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The Roberta A. Smith University Library





## Announcing the Roberta A. Smith University Library

Muskingum University is extremely proud and deeply grateful to announce that our new university library will honor the extraordinary generosity of Roberta Arndt Poland Smith.

Ms. Smith's profound commitment to Muskingum is in tribute to her mother, Margaret Fleming Arndt Poland, Class of 1909, and her father, Chester Harrison Poland.

Margaret Fleming Arndt (1889-1967) of Hanover, Ohio, enrolled at Muskingum more than a century ago. She was an "elocution" major — a pursuit highly prized for young ladies of her time — and she noted in her yearbook profile that giving speeches was her favorite pastime. After her graduation, she returned to Hanover to teach elocution.

Chester Harrison Poland (1889-1966) of Indianapolis, Indiana, was a decorated World War I veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He received the Croix de Guerre with Bronze Star from the government of France for his bravery as a patrol leader during combat on October 4, 1918, and a Marine Corps Citation for "distinguished and exceptional Gallantry in Action" during the October 8, 1918 American Expeditionary Forces battle at St. Etienne.

Margaret and Chester married in 1920 and settled in Indianapolis. They raised two daughters, Roberta Arndt Smith, a graduate of Indiana University (Bloomington, Indiana) and Jo Ann Poland Young, a graduate of the Illinois College of Optometry.

Roberta Arndt Poland Smith



Chester Harrison Poland



Margaret Arndt Poland, Class of 1909

"The Roberta A. Smith University Library embodies our enduring pledge to our students to prepare them well for their futures."

— ANNE C. STEELE, PRESIDENT



Dr. Craig Warren Anderson '73 and Deborah Hart Anderson '74



Harold W. Burlingame '62 and Susanne Hussey Burlingame '63

# Thank You, Library Cornerstone Donors

Muskingum profoundly thanks these Cornerstone Donors to the Roberta A. Smith University Library, for their extraordinary dedication and their investment in our University's continued excellence.



John W. Gardner '68 and Therese Gardner



Tom McCalmont '76 and Darlene McCalmont



Marshall Phelps, Jr. '66

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## The Transformation Continues... and the Future Takes Shape

As construction continues on the Roberta A. Smith University Library, the Muskingum community eagerly awaits its opening in the fall of 2015. Designed to be a centerpiece for academic exploration, students in all university programs will use its digital and traditional research resources and its inspirational individual, small group, and classroom spaces to help shape their college experiences and prepare for their future careers.

The Roberta A. Smith University Library project architects are the award-winning firm Bialosky + Partners of Cleveland and New York, whose portfolio includes the signature Muskingum buildings Philip and Betsey Caldwell Hall and the Walter K. Chess Center.

Muskingum's environmentally and fiscally responsible approach is yielding a striking building which will complete the campus arrival plaza, complementing Montgomery Hall and Philip and Betsey Caldwell Hall. The core of the Roberta A. Smith University Library is the pre-existing, c. 1960 library building, now being enveloped with 16,000 square feet of new construction to create a spacious 40,000 square foot structure featuring four new facades and red-tile roof lines. The previous interior has been demolished down to its original framing, and a completely new, state-of-the-art library design is unfolding within.

The Roberta A. Smith University Library's main entrance atrium leads to a spacious and light-filled Commons area. To the right, a dramatic two-story, 1500-square-foot, glass-walled Colloquium Center incorporates a projection wall and a fireplace. An expansive and open Grand Staircase connects the building's levels and provides small gathering spaces throughout its wide landings.

#### The three floors of the Roberta A. Smith University Library will provide:

- General and Reference Library Collections
- 3 Special Library Collections
  - Regional, Church, and University History Collection
  - Children's Literature Collection
  - United States Presidents Collection
- 7 Classrooms
- 3 Reading Rooms

- 3 Library Information Hubs
- Study spaces including Interactive Projection Technology rooms to support collaborative, project-based assignments
- Café and Student Lounge areas
- Teacher Preparation Learning Assessment Center
- Library Operations areas and offices for the University Librarian, Library Staff, and Teacher Preparation Program Faculty

""As the Roberta A. Smith University Library shapes our University's future, its tribute to a member of the Class of 1909 links us to our historic tradition of excellence."

— HAROLD W. BURLINGAME '62, CHAIR, MUSKINGUM UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES













## A Long Magenta Family Legacy: 1864-2014

#### From Muskingum's First Woman Faculty Member, Mary Miller, Class of 1868, to Kimberly Anne Seitter, Class of 2014

When Kimberly Anne Seitter '14 crossed the commencement platform, she represented the sixth generation of her family to earn a Muskingum degree, extending an enduring legacy of our first female faculty member.

One hundred and fifty years ago, Kim's Great-Great-Great-Grand-Aunt Mary Miller enrolled at Muskingum. During an era when women rarely ventured beyond the sphere of home and family, Mary's 50-mile journey from her home in St. Clair, Ohio led her to a prominent place in the University's history.

Mary was one of seven children and the first in her family to attend Muskingum. She earned her degree in 1868, with the "Master of Arts" designation that was customary of the time for distinguished scholars who achieved the highest academic honors. Fellow Muskingum alumni and future leaders of American

higher education William Rainey Harper and William Oxley Thompson would receive this same coveted recognition during the decade of the 1870s. Following her graduation ceremony, Mary returned home to St. Clair to become a school teacher and the founding principal of the Madison Academy Preparatory School.

In 1877, when Muskingum formally established Modern Languages as an essential part of its curriculum, Mary was appointed Professor of German and French and returned to New Concord as the first woman to serve on the Muskingum College faculty.

Many of Mary's siblings and their descendants followed in her footsteps to earn Muskingum degrees. Over the decades, members of the large extended Miller family joining the Long Magenta Line included Paul Miller Moore, Class of 1899, for whom Moore Hall is named, and University Trustee Ruth Ann Moore Duff, Class of 1959.

#### A Six-Generation Legacy from Mary Miller to the Seitter Family

Mary Miller, Class of 1868

#### 1st: Great-Great-Great-Grand-Aunt ·····> 2nd: Great-Great-Grandparents ····· 3rd: Great-Grandparents

- · Olive McDonald Dew, Class of 1894, daughter of Mary Miller's sister Elizabeth Miller McDonald
- James Newton Dew, Class of 1900

- Winifred Dew Conley, Class of 1927
- Dale Emmet Conley, Class of 1928

1868



Mary Miller, Class of 1868, was appointed Muskingum's first woman faculty member in 1877

1894



Class of 1894



Olive McDonald, James Dew, Class of 1900

1899



Paul Miller Moore, Class of 1899, Nephew of Mary Miller, for whom Moore Hall was named in 1961





Winfred Dew Conley, Class of 1927



**Dale Emmet** Conley, Class of 1928



Mary Miller, Class of 1868, with fellow Muskingum faculty members, c. 1884.

Kim Seitter's direct Muskingum lineage includes her Great-Great-Grandparents Olive McDonald Dew, Class of 1894, (a niece of Mary Miller) and James Newton Dew, Class of 1890; Great-Grandparents Winifred Dew Conley, Class of 1927, and Dale Emmet Conley, Class of 1928; Grandparents John Dew Conley, Class of 1953, and Joanne Welden Conley, Class of 1956; Grand-Aunt Joanne Conley Alwine, Class of 1954; and Parents Linda Conley Seitter, Class of 1982, and Jeff Allen Seitter, Class of 1984.



Kimberly Anne Seitter, Class of 2014.

Kim earned her Bachelor of Arts degree summa cum laude in Early Childhood Education. A four-year starter for the varsity volleyball team, she received multiple athletic honors including the Academic All Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Award and the William F. Lange Outstanding Freshman Athletic Award. Kim was active in many campus co-curricular opportunities, served the Muskingum community as vice president of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, and was elected to four academic honorary societies: Lambda Sigma, Kappa Delta Pi, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Phi Kappa Phi.

#### 4th: Grandparents ···· > 5th: Parents ··· > 6th:

- John Dew Conley, Class of 1953
- Joanne Welden Conley, Class of 1956
- Grand-Aunt Joanne Conley Alwine, Class of 1954

- Linda Conley Seitter, Class of 1982
- · Jeff Allen Seitter, Class of 1984

Kimberly Anne Seitter, Class of 2014



Joanne Conley Alwine, Class of 1954, and **Grand-Niece Kimberly** Anne Seitter, Class of 2014

#### 1959



Dana L. Duff '59 and Muskingum University Trustee Ruth Ann Moore Duff '59, niece of **Paul Miller Moore** 

#### 1982



John Dew Conley, Class of 1953, a multiple-term Alumni Association President; Joanne Welden Conley, Class of 1956; Kimberly Anne Seitter, Class of 2014; Linda Conley Seitter Class of 1982: Jeff Allen Seitter, Class of 1984

#### 2014



# Thank You!

#### Prashant Gupta '95 and Jennifer Pingledis '96

Muskingum opened new worlds of opportunity for both Prashant Gupta and Jennifer Pingledis.

"Growing up in India and attending the Doon School, I was aware of the well-rounded education other Doon alumni had received at Muskingum," Prashant recalls. "I was excited by the opportunities I would have to broaden my horizons, and within a few days of arriving on campus, I knew I had made the right decision. At Muskingum, I was able to delve into many subjects that interested me — as varied as religion and astronomy — and to combine several fields into a degree tailored for my career goals. My professors took a personal interest in me. In their classrooms, I learned to be thoughtful and articulate and how to advocate for my point of view." Prashant graduated summa cum laude with majors in Economics, Business, Accounting and German, and minors in Mathematics and Computer Science. He earned his Master of Science degree in Accounting from the University of Virginia.

"Muskingum's influence on our lives was made possible by those alumni who came before us. Now it is our turn to help others, and we feel very fortunate that we are able to give back and especially to support the library transformation."

JENNIFER PINGLEDIS '96

"Muskingum introduced me to students from all over the world, and I learned how to find a common understanding with others whose culture, background, and interests vary significantly from mine. The breadth of my Muskingum education has been extremely important in my life."

PRASHANT GUPTA '95

Prashant is currently a hedge fund advisor and private investor. He was previously Chief Financial Officer of Chicago-based LAMB Partners, a Forbes 400 family office, and Partner and Chief Financial Officer of Delaware Street Capital, a multi-strategy hedge fund. He began his career with Ernst and Young, serving in their Columbus, Ohio, and Cayman Islands offices and as a Senior Manager in their Dallas, Texas, office.

Jennifer is a native of Somerset, Ohio, and was the first in her family to attend college. "Muskingum offered me a scholarship, making my dream of higher education achievable. I've had the chance to teach others and share my love for education."

She graduated *magna cum laude*, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Education and a minor in German.

She completed her Master of Education and Master of Business Administration degrees at the International College of the Cayman Islands.

Prashant and Jennifer reside in Wilmette, Illinois, with their children Elainia, age 15, Reena, age 13, Mira, age 11, and Nikhil, age 7.



Prashant Gupta '95 and Jennifer Pingledis '96, with their children Reena, Nikhil, Mira, and Elainia.



James W. Schmotter '69 and Daphne Jameson Schmotter.

"My gift to Muskingum is an investment in the learning community that fundamentally changed my life and set the path for my future."

JIM SCHMOTTER '69

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As President of Western Connecticut State University, Jim Schmotter advocates student-centered education. "My own model of what a university should be was shaped by my experience at Muskingum. Our main task as educators is to help students imagine and construct their futures. My ideal of how faculty should conduct themselves is based on my professors at Muskingum. Their command of subject material was matched by the depth of their commitment to good teaching and to caring for students."

Looking back on his undergraduate experience, Jim reflects that "Muskingum prepared me to meet any challenges that came my way. I became a serious student and developed a solid grounding in history, literature, and economics. I went directly into an extremely competitive doctoral program, armed with the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to achieve success in graduate school." A history major, Jim earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in American History from Northwestern University and studied higher education administration at Columbia University.

Jim has served as President of Western Connecticut since August 2004. He was previously Dean of the Haworth College of Business at Western Michigan University, Dean of the College of Business and Economics at Lehigh University, and Associate Dean of Cornell University's Johnson Graduate School of Management. He serves on several corporate and community boards, consults for a variety of non-profit organizations, and has authored numerous articles on business history and business education.

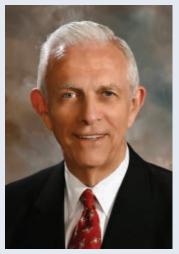
He and his wife Daphne A. Jameson reside in Bethel, Connecticut, and Ithaca, New York, where Daphne is Professor Emerita of Management Communication at Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration. Their gift to the new library honors Jim's mother, Ruth G. Schmotter, a Crooksville, Ohio, teacher with a lifelong passion for reading.

#### Jim McBane '62

Jim McBane has deep Ohio roots. President of McBane Insurance and Financial Services in Bergholz, he is the third-generation leader of the business founded by his grandfather in 1900. Jim shares his Muskingum heritage with a number of extended family members, including his aunt, grandmother, and great-uncle.

Jim describes the impact of his Muskingum experience: "Through my studies and my personal interactions with the faculty and my classmates, I grew and matured in my thinking. My religion and philosophy courses were especially important to me — my professors taught me how to examine questions of faith that were very challenging to me at the time. I learned how to reflect and how to find my own answers, which enabled me to become very strong in my faith and the spiritual values that guide my actions each and every day."

A Mathematics major with minors in Economics and Philosophy, Jim entered the family business following graduation. He was named Vice President of the firm in 1968 and became President and Chief Executive Officer in 1994. Jim served on the board of Bergholz State Bank and its successor institutions the Citizens Banking Company and Sky Financial Group. He is very active in his church and in faith-based community organizations.



James C. McBane '62.

Jim married a fellow Muskie, Mathematics major and Class of 1965 graduate Nancy Bodle (1944-1995), and they became the parents of Amy McBane, David McBane, Christine McBane Pasiuk, Joy McBane Roy, and Daniel McBane. With Jim's subsequent marriage to Eleanor, daughter Gabrielle McBane joined the family, which over the years has also welcomed 11 grandchildren.

Jim has established the McBane Reading Lounge as an enduring memorial tribute to Nancy and to her lifelong love of reading and learning. "It's tremendous to see how strong Muskingum is today and to know that current and future students continue to experience an excellent education."

"My Muskingum education gave me a solid foundation for my life."

JIM McBANE '62

# Celebrating Academic Excellence: The Janet Brown Rothwell

# **Endowed Chair in Education**

With deep appreciation to Mr. William Rothwell for his exceptional generosity, vision, and commitment to excellence, Muskingum celebrated the installation of Dr. Joy Cowdery as the inaugural Janet Brown Rothwell Distinguished Professor in Education.

A visible symbol of the superb teaching and learning that is a Muskingum hallmark, the Janet Brown Rothwell Endowed Chair in Education pays tribute to Mrs. Rothwell's life as a dynamic and dedicated educator.

A New Concord native, Janet Brown Rothwell (1932-2012) was a member of the Class of 1954, earning her

"As a teacher, Janet Brown Rothwell shaped the lives of students in her classroom every day. Through this generous gift, her influence will continue throughout time, for our Muskingum students and for those whose lives they touch in their own teaching careers."

— PRESIDENT ANNE C. STEELE



bachelor's degree in Home Economics Education. She taught in California and Ohio, and in 1962 joined the Glenbrook School District in Glenview, Illinois. Mrs. Rothwell established the Home Economics Department for the newly-opened Glenbrook South High School and served as the Department Head for many years. In 1972, she earned her master's degree in Home Economics Education from Northern Illinois University. After a thirty-year career with Glenbrook, she retired as the District's Instructional Supervisor of Home Economics and Health. Beloved by her generations of students, she was an accomplished fiber artist, quilter, and seamstress. She and her husband William enjoyed twenty years of retirement living together on Presque Isle Lake in Northern Wisconsin.

**Dr. Joy Cowdery** has been a member of the Muskingum University faculty since 2002. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, Speech, and Drama from Marietta College. Dr. Cowdery completed her graduate studies at West Virginia University, earning a Master of Arts degree in Communication Studies with a concentration on Educational Communication and a Doctor of Education degree in Leadership Studies with a minor in Critical Pedagogy.

Dr. Cowdery's research on the impacts of poverty and cultural diversity in education is widely published, and she has been the recipient of two global research grants in support of her work in Europe and India. She co-chaired The Invisible Child: Poverty in the Heartland, bringing our nation's leading educators and policy makers to Muskingum's campus for a summit on counteracting poverty's effects on children's ability to learn.

Highly respected by her national colleagues, Dr. Cowdery is a frequent presenter and teacher for educational

President Anne C. Steele and Dr. Joy Cowdery, the Janet Brown Rothwell Distinguished Professor of Education.

Janet Brown Rothwell '54 was a dedicated teacher and an accomplished fabric artist, quilter, and seamstress.





William Rothwell, with a 48" muskie he caught and released. Bill is an avid fisherman and enjoys handcrafting muskie lures.

conferences and professional development seminars, as well as an active reviewer for scholarly journals in her field. She served as an accreditation assessor, consultant, and educational task force member for the National Council on Teacher Accreditation (NCATE) and the State of Ohio, and has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Ohio Association of Private Colleges for Teacher Education.

Dr. Cowdery leads Muskingum's Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the international education honorary society. She has been recognized by her fellow chapter leaders across the nation with the O.L. Davis Counselor of Distinction Award for her outstanding record of chapter achievements, student mentoring, personal scholarship, and professional development and service. She has served as Chair of Muskingum's Education Department and is a recipient of the Cora I. Orr Faculty Service Award.

"The Janet Brown Rothwell Endowed Chair in Education signifies the superb teaching and learning that is an enduring legacy of excellence at Muskingum."

— HAROLD W. (HAL) BURLINGAME '62, CHAIR, MUSKINGUM UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Muskingum University's Endowed Chairs represent an enduring commitment to faculty excellence. Through the profound generosity of alumni and friends, each one is held by a distinguished educator who has demonstrated superior teaching, scholarship, advising, and service. Created over the past decade, they are the first in the University's history:

- Homer A. Anderson Endowed Chair in the Natural Sciences
- Arthur and Eloise Barnes Cole Endowed Chair in American History
- Henry S. and Katherine W. Evans Endowed Chair for the University Librarian
- William L. Fisk Endowed Chair in History
- Harry and Mary Evelyn Laurent Endowed Chair in Psychology
- Dave Longaberger Endowed Chair in Education
- Bill and Martha Johnson Lovejoy Endowed Chair in Biology
- Ruth Dorsey Neptune Endowed Chair in Fine Arts
- Janet Brown Rothwell Endowed Chair in Education

"They that be teachers shall shine as the brightness of the firmament."

Daniel 12:3

## **NEW MAJORS**

# Provide New Opportunities for Our Students

### **Athletic Training**

Building on Muskingum's strong heritage of excellence in the sciences, the new Athletic Training major prepares students to enter one of the most high-demand health care professions.

Athletic Trainers specialize in preventing, recognizing, managing, and rehabilitating injuries among physically-active people of all ages. Muskingum's program enhances its classroom curriculum with clinical rotations and internships in a variety of health care, educational, and sports settings, and provides students with multiple opportunities to conduct research and present their findings at professional conferences. Athletic Training students have abundant clinical opportunities on campus in The Kalnow Training Center, which supports the student-athletes of Muskingum's 21 NCAA Division III teams.

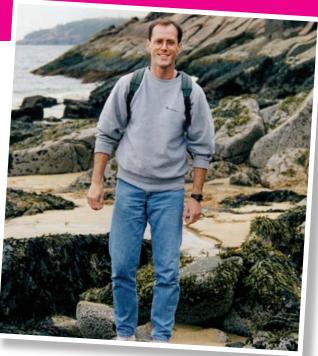
The program is led by Ken Blood, Director of Athletic Training and Assistant Professor of Athletic Training, and is based in the University's Health Science Department. Athletic Trainers earn their licensure by completing an accredited university program and passing the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification exam. In the fall of 2013, Muskingum University began the four-year program accreditation process of the Commission for the Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE); the program will be eligible for full accreditation when the initial class graduates in 2017.



### **Petroleum Geology**

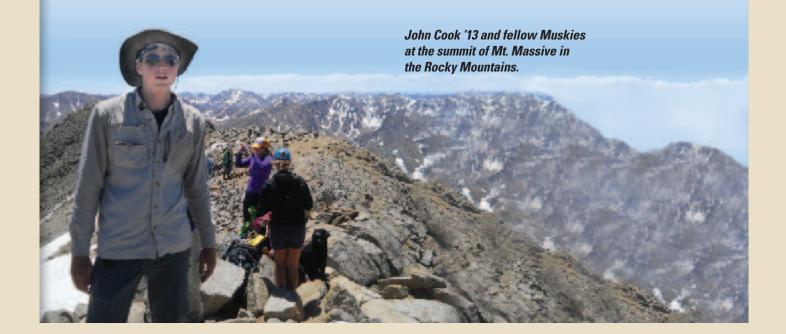
Muskingum's new Petroleum Geology major adds a special emphasis on the energy sector to the University's traditional Geology major, preparing students for opportunities in this growing industry. The new program incorporates the Geology Department's strong emphasis on hands-on undergraduate research and field work, with each student expected to prepare a presentation for the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America. Students travel to the mountains of Wyoming and Colorado for geology field camps at sites including Grand Teton National Park, Gunnison National Park, and Great Sand Dunes National Park.

Dr. Stephen Van Horn, Associate Professor and Chair of the Geology Department, serves as the Petroleum Geology Program Director. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of Connecticut and has been a member of the Muskingum faculty since 1999. Prior to joining Muskingum, he was an oil industry geologist for ExxonMobil and Shell Oil Company, mapping the Wilcox Formation and Olmos Formations in Texas and Salt Domes in Louisiana, and exploring the High Island area of offshore Texas. Currently, his primary research interests and



Dr. Stephen Van Horn, Program Director of Petroleum Geology.

teaching specialties focus on environmental geology, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) applications, contact metamorphism, and structural control of igneous intrusions. Dr. Van Horn also serves our university community as the faculty representative on the Board of Trustees.



# Residence Hall Revitalization Underway

A multimillion-dollar project is providing a comprehensive "behind the scenes" infrastructure upgrade to each of Muskingum's traditional residence halls.

The buildings' decades-old electrical, plumbing, and mechanical systems are receiving a much-needed makeover to enhance student comfort and to better support the high-quality information technology access already in place in each residence.

The revitalization project began in summer 2013 and will be completed in summer 2016.

By the beginning of the 2015-2016 academic year, every student room will be fully air-conditioned.



### Nik Deogun

### Elected to the Muskingum University Board of Trustees

Nik Deogun '91 is the newest member of the Muskingum University Board of Trustees. As CNBC Senior Vice President, Business News and Editorin-Chief, he oversees the network's Business Day content, coverage, and production. A world-leader in business coverage, CNBC provides 16 hours of live business programming daily to more than 100 million households in the United States and Canada and delivers real-time business news and information around the globe through digital products including CNBC.com and CNBC mobile apps.

He began his career as a reporter for the Atlanta Bureau of the *Wall Street Journal*, where he launched the popular Southeast Journal section. He later covered mergers and acquisitions for the New York bureau's Money & Investing section and served in high profile roles including Deputy Chief of the Washington, D.C. Bureau, Editor of the Media & Marketing Section, and Editor of the Money & Investing Section. Immediately prior to joining CNBC in 2010, he was the *Journal's* Deputy Managing Editor, leading the newspaper's international network of bureaus and correspondents and overseeing all financial coverage disseminated through its daily circulation to more than two million print and web subscribers.

Mr. Deogun's childhood years were spent in Kolkata, India, where he graduated from the prestigious Doon School. He earned his Muskingum bachelor's degree summa cum laude in English and Economics, and served as co-editor of the Black and Magenta. He holds a master's degree from the University of Missouri School of Journalism and a Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Muskingum. Mr. Deogun was also recognized for his achievements with a Muskingum University Distinguished Alumni Award in 2010.

He is married to Allison Kimmich '91, a fellow English major who earned her bachelor's degree *summa cum laude* in English and French. Allison holds Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Women's Studies from Emory University and a Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Muskingum. She is the Executive Director of the National Women's Studies Association, and is an avid runner who recently completed the New York City Marathon and qualified for the 2015 Boston Marathon. The couple resides in Montclair, New Jersey, with their two children, Maya and Sameer.

Mr. Deogun earned his Muskingum bachelor's degree *summa cum laude* in English and Economics.



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**Kari Hoying Winters '08 Coaches Fighting Muskies to OAC Softball Championship** 

> Muskingum's winning softball tradition continues! Head Coach Kari Hoying Winters '08 led her players to capture the titles of 2014 Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Regular Season Champion and OAC Tournament Champion. Three Fighting Muskie players were named to the All-Regional Tournament Team, and Coach Winters and her staff were honored with the

> > 2014 OAC Donna Newberry Coaching Staff of the Year Award.

> > > During her time as a student, Coach Winters was a standout catcher, powering the nationallyranked Muskies to four OAC Championships, three NCAA Regional Championships, and three appearances in the NCAA Division III World Series. She earned her Bachelor of Arts

degree in Health/Physical Education in 2008, completed her Master of Arts in Education in Adult Education in 2010, and was named Head Coach in 2011.