

Nannerl Overholser Keohane
Doctor of Laws

Nannerl Overholser Keohane recently completed a decade of extraordinary service as president of Duke University. Her tenure there was characterized by an unprecedented expansion of fruitful interaction between the faculty and student bodies of Carolina and Duke. To mention but one such collaboration, Keohane, in partnership with Chancellor Michael Hooker, encouraged and nurtured the creation of the Robertson Scholars Program. Last year Chancellor James Moeser announced the creation of the Nan Keohane Visiting Professorship, a joint endowment by Julian and Josie Robertson and the William Rand Kenan Jr. Foundation that will bring outstanding scholars here to offer courses and seminars at both our institutions. A prolific scholar in the fields of political philosophy, feminism, and education, she is the author of *Philosophy and the State in France: The Renaissance to the Enlightenment* (1980) and is co-editor with Barbara Gelpi and Michelle Rosaldo of *Feminist Theory: A Critique of Ideology* (1982). Keohane is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Philosophical Society, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and a member of the Overseers Committee to Visit the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. On July 1 she will become one of the seven members of Harvard's top governing board, the Harvard Corporation. She was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1995, and in 2003 received one of the first Marshall Medals honoring the fiftieth anniversary of the Marshall Scholarships. Keohane is an alumna of Wellesley College, Class of 1961, where she graduated Phi Beta Kappa with honors in political science. She was awarded a Marshall Scholarship to Oxford University where she earned a combined bachelor's/master's degree at St. Anne's College with First Class Honours in philosophy, politics and economics. She earned her Ph.D. in 1967 from Yale University where she held a Sterling Fellowship. Before assuming the presidency at Wellesley, Keohane taught at Swarthmore College, the University of Pennsylvania, and Stanford University. At Stanford she chaired the faculty senate and was honored for excellence in teaching. She has now returned to Stanford as a fellow at the Center for Advanced Behavior Studies.