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HARKNESS FELLOWS: THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES

As part of its yearlong celebration of the Harkness 75th anniversary, Exeter welcomed a second group of Harkness Fellows to spend several days on campus during winter term, teaching classes, meeting with students and faculty, and giving lectures.

On January 15, **Dr. Theophus “Thee” Smith '69**, an associate professor of religion at Emory University whose academic specialties include the relationship between religion and violence, gave an all-school assembly on the legacy of the Reverend Martin Luther King. Smith is the author of *Conjuring Culture: Biblical Formations of Black America*.

Harkness teaching half a world away from Exeter was the subject of **Donald Thomas**' January 29 assembly talk. Thomas, a member of the Exeter English department during the early 1960s, is the co-founder and principal emeritus of the American Academy of Tbilisi, in the Republic of Georgia, which incorporates Harkness principles in all of its classes.

David Potter '75, a professor of Greek and Latin at the University of Michigan, gave a public lecture on February 9 entitled “Why We Study Rome: A Classicist’s Look at Contemporary Culture.” Potter is the author and/or editor of several books on ancient Rome, including *Literary Texts and the Roman Historian* and *Life, Death and Entertainment in the Roman Empire*.

On March 5, **Maria Cabildo '85** described her work as executive director of the East L.A. Community Corporation, whose mission is to build grassroots leadership, self-sufficiency and access to economic development opportunities for low- and moderate-income families in sections of East Los Angeles, where Cabildo was born and raised.

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