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Director of Public Relations

COLLEGE PRESS TO PUBLISH CHAPBOOK BY BARBARA PRESNELL

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Longleaf Press at Methodist College will publish *Unravelings*, a poetry chapbook by Lexington author Barbara Presnell August 1.

Presnell's manuscript won the 1998 Longleaf Press Poetry Chapbook Contest, which drew 46 entries from five southeastern states. The chapbook contains 20 poems, including ten previously published in various literary journals.

"The quality of entries was very high," said Dr. Michael Colonnese, associate professor of English at Methodist and managing editor. "We advertised the contest in the North Carolina Writers' Network publication *Network News* and *Poets and Writers*, a national journal."

Presnell teaches writing and literature at Catawba Collge and writes a column for *The Dispatch*, a daily newspaper in Lexington. The author lives in Lexington, with her husband, writer Bill Keesler, and 12-year-old son, Will.

A native of Asheboro, she received undergraduate and Master of Fine Arts degrees from UNC-G and an M.A. from the University of Kentucky. She has worked as an artist-in-residence for the North Carolina Arts Council and the Kentucky Arts Council.

Barbara Presnell's first chapbook, *Snake Dreams*, was published in 1994 and won the North Carolina Poetry Society's Zoe Kincaid Brockman Award. Her poems and short stories have appeared in over fifty journals and anthologies.

Robin Greene, instructor of English at Methodist and a poet herself, serves as press editor. Of *Unravelings*, Greene writes: "Presnell's poems create careful tensions between what can be held together and what cannot. *Unravelings* explores these precise intersects with attention to language and rhythm. These are poems that speak eloquently of our vulnerability and losses, of the unraveling of our memories and the fragility of our joys."

Greene said the author will give readings from her chapbook during Methodist College's Southern Writers' Symposium in September and at other venues in North Carolina.

Unravelings will sell for \$5 a copy and can be purchased by mail or at selected bookstores. Mail orders can be placed by phoning (910) 630-7065 or sending a check for \$6 to Longleaf Press, Methodist College, 5400 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC 28311.

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CYNTHIA CURTIS JOINS ADVANCEMENT TEAM AT METHODIST COLLEGE

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Cynthia J. Curtis of Hope Mills has been named Director of Annual Fund and Parents Programs at Methodist College.

For the last two years, she has served as campaign director of the United Way of Cumberland County. In that position, she directed a campaign that raised more than \$2 million annually and involved more than 300 volunteers.

She will assume her new duties in August, succeeding Amanda Wunder who resigned in June to return to the Hammond School in Columbia, South Carolina.

“Cynthia Curtis will be a great asset to Methodist College,” said Jay Dowd, vice president for institutional advancement at Methodist. “She is respected and well-known in the Fayetteville community.”

Prior to assuming the United Way post, Mrs. Curtis was associated with Smith Advertising & Associates. She holds a B.S. degree in journalism from Bowling Green State University and has completed a certification program in Non-Profit Management at Duke University.

She is a director of the Cape Fear Kiwanis Club and a graduate of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership Fayetteville Program.