



Dr. Sara O'Brien, of the Biology Department, first inspired Miracle Davis to give back to her community through SCI. One cause in which she strongly believes is stopping violence. SCI has allowed her to "implement change to the world in more ways than one."

**MIRACLE DAVIS '18**

Major: Biology-Pre-Health; minors in Women Studies and Chemistry

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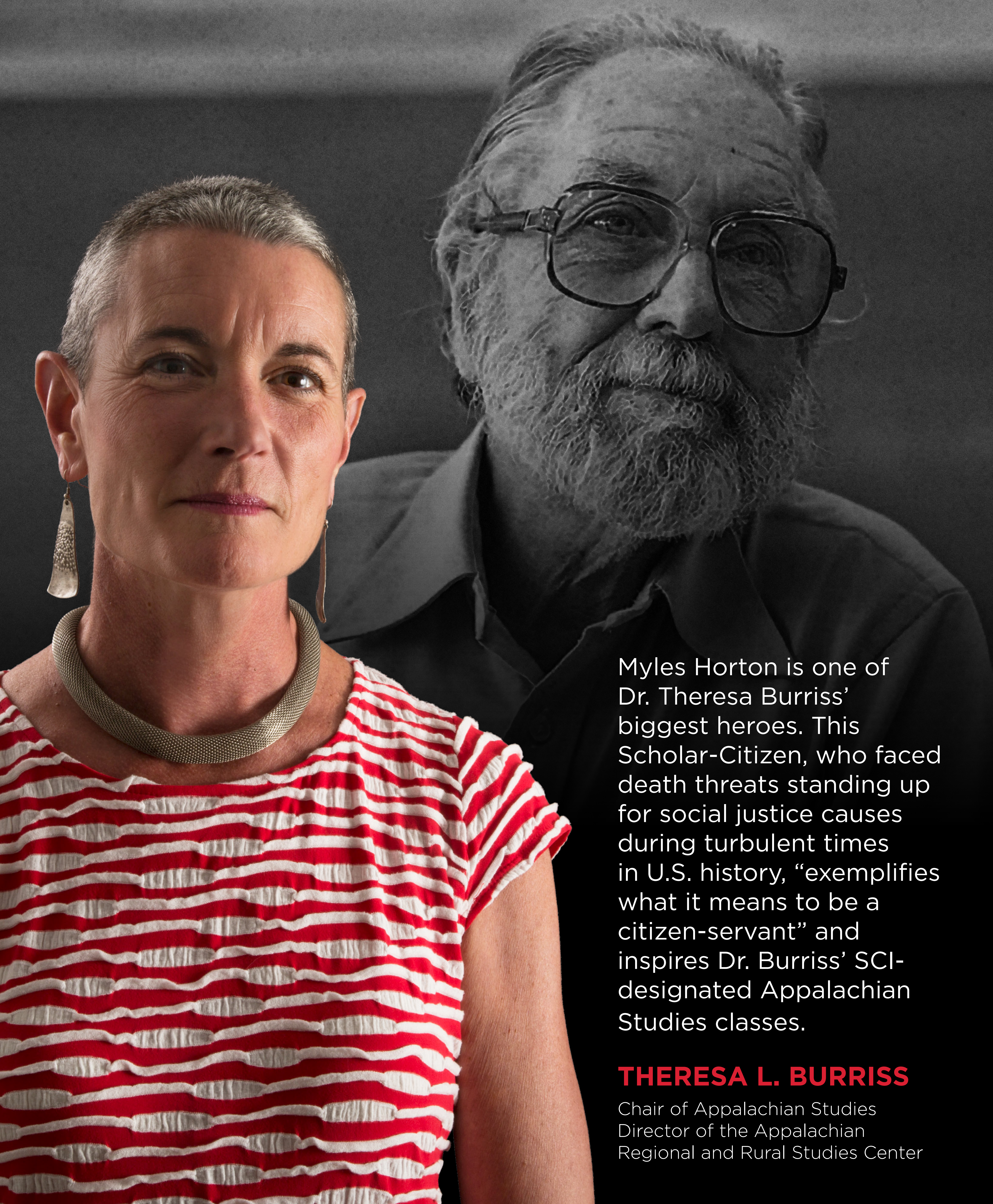
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Myles Horton is one of Dr. Theresa Burriss' biggest heroes. This Scholar-Citizen, who faced death threats standing up for social justice causes during turbulent times in U.S. history, "exemplifies what it means to be a citizen-servant" and inspires Dr. Burriss' SCI-designated Appalachian Studies classes.

**THERESA L. BURRISS**

Chair of Appalachian Studies  
Director of the Appalachian  
Regional and Rural Studies Center

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The biggest heroes for Dr. Shelly Wagers are “[people] who face enormous challenges... yet still thrive.” Her research, which focuses on combating domestic violence, and the SCI courses she leads, put students into the community to work alongside those who are overcoming adversity.

**DR. SHELLY WAGERS**

Assistant Professor of  
Criminal Justice

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Literary visionary Virginia Woolf's way-paving ideas about gender equality inform Dr. Michele Ren's SCI-designated Women's Studies classes. Her students inspire her with "new ideas and issues every day."

**MICHELE REN**

Assistant Professor of English and Women's Studies

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Olivia Thompson says SCI has fostered her ability “to apply knowledge toward goals much larger than myself,” something her teachers have consistently challenged her to do. “My professors have gifted me with a vision of the world that isn’t right outside of my door,” she explains. “How can I not work my hardest to find solutions?”

**OLIVIA THOMPSON '16**

Majors: Psychology, Sociology  
Minor: Women’s Studies

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From firsthand experiences volunteering in the community with SCI, Meg Bowers believes people should “become more involved in helping others.” Her mentor, Dr. Pam Frasier, has inspired her to excel both in her major and the community.

**MEG BOWERS '16**

Major: Health Education and Health Promotion

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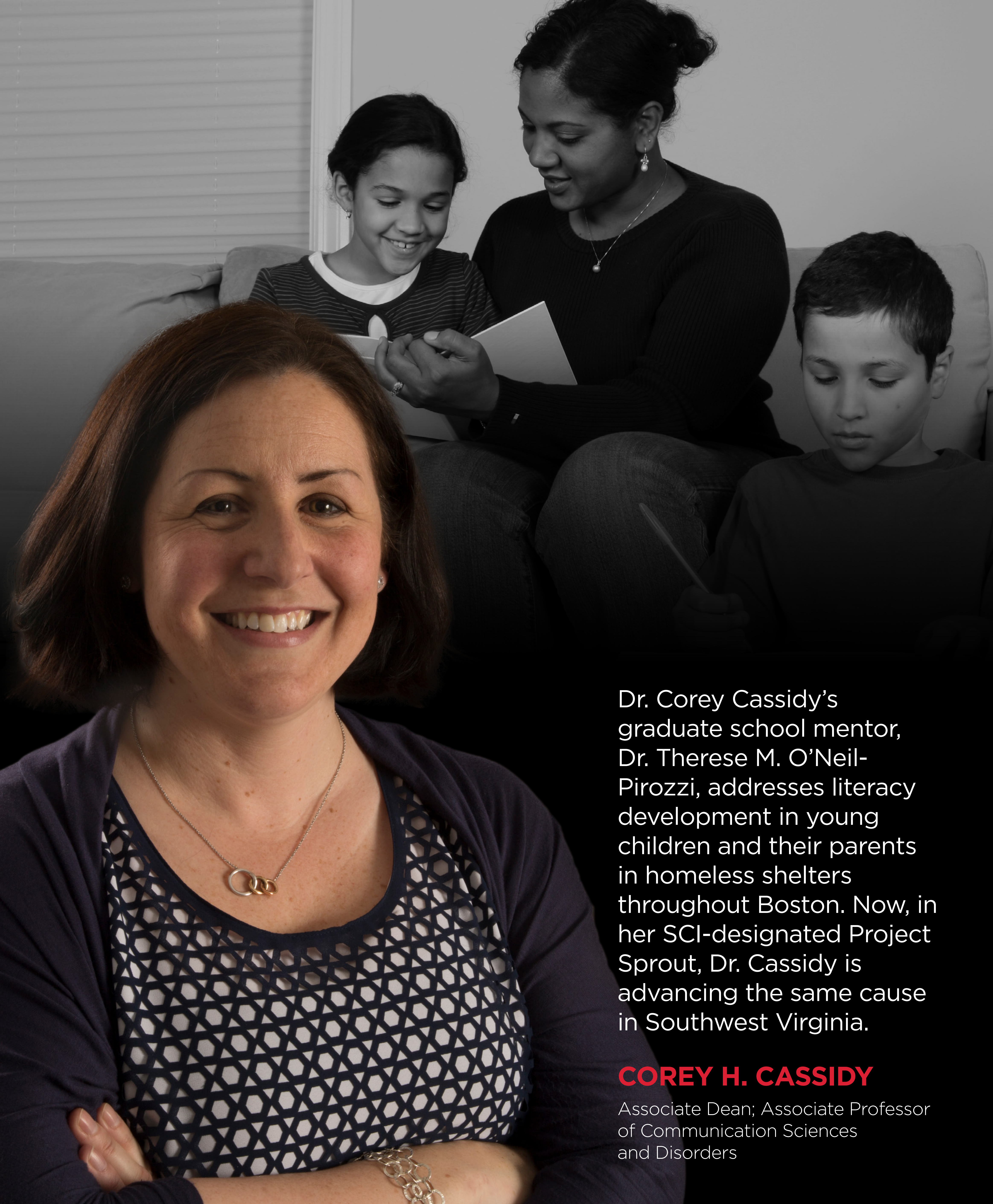
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Dr. Corey Cassidy's graduate school mentor, Dr. Therese M. O'Neil-Pirozzi, addresses literacy development in young children and their parents in homeless shelters throughout Boston. Now, in her SCI-designated Project Sprout, Dr. Cassidy is advancing the same cause in Southwest Virginia.

**COREY H. CASSIDY**

Associate Dean; Associate Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders

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“If people have the time and resources to help, they should,” says Zachariah Cole. In his eyes, those who focus on the impact of their work, not personal gain, are the truest heroes. They inspire him to serve the greater good with SCI.

**ZACHARIAH COLE '16**

Major: Health Education and Health Promotion

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