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## 2023-2024 Board of Directors



**MARCIA SCHMIDT BLAINE (CHAIR)** is an historian of early America and, closer to home, the history of New England and the White Mountains. She recently retired from academic life at Plymouth State University. She earned a year-long Fellowship with the American Council on Education in 2015-2016 to study models of academic leadership and

gained a certificate in strategic planning from the Society for College and University Planning. After returning to Plymouth State, Blaine reorganized and re-energized the Museum of the White Mountains, a highlight of her academic life. She also served as Executive Director of Government Relations and Special Projects for the University. Currently, she is continuing research into two projects: 1. the relationships between Indigenous peoples and European settlers in the 17th and 18th centuries, and 2. with the history of the White Mountains. She and her husband live and are actively involved in life in Plymouth. (EC)



**REBECCA BIRON, PH.D.** joined the Department of Spanish and Portuguese and the Program in Comparative Literature at Dartmouth in 2006, after having taught at the University of Miami, Emory University, and the University of Iowa. Her research and teaching interests focus on Latin

American literary and cultural studies, literary theory, gender studies, and Mexican cultural criticism. She has published widely on the relationship between narrative and violence as it pertains to masculinity, Latin American urban history, and Mexican literature and film. Professor Biron served as Dartmouth's Dean of the College from 2015-2018 and has chaired the Dartmouth program in Latin American/Latino/Caribbean Studies. She directed the degree programs in Latin American Studies, was Faculty Coordinator of Interdisciplinary Studies, and was Associate Master of Pearson Residential College at the University of Miami. She serves on the editorial boards of the *Latin*

*American Literary Review*, *Symposium: A Quarterly Journal in Modern Literatures*, and *Revista de Literatura Mexicana Contemporánea*. (RD)



**DR. GARY BOUCHARD** specializes in early-modern lyric and narrative poetry. He has published essays on a variety of early-modern authors including Edmund Spenser, Phineas Fletcher, William Alabaster, Robert Southwell, George Herbert, Thomas Traherne, and John Milton. He also

published several articles on the nineteenth century poet Gerard Manley Hopkins. His book, *Colin's Campus: Cambridge Life and the English Eclogue*, was published by Associated University Presses in 2000. His current research interest focusses on the poetry of the English Recusancy, specifically the work of Robert Southwell. He is presently working to complete a book on Southwell's influence on seventeenth century poets. Bouchard joined the Saint Anselm English Department in 1987. He has served the College in a variety of capacities, including a five-year term as the college's Executive Vice President from 1998 to 2003. He has also been a team member and chair on several New England Association of Schools and Colleges accrediting teams at other institutions, as well as a wide variety of college committees for two and a half decades. He currently serves as the secretary of the executive board of New Hampshire Catholic Charities, as a trustee of Catholic Medical Center, and on the boards at Bishop Brady High School and The Villa Augustina. He assists various organizations in strategic communications and in the cultivation and articulation of their missions. (EC, FC)



**ZACHARY CAMENKER** has been a member of the English faculty at the Ross A. Lurgio Middle School in Bedford since 2017 where he leads one of the theatre arts groups and has served the district in a variety of capacities, most recently as a member of the Superintendent's Task Force for

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Prior to his work in Bedford, Zach taught in the Weare School District and served as a member of the teacher leader cohort on competency-based learning. Zach also taught English to refugees, immigrants, and new Americans at Second Start in Concord through a grant-funded program in the summer of 2022. He is on the Steering Committee for the annual statewide New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival and

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has written for the *Jewish Reporter*, St. Paul's School, and Red River Theatres. Zach received a B.A. in English and Secondary Education from Saint Anselm College. In 2021, he earned his M.Ed. in Language Education and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) from Plymouth State University where he focused his studies on language teaching tools for native and nonnative speakers of English. Zach has lived in Concord for over several years and enjoys all that the capital city has to offer. (PC)



**EVAN CZYZOWSKI** is a humanities teacher and theater director at Bedford High School in New Hampshire. Each year he leads student and educator trips abroad, including an annual tour he designed of Germany and Poland for students to study WWII, the Holocaust, and the Cold War. He has lived and

taught in Kraków, Poland and co-directed a summer school in Krotoszyn, Poland for four summers. Evan has taught and led teacher training programs in China with the Sino-American Bridge for Education and Health each summer from 2012-2019, and he has been SABEH's director since 2015. He serves on New Hampshire's National Education Association (NEA-NH) State Executive Board and the NH State Commission on Holocaust and Genocide Education. In 2013 he was recognized as one of the "40 Under Forty" professionals in New Hampshire by the *New Hampshire Union Leader*. (NC, EA)



**ELIZABETH DUBRULLE (VICE CHAIR)** is the director of education and public programs at the NH Historical Society and the editor of its magazine, *Historical New Hampshire*. She directs the Democracy Project, the Society's initiative to renew social studies education in New Hampshire schools,

particularly the upper elementary grades. In her role at NHHS, she also serves on the Board of the NH Council for the Social Studies and is a member of the Civics Roundtable. Elizabeth taught for nearly a decade in the Humanities program at Saint Anselm College. She has also played an active role in her community, serving as the chair of the town's budget committee, heading up the town's Historic District Commission, and as a board member for the local historical society. She organized a town-wide, year-long commemoration of Goffstown's 250th anniversary that brought more than 10,000 people together in a celebration of community spirit. She has been author and editor on a number of publications, including *Goffstown Reborn: Transformations of a New England Town* (History Press, 2009), and groundbreaking scholarship on the women's suffrage movement in the Granite State, *No Longer Denied: New Hampshire Women*

*Win the Vote* (NH Historical Society, 2020). She has edited volumes for the Colonial Society of MA and the Writings of Henry D. Thoreau, an NEH-sponsored project. She has a master's degree in history from the University of California, Santa Barbara. (EC, FC, EA)



**ROBERT DUNN, ESQ.** is the Director of Public Policy for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester. Previously, he was the Director of Legislative and Governmental Affairs for Devine Millimet and he also served as an Assistant Attorney General in the NH Department of Justice, and as the

Assistant Commissioner of the NH Department of Safety. He has served on a number of state and nonprofit boards and commissions, and he currently is a member of the Board of Trustees of Saint Anselm College. Bob received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and his B.A. in Classics from the College of the Holy Cross. (RD)



**TAREK EL-ARISS** is Professor and Chair of Middle Eastern Studies at Dartmouth. Trained in philosophy, comparative literature, and visual and cultural studies, he works across disciplines and languages to examine notions of the subject, community, and modernity in Arabic and comparative

literature, culture, and art. His research interests include new media and cyber culture; literary theory and digital humanities; *Nahda* and modernity studies; travel writing and the war novel; sci-fi and utopia studies; 18th- and 19th-century French philosophy and literature; and gender and sexuality studies. He is the author of *Trials of Arab Modernity: Literary Affects and the New Political* (Fordham, 2013) and *Leaks, Hacks, and Scandals: Arab Culture in the Digital Age* (Princeton, 2019), and editor of *The Arab Renaissance: A Bilingual Anthology of the Nahda* (MLA, 2018). His work has been reviewed in *The New York Times*, *Times Literary Supplement*, and *Choice*. (PC)



**NICHOLAS (NICK) GERMANA, PH.D.**

was born in Berlin, VT and grew up in Waterbury Center, VT. He attended Keene State College (KSC), graduating with a degree in history, and earned a Ph.D. in European intellectual history from Boston College. In 2006 he joined the faculty at KSC, where he is now a full professor of history and

director of the department's honors program. Nick's work to date has focused on orientalism in the tradition of German thought from Immanuel Kant to G.W.F. Hegel. His first book, *The Orient of Europe: The Mythical Image of India*

and *Competing Images of German National Identity* (Cambridge Scholars Publishing) was published in 2009. His second book, *The Anxiety of Autonomy and the Aesthetics of German Orientalism* (Camden House), was published in 2017. Most recently, his article "The Creuzerstreit and Hegel's Philosophy of History" was published in *Journal of the History of Ideas* in April 2019. He is currently working on a biography of Immanuel Kant for a non-academic audience, along with several essays and journal articles related to that project. In 2021, Nick was recognized with the Keene State College Faculty Distinction in Research and Scholarship Award. Nick lives in Keene with his wife of more than 25 years, Leslie, and their three children. He is currently serving his first term in the NH House of Representatives. (PC)



**DR. CHRISTINE GUSTAFSON** is an Associate Professor of Politics at Saint Anselm College. Born in Omaha, Nebraska, she holds a Ph.D. in political science from Brown University, as well as international relations from Brown University and the University of Southern California, respectively. She joined the Saint Anselm College Politics faculty in 2004 and has taught courses in international relations and comparative politics. She has also taught in the Humanities, Conversation, and Honors programs at Saint Anselm. Her areas of research include the international political economy of development, Brazilian political economy, theories of culture and institutional change, and the politics of religion. Her most recent work is a co-edited volume, entitled *Pope Francis as Global Leader: Where Theology and Politics Meet* (Palgrave, 2018) As Associate Dean of the College, Gustafson's responsibilities include academic assessment, faculty development, curricular planning, accreditation, and academic support of the junior class, among other duties. (EC, PC)



**DAVID JUVET (SECRETARY)** is a graduate of Arizona State University (Tempe, Arizona) where he received a bachelor's degree in history/political science. He began his career with the Arizona Automobile Association in 1981 and has accumulated more than 40 years' experience in government relations, lobbying, public policy advocacy, media relations, marketing, and public relations. Before moving to New England in 1988, David worked for Arizona Governor Evan Mecham as a public relations specialist in the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. In 1988, David joined the AAA Massachusetts/New Hampshire Division as a manager of government and public relations. In 1990, he was promoted to director of government affairs for AAA in New

Hampshire. In 1997, David transitioned to director of marketing and public relations for the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester. David began his career with the Business and Industry Association, New Hampshire's statewide chamber of commerce and leading business advocate, in April 2000 as a vice president and was promoted to senior vice president in January 2008. In this role, David guides public policy development and legislative activity for the association and supervises BIA's lobbying team. David currently serves on the Board of Reaching Higher New Hampshire and is a past board member of NH March of Dimes, NH Teen Institute, and Red River Theatres. David is married and lives in Concord. (EC, RD)



**MARCIA J. KELLY (IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR)** recently retired after serving as secretary to the board of trustees at Dartmouth College since 2009. Prior to that, she served as chief of staff for the dean of the College at Dartmouth overseeing several offices and serving as the primary liaison with public affairs, development, and alumni relations. She also served as Dartmouth's director of undergraduate judicial affairs and spent ten years in student activities and campus center work at Tufts University and Bentley College. Marcia graduated with honors from the State University of New York with a B.A. in sociology and completed her M.A. in higher education administration at Boston College. Over the years she has been active in numerous professional and community organizations including the Association of Board Secretaries, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, and the Association of College Unions-International. Marcia lives in Hanover with her husband, Barry Harwick. (EC, FC, NC, RD)



**AMANDA QUINLAN, ESQ.** is an associate at McLane Middleton, PA, in the firm's Litigation Department. She handles a variety of litigation matters ranging from complex commercial disputes to personal injury and property disputes. After graduating from Vermont Law School, where she served as editor in chief of the Vermont Law Review, Amanda clerked at the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court in 2019-2020 for Justice Scott Kafker. She received her B.A. in European Studies from Middlebury College and her M.A. in political science from the Johann Wolfgang Goethe Universität in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. Amanda is an avid runner and a budding triathlete. She currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Manchester Historic Association. (PC)





**TERESA ROSENBERGER, ESQ.** is one of the most highly respected and well-known government affairs advisors in New Hampshire, with extensive experience in business and nonprofit leadership, regulatory matters, economic development and

developing strategies for business success and growth. Teresa works regularly with clients in the energy, education, telecom, healthcare and regulated industry spaces, lobbying and providing strategic consulting, communications, grassroots and coalition building services to help clients navigate issues at the Legislature and before executive agencies and regulatory bodies. Prior to joining Bernstein Shur, Teresa held policy and communications positions in the executive branch of the federal government and a national weekly magazine and advocated on behalf of a national healthcare association. Teresa's 30-year career in lobbying, public policy and communications combined with her nimble business acumen uniquely enable her to advise clients on a wide range of issues, helping to ideally position them to achieve their long-term goals and strategic vision. (PC)



**COURTNEY GRAY TANNER, ESQ.** has worked on improving access to necessary health care and supportive services for various populations. Courtney serves as the Director of Government Relations for Dartmouth Health. In this capacity, Courtney works in the executive and legislative arenas of the NH government. She has

advanced various types of legislation to ensure improved access to health care and social services for Granite Staters and has experience in the state's nonprofit sector. Prior to joining Dartmouth Health, Courtney served as executive director for Hope on Haven Hill. She also served as executive director for the NH Providers Association. Currently, she is working with a diverse and skilled Board to establish a residential treatment to pregnant and parenting women seeking recovery from substance use disorders with their children – Families Flourish Northeast. Courtney attended Saint Anselm College and obtained a bachelors in classics and in business administration. Courtney earned her JD/MSW at UNH School of Law and College of Health and Human Services. She lives in Bedford with her husband, daughter, and energetic dog. (NC)



**KATIE UMANS** Katie Umans has been the Assistant Director of the University of New Hampshire's Center for the Humanities since 2013. In that role, she manages awards to UNH faculty engaged in humanities research and external grants, runs lecture series and events, and helps develop new projects and initiatives with the

Center director, humanities faculty, and public partners. Katie taught poetry and other writing courses at the University of Michigan (from which she received her MFA in 2003) and the University of Wisconsin-Madison (where she was Ruth and Jay C. Halls Poetry Fellow at the Wisconsin Institute for Creative Writing from 2005–2006). She also taught, for many years, gifted middle and high school students through Johns Hopkins University's Center for Talented Youth Distance Education program, CTYOnline. Katie published a full-length collection of poetry with Black Lawrence Press in 2012, and her writing has been featured in *The Kenyon Review*, *Prairie Schooner*, *Los Angeles Review*, *Michigan Quarterly Review*, and a number of other journals. Her work has been included in the *Helen Burns Poetry Anthology: New Voices from the Academy of American Poets' University and College Prizes, 1999-2008*, edited by Mark Doty. She has received honors for her writing including the 2014 Orlando Prize in Short Fiction from A Room of Her Own Foundation; the 2011 James Wright Poetry Award from *Mid-American Review*; and a Major Avery Hopwood Award from the University of Michigan. Locally, she has received an Individual Artist's Grant (in Literary Arts) from the NH State Council on the Arts and was featured in *Poet Showcase: An Anthology of New Hampshire Poets*, from Hobbleshush Books, and online as part of the "New Hampshire Poet Showcase." (PC)



**ANDREA WILLIAMSON** is a financial advisor who manages the Edward Jones branch in historic Kennebunk, ME. Her branch team has received several awards for customer service excellence. She joined Edward Jones in 2014 and has served the firm in leadership roles including recruiting leader, field trainer, and as

a Women's Inclusion and Diversity specialist. In 2020, she was asked to serve the firm as Area 34 WINGs leader, where she leads a team to support ten regions from Maine to Pennsylvania to influence diversity, equity, and inclusion. Prior to joining Edward Jones, she spent 15 years with Allstate, where she served in both sales and risk management, providing sales training and life insurance solutions to cross-functional teams, direct reports, and multi-generational families. Allstate awarded her with three Key Leader Awards, one Quality Award for Excellence, and one Coach of the Year Award. She also served seven years in the U.S. Air Force European Joint Command and the Pentagon. She earned a B.A. degree in business management from the University of Maryland-College Park. She was awarded an executive education scholarship from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, where she attended the 'practical innovators' course. Fun fact: Andrea jumped out of a plane at 10,000 feet to Skydive Coastal Maine in 2020.  
(EC, FC, IA)



**SAMUEL WITHERSPOON** lives and works in Portsmouth. He serves as a principal, portfolio manager, and research analyst for Vigilant Wealth Management. Prior to joining Vigilant in 2015, Sam was an Investment Director at RS Investments and was based in Philadelphia, PA. Sam holds

the Chartered Financial Analyst® designation and is a member of the CFA Society of Boston and the CFA Institute. Sam earned his B.A. in Economics from Colby College where he was captain of the Alpine Ski Team. Sam serves on the Board of Directors and is Treasurer of the Seacoast Community School and previously volunteered with Big Brothers Big Sisters. He lives in Portsmouth with his wife Margaret, daughter Charlotte, twins Hayes and Eleanor, and yellow lab Winston. Sam spends his free time enjoying the outdoors, skiing, hiking, surfing, and biking.  
(FC, IA)