

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

ALUMNAE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2017

PRESENTED TO



Susan Shirk '67

SUSAN SHIRK, CLASS OF 1967, 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, your interest in China began in your junior year, when you were studying Chinese language and culture during an exchange year at Princeton. Continuing your education, you received your master's in Asian studies from the University of California-Berkeley, and a doctorate in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. A distinguished scholar whose work has helped shape US-China relations, you are currently the research professor chair of the 21st Century China Program at the University of California-San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy, having previously held the position of Ho Miu Lam Endowed chair in China and Pacific Relations. Before entering academia, you were deputy assistant secretary of state for the Bureau of East Asia and Pacific Affairs. Following your public service, you became senior advisor for the Albright Group. Your 2007 book, *China: Fragile Superpower*—one of five books you've written—added to the understanding of the Chinese governing system. One reviewer noted, “Shirk’s study reflects the experience of a closely involved and experienced scholar but also one who from governmental experience understands the necessary subtleties and nuances of diplomacy.”

An academic entrepreneur, you have used your expertise and experience to make connections among academics, government officials, and public leaders. In 2015 you were honored with the Reville Medal, which recognizes faculty for distinguished service to UC-San Diego. One of the first Americans to visit China during a complex time in diplomatic relations, you have devoted your career to studying the dynamic economic and political developments in China, helping to inform US policy and inspiring students and diplomats alike.

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

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