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### ELIZABETH KISS NAMED NEXT PRESIDENT OF AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE

ATLANTA (May 30, 2006) – Elizabeth Kiss, the Nannerl O. Keohane director of the Kenan Institute for Ethics and an associate professor of the practice of political science and philosophy at Duke University, was elected president of Agnes Scott College today.

“With an outstanding record academically and administratively, Dr. Kiss offers the blend of experience and intellect required to lead Agnes Scott,” said Harriet King, chair of the college’s board of trustees, which elected Kiss in a unanimous vote. “Her sparkling intellect, charismatic and inclusive personality, rich academic experience, deep understanding of the liberal arts, global perspective and energy make Elizabeth particularly suited to lead Agnes Scott. Her focus on ethics mirrors Agnes Scott’s core values.”

Kiss (pronounced “quiche”) will become the eighth president of Agnes Scott on Aug. 1, succeeding Mary Brown Bullock, the college’s first alumna president who served for 11 years during a period of significant enrollment growth.

“I am thrilled and humbled to have been given the opportunity to lead this wonderful institution at such an exciting time in its history,” Kiss said following the announcement. “Mary Brown Bullock’s extraordinarily successful presidency has moved Agnes Scott College to a position of great strength and promise.

“Women’s education is the key to solving many of our century’s greatest challenges,” Kiss continued, “and Agnes Scott – with its long tradition of women’s empowerment, its vibrant and diverse student body and faculty, and its profound commitment to integrity and to the life of the spirit – can play a vital leadership role.”

Kiss became the founding director of the Kenan Institute in January 1997. The Kenan Institute supports ethics study and teaching and promotes moral reflection and commitment in personal, professional, community and civic life.

Academically, Kiss specializes in moral and political philosophy. She has published on moral judgment and education, human rights, the application of rights theories to issues of ethnic

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conflict and nationalism, feminist debates about rights and justice, and justice in the aftermath of human rights violations.

A 1983 graduate of Davidson College, she earned a doctorate in philosophy from Oxford University in England in 1990. A Rhodes Scholar, she has held fellowships at the Harvard Program in Ethics and the Professions, the National Humanities Center and at Melbourne University's Centre on Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics.

Kiss has maintained an active role in the Rhodes Scholarship selection process, serving as secretary to the North Carolina Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee from 1998 to 2003. She has served as a member of Rhodes Scholarship state selection committees in five states, from North Carolina to Nevada.

A former vice chair of the board of trustees of Davidson College, Kiss serves presently on the boards of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, the Center for Academic Integrity and the Durham Nativity School.

She is married to Jeff Holzgreffe, a teacher and academic administrator whose focus is international relations and ethics.

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*Agnes Scott College educates women to think deeply, live honorably and engage the intellectual and social challenges of their times. Students are drawn to Agnes Scott by its excellent academic reputation, exceptional faculty, and metropolitan Atlanta location – offering myriad cultural and experiential learning opportunities. A diverse and growing residential community of scholars, this highly selective liberal arts college encourages study abroad and presents its curriculum with international context. Agnes Scott College delivers on its promise: The World for Women.*