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Sr. Mary Christine, SSJ  
1953-1966

Thomas Gee  
1976-1982

Sr. Julia Marie, SSJ  
1966-1970

William A. Glasser  
1983-1997

Fr. Charles C. Matusik, C.S.C.  
1970-1972

Barbara Pickard Sirvis  
1997-2006

James G. Donahue  
1972-1976

Karen Gross  
2006-2014

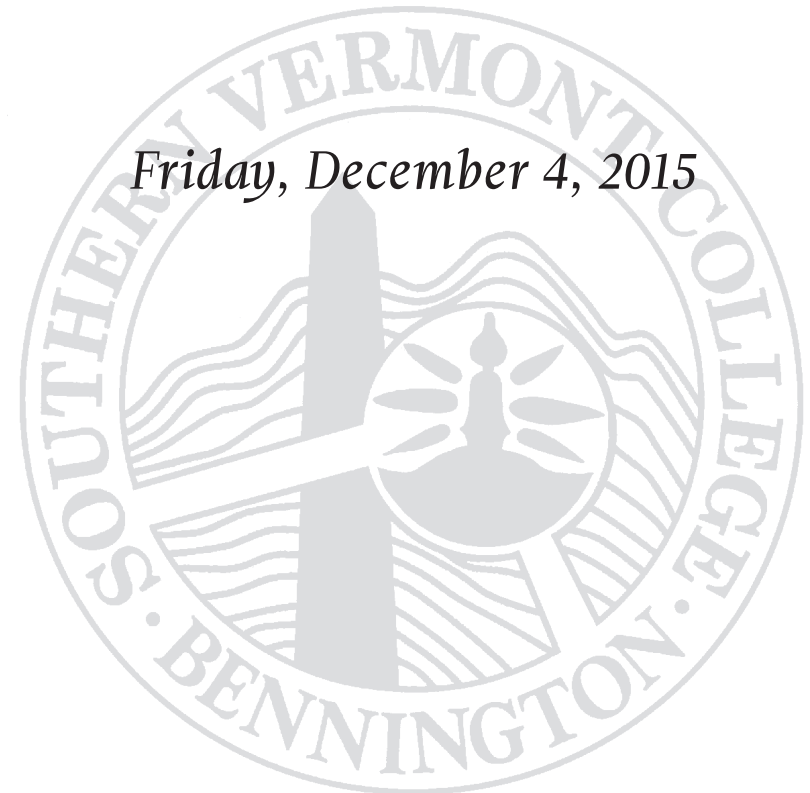
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THE INAUGURATION  
OF  
DAVID REES EVANS



*Friday, December 4, 2015*

SOUTHERN VERMONT COLLEGE

# THE INAUGURATION OF DAVID REES EVANS

Friday, December 4, 2015, 3:30 p.m.



<b>PROCESSIONAL</b>	<i>Simple Gifts</i> (Joseph Brackett, 1797-1882) Doreen Forney, bagpipes  <i>Rondeau</i> (Jean-Joseph Mouret, 1682-1738) Emma Piazza, violin; Eric Despard, guitar
<b>MACE BEARER</b>	Greg Winterhalter, Associate Professor
<b>WELCOME</b>	Ira Wagner '83 Chair, Board of Trustees
<b>INVOCATION</b>	Thomas Redden, Associate Professor
<b>REMARKS</b>	Jamal Gaynor '16, Student Government Association President Athletics Presentation Sarah Sanfilippo, Chair of Staff Association Stacey Hills, Business Division Chair Jennifer Burg, Humanities Division Chair Mary Botter, Nursing Division Chair Tammy Kenny & Jennifer Nelson, Science & Technology Co-Chairs Scott Stein, Social Sciences Division Chair
<b>READING</b>	<i>I Was Thinking of Beauty</i> Sydney Lea, Poet Laureate of Vermont, 2011-2015
<b>MUSIC</b>	<i>Fragile</i> (Gordon Sumner, aka "Sting" b. 1951) Samantha Damon, vocals; Eric Despard, guitar and vocals; Michelle Labieniec Despard, piano
<b>REMARKS</b>	Sarah Bolton, Dean of the College, Williams College
<b>INVESTITURE</b>	Ira Wagner '83, Board Chair Ursula McCarty, wife of President Evans
<b>INAUGURAL ADDRESS</b>	David Rees Evans, President Southern Vermont College
<b>MUSIC</b>	<i>Seasons of Love</i> (Jonathan Larson, 1960-1996) SVC choir joined by Mount Anthony Union High School students; Directed by Eric Despard; Michelle Labieniec Despard, piano
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	<i>Rondeau</i> (Nicolo Paganini, 1782-1840) Emma Piazza, violin; Eric Despard, guitar

*Please turn off all cell phones during the ceremony.*



DAVID REES EVANS was named the ninth President of Southern Vermont College in 2015. Prior to this appointment, Evans served as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty at Buena Vista University in Iowa since 2008.

Previously, he was Dean of the Petree College of Arts and Sciences at Oklahoma City University (2005-2008), Professor of English and Chair of the Department of English, Speech and Journalism at Georgia College & State University (2000-2005), and a member of the faculty (1990-2000) and chair of the Department of English (1996-2000) at Cornell College. A native of Los Angeles, he holds a B.A. from Pomona College and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Virginia, all in English.

Evans has frequently published on various aspects of Early Modern English literature and culture, particularly travel literature and aristocratic and genteel identity. More recently, he has spoken nationally and internationally and written extensively on many professional issues and is a regular presenter for programs sponsored by the Council of Independent Colleges.

Evans and his wife, Ursula McCarty, a textile artist, are passionate collectors of New Mexico Hispanic devotional art, Turkish textiles and ceramics, and other traditional and folk art forms, as well as stray dogs and cats.



## ABOUT SOUTHERN VERMONT COLLEGE

Founded in 1926, Southern Vermont College offers a career-enhancing, liberal arts education with 17 academic degree programs. SVC recognizes the importance of educating students for the workplace of the twenty-first century and as successful leaders in their communities. SVC's athletic teams are part of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III and the New England Collegiate Conference (NECC). The College is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and has been designated by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as a Community-Engagement Classification institution.

## PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

The tradition of presenting a chain-of-office pendant dates back to the Middle Ages. The Southern Vermont College Presidential Medallion, engraved with the College seal and bestowed on President Evans today, was a gift to the College from the Pickard and Sirvis families.

## SOUTHERN VERMONT COLLEGE MACE

The Mace, a traditional symbol of protection, academically symbolizes the preservation of a college as a place where all subjects may be explored. The mace bearer is traditionally one of the College's senior faculty members. The SVC Mace is engraved with the names of its Presidents.

## DELEGATES OF HIGHER EDUCATION

- 1793 WILLIAMS COLLEGE  
Sarah R. Bolton  
*Dean of the College, Professor of Physics*
- 1800 MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE  
Rick Caswell  
*Alumnus*
- 1834 FRANKLIN COLLEGE  
Thomas J. Minar  
*President*
- 1834 GREEN MOUNTAIN COLLEGE  
Paul J. Fonteyn  
*President*
- 1842 OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY  
Catherine A. Lewis  
*Alumna*
- 1861 MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
Jane Griswold Radocchia  
*Alumna*
- 1891 BUENA VISTA UNIVERSITY  
Frederick V. Moore  
*President*
- 1894 MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS  
Denise Richardello  
*Executive Vice President*
- 1894 UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - STEVENS POINT  
Bernie L. Patterson  
*Chancellor*
- 1904 SAINT MICHAEL'S COLLEGE  
Karen A. Talentino  
*Vice President of Academic Affairs*

- 1916 THE SAGE COLLEGES  
Belinda Hilton  
*Trustee*
- 1926 SOUTHERN VERMONT COLLEGE  
Barbara Sirvis  
*Former President*
- 1926 SOUTHERN VERMONT COLLEGE  
Karen Gross  
*Former President*
- 1932 BENNINGTON COLLEGE  
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- 1985 LANDMARK COLLEGE  
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## MISSION OF SOUTHERN VERMONT COLLEGE

Southern Vermont College affirms a deep belief in the potential of every individual. We embrace diversity in all its forms, fostering excellence and personal responsibility in each member of our community. Grounded in the liberal arts, our programs prepare students to look beyond boundaries, to engage their communities, and to excel in their professional endeavors.