

Endowed Chairs were established through the generous donations of friends of Skidmore. The goals of the respective chairs vary according to the intentions of those donors and the needs of the institution at the time of their establishment. The President of the College determines appointments to endowed chairs. The nomination and selection processes that lead to such appointment as well as the terms of the different chairs vary depending on the intended goals of each chair. Nominations are submitted by faculty to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, who consults with CAPT and then makes a recommendation to the President. The majority of chairs were established to recognize the considerable talents and accomplishments of members of the Skidmore faculty across a range of disciplines and departments. In some cases, faculty are drawn from particular departments or recruited from outside the College for appointment to endowed chairs.

One of the most significant values of an endowed professorship is the honor it bestows upon the recipient. Holders of endowed chairs have fulfilled substantial accomplishments in their respective fields. For most chairs, those appointed have also shown distinguished leadership at the College that warrants such acknowledgment. A second benefit is the ways in which these scholars enhance Skidmore's presence and reputation in the world of academia. Holders are thus also selected in recognition of the ongoing promise their work offers in that regard. In that sense, the chairs themselves as well as those who occupy them are enormously valuable to this institution.

The following is a list of previous and current holders of chairs and descriptions of the chairs.

THE CLASS OF 1948 CHAIR FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Current Holder: Mary Ann Foley

Previous Holder: Susan Kress

Endowed in 1998 by the Class of 1948 at its 50th Skidmore Reunion, the Class of 1948 Chair recognizes and celebrates Skidmore's premiere mission of educating undergraduates and the excellence of Skidmore's faculty in providing students a superb education. Representing excellence in teaching at Skidmore across the disciplines – in classroom, studio, recital hall, and laboratory – the Class of 1948 Professor for Excellence in Teaching will be a Skidmore faculty member with a long and distinguished record of teaching at the College, one who has served as a mentor to new faculty members and as a model of dedication to the intellectual growth of our students to all faculty. Occupants of the Class of 1948 Chair will normally be appointed for three to five years and will be expected to participate in the mentoring and pedagogy programs at the College. Nominations will be addressed to the Dean of the Faculty, who will consult with CAPT in making a recommendation to the President.

THE CLASS OF 1961 TERM PROFESSORSHIP

Current Holder: Denise Smith

Endowed in 2006. The recipient will be a tenured full professor currently at Skidmore and be expected to interact closely with Advancement and the Class of '61 for events on and off campus over the tenure of the appointment. Candidates are eligible from all academic disciplines. A distinguished record of teaching, scholarship, and citizenship should be evident. The appointment is for five years.

THE CLASS OF 1964 CHAIR FOR LEADERSHIP IN THE SCIENCES

Current Holder: Corey Freeman-Gallant

Funded by the Class of 1964, this term chair recognizes the centrality of the natural sciences in liberal education and the importance of emerging leadership evinced by faculty members in the sciences. The Class of 1964 Professor will be a scientist who has a distinguished record of scholarship and teaching, and has contributed in substantial ways as an institutional leader. Recently tenured faculty (within the last five years) from Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Science, Exercise Science, Geoscience, Mathematics, Neuroscience, Physics, or Psychology may be nominated. Holders of the Class of 1964 Chair will be expected to continue to offer institutional leadership. Nominations will be addressed to the Dean of the Faculty, who will consult with CAPT in making a recommendation to the President. The appointment will typically remain in place for three years.

THE ROBERT DAVIDSON CHAIR IN ART

Current Holder: Doretta Miller

Previous Holder: John Cunningham

This professorship was established in 1998 by Jean-Ellen '37 and William J. Ash in honor of sculptor Robert Davidson, faculty member at Skidmore from 1933 to 1971. The Davidson Professor will be a distinguished artist and teacher who, like Professor Davidson, is capable of having a profound impact on his or her students. Although artists working in a range of media will be eligible for appointment to this Chair, special attention will be given when possible to choosing faculty whose interests reflect Professor Davidson's particular interests in sculpture, life drawing, anatomy, and basic composition. Members of the Department of Art and Art History will address nominations to the Dean of the Faculty, who will consult with CAPT in making a recommendation to the President. Under normal circumstances, the Davidson Chair will rotate among department faculty every three to five years.

THE DAYTON DIRECTOR OF THE TANG TEACHING MUSEUM/ART GALLERY

Current Holder: John Weber

Previous Holder: Charles Stainback

Established in 1997 by Joan Layng Dayton '63 and Robert Dayton, the Dayton Chair for the Director of the Tang Teaching Museum/Art Gallery recognizes the central role of the arts at Skidmore College as it anticipates the singular contribution the Tang will make to interdisciplinary teaching and to the study of the arts at Skidmore and in the region. Dayton Directors will have extensive experience in the museum and art world, in donor and volunteer relations, and in program curation and coordination, as well as skill in working with all College constituencies. Dayton Directors will be appointed through national searches conducted by the Dean of the Faculty in consultation with faculty/staff search committees and the CAPT.

THE DOUGLAS FAMILY CHAIR IN AMERICAN CULTURE, HISTORY, AND LITERARY AND INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Current Holder: Mary Constance Lynn

Previous Holder: Joanna Zangrando

The Douglas Family Chair is endowed to recognize excellence among the Skidmore faculty in the area of American culture, whether in history, literature, or interdisciplinary studies. The Douglas Family Chair, while renewable, is intended to support the work of a number of faculty and will, therefore, be occupied typically for terms of four to five years. Members of the faculty will address nominations to the Dean of the Faculty, who will consult with CAPT in making a recommendation to the President.

THE F. WILLIAM HARDER CHAIR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Current Holder: Paul Calhoun

Previous Holders: Bernard H. Kastory, John F. Brennan, John F. Settel, John B. Griffiths, Emile Libresco

Established in 1984, the F. William Harder Chair of Business Administration is designed to make possible the appointment from beyond the Skidmore faculty of a distinguished executive at the senior level who will teach a variety of courses, participate in the development of the College's program in business and in the interactions between the Management and Business Department and the liberal arts program, and energetically enhance Skidmore's contacts with the leaders of both the Saratoga and the national business communities. Harder Chairs will be appointed through national searches conducted by the Dean of the Faculty in consultation with members of the Management and Business Department and the CAPT. Appointments as Harder Professor will not exceed five years.

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THE KENAN CHAIR OF LIBERAL ARTS

Current Holder: Penny H. Jolly

Previous Holder: Charles M. Joseph

The Kenan Chair of Liberal Arts, representing the College's appreciation of a major challenge grant afforded Skidmore by the William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust, may be appointed from any disciplinary areas of study at Skidmore. Members of the faculty will address nominations to the Dean of the Faculty, who will consult with CAPT in making a recommendation to the President. Kenan Chairs will typically serve from four to six years, and will represent the institution both internally and externally as distinguished faculty and ambassadors to the larger intellectual community.

THE CHARLES LUBIN FAMILY CHAIR FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE

Current Holder: Patricia Hilleren

Previous Holder: Mary Crone Odekon

Established in 1996 by Sara Lee Lubin Schupf '62 and her family, the Charles Lubin Family Chair recognizes the need to attract women into disciplines where they have been historically underrepresented and to encourage the increasing presence of women, particularly in the disciplines of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Geology. Holders of the Lubin Professorship will teach a variety of courses in their disciplines and will reach out to students at Skidmore and in area schools and colleges to promote awareness of the excitement of studying and doing science. Members of the faculty will address nominations to the Dean of the Faculty who will consult with the CAPT in making recommendations to the President. The appointment will typically remain in place for three to four years.

THE JOSEPH C. PALAMOUNTAIN JR. CHAIR IN GOVERNMENT

Current Holder: Steve Hoffman

Previous Holders: Mary Ellen Fischer, Aldo Vacs

Established in 1987 by F. William Harder, trustee emeritus, the Joseph C. Palamountain Jr. Chair in Government pays tribute to Skidmore's fourth President and his twenty-two years of extraordinary service to the College and recognizes his lifelong interest in government and politics. The Palamountain Chair is awarded for a term of four years to a senior faculty member who is a distinguished teacher, scholar, and leader at Skidmore. Faculty members of the Government Department will address nominations to the Dean of the Faculty who consults with the CAPT in making recommendations to the President.

THE DAVID H. PORTER CHAIR AT SKIDMORE COLLEGE

Current Holder: Jeffrey Segrave

Previous Holder: Tadahisa Kuroda

Established in 1998 to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Skidmore's fifth president – as teacher, scholar, musician, role model and leader, as well as punster par excellence, the David H. Porter Chair acknowledges as well the rich and varied programs at the College and the scope and depth of the faculty's achievements. Porter Professors may be appointed from any discipline or program as best suits current institutional needs and ambitions, thereby reflecting David Porter's own versatility and multifaceted expertise. Members of the faculty will address nominations to the Dean of the Faculty who will consult with the CAPT in making recommendations to the President. Appointment of a faculty member to the Porter Chair will typically last for three to five years.

THE QUADRACCI CHAIR IN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Current Holder: Roy Rotheim

Previous Holder: Tom Lewis

Endowed by Harry Quadracci and the Quadracci family, this Professorship supports the teaching and research of faculty members whose work focuses on situational ethics, cultural study, and sustainable social responsibility, whether in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, or professional programs. Faculty expertise and teaching might, for example, include the philosophical, psychological, historical, literary, economic, or sociological underpinnings of social responsibility and social movements; comparative analyses of policy, culture, or the role of art or education in civic projects; or other foci exploring the nature of societies and cultures and the sciences, or professional programs. The Quadracci Chair will be awarded to faculty across the College on a four to five year rotation. Members of the faculty will address nominations to the Dean of the Faculty, who will consult with CAPT in making a recommendation to the President.

THE COURTNEY AND STEVEN ROSS CHAIR IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Current Holder: Sheldon Solomon

Previous Holder: Terry Diggory

In recognition of the centrality of interdisciplinary studies at Skidmore College, of their role in engaging students in exploring questions from multiple perspectives and encouraging faculty to explore the borders among disciplines, Courtney Sale Ross '70 establishes the Courtney and Steven Ross Chair in Interdisciplinary Studies. The Ross Professor will be one whose work at the borders – between the arts and sciences, between professional programs and the liberal arts, between more closely allied disciplines, or within Liberal Studies – informs and inspires us all. The Ross Chair, while renewable, is intended to support the work of a number of faculty and will,

therefore, be occupied typically for terms of four or five years. Members of the faculty will address nominations to the Dean of the Faculty, who will consult with CAPT in making a recommendation to the President.

THE SUSAN RABINOWITZ MALLOY '45 CURATOR THE FRANCES YOUNG TANG TEACHING MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY AT SKIDMORE COLLEGE

Current Holder: Ian Berry

Created in 2004 this position was endowed by Susan Rabinowitz Malloy '45 to recognize that the curator is at the heart of The Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery at Skidmore College. The Malloy Curator works across a wide range of disciplines to foster collaboration with faculty and students and to develop programs and exhibitions in support of the College's curriculum. This endowed position is filled through the normal search process for the curator.

THE TISCH CHAIR IN ARTS AND LETTERS

Current Holder: Steven Millhauser

Previous Holder: Robert Boyers

Named in honor of Wilma Stein Tisch, distinguished alumna of the Skidmore Class of 1948, and Laurence A. Tisch, The Tisch Chair recognizes and celebrates Skidmore's renown in arts and letters (covering department in the humanities and performing and studio arts). Occupants of the Tisch Chair will be selected from nominations contributed by members of the Skidmore community and will represent the Skidmore faculty's excellence in teaching, scholarship, and creativity. Appointed by the President in consultation with the CAPT and the Dean of the Faculty, holders of the Tisch Chair in Arts and Letters will normally serve in this position for a period of six to ten years and will represent the institution both internally and externally as distinguished faculty and ambassadors to the larger intellectual community.

THE ELLA VAN DYKE TUTHILL '32 CHAIR IN STUDIO ART

Current Holder: Richard Linke

Previous Holders: Regis Brodie, David Miller

Established by the College in 1993 in honor of Ella Van Dyke Tuthill, alumna, trustee, benefactor, and frequent active participant in the College's art programs, the Tuthill Chair recognizes the teaching and artistry of members of the Studio Art faculty who, like Mrs. Tuthill, have distinguished themselves in the studio and in group and solo exhibitions. Faculty members in the Department of Art and Art History will address nominations to the Dean of the Faculty who

will consult with CAPT in making a recommendation to the President. Tuthill Professors will serve terms of four to six years.

THE ZANKEL CHAIR IN MANAGEMENT FOR LIBERAL ARTS STUDENTS

Current Holder: Pushkala Prasad

Established by Arthur Zankel, the Zankel Chair in Management for Liberal Arts students is endowed specifically to build fundamental connections between the Department of Business and liberal arts students at Skidmore, in recognition of the consonance between liberal arts education and the abilities needed to manage the challenges and opportunities of life beyond the College. Faculty appointed as the Zankel Professor will have management experience -- either academic or in the business world -- and will exemplify the affinities between the liberal arts and management and will teach a variety of courses, both disciplinary and interdisciplinary -- for example, arts management, management and comparative government, management of not-for-profits, etc. The Zankel Professor will develop and encourage means to integrate the study of management with areas both outside the Management and Business Department and beyond the classroom, enhancing students' ability to employ management skills in their lives after college. Members of the faculty will address nominations to the Dean of the Faculty who will consult with CAPT in making a recommendation to the President. The length of term for the Zankel Chair will be determined at the time of appointment.