

LAURA E. SKANDERA TROMBLEY

President

The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens

EDUCATION

PhD, English, University of Southern California, 1989

MA, English, Pepperdine University, Summa Cum Laude, 1983

BA, English/Humanities, Pepperdine University, 1981

HONORARY DEGREES, TITLES AND APPOINTMENTS

Chair, J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, elected November 2015

Emerita Trustee, Pitzer College Board of Trustees, 2015

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, Pepperdine University, 2013

First Thomas Nast Gastprofessorin, University of Koblenz-Landau, 2013

SUMMARY OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

PRESIDENT, THE HUNTINGTON LIBRARY, ART COLLECTIONS, AND BOTANICAL GARDENS

July 1, 2015 – Present

Chief executive officer of The Huntington, a collections-based research and educational institution with a staff of approximately 450, an annual budget of \$45 million and an endowment about \$450 million.

PRESIDENT, PITZER COLLEGE, A Member of The Claremont Colleges, Claremont, CA

2002 to June 30, 2015

Chief executive officer of Pitzer, a college that has been the national leader in Fulbright Fellowships per 1,000 students for 10 of the past 11 years and has risen 35 spots in *U.S. News & World Report* rankings since 2004. Overall responsibility for the 1,000-student College with an operating budget of more than \$50 million and an endowment of approximately \$110 million. Served for two terms as chair of the President's Council of the Claremont Colleges, the cooperative governance body of the Claremont University Consortium, which includes presidents of five undergraduate colleges and two graduate universities.

Significant accomplishments include: (1) orchestrating financial stability: annual balanced budget, completed fundraising campaigns totaling \$110 million, endowment increased by more than 170 percent, Annual Fund totals increased by approximately 80 percent; (2) overseeing environmentally sustainable campus master planning: additional campus acres acquired (more than 500 percent increase including extended campus acreage) with 90 percent dedicated to environmental programming, eight LEED-certified buildings completed (total budget \$70 million), 50 percent decrease in campus water usage; (3) building reputation and awareness as the College rose from #70 to #35 in *U.S. News & World Report* rankings; transforming Pitzer into one of the 20 most selective colleges in the country, lowering the admit rate to 13 percent (Class of 2018), almost a 75 percent improvement since 2001; (4) expanding/enhancing the academic program: more than 10 percent new faculty positions, 58 new domestic and international exchange programs developed, initiation of Vaccine Development Institute in partnership with the University of Botswana, development of Firestone Center for Restoration Ecology in Costa Rica and creation of the Robert Redford Conservancy for Southern California Sustainability at Pitzer College; (5) establishing Pitzer as the top producer of Fulbright awardees among all US liberal arts colleges in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS/DEAN OF FACULTY, COE COLLEGE, Cedar Rapids, IA

1997 to 2002

Significant accomplishments included: (1) building reputation and awareness nationally by advancing the institution from the fourth to the second tier in *U.S. News & World Report*; (2) expanding and improving the academic program by creating a mandatory four-year co-curricular program (The Coe Plan) of real life

applications for a liberal arts education and providing leadership to internationalize the curriculum; (3) increasing student retention by 10 percent; (4) reorganizing the long-range planning process by institutionalizing an assessment process that reviewed each academic program and established a standing assessment committee; (5) providing leadership for establishing a technology-driven liberal arts environment on campus including development of a web-based interdisciplinary statistics program involving the departments of biology, mathematics, sociology and economics.

ASSISTANT PROVOST, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT POTSDAM, Potsdam, NY

1995 to 1997

Significant accomplishments included: authoring policy for faculty search procedures and creating new guidelines for tenure and promotion, and serving as supervisor for the Office of Faculty Scholarship and Grants; Affirmative Action Officer; director of Teaching, Tenure, and Promotion Assistance Program; and representative to the SUNY Women's Studies Council.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Association of Governing Boards, Seminar for Presidents and Board Chairs, 2005.

Harvard University, Seminar for New Presidents, 2002.

Harvard University, Institute for Educational Management, 1999.

Cornell University, Administrative Management Institute, 1993.

ADMINISTRATIVE HONORS, GRANTS, AWARDS

C-Suite Quarterly (CSQ) Magazine, Visionaries in Philanthropy, Art & Culture Award, November 2015.

Janet Z. Giele Award, 3rd Annual Conference on Women in Leadership: Work-Life Balance, sponsored by Pepperdine University, 2015.

Vice Chair, J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, elected November 2014.

Member, J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board Executive Committee, 2014-present.

Member, Project Pericles Presidents' Council Executive Committee, 2008-present.

Fulbright Senior Specialists Roster, 2004-present.

"Seasoned President Grant" recipient from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, 2010.

CEO Leadership Award, Council for Advancement and Support of Education District VII, 2008.

Member, International Committee of the International Association of University Professors of English, 2007-2008.

Member, Pacific Council on International Policy, 2001-2007.

"New President Grant" recipient from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, 2003.

Accomplished Alumna Award, Pepperdine University, 2002.

Dorothy A. Trux Award for an Emerging Professional Administrator, National Association for Women in Education, 1997.

National Learning Communities Dissemination Project. Funded by the Comprehensive Program of the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education. 1997-1999.

New York State Progress in Equity Award, American Association of University Women, 1996.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, "Boundaries and Borderlands: The Search for Recognition and Community in America." American Commitments. Project #3: Curriculum and Faculty Development Network. Sponsored by Association of American Colleges and Universities. 1994.

Leadership Opportunity in Science and Humanities Education. Funded group: "The Adirondacks: An Interdisciplinary Coordinated Studies Program in Environmental Studies." Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education, and the National Science Foundation. 1993-1994.

American Commitments: Initiatives on Diversity, Democracy, and Liberal Learning. Funded group: "Social Justice." Association of American Colleges and Universities. Funded by the Ford Foundation and National Endowment for the Humanities. 1993-1994.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPRESENTATION IN AND BY THE MEDIA

Authored pieces re: humanities

"In Face of Terror, Humanities Education More Important Than Ever," Op-Ed, *Los Angeles Daily News*, November 25, 2015.

"The Enduring Power of the Humanities." *The Huffington Post*, March 2, 2015.

"George Soros, Carly Fiorina, Albert Schweitzer: Liberal Arts Slackers." *The Huffington Post*, October 17, 2013.

Authored pieces re: trusteeship, higher education

"It's Liberal Arts College Party Time!" *The Huffington Post*, December 14, 2011.

"Making Metrics Matter: How to Use Indicators to Govern Effectively." *Trusteeship*, January/February 2011.

"What Can Be Done to Diversify Executive Suites?" *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, September 28, 2007.

"The Care and Feeding of Presidents." *Change Magazine*, July/August 2007.

"Building a Better Trustee." *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. Section: The Chronicle Review. May 11, 2007.

"Got Disaster Plan-Or is 'Somebody' Coming to Help." *Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*, September 17, 2005.

"Which Is an Exercise in Futility: the SAT, 'Survivor' or All of the Above?" *Los Angeles Times*, January 18, 2004.

"Supporting the Faculty is Emotionally Fulfilling, Fiscally Sound." *Women in Higher Education*, March 2002, 11.3: 10-11.

Educational Technology. Guest editor of a special edition, "Knowing the Web," featuring Randy Bass, Jeremy Shapiro, Stephen Ehrmann, and Arthur Chickering. Fall 2001.

"No Longer Conveyor but Creator: Developing an Epistemology of the World Wide Web." *Educational Technology*, Fall 2001, 41.5: 7-11.

"Surfing the Matrix: Re-envisioning the Web as Knowledge." *Matrix Magazine*, November/December 2000: 23-25.

Authored pieces re: work/life balance

"13 Years of a College Presidency." *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, April 6, 2015.

"What's in a Name?" *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, March 24, 2014.

"Huck Finn Is Everywhere." *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, March 14, 2010.

"The Night I Almost Died." *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. Section: Point of View. August 15, 2008.

"Motherly Advice: One College President's Vision for Guiding Her Son Through the College Selection Process." *University Business*, December 2006.

"Labor Pains." *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. Section: The Chronicle Review. September 5, 2003: B12-13.

Interviews in television, radio, print re: higher education

"In Full Bloom: After a successful tenure at Pitzer College, Dr. Laura Skandera Trombley takes the helm at the Huntington, and sets her sights on making this local asset a global gift." *Pasadena Magazine*, April 2015.

"Getting to know the new president of The Huntington." *AirTalk* with Larry Mantle of 89.3 KPCC Radio. Air date: January 8, 2015.

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started." *USC News*, December 22, 2014.

"Laura Skandera Trombley is named new president of Huntington Library." *Los Angeles Times*, December 3, 2014.

"Huntington Library picks Pitzer College president as next chief." *Los Angeles Times*, December 2, 2014.

"Higher Education—What Is Its Future?" Panel interview with UCLA Chancellor Gene Block; USC President C. L. Max Nikias; California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott. *AirTalk* with Larry Mantle of 89.3 KPCC Radio. Air date: January 12, 2012.

"Pitzer College in California Adds Major in Secularism." *The New York Times*, May 7, 2011.

Guest on *Big Ideas for a Small Planet* on the Sundance Channel. Episode: "Gen Y." Air date: April 22, 2008.

Guest on Living with Ed featuring Ed Begley, Jr. on HGTV. Episode: "Green Man on Campus." Air date: September 24, 2007.

Guest on NPR Boston "On Point" to comment on newly released book *Finn* by Jon Clinch. May 9, 2007.

"For Claremont's Female Presidents, 'It's Not Lonely at the Top.'" Lawrence Biemiller. *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, February 28, 2011.

"A Tale of 2 Chickens, a President, and Her Mother." Lawrence Biemiller. *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, February 10, 2011.

"A Surprising Landscape at Pitzer." Nan Sterman. *Pacific Horticulture*, April/May/June 2010.

"The Endless School Year." Laura Pappano. *The New York Times*, "Education Life," July 27, 2008.

"Robert Redford's green streak runs deep." Tina Daunt. *Los Angeles Times*, May 16, 2008.

"Finding the Balance: Laura Trombley." Hannah Clark. *Forbes.com*, March 19, 2007.

"Leading a College with a Conscience: Laura Skandera Trombley, Pitzer College," as one of five "Rising Star" profiles. Tim Goral. *University Business*, November 2006.

"Women Who Count." Patricia Barnes. *Inland Empire Magazine*, June 2005: 72-76.

Reviews, Profiles, Mentions

"Enhancing the Academic Environment." *DDC Journal*, Summer 2011.

Larry Gordon, "Mixed-gender Dorm Rooms are Gaining Acceptance." *Los Angeles Times*, March 15, 2010.

Laura Pappano, "The Endless School Year." *The New York Times*, "Education Life," July 27, 2008.

Lawrence Biemiller, "To College Employees, the Work Environment is All-Important." *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, July 18, 2008.

Tina Daunt, "Robert Redford's green streak runs deep." *Los Angeles Times*, May 16, 2008.

NPR Boston guest for "On Point" to comment on newly released book *Finn* by Jon Clinch. May 9, 2007.

Tanya Schevitz, "Small Colleges Raise the Bar on Admissions." *San Francisco Chronicle*, April 7, 2007.

Hannah Clark, "Finding the Balance: Laura Trombley." *Forbes.com*, March 19, 2007.

Tim Goral, "Leading a College with a Conscience: Laura Skandera Trombley, Pitzer College," as one of five "Rising Star" profiles. *University Business*, November 2006.

Patricia Barnes, "Women Who Count." *Inland Empire Magazine*, June 2005: 72-76.

"College to Test Policy of Making SAT Optional." *Los Angeles Times*, February 8, 2003.

"President-Elect Named for Pitzer College." *Los Angeles Times*, November 13, 2001.

"Electronic Portfolios' Help Students Show Off Their Accomplishments—and Acquire a Valuable Skill." *Kiva*, <http://www.careerserviceskiva.com>. October 1999: 1, 2.

"Stark White Papers: Those Were the Days." *The New York Times*, "Education Life," November 1, 1998.

"Digital Portfolio Can Help Manage Career." *Chicago Sun-Times*, September 20, 1998: 3C.

"A Digital Portfolio is a Smart Career Management Tool." *Des Moines Sunday Register*, September 13, 1998.

"Use Digital Portfolio as Career Management Tool." *Los Angeles Times*, September 13, 1998: Sec 2, 11.

"Coe College Set to Require Students to Maintain Web Pages." *Instructional Technology in Post-Secondary Institutions*, July 21, 1998: 7.

"A New Face at Coe." *The Gazette*, October 29, 1997: 1,3.

Scott Bronstein, "450 Students in Potsdam for College's 'Winterim'." *Watertown Daily Times*, December 26, 1995.

Maureen Piche, "Women's Group Lauds SUNY Program." *Courier Observer*, August 5, 1995.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE AND PANEL PARTICIPATION

Invited Participant

USC Own It Summit. "Inspiring the Next Generation of Women". Panelist. September 24, 2016.

CSQ Los Angeles Visionaries Summit. "LA's Cultural Revolution." Panelist. Montage Hotel, Beverly Hills, CA. September 20, 2016

Center for Women in Leadership. Panelist. Pepperdine University. March 7, 2016.

Bresee Foundation. "I Believe in Her." Panelist. Pasadena, CA. March 5, 2016

White House Fellows Program, Annenberg Retreat at Sunnylands. Participant. Rancho Mirage, CA. November 15-17, 2015.

Los Angeles Times Festival of Books. "Almost Paradise: Sustainability, Power and Politics in LA." Panelist. University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA. April 19, 2015.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Liberal Arts Colleges New Presidents Meeting. New York, NY. March 19, 2015.

Global Forum on Higher Education and Democratic Innovation. Moderator of a small group discussion session. Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland, June 26, 2014.

American Council on Education. "What Presidents Think: The Inside Higher Ed/Gallup Survey of College CEOs." Panelist. San Diego, CA. March 11, 2014.

The White House. "College Opportunity Summit." Washington DC. January 16, 2014.

Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. "Egos, Money and Power: How Higher Education's Leadership and Governance Paradigm Limits Sustainability—And How to Transform That Culture." Discussant. Los Angeles, CA. October 16, 2012.

Robert Redford Summit on Greening America's Schools held at Sundance Institute. Sundance, UT. November 8, 2010.

The Arthur Vining Davis Foundation. Presidential panel regarding sustainability initiatives and foundation funding. Atlanta, GA. February 5-6, 2009.

Leadership Coalition, Bringing Theory to Practice Project. Sponsored by the Association of American Colleges and Universities. Washington DC. November 10-11, 2008.

Council on Foreign Relations Higher Education Working Group on Global Issues. 2008.

Chronicle of Higher Education/New York Times Higher Education Cabinet. New York, NY. September 15, 2008.

Member of College President Delegation, Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, chaired by US Representative Edward Mackey (D-Massachusetts). Washington DC. June 12, 2007.

TIAA-CREF Panel Strengthening the Academic Presidency: Recommendations for President's Governing Boards. New York, NY. November 2, 2006.

Science Education for New Civic Engagements and Responsibilities Summer Institute (SENCER). Sponsored by the Association of American Colleges and Universities. One of 29 institutions selected. Santa Clara University, CA. 2001.

Faculty and Curriculum Development Seminar on Japan. Sponsored by the Association of American Colleges and Universities. One of 12 institutions selected, Skidmore College, NY. 2000.

Delegation Member, US/China Joint Conference on Women's Issues. Florence Howe, Director. In conjunction with the Citizen Ambassador Program. Beijing, China. August 24-September 2, 1995.

Session Chair or Keynote/Featured Speaker

J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. 70th Anniversary Celebration. Keynote Address, Chair. Washington, D.C. November 14, 2016.

Jonathan Club. Featured Speaker. Los Angeles, CA. August 2, 2016.

J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. 60th Anniversary Gala of the United States – Israel Educational Foundation. Keynote Address, Chair. Tel-Aviv, Israel. June 28, 2016.

J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. "Crossing Borders for Global Partnerships." Keynote Address, Chair. Helsinki, Finland. June 20, 2016.

J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. Quarterly Meeting. Chairman Remarks. Washington, D.C. May 12, 2016.

J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. "A Call to Strengthen Fulbright: Cornerstone of the Transatlantic Relationship." Keynote Address, Chair. Berlin, Germany. March 21, 2016.

Twilight Club. "Twainlight." Featured Speaker. May 31, 2016.

San Marino City Club. Featured Speaker. April 16, 2016.

J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. Quarterly Meeting. Chairman Remarks. Washington, D.C. November 12, 2015.

TEDxFulbright. "Fights Worth Fighting." Host. Santa Monica, CA. September 26, 2015.

J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. Quarterly Meeting. Chairman Remarks. Washington, D.C. September 10, 2015.

WISPPA - Women Involved in South Pasadena Political Action. Featured Speaker. June 22, 2015.

Pasadena Magazine's Women in Business Luncheon. Keynote Speaker. Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA. April 29, 2015.

San Marino Day. Speaker. Huntington Library. April 5, 2016.

Union College Founders Day Celebration. "The Enduring Power of the Humanities." Schenectady, NY. February 26, 2015.

National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. "CSAOs and the College President: What is this relationship?" Long Beach, CA. January 19, 2015.

Education USA Webchat. A President's Perspective on Liberal Arts Education. Sponsored by the US Fulbright Program. Beijing, China. April 9, 2014.

TEDxFulbright. "*Servus!* Lessons Learned in Presidential Leadership the Bavarian Way." Washington DC. April 5, 2014.

Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) President's Retreat. Introduction of Pitzer Alumnus and California State Senator Kevin de León, recipient of 2013 AICCU's Policymaker of the Year award. Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA. October 24, 2013.

Pepperdine University Graduate School of Education and Psychology, Commencement Address. Malibu, CA. May 18, 2013.

J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board and the University of Chicago Panel, "Fulbright 2.0 – e-Learning, MOOCs, OERs and the Future: What Does New Technology Mean for Global Education?" Moderator. Chicago, IL. May 6, 2013.

Association of Governing Boards (AGB) National Conference on Trusteeship, "Using Metrics Effectively." San Francisco, CA. April 21, 2013.

AGB National Conference on Trusteeship, "Using Metrics and Dashboard Indicators for Board Decision-Making." Washington DC. April 24, 2012.

AGB Council of Presidents, "Common Core Standards." Washington DC. November 7, 2011.

Talioires Network Global Leaders Conference. "Pitzer's Institute for Global/Local Action and Study." Madrid, Spain. January 27, 2011.

Town Hall Los Angeles Speaker, "The Tipping Point: Measuring the Quality of a Liberal Arts College Education." Los Angeles, CA. June 30, 2005.

Invited participant in the Teagle Foundation's first Virtual Listening, an informal electronic discussion focused on what the work of "value added assessment" might mean for the discipline of English. April 15, 2005.

Council for Advancement and Support of Education District VII Conference. Keynote speaker. "Our Mandate is to Change the Universe: Advancement in the 21st Century." San Francisco, CA. December 5, 2004.

American Council of Academic Deans California Regional. Keynote speaker. "Reduced Expectations: A Mixed Message for Future Generations." Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA. October 28, 2004.

Association of American Colleges and Universities Conference. Featured Session, Chair and Speaker. "No Longer Conveyor but Creator: Developing an Epistemology of the Web." New Orleans, LA. January 19, 2001.

Association of American Colleges and Universities Conference. Chair and Speaker. "Pedagogy and Practice: Information Literacy as the Fourth Liberal Art." New Orleans, LA. January 20, 2001.

Association of American Colleges and Universities Conference. Poster Session Organizer. "The Coe College First-Year Student Web Page." New Orleans, LA. January 20, 2001.

American Association for Higher Education Conference on Faculty Roles and Rewards. Chair and Speaker. "Year in Three Months: Chief Academic Officers and the World Wide Web." New Orleans, LA. February 3, 2000.

Modern Language Association. Chair. "Career Paths at Small Liberal Arts Colleges: A Road Less Traveled?" Chicago, IL. December 29, 1999.

10th Annual Women in Higher Education International Conference. Featured Speaker. "The Teaching, Continuing Appointment, Promotion Program at SUNY." Fort Worth, TX. January 5, 1997.

Panel Presentations

36th Annual Fulbright Association Conference, "The Relevance of a Liberal Arts Education in the 21st Century Economy." Washington DC. October 4, 2013.

American Council on Education Advancing Women's Leadership Conference, "Leading in a Consortium: Claremont Women's Presidents." La Verne, CA. February 14, 2013.

The Chronicle Presidents Forum. Panelist. Washington DC. June 2007.

TIAA-CREF Conference on Transformational Change in Higher Education. Panelist. "Strengthening the Academic Presidency: Recommendations for Presidents and Governing Boards." New York, NY. November 2, 2006.

"Effective Practices in Working with Trustees." Council of Independent Colleges President's Institute. Naples, FL. January 7, 2006.

"The Dean in Transition to a Presidency." American Conference of Academic Deans/Association of American Colleges and Universities Conference. Seattle, WA. January 22, 2003.

Participant: A National Forum on Health and Higher Education: "Student Power, Campus Pathologies, and the Challenge of Connected Learning." Association of American Colleges and Universities Conference. Washington DC. January 25, 2001.

"Valuing and Building Faculty Support." American Conference of Academic Deans/Association of American Colleges and Universities Conference. Washington DC. January 24, 2001.

"When Worlds Collide: Student Life and Academic Affairs." Association of American Colleges and Universities Conference. Washington DC. January 21, 1999.

"The Role of the Humanities in the Liberal Arts." Rethinking the Humanities Conference, Associated Colleges of the Midwest. Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA. March 20, 1999.

"Administrators, Breast Pumps and Babies: Oh My!" Northeast MLA. Philadelphia, PA. April 5, 1997.

"Programs That Work: New Initiatives for Faculty in the Tenure Process." Association for Higher Education Conference on Faculty Roles and Rewards. San Diego, CA. January 18, 1996.

"Learning Communities, General Education, and Regional Studies." Association for General and Liberal Studies Conference. Savannah, GA. October 29, 1994.

"Creating Learning Communities: Triumphs and Challenges of Mainstreaming in a Traditional Four-Year College." Association for General and Liberal Studies Conference. Memphis, TN. October 14, 1993.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SCHOLARLY BOARD MEMBERSHIP AND CONSULTANCIES

Chair and Member, J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, 2013-present; Elected Chair, 2015-2016

Member, Council of Presidents, Association of Governing Boards, 2006-2015

Board Member, Claremont University Consortium, 2002-2015

Chair, Council of Presidents of the Claremont Colleges, 2011-2012 and 2005-2006

Board Member, Pasadena Independent Schools Foundation, 2009-2012

Board Member, The Webb Schools, 2009-2012

Consultant-Evaluator, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), 2008

Vice Chair, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), 2006-2007

Commissioner, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), 2004-2007

Board Member, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Board, 2004-2006

Editorial Board, Modern Language Studies, 2001-2004

Consultant-Evaluator, North Central Association, 2000-2003
Board Member, American Conference of Academic Deans, 2001-2002
Editorial Board, Studies in American Humor, 1993-2002, 2016
Board Member, Linn County Historical Society Board, 2000-2001
Board Member, Foster Care Review Board, Linn County, 2000-2001
American Council on Education Mentor, Spring 1999

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SCHOLARLY ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Twilight Club, 2016-present
Zamorano Club, 2016-present
San Marino Chinese Club, 2015-present
San Marino City Club, 2015-present
Chief Executives Organization, 2012-present
National Council for Research on Women, 2011-present
Rotary International Member, 2004-present; San Marino Rotary, 2015-present
The Southern California Forum of The Trusteeship of the International Women's Forum, 2002-present
Phi Kappa Phi, 1998-present
Mark Twain Circle of America, 1987-present
Modern Language Association of America, American Literature Section, 1987-present
The Annapolis Group, 2002-2015
Young Presidents Organization, San Gabriel Valley, 2004-present
Los Angeles World Affairs Council, 2015
International Association of University Professors of English, 1998-2010
Organization of Women Executives, 2002-2006
International Association of University Presidents, 2002-2004
American Conference of Academic Deans, 1997-2002
Annapolis Dean's Group, 1997-2002
Associated Colleges of the Midwest Deans Group, 1997-2002
American Association of University Women (1992-2002)

SUMMARY OF ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Positions Held

2015-present Adjunct Professor of the Practice of English, University of Southern California
2002-2015 Professor of English and World Literature Field Group, Pitzer College
1997-2002 Professor of English, Coe College
1993-1997 Associate Professor, Department of English, SUNY Potsdam
1990-1992 Assistant Professor, Department of English, SUNY Potsdam
1988-1990 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of English, Pepperdine University
1987-1988 Lektorin, American Studies, Universitaet Eichstaett
1985-1987 Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin, American Studies, Universitaet Eichstaett
1983-1985 1987 Assistant Lecturer, Writing Program, University of Southern California

Courses Taught

Pitzer College. The Gilded Age with Professor Stuart McConnell. Fall 2011.
Pitzer College. The Great Depression 1929-1941 with Professor Stuart McConnell. Fall 2009.
Pitzer College. Victorian America, 1870-1900 with Professor Stuart McConnell. Fall 2006.
Pitzer College. Twain and Biography. Senior Seminar. English and World Literature Field Group. Spring 2004.
SUNY Potsdam. Interdisciplinary cluster: "Hard Rock, Huck Finn, and Folklore" (literature); "Adirondack"
Learning Community (writing and computer); "Becoming American" Learning Community (literature);
Chinese-American Women Writers; 19th Century Women's Short Stories; African American

Literature; Great Depression Literature; Female Image; Mark Twain; 20th Century American Poetry; Turn-of-the-Century Novel; Intermediate Writing; First-Year Composition (computer driven course). 1990-1995.

Pepperdine University. Women's Studies: American Women Writers, Composition 101, Introduction to Literature. 1988-1990.

Universitaet Eichstaett. Courses: Historical Survey of the United States, Women's History of the United States, German-English Translation, Composition. 1987-1988.

University of Southern California. Writing Program: Program Coordinator and Orientation Leader for Writing Program. Writing Center Specialist for ESL students. Taught Composition 101 and Introduction to Literature. Participated in professional conferences addressing revision, ESL, and skills targeting. 1983-1985, 1987.

Universitaet Eichstaett. Courses: American Women Writers, Twentieth Century American Poetry Survey, Classics of American Literature Survey, Contemporary American Literature. 1985-1986.

Cerritos Community College. Basic Writing and Introduction to Composition. 1985.

University of Southern California. Writing Program: Summer writing program, targeting Upward Bound students. 1985.

University of Southern California. Special Project Literacy Spike in conjunction with California Conservation Corps. Pilot program designed to integrate school instruction in corps members' lives. 1983.

Dissertation

The Charmed Circle: Mark Twain, Women, and the Integration of Imagination. Director: Jay Martin. Readers: Max Schulz, Alan Gribben, and Eunice Howe. University of Southern California, 1989.

Honors, Grants, Fellowships, Discovery

Quarry Farm Scholar-in-Residence, May-June 2015

Pulitzer Prize Nomination submitted by Knopf for *Mark Twain's Other Woman*. 2010.

White House America Authors Symposium, "Mark Twain." November 29, 2001.

Humanities Iowa grant, "Mark Twain Symposium." Fall 2001.

Humanities scholar, Humanities Iowa Grant, "This Old Digital City." Created a virtual reality environment of turn-of-the-century Cedar Rapids. Project headed by the Cedar Rapids History Center. 2000.

Choice selected *Nineteenth-Century American Women Writers: A Bio-Bibliographical Critical Sourcebook* as one of the outstanding academic books of 1997 (text contributed).

Choice selected *Mark Twain in the Company of Women* as one of the outstanding academic books of 1995.

National Endowment for the Humanities 1994 Summer Stipend. Project, "The Woman Who Loved Mark Twain: The Private Writings of Isabel Lyon."

President's Award for Excellence in Scholarship, SUNY Potsdam. 1993-1994.

Research/Creative Endeavors Grant, SUNY Potsdam. 1992-1993/1993-1994.

UUP Continuing Faculty Development Award, SUNY Potsdam. 1993.

UUP New Faculty Development Award, SUNY Potsdam. 1991.

Faculty-Undergraduate Research Award, SUNY Potsdam. 1991/1993.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar participant: The History of American Women through Social Movements. 1990.

Quarry Farm Fellow-in-Residence. 1989.

Lester and Irene Finkelstein Fellow for Outstanding Humanities Student, USC. 1988-89.

Virginia Barbara Middleton Scholarship, USC. 1987-88.

Subject of a featured essay in *Los Angeles Times Magazine* about an extraordinary literary find. In 1986, discovered the largest cache of Mark Twain letters to date, 100 in total, and the article detailed the mystery and find, which solved questions concerning their whereabouts for the past 77 years. (Diane Swanbrow. "The Lost Legacy of Mark Twain." 10 May 1987: 16-19, 32.)

"Integrating International and Intercultural Content into Basic Education and Foreign Language Courses Committee." Assignment-generating program targeted at First-Year Writing ESL students. Mellon Grant. University Southern California. 1984-1985.
English Department Graduate Student Scholarship, USC. 1984-85.
English Department Graduate Student Scholarship, Pepperdine University. 1982-83.

Books

Mark Twain's Other Woman. New York: Knopf. 2010. Paperback edition of *Mark Twain's Other Woman*. New York: Knopf, 2011.
Constructing Mark Twain: New Directions in Scholarship. Co-editor with Michael Kiskis. Columbia University of Missouri Press, 2001.
Critical Essays on Maxine Hong Kingston. Editor. New York: G.K. Hall, 1998.
Mark Twain in the Company of Women. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1994. Paperback edition of *Mark Twain in the Company of Women*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1997.
Epistemology: Turning Points in the History of Poetic Knowledge. Co-editor Roland Hagenbuechle. Regensburg: Fredrich Pustat, 1986.

Media - Television/Radio/Film/CD

Interview. SWR German Public Radio Southwest. Landau, Germany. June 20, 2013.
"Writing Creative Lives." Los Angeles Times Festival of Books. University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA. April 21, 2012.
"Bringing Icons to Life: Cleopatra, Queen Elizabeth and Mark Twain." Tucson Festival of Books. University of Arizona. Tucson, AZ. March 11, 2012.
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American Literature Association Symposium on Male and Female Literary Relations in 19th and 20th Century America. Chair. "Twain's Female Scribes." Cancun, Mexico. December 13, 1996.

New York State Authors Read Their Work. Featured Speaker. "*The Times Literary Supplement Review* and a Personal History of Writing Twain." SUNY Potsdam, NY. June 27, 1996. Funded by *Poets and Writers*, New York, NY.

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Symposium on Contemporary American Fiction Featuring T.C. Boyle. Chair. "Masculinity/The Male Body." SUNY Potsdam, NY. September 28, 1995.

American Literature Association. Chair. "Composite Novels." Baltimore, MD. June 4, 1995.

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North Country Women's Conference. Keynote Speaker. "Women's Issues in the 90's." Watertown, NY. March 19, 1994.

Modern Language Association under the aegis of the Mark Twain Circle. Featured Speaker. "Mark Twain's Cross-Dressing Oeuvre." Toronto, ON, Canada. December 28, 1993.

Central New York MLA. Chair. "Issues in Mark Twain Biography." Cortland, NY. October 20, 1992.

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Literature and Addiction: Interdisciplinary Conference. Featured Speaker. Chair. "A Princely Failing: Irish Hospitality in Joyce's 'The Dead.'" University of Sheffield, England. April 5, 1991.

Modern Language Association. Chair. "Mark Twain's Female Coterie: New Perspectives in Twain Biography." Paper Title: "'I am Woman's Rights': Olivia Langdon Clemens and Her Feminist Circle." Chicago, IL. December 28, 1990.

Mark Twain Memorial. Keynote Speaker. "Mark Twain's Legacy: From Hartford to Hollywood." Hartford, CT. November 14, 1989.

Quarry Farm Center for Mark Twain Studies. Featured Speaker. "More Letters from Hollywood." Elmira College, Elmira, NY. May 31, 1989.

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"Rough Sex: Isabel Lyon, Samuel Clemens and Twain Criticism." American Literature Association Symposium on American Humor and Mark Twain. Cancun, Mexico. December 7, 1998.

"Editing Controversy: The Making of *Critical Essays on Maxine Hong Kingston*." American Literature Association Conference. San Diego, CA. May 29, 1998.

"Feminizing Mark Twain: Feminist Cultural Study in the Shadow of Masculinist Biography." Northeast MLA. Baltimore, MD. April 18, 1998.

- "Mark Twain's Transgressions into Cross-Dressing or What Would Dan DeQuille Say?" American Literature Association Symposium on the Trickster. Lake Tahoe, NV. October 10, 1997.
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- "Roundtable Discussion on the Future of *Modern Language Studies*." Northeast MLA. Montreal, QC, Canada. April 20, 1996. (Organized, could not attend)
- "Mark Twain's Masculine Women and Feminine Men." American Literature Association Symposium on the American Short Story to 1900. Cabo San Lucas, Baja California, Mexico. November 11, 1995.
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- "Recovery of Chinese-American Women's Writing and China as Imaginary Homeland." US/China Joint Conference on Women's Issues. Beijing, China. August 26, 1995.
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- "Teaching Chinese-American Women Writers Through Film and Fiction." Northeast MLA. Boston, MA. March 31, 1995.
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- "The Questions of the Literary Canon: Thoughts on Reading, Teaching, and Change." Elmira College, Elmira, NY. October 25, 1994.
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- "Mark Twain and Writing the Mother of Reform." Northeast MLA. Philadelphia, PA. March 26, 1993.
- "Writing in the Shadow of Mark Twain: The Isabel Lyon Journals." Midwest MLA. St. Louis, MO. November 5, 1992.
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- "'The Mysterious Stranger': Absence of the Female in Mark Twain Biography." New Approaches to Biography Conference. University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA. October 20, 1990.
- "The Charmed Circle: Mark Twain, Women, and the Integration of Imagination." American Literature Association. San Diego, CA. June 1, 1990.
- "A Feminist Abroad: Acceptance and Resistance to Women's Studies in Bavaria, West Germany." National Women's Studies Conference, Towson State, MD. June 16, 1989.
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- Planning committee member, Associated Colleges of the Midwest Conference on Rethinking the Humanities. Coe College. March 20, 1999.

Conference Organizer. American Literature Association Symposium on Male and Female Literary Relations in Nineteenth and Twentieth Century America. Cancun, Mexico. December 13-15, 1996.
Conference Organizer. Symposium on Contemporary American Fiction Featuring T.C. Boyle. SUNY Potsdam, NY. September 28-30, 1995
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Chair, Mark Twain Circle Subcommittee for Modern Language Association Breakfast Lecture Series, San Diego, CA. December 28-30, 1994.
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Reader, *American Literary Realism*, 1994-2012
Reader, *College Literature*, 2002-09
President, Mark Twain Circle of America, 2000-2002
Reader, *Vanderbilt University Press*, 2001
Vice President, Mark Twain Circle of America, 1998-2000
Conference Organizer, American Literature Association Annual Convention. Baltimore, MD. May 1999.
Executive Committee, Mark Twain Circle of America, 1996-1999
National Endowment of the Humanities Summer Grant Reviewer, 1995-1999
Reader, *College Literature*, 1998
Reader, *Nineteenth-Century Contexts*, 1998
Reader, *The Southern Quarterly*, 1996-1998
Executive Coordinator, Mark Twain Circle of America, 1994-1998

Executive Director, Northeast Modern Language Association, 1994-1997
Institutional Representation NY State Association Women in Higher Education, 1994-1997
Managing Editor, *Modern Language Studies*, 1994-1997
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