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Col. Emily Miller is the Navas-Read Professor of English Literature and Head of the Department of English, Rhetoric, and Humanistic Studies. She taught at Wake Forest University and Washington and Lee University, where she directed the Writing Center, before joining the VMI faculty in 1988.

Col. Miller is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the College of William and Mary. Although her graduate work at the University of Virginia focused on John Donne, she has spent the past twenty-five years teaching Shakespeare. In her capacity as Navas-Read Professor, she launched the VMI Undergraduate Shakespeare Symposium in 2007. Since 1999, she has served as organizer and key presenter for panels on teaching Shakespeare at the annual meeting of the American Culture Association in the South, and she has frequently featured cadet presenters in the program.

In 1992, Col. Miller became the first woman to head an academic department at VMI, and to date, she is the longest-serving department head in the school's history. In recognition of her distinguished service to the Institute, she received the 2007 VMI Achievement Medal.

