

Volunteer Conference

Sonya Stephens, Acting President

Sonya Stephens joined the Mount Holyoke community in 2013 as vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty responsible for faculty research and curricular support, faculty governance, and academic budgeting and infrastructure. In July 2016 she assumed the position of acting president of Mount Holyoke College, appointed by unanimous vote by the board of trustees for a period of three years. Prior to coming to Mount Holyoke, Stephens spent seven years at Indiana University Bloomington, serving as chair of the Department of French and Italian and for nearly five years as the University's first vice provost for undergraduate education. Previously Stephens spent fifteen years on the faculty of Royal Holloway, University of London, where she chaired the Department of French, and led the creation of the School of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. She served for eight years as the faculty-in-residence director of a team responsible for the academic and personal welfare of 850 undergraduates. Stephens holds a PhD in French and a bachelor of arts in modern and medieval languages from the University of Cambridge and a master's degree in French studies from the Université de Montréal. She developed her deep commitment to women's colleges when she did her undergraduate work at New Hall, a college for women at the University of Cambridge that is now known as Murray Edwards College.

Marcia Brumit Kropf '67, President of the Alumnae Association

Marcia Brumit Kropf is principal at Marcia Brumit Kropf LLC, where she engages in interesting and challenging opportunities, especially those that involve changing the world for women and girls. Previously Kropf served as chief operating officer of Girls Inc. and as vice president of research and information services at Catalyst, a nonprofit research and advisory organization working to advance women in business. Prior to her work at Catalyst, Kropf spent more than twenty years in public education in a variety of positions, focusing primarily on curriculum design and evaluation. Kropf holds a BA in French from Mount Holyoke College, an MAT in elementary education from Oberlin College, and a PhD in educational communication and technology from New York University.

Maria Mossaides '73, President-Elect, Alumnae Association

Maria Mossaides '73 currently serves as the child advocate for Massachusetts. In her four-decade career, Mossaides has held a wide range of positions in both the public and independent sectors as both an attorney and administrator, including her appointment as the first woman to serve as executive director for Massachusetts's highest court. She holds a BA from Mount Holyoke College, JD from SUNY at Buffalo, and MPA from Harvard University Kennedy School of Government. She was recognized as a Top Woman in the Law in Massachusetts for 2010 and received the Loyalty Award from Mount Holyoke in 2008. Mossaides also teaches public law and nonprofit governance in the graduate management program at Suffolk University.

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