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The W. Ormiston Roy Memorial Visiting Research Fellowship was established by Professor and Mrs. G. Ross Roy in memory of Dr. Roy’s grandfather, W. Ormiston Roy (1874-1958), of Montreal, Canada. Since it was inaugurated in 1990, the Roy Fellowship has brought scholars to South Carolina from six different Scottish universities, Canada, Italy, France, and elsewhere in the United States, and the topics of their research in the Roy Collection have ranged from Robert Burns and eighteenth-century Scottish poetry, through Scottish writers of the early nineteenth century, the Victorian period, and the twentieth-century Scottish Renaissance.

In addition to the contributors listed below, previous Roy Fellows have included Donald Low of the University of Stirling (Roy Fellow, 1990; editor of Robert Burns: The Critical Heritage, The Songs of Robert Burns, etc.); Robert H. Carnie of the University of Calgary (Roy Fellow, 1991; author of Burns 200, Burns Illustrated, etc.); Jill Rubinstein of the University of Cincinnati (Roy Fellow, 1999; editor of James Hogg’s Anecdotes of Scott); Pauline Mackay, University of Glasgow (Roy Fellow, 2010); and Roy Rosenstein, American University of Paris (Roy Fellow, 2011).

With the agreement of the donors, the Roy endowment has also twice provided travel support for Scottish scholars to participate in major conferences at South Carolina, for the Burns bicentenary in 1996 and the Burns 250th anniversary in 2009. Most recently, the endowment has brought to the University four distinguished scholars of Scottish literature, to give the first W. Ormiston Roy Memorial Lectures, in what
is expected to be a continuing series: Ian Duncan, University of California at Berkeley (2008); Edward J. Cowan, University of Glasgow (2009); Robert Crawford, University of St. Andrews (2010); and Nigel Leask, University of Glasgow (2012).


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