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DR. KESHO SCOTT OF GRINNELL COLLEGE SELECTED FOR THE ARCHILL HEINRICH COTTAGE RESIDENCY IN IRELAND

Dr. Kesho Scott, a Grinnell College professor, was recently selected for an Archill Heinrich Cottage Residency in Ireland for 2014. The program honors German novelist Heinrich Böll, winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1972.

She will join the ranks of artists and writers who have benefited from the Böll legacy since his death in 1985. Mr. Böll wrote about the seclusion and inspiration of Archill Island in An Irish Diary (1957).

Dr. Scott will work on a collection of stories based on “personal experiences, dreams, political activism, and travels.” Her previous recognition includes the American Book Award for Tight Spaces (1988) and the Human Rights Award for The Habit of Survival: Black Women in America (1991).

An Associate Professor of American Studies and Sociology, Scott, who received her PhD in American Studies from the University of Iowa, has taught at Grinnell College since 1986, and was the first Black female faculty member tenured there. She is a former Fulbright Fellow to Ethiopia and currently lectures in Beijing and Shanghai, China in the summers. She was awarded the Christine Wilson’s Medal for Justice and Equality in 2008 for work on diversity and democracy, Dr. Scott also has appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show, Sonya Live, and CNN.

The Archill Heinrich Cottage Residency recipients are selected through a competitive process by a local committee and the Mayo Co. Council, The Arts Council of Ireland, The Heinrich Böll Foundation, Germany, and the family of Heinrich Böll. The Residency, contingent upon funding from the Achill Heinrich Böll Association, expects participants to keep Heinrich Böll’s artistic legacy alive through local readings and exhibitions.

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