Phyllis A. Roth Faculty Distinguished Service Award - 2024
Citation for Peter von Allmen

It is my pleasure to announce that this year's recipient of the Phyllis A. Roth Faculty Distinguished Service Award. It is Peter von Allmen of the Economics Department.

Peter has been with the college for a comparably short number of years among Roth winners, having joined the faculty in 2010. Arriving to Skidmore after two decades at Moravian College, he plunged headlong into the full variety of service opportunities that his new institution afforded him.

These service roles represent a range of contributions to the college that sit at the core of its educational mission. Peter served for four years as the Faculty Director of Assessment, helping to design and implement assessment projects with departments. He also chaired CEPP in the 2013-2014 school year, in which he helped oversee the first full year of Skidmore's most recent general education curriculum reform. He is a three-time member of IPPC, and co-chaired the IPPC subcommittee on institutional effectiveness. He is a long-time member of the Quantitative Reasoning Working Group, and has served on a number of faculty searches, including the search that brought us Dean Mosby.

As impressive as these all-college service contributions are, Peter's colleagues especially praise his dedication to the Economics department and his mentorship of new faculty. During his fifteen years at Skidmore, Peter has chaired his department for eight years. During this time, he oversaw the rebuilding a department in transition, hiring eight tenure-track faculty. (And he is helping search for a ninth this year.) What is most impressive about the service that Peter has done for his department is that he has clearly inspired his colleagues to follow his lead. Patrick Reilly says that Peter is a "cornerstone of our department and the institution itself," and he explains that Peter has consistently "inspired his department colleagues […] to pull more than their weight when it comes to service at Skidmore College."

This capacity to not only serve the institution and his home department, but to build a culture of service is truly impressive. Congratulations Peter on this honor, and our many thanks to you for your tireless service to Skidmore College.