



INAUGURATION OF

JONATHAN LASH

Sixth President of Hampshire College

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FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2012

3:30 PM

Amherst, Massachusetts



A decorative horizontal band with a dark teal background. It features a pattern of overlapping, stylized leaves in various shades of teal and green, creating a layered, organic effect. The leaves are pointed and radiate from the center, with some overlapping the text.

Educating for Change: Critical Thinking in a Critical Time

JONATHAN LASH

Jonathan Lash was named the sixth president of Hampshire College on May 11, 2011. He is an internationally recognized expert on practical solutions to global sustainability, climate change, and development challenges.

Lash attended The Putney School in Vermont, which deeply informed his sensibilities about student-driven, experiential modes of education. After receiving his A.B. from Harvard College, he joined the Peace Corps, during which time he met and married Eleanor Scattergood, a fellow volunteer. Together they worked on community-based development projects in the Dominican Republic. Upon returning to the United States, Lash continued his work with the Peace Corps, training volunteers bound for El Salvador, Nicaragua, and the Dominican Republic.

Lash earned his M.Ed. and J.D. from Catholic University. He began his legal career as a federal prosecutor and then became senior staff attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, where he litigated on issues related to pollution control, federal coal leasing, strip mining, and energy conservation. Lash was named Vermont Commissioner of Environmental Conservation in 1985, and in 1987 was appointed Vermont Secretary of Natural Resources. In that capacity he helped write, win enactment of, and implement innovative statutes pertaining to pollution prevention, solid waste management, and protection of pristine streams. He became director of the Environmental Law Center at Vermont Law School, rated the best program of its kind in the United States, in 1990.

In 1993, Lash became president of World Resources Institute, a Washington-based environmental think tank that under his leadership transformed into a “do tank” with a focus on issues ranging from low carbon development to sustainable transportation. During this time WRI quadrupled its budget and globalized its work, with offices in eight countries and partners in more than 50 countries. Additionally, from 1993 to 1999, Lash co-chaired the President’s Council on Sustainable Development, a group of government, business, labor, civil rights, and environmental leaders appointed by President Bill Clinton that developed visionary recommendations for



strategies to promote sustainable development. He played a key role in the creation and success of the U.S. Climate Action Partnership, which in 2007 issued the highly influential “Call to Action” on global warming.

Lash has written frequently about issues of sustainability and has served on a variety of international commissions and boards. He was named one of the “100 Most Influential People in Business Ethics” by *Ethisphere* magazine (2007) and one of the world’s “Top 100 Most Influential People in Finance” by *Treasury and Risk Management* magazine (2005), the only leader of a non-profit environmental organization to make the list. *Rolling Stone* magazine (2005) profiled Lash as one of 25 “Warriors and Heroes” who are “fighting to stave off the planet-wide catastrophe.”

Eleanor Lash, a birthright Quaker, has been an elementary school teacher at Sidwell Friends School in Washington, D.C., since 1972, with a ten-year hiatus teaching at Doty Memorial School in Worcester, Vermont. She will retire from Sidwell Friends in June, and then will relocate to Amherst, where she is already a beloved member of the Hampshire community. The Lashes have three children, Elissa, Matthew, and Emily, and four grandchildren.

THE PROCESSION



Bagpipers from the Holyoke Caledonian Pipe and Drum Band

High Sheriff of Hampshire County

Academic Delegates

Deans

Faculty, Faculty Emeriti, and Instructional Staff

Former Trustees

Past Presidents and Leaders

Mace Bearer

Officers of the College

Board of Trustees

Speakers

The Chair of the Board and the President

A note on regalia:

President Lash's regalia is made of a fabric called "Roosevelt Bamboo," which is 50 percent bamboo and 50 percent plastic pellets from recycled plastic bottles.

A note on the mace:

The presidential mace was designed and made by students and staff in the Lemelson Center. It uses apple wood reclaimed from trees that were felled during the October 2011 snowstorm, and bears the name of each Hampshire president. The mace is being carried by Donald Dupuis, Lemelson Machine Shop Assistant and Co-curricular Instructor, who spearheaded the effort to create the mace. Glenn Armitage 81F, Martin Cain 10F, Wiley Davis 11F, Zoe Fuller 11F, and David Warshaw 08F were also part of this effort.

THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY



OPENING OF THE CEREMONY

Robert J. Garvey
High Sheriff of Hampshire County

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Eleanor S. Lash

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“Emerald Stream”

Composer: Seth Houston (1991), from the shape-note tradition

Singers:

Caitlin Caulfield, *Smith College '08*

Sasha Hsuczyk 10F

Peter Irvine, *Amherst College '87*

Molly Merrett 02F

Michael Nord 04F

Sinead O'Mahoney 12S

Maggie Shar 99F

Matthew Wojcik

REMARKS

Sigmund J. Roos 73F

Chair, Hampshire College Board of Trustees

INAUGURAL POEM

“At Hampshire Farm: Tomatoes and Sunflowers”

Poet: Polina Barskova (2012)

Assistant Professor of Russian Literature

WORDS OF WELCOME

On behalf of faculty:

Djola Branner

*Associate Professor of Theatre and Incoming Dean,
School for Interdisciplinary Arts*

THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY

On behalf of students:

Zilong Wang 09F

Student Trustee

On behalf of staff:

Chelvanaya B. Gabriel

Lab Manager/Greenhouse Supervisor, Cole Science Center

On behalf of alumni:

Maria M. Vallejo 72F

Lake Worth Campus Provost/CEO, Palm Beach State College

On behalf of the Five Colleges:

Lynn Pasquerella P08

President, Mount Holyoke College

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Cape Breton music (traditional)

Slow air: “Caledonia’s Wail” (Captain Fraser)

Strathespeys: “Calum Breugach”; “Dusky Meadows”

Reels: “Ann MacQuarrie’s” (Donald Angus Beaton); “Arther Muise”; “Mabou Communications Reel” (Doug MacDonald/Kinnon Beaton); “Cape Breton Welcome to the Shetland Isles”

Musicians:

Zoë Darrow, *Mount Holyoke College ’12* (fiddle)

Becky Miller, *Associate Professor of Music* (fiddle)

Robert McOwen (guitar)

Janine Randall (keyboards)

REFLECTIONS OF A FOUNDER

Charles R. Longworth

Co-author of The Making of a College: A New Departure in Higher Education, and the first employee and second president of Hampshire College

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Gary Hirshberg 72F

Co-founder and Chair, Stonyfield Farm



KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The Honorable Al Gore
45th Vice President of the United States

INVESTITURE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Chair, Hampshire College Board of Trustees

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Kenneth Rosenthal P04
Vice Chairs, Hampshire College Board of Trustees

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Jonathan Lash
President, Hampshire College

MUSICAL TRIBUTE

“Inauguration Suite”
Composer: Marty Ehrlich (2012)
Associate Professor of Jazz and Contemporary Music

The Marty Ehrlich Quartet:
Marty Ehrlich (reeds)
Brad Jones (bass)
Allison Miller (drums)
James Weidman (piano)

CLOSING OF THE CEREMONY

Robert J. Garvey
High Sheriff of Hampshire County

RECESSIONAL

“For the Beauty of the Earth”
Words: F.S. Pierpoint (1864); Music: J.M. Rutter (1978)

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Please join us for post-inaugural receptions featuring student performances.

ACADEMIC DELEGATES

1636

Harvard University

Heather A. Henriksen
*Director of the Office for
Sustainability*

1701

Yale University

Scott W. Foster '93

1746

Princeton University

Mary C. McKittrick '78

1754

Columbia University

Frederick Byron '63 (Ph.D.)

1773

Dickinson College

Sarah A. Hackett '07

1787

Franklin and Marshall College

Bonnie J. Cox '86

1793

Williams College

Sarah K. Malone '94

1800

Middlebury College

Nicholas B. Kuckel '01

1815

Allegheny College

C. Jackson Blair '65

1821

Amherst College

Gregory S. Call
*Dean of the Faculty and Peter
R. Pouncey Professor of
Mathematics*

1822

**Hobart and William
Smith Colleges**

Frederick J. Pagnani, Jr. '85

1831

Wesleyan University

Jane W. Couperus '96

1833

Haverford College

David Levenstein '85

1833

Kalamazoo College

Maija Z. Lillya '61

1833

Oberlin College

Robert M. Rakoff '68 P89

1834

Wheaton College

(Norton, Massachusetts)
Casey Clark '60

1837

Mount Holyoke College

Lynn Pasquerella '80 P08
President

1839

Boston University

Leo Sagan '86

1863

Boston College

David Cordes '89

1863

**University of
Massachusetts Amherst**

James V. Staros
*Senior Vice Chancellor and
Provost, Academic Affairs*

1865

Cornell University

James L. Craig '62

1866

Carleton College

Eleanor T. Siegel '72
William H. Warren '72

1866

College Of Wooster

Sara Lawrence '66

1870

Wellesley College

Christine M. Brestrup '73



1871

Smith College

Marilyn R. Schuster

Provost and Dean of the

Faculty and Andrew W. Mellon

Professor in the Humanities

1874

St. Olaf College

Jon B. Olsen '93

1876

The Johns Hopkins University

Norman S. Holland '79 (Ph.D.)

1880

Emerson College

Judith Espinola '61

1887

Clark University

Rebecca L. Sherer '79

1887

Whittier College

Floyd D. Cheung '92

1894

**Massachusetts College of
Liberal Arts**

Sumi Colligan

Professor of Anthropology

1898

Northeastern University

Lee P. Breckenridge

Professor of

Environmental Law

1928

Anhui Agricultural University

Jiang Hong

Associate Director of the

International Office, Professor

of Chinese Language and

Literature, and Director of

the AAU-Hampshire College

Exchange Program

1928

Sarah Lawrence College

Margaret Benczak '71 P10

1933

Palm Beach State College

Maria M. Vallejo 72F

Lake Worth Campus

Provost/CEO

1935

The Putney School

Emily H. Jones

Director

1961

**Unión de Escritores y
Artistas de Cuba**

(National Union of Writers and
Artists of Cuba)

Alfredo Leonardo Prieto Gonzalez

Assistant Director, Writer/

Editor, and Hampshire Cuba

Program Coordinator

1963

Greenfield Community College

Robert L. Pura

President

1965

Five Colleges, Incorporated

Neal B. Abraham

Executive Director

1967

**Association Of Independent
Colleges And Universities
in Massachusetts**

Richard J. Doherty

President

2008

Tenzin Gyatso Institute

David Rand

Executive Director

HISTORY *Non satis scire*

The idea for Hampshire College originated in 1958, when the presidents of four distinguished New England institutions (Amherst, Mount Holyoke, and Smith Colleges and the University of Massachusetts) appointed a committee to reexamine the assumptions and practices of liberal arts education and consider how they might cooperate more closely. The committee produced a report, “The New College Plan,” which is the foundation upon which Hampshire’s philosophy and pedagogy rest. It asserted that the most meaningful and lasting education requires the active participation of the student, and emphasized that education should not be imposed but rather should be a process that each student actively initiates and pursues.

In 1965, Amherst College alumnus Harold F. Johnson pledged \$6 million toward the founding of Hampshire College. With this commitment in hand, Charles Longworth and his wife, Polly Longworth, on behalf of the College’s first trustees, identified and purchased apple orchards, fields, farmland, and woods in South Amherst, Massachusetts, on which to locate the campus.

In 1966, Franklin Patterson and Charles Longworth, Hampshire’s first and second presidents respectively, authored a sequel to “The New College Plan” entitled *The Making of a College: A New Departure in Higher Education*. It advocated many of the features that were subsequently realized in the Hampshire curriculum: students’ individual interests, curiosity, and motivation driving their courses of study; multidisciplinary learning incorporating multiple cultural perspectives and community engagement; close mentoring relationships between teachers and students utilizing written narrative evaluations rather than grades; and a commitment to education as a vehicle for social justice. Hampshire admitted its first students in 1970.

Today, Hampshire maintains a dynamic association with its four founding institutions. Through Five Colleges, Inc., one of the oldest and most successful educational consortia in the country, students at each institution are provided with an unparalleled breadth of educational choices and resources, including cooperative academic departments and shared faculty appointments.



Hampshire was a pioneer in creating and remains at the forefront of providing an education predicated on the belief that questions and issues are best examined from multidisciplinary perspectives. Instead of traditional departments, Hampshire's curriculum is organized into five interdisciplinary schools: the School of Cognitive Science; the School of Critical Social Inquiry; the School of Humanities, Arts, and Cultural Studies; the School for Interdisciplinary Arts; and the School of Natural Science. The College's many academic programs typically span more than one school – they might even be described as “transdisciplinary” – and some are the only such programs in the country to be found at the undergraduate level.

Hampshire's students qualify for the Bachelor of Arts degree by completing a full-time program composed of three levels, or divisions, of progressively more self-directed study: Division I, basic studies; Division II, the concentration; and Division III, advanced study. Because all students work closely with faculty mentors, they are exposed to and participate in primary source scholarship from the beginning of their academic experience. Each student's educational process is individually negotiated with faculty advisors and committee members in an intellectually rigorous environment that is both challenging and nurturing.

Hampshire is now a college of 1,500 students from 47 states and 19 countries. Since the first degrees were awarded in 1971, nearly 10,000 women and men have graduated from Hampshire and continued on to distinguished careers in public service, private enterprise, education, and the arts. Hampshire alumni can be found across the spectrum of American and international life, and are at the forefront of responding to evolving societal trends in creative, collaborative, and sustaining ways.



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Charles R. Longworth, 1971 – 1977
Adele Smith Simmons, 1977 – 1989
Gregory S. Prince, Jr., 1989 – 2005
Ralph J. Hexter, 2005 – 2010
Marlene Gerber Fried P96 (interim president), 2010 – 2011

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and Dean of Faculty*
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