

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2021

PRESENTED TO



Susannah Sirkin '76

SUSANNAH SIRKIN, CLASS OF 1976, the Alumnae Association is pleased to honor you with the Achievement Award. This award is presented to alumnae whose accomplishments and service to society exemplify the values and virtues set forth by the College.

Susannah, as a nationally recognized leader and expert on human rights, your work has helped advance human rights advocacy for women suffering sexual violence in war zones and has exposed the medical consequences of human rights violations. After starting your career as a teacher, you joined Amnesty International as the director of membership. In 1987 you joined Physicians for Human Rights, where you served as the deputy director until 2013, when you were appointed director of policy and senior advisor. In this role, you are responsible for the organization's policy engagement with entities such as the United Nations, domestic and international justice systems and human rights coalitions.

Working extensively on studies of sexual violence in war zones, you represented Physicians for Human Rights on the Coordination Committee of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, which received a Nobel Peace Prize in 1997. You frequently serve as the voice of the group, bringing their work and advocacy to ruling bodies such as the United States Congress. You regularly brief the UN Security Council on the state of health care in global conflicts and play a key role in documenting attacks on health care facilities in conflict zones, including Syria and Yemen.

Susannah, for your outstanding accomplishments, the Alumnae Association is honored to present you with the Achievement Award on this, your forty-fifth, reunion.

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