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## Legacies of the Past, Challenges for the Present: Gender Roles in a Shrinking World

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Join **Deborah Rodriguez**, author of *Kabul Beauty School*; Appalachian folk singer and lecturer, **Dr. Katie Hoffman**; alumna speaker **Dr. Amy Hayes Holmes '00**; and a host of others in exploring leadership, creative wisdom, and the College's theme for 2008-09, Legacies of the Past, Challenges for the Present: Gender roles in a Shrinking World.

### Keynote Speaker: Deborah Rodriguez

Deborah Rodriguez has been a hairdresser since 1979. In 2002, soon after the fall of the Taliban, she went to Afghanistan with nothing but a degree in cosmetology and a desire to help. There she founded the Kabul Beauty School and spent five years teaching and later directing the school. This was the first modern beauty academy and training salon in Afghanistan. While there she learned of life behind the burka, and, in her best-selling novel, she introduces us to an amazing community of women struggling for autonomy in the midst of a strict society and shows us that across cultures we have much in common.



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