



Philip A. Glotzbach: The Seventh President of Skidmore College

Philip A. Glotzbach—a philosopher, professor, academic administrator, and spokesperson on issues of higher education—became the seventh president of Skidmore College on July 1, 2003. He came to Skidmore following eleven years at the University of Redlands in Redlands, California, where he served as vice president for academic affairs and earlier was dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

From 1977 to 1992 Dr. Glotzbach was a faculty member at Denison University, where he was an associate professor of philosophy, chair of the Philosophy Department for six years, and chair of the faculty senate. He helped to develop and then co-directed the Denison Greek Studies Program, an interdisciplinary summer seminar involving travel and study in Greece, and led the creation of a new interdisciplinary major in philosophy, politics, and economics.

His areas of specialization include the philosophy of psychology and the philosophy of language; among other topics, his recent research has dealt with philosophical issues in perception and artificial intelligence.

Dr. Glotzbach has written and presented widely on issues in higher education, often drawing on his back-

ground in philosophy to shed light on contemporary issues. His topics have ranged from the shaping of institutional mission and the importance of science in the liberal arts to faculty workloads, collaborative leadership, and the complex role of an academic dean. As a member and chair of the executive board of the American Conference of Academic Deans, he collaborated with the American Association of University Professors on joint national conferences dealing with issues of shared governance on college and university campuses.

*“Liberal education is
a journey, not a
destination.”
—Philip A. Glotzbach*

Dr. Glotzbach earned a B.A. degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1972 (summa cum laude) and a Ph.D. from Yale University in 1979. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

His personal interests include reading, theater, film, photography, physical fitness (including running, skiing, tennis, and golf), and folk guitar.

Dr. Glotzbach has moved to Saratoga Springs with his wife, Marie B. Glotzbach, a teacher, administrator, and director/producer in theater. The Glotzbachs have two adult children: Jason, a 1999 Princeton University graduate who is a medical student at Tulane University, and Elizabeth, a 2003 graduate of Santa Clara University. ■