

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

ALUMNAE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2017

PRESENTED TO

Susan Higinbotham Holcombe '62



SUSAN HIGINBOTHAM HOLCOMBE, CLASS OF 1962, the Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is pleased to honor you with the Alumnae Achievement Award. This award is presented to alumnae whose accomplishments and service to society exemplify the values and virtues set forth by the College.

Susan, you have demonstrated a commitment to social justice throughout your highly accomplished career. After graduating from Mount Holyoke with a degree in political science, you earned a master's in public administration from the University of Pittsburgh and a doctorate in public administration from New York University. Your career in public service helped build the foundation for your appointment to the faculty of the Heller School of Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University, where you are currently professor emerita. The dean of the Heller School once said that you are “an accomplished development practitioner and teacher whose teaching and publications have built a career that focuses on building capacities for human development.”

In addition to establishing a distinguished career, you have proven to be an excellent mentor for students, receiving the Heller School Mentor Award in 2011 for your generosity and openness toward students. Before joining the faculty at Brandeis, you worked in a variety of positions in international development. You served in multiple capacities for the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Development Fund for Women, and the United Nations Children's Fund, and you also held the post of program director for Oxfam America. You currently are secretary of The Poverty Alleviation Fund, which seeks to improve the capabilities, livelihoods, and well-being of disadvantaged poor communities, with programs in China and Gaza.

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

MARCIA BRUMIT KROPP '67
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