

## Biographical Sketches of the *Agora* Writers

**Amy Best** is a junior, majoring in Spanish with an emphasis in global commerce. Amy's home is in Severna Park, Maryland, where she lives with her mother and younger sister. At Lynchburg College, she is a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority and currently holds the position of VP Recruitment. In her spare time, Amy plays the cello and is a member of the LC Cheerleading Squad.

**Amy Boyles** will graduate from Lynchburg College in May, 2005 with a major in international relations and a minor in psychology. She is a member of the Westover Honors Society and has worked as a tutor in the Wilmer Writing Center for two years. After graduation, Amy plans to work with relations of the international sort in the DC area.

**Erin Frick** is a junior from Vestal, New York. Erin is majoring in music and theatre as a member of the Westover Honors Society.

**Chelsea Garrison** graduated from Lynchburg College in May, 2004. She majored in English literature as a member of the Westover Honors Society. She currently lives in Wellsville, NY, with her husband and five ferrets but is ready to move to a more remote and defensible location at a moment's notice.

**Elizabeth Giglio** is a first semester senior at Lynchburg College. She is pursuing an English major with an emphasis in writing, as well as a minor in religious studies. In addition, she has tutored at the Wilmer Writing Center at Lynchburg College for the past two years and now works in the role of supervising tutor. She hopes to continue her studies in graduate school, while developing a career in publishing.

**Matthew Johnson** is a music major, with an emphasis on instrumental education, in his second year at Lynchburg College. He is a commuter student, though like many music majors, he practically lives in the chapel. Matthew spends most of his spare time doing what he loves most: composing music. Currently, he is working on a Mass in Eb Major. Matthew is also the music director at Fairview Christian Church, but occasionally he finds enough spare time to express himself in words. Matthew considers himself lucky to have a wonderful girlfriend, a supportive family, and excellent mentors, who provide him with guidance in all that he does.

**Michaela Knapp** is a sophomore with a major in chemistry and a minor in math. Michaela comes from Vermont, and in her free time, she enjoys reading, tennis, hiking, and traveling.

**Aaron Lowe** is a twenty-one year old junior, double majoring in theatre and religious studies. His hometown is Columbus, Ohio, but he currently resides in Alta Vista, Virginia, with his wife and two-month old son. In his spare time, Aaron likes kayaking, horseback riding, packing with his three llamas, and reading in comparative religions. Aaron hopes to study educational counseling at the graduate level.

**Jennie Moran** is eighteen years old and resides in King George, Virginia, with her parents and three brothers. She enjoys creative writing, including poetry and short stories, and hopes to publish a book in the future. Jennie is a freshman in the Society of Westover Fellows and is planning to double major in biology and English.

**Lyndall Nairn** has worked at Lynchburg College since 1997. She edits the *Agora*, directs the Wilmer Writing Center, and teaches LCSR courses in Freshman Composition. Her Australian upbringing and her previous career as an English-as-a-second-language instructor in various Asian countries provide an international perspective on her work at Lynchburg College.

**Peggy A. Pittas** began teaching at Lynchburg College in 1971. As assistant dean, she coordinates the work of the Senior Symposium/LCSR Program. She also teaches courses in psychology. The author of more than fifty publications and presentations at regional and national meetings, Dr. Pittas is currently overseeing the third revision of the Lynchburg College Symposium Readings.

**Michael Spellings** graduated from Lynchburg College in May, 2004, with a major in political science and currently works in politics in the Washington DC area. As a student, Michael was very active in the student government association, model United Nations, and a study abroad program in Spain, where he developed a love for travel and a desire to understand a vast panoply of cultures throughout the world. Michael derives inspiration for his writing from both historical and current events that are significant to people today.

**Adam Stanley** is a nineteen-year old junior from Madison Heights, Virginia, where he lives with his parents and younger brother. Adam is majoring in political science as a member of the Westover Honors Society. Adam commutes to campus daily and also works at S&S Machine, where he makes releases for archery. In his spare time, Adam enjoys music and video games, and he hopes that eventually he will work in computer science.

**Kevin Watson** was born in 1984 in Moneta, VA, the son of Clayton and Brenda Watson. He is the pianist for Emmaus United Methodist Church and a worker in the retail industry, as well as an occasional writer of unusual fiction. He aspires to become a high school teacher of English once he achieves his degree.

**Jolenn Williams** is a twenty-one year old senior from Richmond, Virginia. A psychology major with a minor in Business, Jolenn hopes to attend graduate school in fall 2005. She is formerly the Vice President of both the Black Student Association and Psi Chi (the National Honor Society in Psychology). She is also a member of Phi Kappa Phi. She has served as a psychology lab assistant for the past two years and this year became a PASS tutor for the introductory psychology courses. Jolenn is blessed to have a support group that includes family and friends who have taught her that she can achieve anything she sets her eyes on. Her personal motto comes from Frida Kahlo: "Feet, what do I need them for, if I have wings to fly?"

**Kimberly Wood** is a senior at Lynchburg College, majoring in communication studies, with an emphasis in speech communication, and minoring in philosophy. Kimberly is a native of Lynchburg, Virginia, but is a big-city girl at heart. Her interests and hobbies include reading journaling, traveling, and hiking.