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## Actress to open week-long urban teacher training program with one-woman show

**RICHMOND, Va.** (June 18, 2007) –**Brooke Haycock**, Artist-in-Residence with the Education Trust, will perform the one-woman docudrama ***Dilated Pupils and the Not-So-Soft Bigotry of a Nation*** on Sunday, June 24, 2 p.m., at the J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Parham Road Campus. The performance will mark the opening of the week-long Urban Teachers Institute which is designed to enhance the understanding of teaching in an urban setting and equip future and current inner-city teachers with the necessary skills to succeed.

Haycock is nationally known for her work in education reform. Characterized as provocative, edgy and brutally honest, her one-woman shows have been used with groups of students, parents, teachers, school administrators, higher education faculty and administrators, policymakers and advocates alike to spark honest dialogue and focus energies around some of the most pressing and emotionally charged issues faced in American education today.

The Urban Teachers Institute runs from June 24-29. Throughout the week, current and future Richmond Public Schools teachers will participate in sessions that focus on teaching in an urban classroom, community mapping, and other issues relevant to creating affective skills and honing effective teaching strategies in an urban classroom.

Faculty in the VCU School of Education, the College of Humanities and Sciences' Mathematics Department, and the School of Engineering will work with participants on research projects that explore best practices in effective teaching of mathematics and science content in an urban setting. For more information about the Urban Teachers Institute or to set up an interview, call Malcolm Holmes at 804.523.5230 or Dr. Harriet Morrison at 804.523.5543.

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