

Henry Sheldon Museum 2022 Trustee Nominees

Deborah Evans



Deborah Evans, an assistant professor in American Studies and English and American Literatures, earned a B.A. from the University of Michigan, an M.A. and Ph. D. in English from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and has taught at Middlebury College since 1996.

Her regular course offerings include early American literature, 19th century American literature, and studies in American regionalism—particularly of the American South and West. She teaches courses on the captivity narrative, western film, the history of tourism and leisure in American culture, and on controversies surrounding American monuments and memorials. Her current research interests revolve around confederate monuments and remembrance in the South.

Of late she has been particularly interested in exploring new pedagogies: she has been using a game format called *Reacting to the Past* in her American literature and culture courses, where students learn by taking on roles, informed by classic texts, in elaborate games set in the past. In addition, she now serves as the faculty lead on the Mellon Grant supporting Middlebury's development of a Sophomore Seminar in the Liberal Arts; this class was designed to help students develop a greater sense of meaning and purpose that can inform the decisions facing them as sophomores.

Maggie Keith



Maggie is the president and co-founder of little seed COFFEE ROASTERS, a roasting house and community-centric coffee shop in Middlebury, Vermont. Her pivot to business ownership was spurred in 2021 after a successful 9-year career in development at not-for-profit independent schools in New York City, most recently as Director of Annual Giving and Major Gifts at Trevor Day School. Over the course of her tenure in advancement, Maggie's achievements have included executing a robust Annual Fund raising over \$2M a year, while securing gifts from upwards of 96% of school parents; developing and managing a team of 70 fundraising volunteers; and planning countless fundraising and stewardship events including a yearly Gala raising an average \$1M. Now, as co-owner of little seed COFFEE ROASTERS, she's brought what started as a passion project — roasting coffee out of her Brooklyn apartment — to life, here in Vermont. She's also used her prior experience to create the 'you sip, we give' initiative to help uplift coffee farming communities by supporting areas of need within those communities, and is seeking opportunities to play an active role in supporting a vibrant community in Middlebury.

Middlebury College Student Representative: **Anne Lofgren**



Anne is a senior History of Art and English joint major at Middlebury College. She grew up in Claremont, CA about 3 miles from the Claremont Colleges and only a 5-minute walk away from the Raymond Alf Museum of Paleontology, where her father served as director. At Middlebury, Anne is co-President of the Outdoor Interest House, a student associate at the college's Special Collections and Archives, a tour guide for its art museum, and a project assistant for classes in the History of Art and Architecture department. This past summer, she interned at the Mitchell House in Nantucket, MA, the historic home of Maria Mitchell, one of the first female professional astronomers in the United States. Anne is currently working on her senior thesis on a *trompe l'oeil* painting by the 17th century Dutch artist Edwaert Collier in the Middlebury College Museum of Art's permanent collection. She is deeply passionate about museums and historic places and hopes to work in these fields after her Middlebury graduation in May. *[This is a one-year, non-voting student nomination.]*