

Carol was deeply involved in activities while at Murphy. She belonged to FTA, Spanish club, Dramatics Club, served as an officers in two clubs- Red Cross and Argument Inc.; was a member of the Student Council and the All Girl Council; and was also on staff of the Hi-Times. All these activities did not affect her studies, though: she was inducted into the National Honor Society her senior year. This pattern of activity and achievement foreshadowed her academic career pretty accurately.

After graduation, Dr. Berkin continued her education at Barnard College, and continued on to Columbia University where she earned her MA and PhD. Her dissertation was awarded the Bancroft Dissertation Award. She became a history professor and spent her career at Baruch College, where she is now Presidential Professor Emerita. She is also a member of the History faculty of the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. Her focus in history has been on Early America and Women's history. She has published numerous scholarly articles, and has also written 7 books on those subjects. These include *Revolutionary Mothers: Women in the Struggle for America's Independence*; *First Generations: Women in Colonial America*; *Civil War Wives: The Lives and Times of Angelina Grimke Weld, Varina Howell Davis, and Julia Dent Grant*; and *Making America: A History of the United States*.

Dr. Berkin's expertise has resulted in her appearing as a consultant on several PBS and History Channel documentaries. Carol also speaks about history to high schools where history teachers are participating in the U.S. Department of Education Teaching American History Grant Program. One of these included a return to Murphy a few years ago—the kids loved her! She serves on the board of the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and edits its online journal; and she is also on the Board of the National Council for History Education. She mentors college graduate and students, teachers, and young professors. She invites Barnard students from Alabama to share Thanksgiving with her family and is politically active in local and national levels.

We are pleased to induct Carol Ruth Berkin into the Murphy Alumni Hall of Fame.