, Newcomb students are involved every step

of the way. Newcomb students, either individually or as a group, may also submit grant proposals to the Newcomb Foundation. Application deadlines are March 1 and November 1 each year.

CAMPUS LIFE GRANTS

Campus Life Grants, funded by the Newcomb Foundation, are awarded for the purpose of improving campus life or student learning at Newcomb College or Tulane University.

OFFICE OF THE ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The staff of the office of the Associate Dean consists of four academic advisors, two support staff members, and the Associate Dean. The office has responsibility for the academic advising of first-year students, who are required to meet with their advisor at three times during the year, and meet at other times as needed. The academic advisors also meet with upperclass students, providing assistance with academic planning, interpreting College policies and procedures, and assisting students with academic decision-making and problem-solving. The office also maintains the academic records of Newcomb students and provides administrative support for Newcomb Honor Board, the student-faculty organization that adjudicates cases of alleged academic dishonesty.

The Associate Dean administers the Josephine Louise Newcomb Fellowship program, which originated in 1999. One senior is selected each year to receive this Fellowship which provides a stipend to cover expenses for a year-long independent study project of the Fellow's own design. The selection process is competitive, based upon a written proposal and an interview with the selection committee.

NEWCOMB STUDENT PROGRAMS

Newcomb College recognizes that there are many facets to a complete education. With this spirit in mind, the Office of Newcomb Student Programs works with students to develop programs and organizations which complement their classroom experiences. Through their involvement in the Newcomb community, women students can enrich their personal growth and develop their capabilities for leadership.

Several programs are offered annually. The Newcomb Leadership Conference, open to all students by application, examines various themes of leadership from both conceptual and practical perspectives. Learning about public policy is supported by Newcomb's membership in the Public Leadership Education Network, a consortium offering seminars such as Women, Law, and Public Policy; Women and Congress; and Women and International Policy in Washington, D.C. The Women in Science organization provides camaraderie, programming, and support for its membership. Its programs provoke discussion on women's career issues as well as exploration of a variety of career paths. In addition, each year the Alberto Culver lecture series brings an accomplished business woman to campus to speak and meet with students.

Intensive Newcomb (IN) is a program sponsored by Newcomb Student Programs, the Newcomb College Center for Research on Women, and the Women's Studies Program. Intensive Newcomb is designed to foster achievement and leadership through innovative programming in an environment that is supportive of students' dreams and goals. The primary goal of the IN Program is to encourage critical thinking, intellectual curiosity, and active learning to empower women as leaders during and beyond their college years.

The Office of Newcomb Student Programs advises student organizations associated with the college. Alpha Lambda Delta is open to freshmen who attain a 3.50 GPA during their first semester or first year at Newcomb. Newcomb Assets are student leaders chosen for their campus involvement and service during their freshman year. The current members of Mortar Board, a national honor society, select rising seniors with an outstanding record of scholarship, leadership, and service. The Oak Wreath Awards recognize seniors who have demonstrated outstanding academics and campus involvement. The Daisy Chain is a group of selected Juniors who play an important role at commencement and Freshman convocation. Newcomb Senate, the student government of the college, is recognized campus-wide for its outstanding programming and attention to campus issues. Its premier program is Women's Forum, which annually features a well-known speaker on a women's issue. Also under the umbrella of Senate are the Spring Arts Festival, Campus Concerns Committee, and CONNECT activities promoting the traditions of the college. As a unit of the Associated Student Body, Newcomb Senate acts as an advocate of student perspectives on campus issues. Finally, class officers and representatives implement projects for their classes through the senate. Elections are held in the spring and fall of each year.

News about college programs and events is published via email every Friday in The Newcomb News. Information may also be obtained by emailing nsp@tulane.edu or by checking our website at www.tulane.edu/~newstupr.

NEWCOMB COLLEGE CENTER FOR RESEARCH ON WOMEN

Brief History: In response to the social changes taking place in this country in the 1970s, Newcomb College faculty, staff, students, and alumnae joined together to establish a center that would "provide opportunities and programs focusing on personal growth, professional awareness and educational planning." More than twenty-five years later, and with an expanded mission to advance knowledge about women's lives and perspectives, the Newcomb College Center for Research on Women (NCCROW) stands as the oldest university-based women's center in the Gulf South and the only one in the region to hold

membership in the *National Council for Research on Women*. The Center's unique position as a division of Newcomb College continues Newcomb's more than 110-year tradition as a leader in the field of women's higher education. As one of a dozen interdisciplinary research centers at Tulane, NCCROW furthers Tulane's role as a major research university. The Center occupies Caroline Richardson Hall, formerly the Newcomb dining hall, located on the Newcomb College campus.

Mission: NCCROW's chief objective is to advance knowledge about women so as to insure that the lives, experiences, and perspectives of all women are fully valued and respected in every institution in society. Our efforts include documenting and preserving women's historical pasts, fostering the creation of scholarship about women, improving the status of women in Louisiana, and promoting the inclusion of the scholarship on women throughout the educational system. The Center offers students (1) the resources of a women's studies library and archives; (2) grants for research; (3) educational programs; and (4) computer facilities.

The **Nadine Vorhoff Library** serves as a special collections devoted to the history of women's education, and as the centralized repository for women's studies books and periodicals on the Tulane Campus. The library holds some 10,000 volumes concerned with women's education, the history of southern women, labor, and other topics; a Culinary Arts Collection of some 2,000 volumes; and subscriptions to over 100 women's studies periodicals. Located on the first floor in the Seltzer-Gerard Reading Room, the library is an ideal study space.

The **Newcomb Archives** house the records of the College and an extensive collection of materials documenting the lives of Newcomb alumnae, other women of the South, and local women's groups; a large collection of oral history tapes; and photographs, scrapbooks, letters, and other materials. These archival materials are of particular interest to students researching women's education and political participation.

Women's Studies Research Grants are available to students who are researching topics relating to women and issues of gender. The competitive grants are designed to assist with the cost of conducting original research and are generally awarded to students who are working on honors theses or independent studies research. The program has two grant periods each year and makes average awards of \$300 to about eight students annually.

Educational Programs sponsored by the Center include the highly popular **Zale Writer-in-Residence Program** and **Florie Arons Poetry Forum** which bring nationally acclaimed, award winning women writers and poets to campus for writing workshops, lectures, and readings. Recent writers include Edwidge Danticat, Dorothy Allison, Octavia Butler, Lee Smith, and Maxine Kumin. Distinguished scholars Jill Ker Conway, Helen Horowitz, and Phyllis Chesler have delivered the annual **Adele Ramos Salzer Lecture** focusing on the higher education of women. These and other Center programs enrich the academic experience and provide students with a valuable resource for learning more about women's lives and experiences.

Sophie B. Wired Computer Cluster is a collaborative feminist infotech space providing a supportive atmosphere and connecting women to the latest in technology. A main objective of the Computer Cluster is to increase the presence of women on the Internet, as users and creators of information technology.

For more information and an up-to-date list of Center programs, stop by the Center office on the second floor of Caroline Richardson Hall, or look us up at www.tulane.edu/~wc.

NEWCOMB CHILDREN'S CENTER

The Newcomb Children's Center is comprised of the Newcomb College Nursery School and the Newcomb Child Care Center. Each site provides developmentally suitable activities for preschool children. Low teacher/child ratios and appropriate playground and classroom facilities help give each child opportunities to develop physically, mentally, and socially.

Open to the New Orleans community since 1926, the Newcomb College Nursery School is one of the oldest preschools in the country. Its philosophy has always featured a developmental approach to meet the social, intellectual, and physical needs of young children.

Established in 1980 to help meet the child care needs of Tulane faculty, staff, and students, the Newcomb Child Care Center accepts children ranging in age from 15 months to five years. Four classrooms in a renovated house provide a homelike atmosphere for a limited enrollment of fifty students. The quality of both programs has been recognized through accreditation by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs.

Education and psychology students use the center as an observational laboratory to learn principles of child development. Early childhood students complete a observation at the nursery school.

ALUMNAE OFFICE

The Newcomb Alumnae Office is housed in Newcomb Hall and manages the day-to-day operations of the 21,000 member Newcomb Alumnae Association who reside in all 50 states and overseas. Anyone who attended Newcomb College for more than one semester is considered to be an alumna. The alumnae office plans 13 class reunions each year, in addition to coordinating a special 50-year reunion at commencement. The office also produces an alumnae magazine, organizes events for alumnae in New Orleans and throughout the country, supports the operation of a Town Mom program for first-year students and initiates a senior class breakfast. The office also works closely with the Office of Newcomb Student Programs and the Center for Research on Women in cooperative programming for alumnae and students, and serves as the primary alumnae liaison to the university. The office is staffed by a director and one staff member. The Newcomb Alumnae Association board of directors has members from across the nation and meets quarterly to decide how best to support the dean of the College in her mission to advance Newcomb College, as well as how to enhance relations between alumnae and the College, and to serve the needs of the Newcomb community as a whole. The Newcomb alumnae body is firmly committed to the support of the College and its mission to provide quality undergraduate education for female liberal arts and science students.

THE NEWCOMB ART GALLERY

In operation since 1996, the Newcomb Art Gallery presents exhibitions of art throughout the academic year. Exhibitions cover a broad range of art from varying eras and locations including African sculpture, drawings from Renaissance Italy, contemporary American painting, nineteenth century photographs of New Orleans, and the sculpture of Auguste Rodin among others. A portion of the Gallery is also devoted to the display of objects relating to the artistic traditions of Newcomb College, particularly the famous Newcomb Pottery. From 1895 until 1940, Newcomb operated a studio staffed almost entirely by women who produced highly regarded art pottery as well as metalwork, embroidery, and handcrafted book bindings. These works attest to the distinctive role played by Newcomb women in the Arts & Crafts movement in America. The pottery is highly esteemed by museums and private collectors, and the Newcomb Art Gallery boasts one of the finest collections in the country.

Exhibitions offer students the rare opportunity to experience original works of art both within and beyond their regular coursework. Students in Art History and Studio Art classes often benefit from the close observation of art works in the Gallery that may coincide with the subjects they are studying in the classroom. The Gallery also has an ongoing initiative to incorporate exhibitions into classes outside the Art Department. In the past, professors in fields such as History, English, French, Sociology and other subjects have integrated exhibitions into their curriculum in varying and innovative ways. Through this program the Newcomb Art Gallery serves as a unique source of educational enrichment for undergraduates. Internships are available for qualified undergraduates. Of course, students also come to the gallery for the pure enjoyment of art or just to savor a contemplative moment.

THE NEWCOMB COLLEGE CAMPUS

The Newcomb College campus has been dedicated in perpetuity. Newcomb College maintains a small-college atmosphere within its campus boundaries. Its stone and brick buildings and spacious quadrangles nestle in the heart of the residential uptown section of New Orleans. Newcomb Hall, the administrative center of Newcomb College, contains classrooms and faculty offices as well as administrative offices. Newcomb Hall also houses the departments of Philosophy, Communication, Sociology, French and Italian, Spanish and Portuguese, Germanic and Slavic Languages.

Flanking Newcomb Hall on opposite sides of the Newcomb quadrangle are the Brandt V. B. Dixon Performing Arts Center, the Woldenberg Art Center at Newcomb College, and Eleonora P. McWilliams Hall.

The Woldenberg Art Center at Newcomb College houses the Newcomb Art Department, as well as classrooms, seminar rooms, studios, two auditoriums, a slide library, and the Newcomb Art Gallery.

The Newcomb Department of Music's practice rooms, studios, classrooms, offices, and auditoriums are located in the Brandt V. B. Dixon Performing Arts Center. The center includes Dixon Hall, a lecture/recital hall, and the Mary Victoria Mills Weinmann Patio-Theater, as well as rehearsal rooms for band and orchestra and the I. H. Bass Choral Hall. Complementing other performance areas are the Lupin Theatre and an experimental theatre space.

Adjacent to the Performing Arts Center is Elleonora P. Mc Williams Hall, which houses the Department of Theatre and Dance. It contains classrooms, acting and performance studios, a scene shop, a costume shop, and a multi-media library.

The Newcomb Children's Center is nearby and includes the Newcomb College Nursery School and the Newcomb Child Care Center. The Myra Clare Rogers Memorial Chapel, on the Broadway side of Newcomb Hall, houses some of the College's Tiffany windows in its foyer and in the main chapel. The Chapel is used by religious organizations and by the College and University for educational and cultural programs.

The Newcomb College Center for Research on Women is located on the second floor of Caroline Richardson Hall. It houses the Newcomb College archives and library and the Women's Studies Program offices.

The Newcomb Dean's Residence is a historic home dedicated in perpetuity for use by the Newcomb Dean. It is used today not only as the dean's residence but also as the site of many Newcomb receptions and events.

HONOR SOCIETIES

The University has chapters of many honor societies. Phi Eta Sigma honors freshmen in all divisions of the University. Omicron Delta Kappa is a junior-senior honor society for students with exceptional abilities in scholarship and leadership. The Society of Sigma Xi is an honor society that stimulates scientific research. Phi Beta Kappa recognizes outstanding scholarship among graduating seniors. There are also honor societies for students with special academic and professional interests.

Newcomb College also recognizes and encourages student achievement through its three honor societies: Mortar Board, a senior honor society whose selection is based on leadership, scholarship, and service; Assets, a group of fifteen outstanding women selected at the end of their freshman year; and Alpha Lambda Delta, a scholastic honor society for freshmen attaining a 3.50 cumulative grade point average. Outstanding seniors may also be selected for Oak Wreath, an honor distinct to Newcomb College.

AWARDS

A prize is awarded only when marked excellence is exhibited in the subject of the competition. Prizes are not awarded to students who are not in good standing.

The Alpha Epsilon Phi Award in Romance Languages

is given each year by Alpha Epsilon Phi to the outstanding senior in the romance languages upon the recommendation of the faculty.

The Alpha Lambda Delta Award

is awarded to the graduating Alpha Lambda Delta member who has the highest cumulative grade point average.

The Sally Reed Atkins Award is given to a serious student of German language and literature for study in Germany.

The Biology Prize is awarded to the senior majoring in biology who, in the judgment of that department, is deserving of special recognition for her interest, enthusiasm, and proficiency.

The Nan Gunter Boykin Memorial Prize is awarded annually to a member of the graduating class for excellence in dramatic literature.

The Chi Omega Freshman Award was established by the Chi Omega Alumnae Association of New Orleans in 1964. It is awarded annually on the basis of scholarship and leadership during the freshman year.

The Chi Omega Prize in History is awarded to the graduating Newcomb senior who has maintained the highest average in this subject.

The Class of 1909 Prize is awarded to that senior who during the last three years of her collegiate course at Newcomb has best combined scholarship with effective and unselfish service in student activities.

The Classical Languages Prize is awarded for excellence in Latin, Greek, or the study of ancient history, culture, or archaeology.

The Shelley Coverman Memorial Award is given in recognition of excellence in empirical social science research in women's studies.

The Carol Downes Cudd Award is given in alternating years for academic achievement demonstrating a love of learning combined with unselfish service to the College and University.

The Minnette L. Starts Dance Award is given to the outstanding Newcomb upperclass dance student upon recommendation of the faculty.

The Delta Kappa Gamma (Delta Chapter) Amy Hendricks Award is given each year to a Newcomb College senior completing a curriculum in elementary teaching whose past record, character, and personality indicate her ability to make a valuable contribution to her profession.

The Sylvia Dreyfus Memorial Award is given to a member of the senior class who has supported women's concerns on campus through outstanding leadership, active committee membership, and creative innovation of programs or elective office.

The Elsie Field Dupre Memorial Prize in Physics honors a Newcomb student for her interest, enthusiasm, and proficiency in physics.

The Raymond A. Esthus Prize is awarded annually by the Newcomb Alumnae Association to that freshman, sophomore, or junior, who, through her activities, best exemplifies and promotes the continuance of the tradition and spirit of the college.

The Ann Gill Memorial Award was established by the Beta Omicron Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity in memory of Margaret Ann Gill. It is awarded to the outstanding junior for scholarship, sportsmanship, and contributions to the college.

The Rosa Cahn Hartman Prize is presented to the Newcomb student considered by the Department of Psychology to have done the best work in psychology.

The Doris K. Joffrion Award is for the Newcomb student whose performance and leadership in women's athletics has been most exceptional.

The Kappa Kappa Gamma Prize in Mathematics is awarded with the approval of the mathematics department to the student majoring in mathematics who has attained the highest average in advanced mathematics courses.

The Arden R. King Prize for Excellence in Anthropology is awarded to a senior anthropology major in Newcomb College for a record of excellence in anthropology.

The Virginia Gleaves Lazarus Memorial Award is awarded by the Department of English for the best essay written by a junior or senior.

The Mathematical Economics Prize is given to the most outstanding senior in mathematical economics.

The Newcomb Economics Prize is given to the most outstanding Newcomb student in economics.

The Ann Hero Northrup Prize in Chemistry is awarded for general excellence in that subject to the junior or senior who has accomplished most during that year. The prize, established by the late Clare M. de Milt, consists of a valuable book or collection which is presented to the library or to the Department of Chemistry on behalf of the winner.

The Nell Pomeroy O'Brien Award is given to an art history or art studio major at the end of the sophomore year.

The Alice Stirling Parkerson Memorial Award in Art is awarded to an outstanding student who in her junior year gives promise of achieving the ideals of personal integrity and dedication that characterized Alice Parkerson during her years of teaching and administration in the Department of Art of Newcomb College.

The Janice Torre Perky Memorial Award is awarded annually to a junior or senior in the theatre department who is selected by the department as being the most original or creative writer.

The Phi Mu Award in Sociology is awarded to an outstanding student in sociology upon the recommendation of the Department of Sociology.

The Pi Beta Phi Prize in Laboratory Science is for the best paper based on experimental work in a biological or physical science. It is open to junior or senior students.

The President's Award is given each year to a Newcomb student who has embodied Newcomb's ideals of scholarship and service.

The Lucy Byrne Ringe Memorial Prize is awarded to the top-ranking senior in American literature.

The Mary B. Scott Memorial Prize, endowed in 1909 by Mary B. Scott in memory of her mother, is given for the best essay showing original research in history, economics, or political science written by a junior or senior.

The Kathy Goldberg Senior Role Model Award is presented to the senior who has provided an example to her peers of excellence in scholarship, leadership, and community service throughout her years at Newcomb.

The Class of 1903 Shakespeare Prize is given for the best Shakespearean essay by a junior or senior.

The Aline MacKenzie Taylor Award is given for the best essay in intellectual history.

The Dorothy Young Memorial Award for Best Performance by a Student Actress is awarded annually.

The Elizabeth S. Watts Award in Physical Anthropology is awarded annually.

The Gifford Darling Riess Award is awarded to a graduating senior at Newcomb College who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to community service during her college years.

In addition, Newcomb College shares a large number of awards and prizes with Tulane College; they are listed in the Liberal Arts and Sciences Policies and Programs section.