



WILL THE DOOR BE OPEN? Skidmore works, creative thought happens, because our community is both close-knit and open-minded. This is a place where students, faculty, and staff listen to each other, collaborate on research and committees, and make decisions about campus life together. And people keep their doors open, literally and figuratively.



Wes Lefferts '11
B.S., Exercise Science

Until the summer before his senior year, Wes's most rewarding college experience was being president of the comedy club Skidomedly—fun, but not necessarily translatable to professional life. That changed when two professors invited him to join their research team analyzing the effects of different types of safety clothing on firefighters' physiological and perceptual responses to exercise. Wes was hooked, so much so that he's spending a grant-funded, post-grad year at Skidmore continuing the research. Says Wes, "It's an awesome job that will provide me with a priceless experience before I move on for an M.S. and Ph.D. in exercise physiology."



Heather Hurst '97
B.A., Art and
Architectural
Archeology
Ph.D., Anthropology
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Yale University
Assistant Professor of
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A MacArthur "genius" award is "the most crazy, wonderful gift you can imagine," says Heather, who won the rare honor for her work in archeological illustration of ancient Mayan murals.

At Skidmore, an anthropology professor encouraged her to work on a dig in Honduras.

"I was terrible at digging," Heather recalls, "but I was the only one who could draw. The human eye is the best lens, the human mind surpasses any computer, and the human hand can put these together better, than any printer."

AN ENCOURAGING ENVIRONMENT

EMBRACE



Catherine Pond '11
B.A., English
MFA in Poetry Candidate, Columbia University

"I truly believe that my four years studying poetry at Skidmore have prepared me to take on just about any job in the world. I've also gained the confidence to create a job for myself—a lot of people forget that as an option.

That's my advice:
Think for yourself."



"College is a tough time for most people, as you are in a state of figuring out what the heck you want to do with your life. Luckily, Skidmore has a great deal of potential in helping you do this. Its strongest points are the closeness you will find in friends, classmates, and very importantly, professors. These people are rooting for you! They will surprisingly help lead you in the right direction because Skidmore offers a strong sense of family. You are not just a number here."

—College Prowler