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NEW VISITING PROFESSORSHIP ANNOUNCED TO HONOR AGNES SCOTT ALUMNA AND C.S. LEWIS EXPERT DABNEY ADAMS HART

ATLANTA (Nov. 2, 2005) – A new humanities program at Agnes Scott College has been established to honor Dabney Adams Hart, a 1948 graduate and C.S. Lewis expert. Hart will speak on Lewis' vast influence Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 8 p.m. in ASC's Maclean Auditorium, Presser Hall.

Hart will be the first lecturer in the Dabney Adams Hart Distinguished Visiting Humanities Professorship program established by her brother and sister-in-law, Madeline and Howell E. Adams, to honor the scholar's career. Author of "Through an Open Door: A New Look at C.S. Lewis," Hart was a scholar of the noted British author long before her book was published in 1984.

Each year the Hart program will invite a distinguished humanities professor to teach at Agnes Scott and lead a seminar session for faculty, a public event, or some combination. The college interprets the humanities broadly to include history, English, religion, theology, philosophy, the classics and literature, as well as the relationships between the humanities and the fine arts, social sciences and natural sciences.

Designed to enhance humanities offerings at Agnes Scott, the program will connect faculty and students to a broad range of experts in the humanities from colleges, universities and theological institutions, with a special focus on those in the Atlanta metropolitan area.

Hart will talk about the significant impact of Lewis' work Nov. 15 – just a few weeks before interest is expected to reignite with the worldwide release of the movie "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," based on Lewis' book series by the same name.

After earning her doctorate in English from the University of Wisconsin, Hart taught at Florida State University, the University of Wisconsin and at Georgia State University. She retired in 1993. Scholars confirmed for the next two academic years are:

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- **2006-2007 – Dr. Martine W. Brownley, Goodrich C. White professor of English and Winship Distinguished Research professor, Emory University.** – A 1969 graduate of Agnes Scott College, Brownley received her doctorate from Harvard University and is director of the new Center for Humanistic Inquiry at Emory.

Brownley focuses her research on English historiography and contemporary women novelists. Her publications include books on 17th-century British statesman Edward Hyde, the first Earl of Clarendon and articles on 18th century historian Edward Gibbon and others. Her most recent publication is “Deferrals of Domain: Contemporary Women Novelists and the State.” Brownley will teach a course at Agnes Scott during the 2006-2007 academic year and will lead a workshop or public program.

- **2007-2008 – Dr. Rosemarie Garland-Thomson, associate professor of Women’s Studies and director of Graduate Studies at Emory University**– Garland-Thomson received her doctorate from Brandeis University, and her fields of study include feminist theory, American literature and disability.

Garland-Thomson’s scholarly work is dedicated to developing the field of disability studies in the humanities and in women’s studies. The author of “Extraordinary Bodies: Figuring Physical Disability in American Literature and Culture,” Garland-Thomson will teach a course at Agnes Scott during the academic year and will lead a workshop or public program.

Admission for Hart’s Nov. 15 lecture is free and open to the public, but requires a ticket, which can be reserved by calling 404-471-6430.

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