
HELENE ZIMMERMANN HILL '50

Scientist

As a research scientist, your pioneering work on melanoma has brought you global acclaim, yet humility guides your steps. With simple elegance and exacting rigor, your studies of cancer have deepened our understanding of the causes of melanoma and have created new avenues for effective treatment.

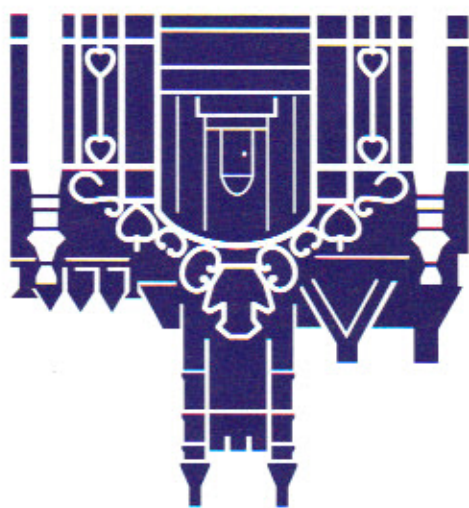
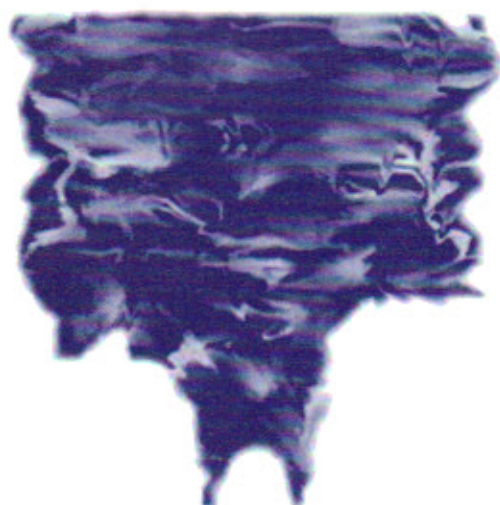
Intellectually versatile, your early research led to the diagnosis of genetic defects during pregnancy. Even your thesis research, after more than three decades of critical review, remains a seminal work in photobiology and radiation biology. Today, your ingenious experiments on the resistance factor of melanoma cells have broad implications for skin cancer prevention and for alternatives to chemotherapy and radiation therapy.

It is said that you think with precision and act with passion. When you suffered the cuts of discrimination, you responded by clearing the path for other women to excel in science. A prized mentor, a gifted teacher and a fierce advocate for equal rights, your enthusiasm and optimism have led scores of women to scholarship.

A mother of four, you opened your home to visiting students. You have remained loyal to Smith and to The Baldwin School, which bestowed upon you the Life Achievement Award. Selfless in your industry, your work has made the world better for the sick, the learned and for all who yearn for equal opportunity.

Smith College is proud to recognize your achievements and to award you a Smith College Medal.

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