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Sunbridge Institute's 50th Anniversary Weekend Conference

Keynote Speakers:

Robert McDermott, PhD

Linda Williams, PhD

November 10-November 11, 2017



Letter Celebrating 50 Years of Sunbridge

Has it been 50 years? Fifty years ago I started my undergraduate studies at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and about four years later several students and I began the Anthroposophical Student Association. The Waldorf Institute's founder Werner Glas and, later, Hans Gebert gave public lectures to students at the University at our invitation; in this way I came to know the Institute and its leaders. It was only many years later that I would serve on the Board of Directors of the successor organization, Sunbridge College, act as director of the affiliated Barfield School, and serve briefly as president of Sunbridge. I guess it has been 50 years.

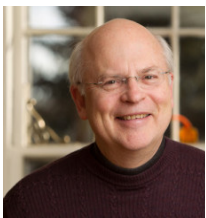
During the many years of my relationship with Sunbridge I have admired its unwavering commitment to Waldorf education and to those wishing to study its principles and practices. Additionally, I have made many friends along the way that persist to this day: Sunbridge is a living community.

We now celebrate not only 50 years of accomplishment, but we also look to the future—the next 50 years! Whatever form the future takes, whatever challenges arise—and there will be many—we can be sure that spiritual integrity and the ethic of care will pervade every thought, word, and deed here. This has been and will remain a core ideal at Sunbridge. In this sense, the future is secure.

In closing, I want to thank all those who generously invited me into the Sunbridge community. Working in your company was surely one of the great privileges of my life. I wish Jessica, the Board, faculty, staff and students every success in the coming years. May they be as filled with joy and camaraderie as mine were.

Yours,

Arthur Zajonc



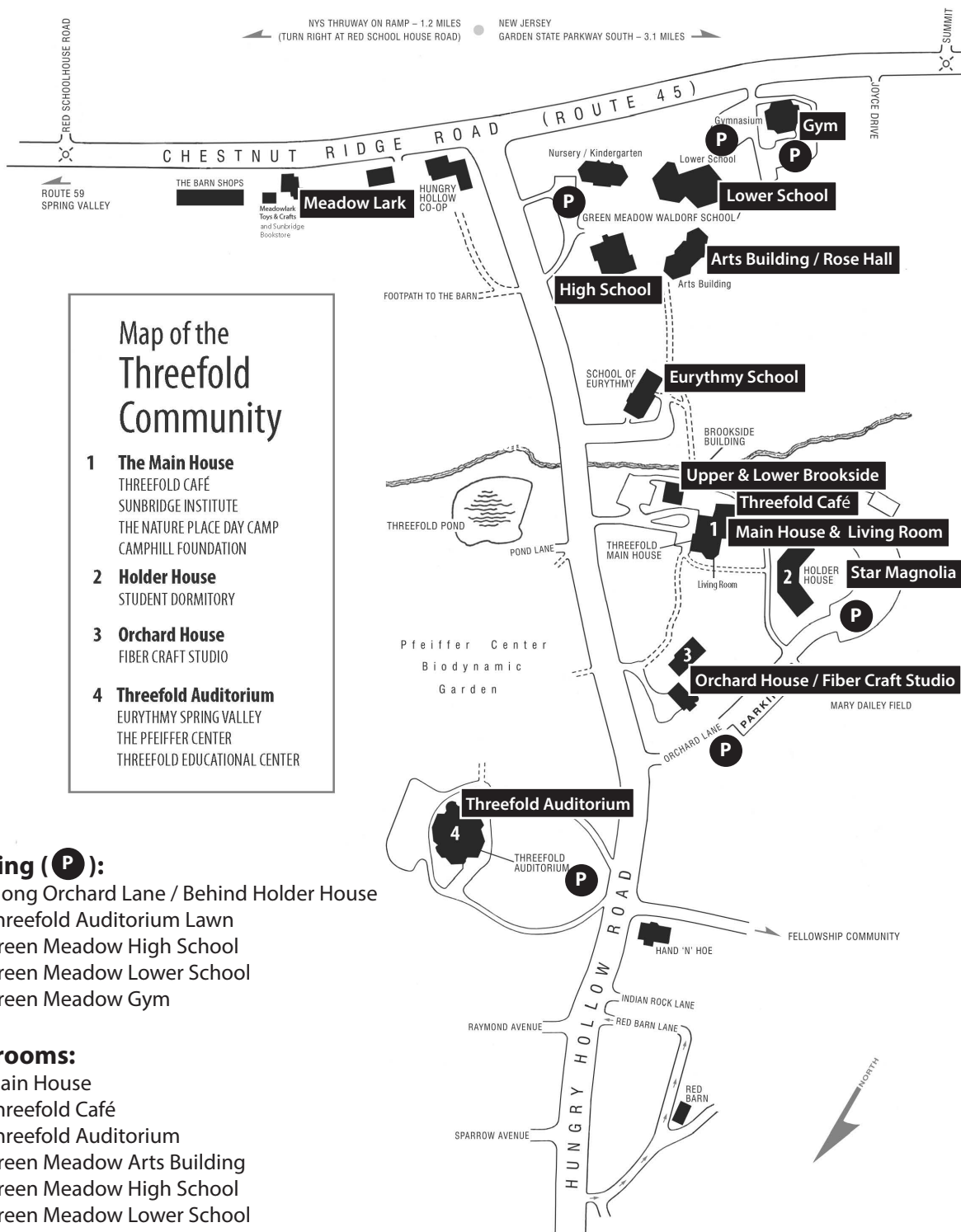
Arthur Zajonc, PhD, served as Sunbridge College president from 2008-2009 and as director of The Barfield School of Sunbridge College, the MA program in Liberal Studies he co-founded with Robert McDermott, from 2006 to 2009; he also served on the Sunbridge College Board. He is the Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Physics Emeritus at Amherst College, where he taught from 1978 to 2012, and is the former president of the Mind & Life Institute. Among his countless other accomplishments, Arthur Zajonc was general secretary of the Anthroposophical Society in America, a co-founder of the Kira Institute, a co-founder

of the Hartsbrook School, president of the Lindisfarne Association, a senior program director at the Fetzer Institute, and a dialoguer with the Dalai Lama. As director of the Center for Contemplative Mind in Society, he fostered the use of contemplative practice in college and university classrooms and developed the foundations for contemplative pedagogy. Among the many books he has authored, co-authored, and edited are **The Heart of Higher Education: A Call to Renewal**; **Meditation as Contemplative Inquiry: When Knowing Becomes Love**; **The New Physics and Cosmology: Dialogues with the Dalai Lama**; **Goethe's Way of Science: A Phenomenology of Nature**; and **Catching the Light: The Entwined History of Light and Mind**. He received his BSE in engineering physics and his MS and PhD in physics from the University of Michigan.

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Campus Map



Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

All Friday evening events take place at Threefold Auditorium (excepting dinner)

- 5-7pm A la carte dinner available for purchase at Threefold Café
- 6-6:30pm Registration
- 6:30-7:30pm **Reception**
- 7:30-9pm **Presentation: *People, Programs, and Impulses: The Waldorf Institute, Sunbridge College, and Sunbridge Institute Through the Decades***
with Signe Schaefer, Christopher Schaefer, and Patrick Stolfo, plus George McWilliam

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

All Saturday morning events take place in Green Meadow Waldorf School's Arts Building / Rose Hall

- 7:45-8:45am Registration / Continental Breakfast* / Register for Afternoon Workshops
- 9-9:30am **Welcome** with Jessica Heffernan Ziegler / **Singing** with Jana Hawley
- 9:30-11am **Keynote Addresses:**
Higher Education and Spirituality with Robert McDermott, PhD
The State of Waldorf Education with Linda Williams, PhD
- 11-11:30am Refreshments / Register for Afternoon Workshops
- 11:30-12:30 **Panel Discussion** moderated by Stephen Sagarin, with Robert McDermott, Linda Williams, Keelah Helwig, Susan Howard, George McWilliam, and Douglas Sloan
- 12:30-12:45 **Singing** with Jana Hawley
- 12:45-1:30pm **Lunch** (*Green Meadow Waldorf School Gym*)
- 1:30-2pm **Presentation: *Defined by Adversity***, reflections on Werner Glas, founder of the Waldorf Institute and Sunbridge, by Ian Glas (*Upper Brookside*)
- 2-2:15pm **Dedication** of the Star Magnolia tree planted in memory of Werner Glas, led by Christopher Schaefer (*Back Lawn of Holder House*)
- 2:30-3:45pm **Workshops I** (*see page 5 for titles and locations*)
- 3:45-4:15pm Refreshments (*Threefold Café*)
- 4:15-5:30pm **Workshops II** (*see page 5 for titles and locations*)
- 6:30-9:30pm **Festive Dinner** (*Green Meadow Gym*)
Including Auction of Community Items and Entertainment featuring Stephen Sagarin

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Threefold Café

- 8:30-11:00am A la carte breakfast available for purchase

* Saturday morning's continental breakfast, offered in the Arts Building, is also available in Threefold Café (where additional breakfast items will also be available for purchase); **but** registration and workshop sign-up take place **only** in the Arts Building. After registering, conference attendees requiring conventional seating should choose the Café for breakfast, as the tables in the Arts Building will be bar height, with very limited seating.



50th Anniversary Honorary Committee

Joan Almon

*Founding Director, Alliance for Childhood;
Former Co-Chair, WECAN*

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CranioSacral Therapist

Annelies Davidson

Faculty, Eurythmy Spring Valley

Beth Dunn-Fox

*Administrative & Development Coordinator,
Eurythmy Spring Valley*

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Therapist and Mural Artist

Ian Glas

CEO, IDSculpture

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Executive Director & Founder, Spikenard Farm

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Waldorf Educator

Ralph White

Co-Founder, New York Open Center

Linda Williams, PhD '87

Class Teacher, Detroit Waldorf School

Arthur Zajonc, PhD

President Emeritus, Sunbridge College

Practical Notes

Welcome!

We are delighted to have you join us for this Anniversary Weekend and Conference.

Some notes and reminders:

- **NAME TAGS MUST BE WORN** in order to receive your (pre-paid) meals and attend the weekend events
- In addition to breakfast served at the Arts Building and Threefold Café, and lunch and dinner served at Green Meadow's Gym, **complimentary coffee and tea** will be available all afternoon at Threefold Café. In the Café's Inner Dining Room you'll find a timeline of Sunbridge history, including photos and brochures reflecting highlights from our 50 years (with extra materials available for the taking). Do come take a look! The Café is also a good location for alumni, faculty, and friends to find one another and reconnect. *Our thanks to Manager Jesse Webster for the fine meals the Café is providing this weekend.*
- To accommodate those who are staying until Sunday, the Café will be offering a pay-as-you-go à la carte **Sunday breakfast** from 8:30-11.
- Location of **restrooms** is noted on the campus map (page iv of this program).
- Sunbridge Board member (and Waldorf Institute alumna) Betsy Gimenez is selling limited-edition **commemorative t-shirts** Friday evening in Threefold Auditorium and in the Arts Building and Gym on Saturday. Also for sale in the Gym (in addition to Saturday night's auction items) are a number of beautiful drawings and watercolor paintings by noted "cloud" artist Helmut Siber. Come take home a souvenir! All proceeds will benefit Sunbridge.
- **The Nest** at Green Meadow, **Meadow Lark** Toys and Sunbridge Books' pop-up store, will be open on the lower level of the Green Meadow Lower School (across the courtyard from the Arts Building) during Saturday breaks. Drop in to see their wares or purchase a book by one of our speakers. Once there, inquire about shuttle service to Meadow Lark's main store at 817 Chestnut Ridge Road, which will be open Friday evening until 7:30 and Saturday from 10-6:30.
- **Ian Glas**, son of our founder, Werner Glas, will be sharing insights and reflections on his father's fascinating life on Saturday from 1:30-2 in Upper Brookside. We invite all to join us then. Following Ian's remarks, there will be a dedication led by Christopher Schaefer from 2-2:15 of a Star Magnolia tree planted in Werner's memory. We welcome you to join us on the lawn behind Holder House dorm for this event.
- While you're walking about campus, be sure to check out the beautiful **stone bench** commemorating our 50 years which Sunbridge Board President Bern Weintraub has just created for us in the garden on the northeast corner of the Main House.
- Please, **no recording devices** in Rose Hall or during our workshops. But if you take any great photos while here and wish to share them on social media, we would appreciate your tagging Sunbridge or sending them to outreach@sunbridge.edu so that we may use them, too.

Enjoy the weekend!

Keynote Addresses

Higher Education and Spirituality with **Robert McDermott, PhD**

The State of Waldorf Education with **Linda Williams, PhD**

Robert McDermott, PhD, is president emeritus of the California Institute of Integral Studies, where he is



professor of philosophy and religion and chair of the Philosophy and Religion Department.

He is also professor emeritus and former chair of the Department of Philosophy at Baruch College, CUNY, and a former assistant professor and dean at Manhattanville College. Dr. McDermott was secretary of the American Academy of Religion, secretary treasurer of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, board chair of the Rudolf Steiner Institute, founding chair of the Sophia Project in Oakland, California, for mothers and children at risk of homelessness, and has

been chair of the board and president of many other institutions. Among the many books he has written and edited are *The New Essential Steiner: An Introduction to Rudolf Steiner for the 21st Century*; *The Essential Aurobindo: Writings of Sri Aurobindo*; and *The Bhagavad Gita and the West: The Esoteric Significance of the Bhagavad Gita and Its Relation to the Epistles of Paul*, and his essays have appeared in numerous scholarly journals and anthologies.

With Arthur Zajonc, Dr. McDermott co-founded The Barfield School, a graduate program conferring a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies at Sunbridge College; he was also a part-time faculty member of the Waldorf Institute and Sunbridge College and president of the Sunbridge College Board. He received his PhD in Philosophy from Boston University; his MA in Philosophy from Emory University; and his BA in Classics from Queens College, CUNY.

Linda G. Williams, PhD, is a class teacher at the Detroit Waldorf School, where she first started teaching in 1987;



she is currently taking her class through the fourth grade and is also a member of the School's College of Teachers and chairperson of its Accreditation Committee. Dr. Williams returned to Detroit Waldorf after eight years as an associate professor and graduate coordinator of reading in the Department of Teacher Education at Eastern Michigan University. She taught for nearly 20 years in urban based Waldorf/Steiner elementary schools in Detroit and Milwaukee, and has been a guest lecturer at the Waldorf Institute of Southeastern Michigan and Sunbridge College. The recipient of

numerous teaching awards and fellowships, she is a frequent presenter and workshop leader, a consultant and mentor teacher for the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America, and a contributor to numerous books and publications, including *African American Women Educators: A Critical Examination of Their Pedagogies, Educational Ideas, and Activism from the Nineteenth to the Mid-twentieth Century* and *The Riddle of America: Essays Exploring North America's "Native Expression-Spirit,"* in which she contributed a chapter on "Multiculturalism and Waldorf Education in America."

Dr. Williams earned her PhD in Curriculum, Teaching, and Educational Policy from Michigan State University; her MA in Education from Mercy College; her BA in Social Science from Michigan State University; and her Waldorf Teacher Certificate from the Waldorf Institute.

Keynote Panel: **Robert McDermott • Linda Williams • Nancy Blanning • Keelah Helwig
George McWilliam • Douglas Sloan • Moderated by Stephen Sagarin**

Workshops

Workshop space is limited and registration is first-come/first served. Sign up for your two workshops (Workshop I and Workshop II) in Green Meadow's Arts Building during Saturday morning registration (7:45-8:45) or mid-morning break (11-11:30). In between workshops, join us for refreshments at Threefold Café.

WORKSHOP I (2:30-3:45)

1. Felting

with Renate Hiller

Fiber Craft Studio, Orchard House

2. Eurythmy

with Brigida Baldszun

School of Eurythmy

3. Campus Walking Tour

with Leslie Burchell-Fox

Meet in front of the Main House

4. The Group Souls of the Honeybees and Corals: The Most Precocious in Cosmic Evolution and the Most Endangered

with Gunther Hauk

Upper Brookside

5. Painting

with Brigitte Bley-Swinston

Fine Arts Studio, Green Meadow Arts Building

6. Speech

with Barbara Renold

Living Room, Main House

7. Spacial Dynamics®

with Jaimen McMillan

Eurythmy Room, Green Meadow Arts Building

8. History through Biography in the Middle Grades

with Elizabeth Hall

Math Room, Green Meadow High School

9. Courage to Teach®

with Cat Greenstreet

Science Room, Green Meadow High School

10. Anthroposophy and the Western Esoteric Tradition: Bringing Alive the Mysteries

with Ralph White

History Room, Green Meadow High School

WORKSHOP II (4:15-5:30)

1. Rhythmic Circle Games

with Nancy Blanning

Living Room, Main House

2. Eurythmy

with Annelies Davidson

School of Eurythmy

3. Why Does Biography Work Matter?

with Signe Schaefer

Lower Brookside

4. Social Listening & the Inner Life of the Teacher

with Ann Stahl

Science Room, Green Meadow High School

5. Spacial Dynamics®

with Jaimen McMillan

Eurythmy Room, Green Meadow Arts Building

6. Storytime

with George McWilliam

Math Room, Green Meadow High School

7. Navigating Chaos: Maintaining our Balance in These Difficult Times

with Christopher Schaefer

English Room, Green Meadow High School

8. The Spiritualization of the Natural Sciences— THE Requisite for Further Evolution

with Gunther Hauk

Upper Brookside

9. Rudolf Steiner & the Art of Dying: The Journey of the Soul Between Death and Rebirth

with Ralph White

History Room, Green Meadow High School

Presenters, Panelists, and Workshop Leaders

Brigida Baldszun taught eurythmy at Sunbridge College beginning in 2000 and remains on the faculty of Sunbridge Institute's Elementary Teacher Education program. An independent working eurythmist, she teaches and performs widely.

Nancy Blanning joined the Sunbridge College faculty in 1994 and became co-director of Sunbridge Institute's Early Childhood Teacher Education program in 2015. A leader in the Waldorf Early Childhood movement, she is board chair of the Waldorf Early Childhood Association of North America.

Brigitte Bley-Swinston received her master's in Waldorf Elementary Teacher Education from Sunbridge College and first taught painting there in 1992; today she remains on the Sunbridge faculty and is also high school art teacher at Green Meadow Waldorf School.

Leslie Burchell-Fox has been a member of the Sunbridge Early Childhood Teacher Education program faculty since 2004, assuming the title of Co-Director in 2015. A kindergarten teacher at Green Meadow Waldorf School, she earned her MEd from Sunbridge College.

Annelies Davidson, who taught eurythmy at the Waldorf Institute in Spring Valley, is a longtime member of the faculty at the School of Eurythmy, where she has also performed and directed the Spring Valley Ensemble.

Ian Glas, founding member and CEO of ID Sculpture, creator of imaginative and interactive playground sculpture and public art in Gunnison, Colorado, grew up with the Waldorf Institute as the son of Werner and Barbara Glas. He is a Waldorf school alumnus and parent.

Cat Greenstreet received her teaching certificate from the Waldorf Institute of Sunbridge College in 1991 and was director of Teacher Education from 2001 through 2009. A former Waldorf teacher and school co-founder, she currently leads workshops and retreats using the Circle of Trust® approach.

Elizabeth Hall is a faculty member in Sunbridge Institute's Elementary Teacher Education program and a class teacher at Green Meadow Waldorf School, where she is currently with her fourth 8th grade class. She is also a member of the Threefold Board of Directors.

Jana Hawley, director of Sunbridge Institute's Elementary Teacher Education program and subject teacher intensives, and instructor in its Early Childhood program, joined the Sunbridge faculty in 2002. She was instrumental in forming the College's Part-Time Teacher Education program for class teachers, music teachers, and foreign language teachers, and co-coordinated the music track. She earned her MEd from Sunbridge College and teaches music at Green Meadow Waldorf School, where she is Lower School chair.

Gunther Hauk, co-founder and former director of The Pfeiffer Center (a joint initiative between Sunbridge College and Threefold Educational Foundation) is co-founder and executive director of the Spikenard Honeybee Sanctuary.

Keelah Helwig, who received her master's in Waldorf Early Childhood Education from Sunbridge College, is kindergarten teacher and Early Childhood chair at the Waldorf School of Garden City, her alma mater.

Renate Hiller co-founded the Sunbridge College Applied Arts Program in 1996 and was director of the Sunbridge Craft Studio; she subsequently served as co-director of the Fiber Craft Studio for which she currently serves as mentor and member of its Advisory Circle.

Presenters, Panelists, and Workshop Leaders

Susan Howard has been teaching and directing Sunbridge's Early Childhood Teacher Education program since 1984. She is also the coordinator and a Board member of the Waldorf Early Childhood Association of North America, a co-founder and Board member of the Research Institute for Waldorf Education, and one of three Coordinating Group members of the International Association for Steiner/Waldorf Early Childhood Education.

Jaimen McMillan attended the Waldorf Institute from 1972-75, completing his Orientation Year and teacher training under Werner Glas and Hans Gebert. He is the founder and director of the Spacial Dynamics® Institute and lectures and leads workshops and trainings in movement therapy around the world.

George McWilliam, core faculty member of Sunbridge Institute's Elementary Teacher Education program, joined the Sunbridge College faculty in 2002 and co-coordinated the Elementary Education track of its Part Time Teacher Education program. George also helped found the Cape Ann Waldorf School, at which he taught for many years.

Barbara Renold joined the faculty of the Waldorf Institute in 1983, came east when the Institute relocated from Michigan to Spring Valley three years later, and remained as speech and drama instructor at Sunbridge College until 2007. The longtime director of the Spring Valley Mystery Drama Group, she is co-founder of and teacher in The Speech School of North America.

Stephen Sagarin joined the Sunbridge College faculty in 2000 as director of its master's program; today, he is a core faculty member of Sunbridge Institute's Elementary Teacher Education program. He is also co-founder, faculty chair, and a teacher at the Berkshire Waldorf High School, and writes, lectures, mentors teachers, and consults with Waldorf schools on teaching and administration.

Signe Schaefer, a longtime Waldorf Institute and Sunbridge College faculty member, directed the College's Foundation Studies program for many years, served on its Board of Trustees, and was co-director of its Center for Life Studies. An author and speaker, she is the founding director of the Center for Biography and Social Art, an offshoot of the Biography and Adult Learning program she founded and directed while at Sunbridge.

Christopher Schaefer founded and directed the Waldorf School Administration and Community Development Program at Sunbridge College; he also taught in other Sunbridge programs, served as development director, and was on the College's Board of Trustees. A lecturer, writer, researcher, and organizational development consultant, he is presently co-director of the Center for Social Research at the Hawthorne Valley Association.

Douglas Sloan, director of Sunbridge College's master's program in Waldorf Education from 1992-2000, is Professor Emeritus of History and Education at Teachers College, Columbia University, where he taught for more than thirty years and directed the Center for the Study of the Spiritual Foundations of Education.

Ann Stahl taught and mentored Sunbridge Early Childhood Teacher Education students from 1987 until her retirement in 2016. A former Waldorf Kindergarten teacher, public school teacher, and college instructor, she served for many years as an advisor and consultant for the Rudolf Steiner Foundation.

Ralph White, who served on the Sunbridge College Board of Trustees, is co-founder of the New York Open Center and an author and international speaker on spirituality, cultural transformation, and the history of the Western Tradition.

50 Years: A Brief History

The oldest Waldorf teacher education institute in North America—now known as Sunbridge—came into being on August 28, 1967, when ten faculty members and ten students gathered for a simple dedication ceremony marking the opening of the Waldorf Institute in Detroit, Michigan.

Werner Glas, the Waldorf Institute's founder, was born in Vienna in 1929. Werner discovered Waldorf Education while a student at the Wynstones School, a Waldorf school at the edge of the Cotswolds in England—the country to which he was sent on a children's train in 1938, following the Nazi annexation of Austria. After graduating from the London Academy of Dramatic Arts, he became a Shakespearean actor and director in London's East End. He also discovered anthroposophy. At the age of 21, Werner Glas left for Scotland to begin teaching at the Edinburgh Waldorf School. Ten years later, after fostering Waldorf Education in Mexico, teaching at the Highland Hall Waldorf School in Los Angeles, and beginning his decades-long career of lecturing on Waldorf Education and anthroposophy across the United States and Canada, Werner helped start Highland Hall's teacher training course. Six years later, in 1967, he founded the Waldorf Institute and moved with his family to Detroit.

In addition to Werner Glas, who would go on to earn an MA at Wayne State University and serve as Director (or, with Hans Gebert, Co-Director) of the Waldorf Institute until his death in 1991, the ten faculty who gathered in Detroit in 1967 included Werner's wife, Barbara Bushnell Glas, a eurythmist and painter; Dr. Hermann von Baravalle, who had worked with Rudolf Steiner at the first Waldorf school; Dr. Rudolf Wilhelm, who, with his wife, Amelia, had founded the Detroit Waldorf School in 1965 and who saw the need for a Waldorf teacher training institute capable of providing Michigan state certification; and Theo and Marianne Buerger, who had come from Highland Hall the previous year to help found the Detroit Waldorf School (in whose building the Institute was initially housed).

An original goal of the Waldorf Institute was to connect the artistically and spiritually based Waldorf teacher training with an academic institution. Through Werner Glas, and with the help of Hans Gebert and his wife, Rosemary, who joined the Institute's faculty and helped pioneer its Orientation Year program in 1973, this impulse was realized when the Institute affiliated with Mercy College of Detroit and developed two accredited degree programs: a BA in anthroposophical studies and an MA in Waldorf Education. With its Teacher Training and Orientation Year programs, plus its Mercy College credentials, the Waldorf Institute played a major role in encouraging the establishment and growth of Waldorf schools in the US and Canada in the 1970s and '80s, as well as in providing a Waldorf background to public school teachers.

In the early '70s the Institute moved from its original home in Detroit's historic Indian Village neighborhood to a building elsewhere in the city. In 1979 it relocated again, this time to the campus of the Duns Scotus Franciscan Monastery and Seminary in suburban Southfield, Michigan.

Although this new location offered large, light-filled classrooms, generous gardens, and much-needed dormitory space, the distance to the downtown school was substantial and the number of Waldorf teacher training centers in other, more attractive locations grew. Thus, the Institute began to look at other sites around the country for a more permanent home. The Threefold Educational Foundation in Spring Valley, New York, for decades a major center of anthroposophical life in the United States, was ultimately selected; here, students could have access to a full-scale Waldorf school and to a diversity of resources reflecting both the nature and practice of anthroposophy. Additionally, it was hoped that within the context of the most well-established anthroposophically-based community in North America, Werner Glas could realize his dream of creating a fully-accredited college capable of offering graduate programs in a variety of professional fields. In 1986, the Waldorf Institute moved east and took up permanent residence in the Threefold Community along Spring Valley's Hungry Hollow Road.

The following year, the Waldorf Institute applied to the New York State Department of Education for a charter as Sunbridge College and the right to offer a recognized master's degree program in Waldorf Education. In November 1991, a month after Werner Glas's passing, a provisional charter was granted. From 1991 to 2009, Sunbridge College was accredited by the New York State Department of Education to grant the Master of Science degree in Waldorf Education, making it the only independent anthroposophical teacher education institution in North America.

Over the ensuing years, Sunbridge College was a beehive of anthroposophically-related activity. Its offerings expanded, eventually encompassing numerous full- and part-time certificate and degree programs and courses in Waldorf Teacher Education, Foundation Studies, Biography and Social Art, Remedial Education, Waldorf Administration and Community Development, Applied Arts, Biodynamic Gardening, and other affiliated fields, as well as housing many other centers of work and an MA program in Liberal Studies through The Barfield School. Faculty members and program directors who had come over with the Waldorf Institute—including Barbara and Werner Glas, Annelies and Norman Davidson, Susan and Michael Howard, Barbara Renold, and Signe and Christopher Schaefer—continued their work and were joined by new faces, among them Brigida Baldszun, Brigitte Bley-Swinston, Andrea Gambardella, Cat Greenstreet, Gunther Hauk, Jana (McFee) Hawley, Renate Hiller, Joan Ingle, Fabian Lochner, George McWilliam, Mary Jo Oresti, Stephen Sagarin, Patti Smith, and Stephan Vdoviak, plus many dedicated staffers. Sunbridge's student body included many international students who returned home to such diverse places as Eastern Europe, South America, Thailand, and China to seed Waldorf Education in their local communities.

Amid this institutional expansion, however, the College was facing another, harsher reality. Changing economic times and shifts in the dictates of students' lives meant a decreased demand for full-time programs. At the same time, the rigorous requirements of running a New York State degree-granting institution grew in scope and complexity, requiring academic and financial resources beyond the College's means. In 2008, after much soul-searching, the Sunbridge College administration and Board made the difficult, but necessary decision to curtail Sunbridge's range of programs and cease the offering of master's degrees. The resulting reorganization, completed December 31, 2009, made way for the creation of a smaller institution, one with a highly-keened focus of serving the Waldorf movement through low-residency programs in Early Childhood and Elementary Teacher Education and a comprehensive roster of short-term courses and workshops. Under the name "Sunbridge Institute"—in tribute to its Waldorf Institute roots and Sunbridge College legacy—a new adult learning center was born.

Today, through the committed leadership of its faculty, administration, and Board, and the support of its students, alumni, and countless members of local and far-reaching communities, Sunbridge continues to flourish. Through a 2015 partnership with Empire State College of The State University of New York, Sunbridge teacher education students and graduates can now apply their Sunbridge education toward earning a fully-accredited Master of Education degree with a self-designed concentration in Waldorf Education. In addition to offering teacher education programs and specialized intensives for subject teachers, the Institute offers Summer Series courses and workshops—as well as workshops and conferences presented throughout the year—on topics in Waldorf Education, teaching, and leadership, providing professional development and introductory experiences for those already working in Waldorf Education and those who are new to the Waldorf movement.

Through programs, courses, and workshops that attract students from across North America and beyond, at its half-century mark Sunbridge remains dedicated to the advancement of Waldorf Education in the world.

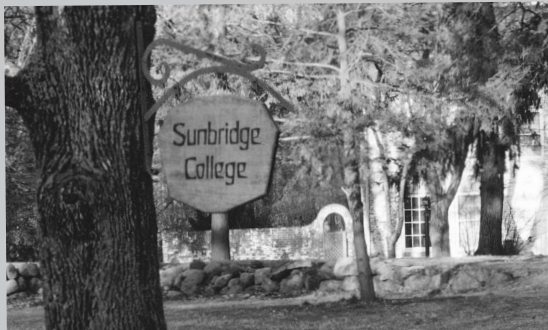
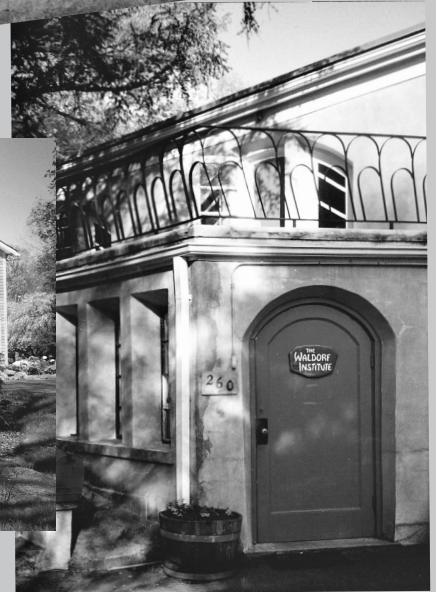
*This historical account has been gleaned from Sunbridge archives and records, including articles by Christopher Schaefer, and through conversations with Signe Schaefer and Susan Howard. Some information has been excerpted from **Into the Heart's Land: A Century of Rudolf Steiner's Work in North America** by Henry Barnes.*

A Sunbridge Timeline

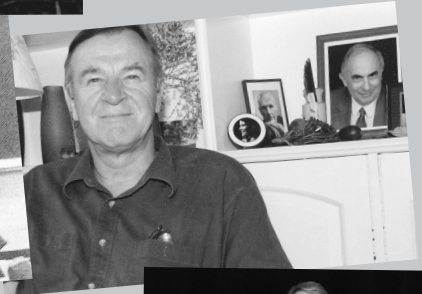
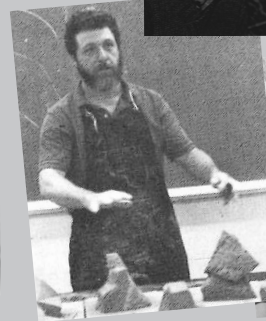
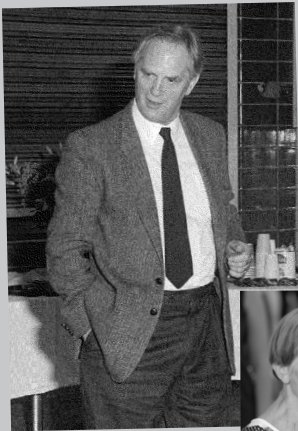
- 1967 The Waldorf Institute is inaugurated in Detroit, Michigan (Werner Glas, Founder/Director)
Teacher training classes begin
- 1970 Affiliation with Mercy College (through 1985) leads to BA in Anthroposophical studies and MA in Waldorf Education
- 1972 The Waldorf Institute incorporates "Sunbridge College," paving the way for a future charter
- 1973 Hans Gebert becomes Co-Director
Orientation Year begins
- 1975 The Waldorf Institute moves from the Detroit Waldorf School to Detroit's Kearney Building
- 1978 Special (Curative) Education program is added, with Janet McGavin (later, with Adola and Charles McWilliam)
- 1979 The Waldorf Institute moves to Southfield, Michigan
- 1982 Signe Schaefer, having joined the faculty in '81 with husband Christopher, begins co-directing Orientation Year
with Hans Gebert (program later titled Foundation Studies; Gregor Simon-MacDonald co-directs in '90s)
Center for Life Studies begins
- 1983 Barbara Renold, speech formation and drama instructor, joins the faculty
- 1984 Full-Time Waldorf Early Childhood Teacher Training program begins (Susan Phillips Howard, Director)
Michael Howard, artist, joins the faculty
- 1985 Norman Davidson joins the faculty
- 1986 The Waldorf Institute moves to the Threefold Community in Spring Valley, New York, and begins fall classes
Norman Davidson becomes director of Teacher Training
- 1987 The Waldorf Institute becomes the Waldorf Institute of Sunbridge College
Application is made to the New York State Education Department for charter as Sunbridge College
- 1990 Part-Time Waldorf Early Childhood program begins (Susan Howard, Director)
Life Form Studio initiated by Michael Howard
- 1991 Werner Glas dies
Holder House dormitory (joint venture between Sunbridge and the Threefold Educational Foundation) opens
New York State Department of Education grants provisional charter to Sunbridge College to offer a Master of Science
in Education program, with concentration in Early Childhood or Elementary Education
- 1992 The Waldorf Institute celebrates its 25th anniversary and is inaugurated as Sunbridge College
MSEd programs begin (Douglas Sloan, Director)
Part-time Waldorf School Administration and Community Development program begins (Christopher Schaefer,
Director)
- 1993 Art of the Actor program begins (Ted Pugh and Fern Sloan, Directors)
- 1995 Extension of provisional charter is granted
Research Institute for Waldorf Education is founded (Douglas Sloan and Susan Howard, Founders/Directors)

- 1996 The Pfeiffer Center is established by Sunbridge and the Threefold Educational Foundation (Gunther Hauk, Director)
Visual and Applied Arts program begins (Renate Hiller and Michael Howard, Co-Directors)
- 1997 Biography and Adult Learning (later Biography and Social Art) program begins (Signe Schaefer, Director; later joined
by Patricia Rubano as Co-Director)
- 1998 Part-Time Waldorf Teacher Education program begins. Directors/coordinators will include Roberto Trostli, Cat Green-
street (2001: also directs full-time program), Stephan Vdoviak, George McWilliam, and Jana Hawley (current).
Re-named Waldorf Elementary Teacher Education in 2009
- 1999 New York State Department of Education grants Sunbridge College permanent charter
Master of Science programs are eventually offered in Waldorf Education (Elementary and Early Childhood),
Remedial Education, and Waldorf School Administration and Community Development
- 2000 Stephen Sagarin becomes director of MSED program
- 2001 Evening Orientation Year (Jennifer Brooks-Quinn, Director) and Shakespeare Alive! (John McManus and
David Anderson, Directors) programs begin
- 2002 Gardening Studies Track begins (Gunther Hauk, Director); Music Track begins (Jana Hawley, Fabian Lochner, Co-
Directors)
Andrea Gambardella becomes Director of Full-Time Early Childhood program
- 2003 Part-Time Waldorf Remedial Education program begins; name changes to Education Support in 2007 (Mary Jo
Oresti and Joan Ingle, Directors)
- 2005 Sunbridge College charter amended to authorize the awarding of the Master of Arts (MA) degree
- 2006 Robert Schiapacasse appointed first Sunbridge College President
The Barfield School, awarding a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, is added (Arthur Zajonc, Co-Founder/Director;
Robert McDermott, Co-Founder)
Part-Time New York City Teacher Education and Early Childhood program and New York City Teacher Education
master's program begin (Elizabeth Smith and Andrea Gambadella, Directors)
- 2008 Arthur Zajonc appointed Sunbridge College President and leads the fundamental re-imagining of its vision,
assisted by Christine Shakespeare (Dean of Academic Affairs, 2007-08)
Jessica Heffernan Ziegler appointed Executive Director
- 2009 Last Sunbridge College master's degrees awarded
Sunbridge College voluntarily withdraws from institutional accreditation
Sunbridge Institute is formed and receives a New York State Department of Education License
- 2012 Anna Silber appointed Director of Education
- 2014 Specialized Intensive in Elementary Music Teacher Education added (Jana Hawley, Director), followed by World
Language Teacher Education (Jana Hawley, Director; Ingeborg Boesch, Intensive Director)
- 2015 Nancy Blanning and Leslie Burchell-Fox join Susan Howard as co-directors of the Early Childhood program
Partnership with Empire State College of The State University of New York established, enabling Sunbridge
teacher education program students and graduates to earn fully-accredited Master of Education degree with
self-designed concentration in Waldorf Education
- 2017 Sunbridge celebrates its 50th anniversary

Celebrating the Many Places of Sunbridge



Celebrating the Many Faces of Sunbridge



The Sunbridge Logo and Name



The institution known variously as the Waldorf Institute, Sunbridge College, and Sunbridge Institute has been represented by a number of branding marks over the years. The first logo mark was created for the Waldorf Institute by faculty member Barbara Glas. Its form, a double spiral showing the incoming spiral from the past, open space at the center, and an outgoing spiral into the future, arose out of a series of conversations with the faculty about the Institute's role in the transformation of the individual biographies of its students, as well as its role in the renewal and transformation of human culture. Originally rendered in a shaded, multi-colored drawing, the mark found its way onto Waldorf Institute letterhead in blue.

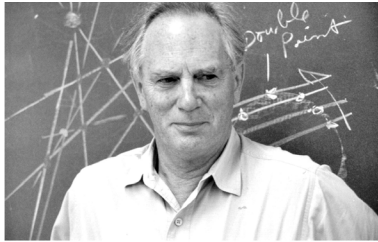
Later, when the Waldorf Institute became the Waldorf Institute of Sunbridge College, faculty member Michael Howard worked with the existing logo mark and expressed it in a somewhat more open form, orienting it vertically, rather than horizontally, in a dotted drawing of two partial spirals. When Sunbridge College was inaugurated and became a new entity, the mark was developed a bit further, taking on a red hue and a slightly more sculptural look.

When Sunbridge Institute was formed, the entire logo—mark and name—was transformed to convey a fresh look for a new century, while paying homage to the past and maintaining the meaning behind the symbol. The mark morphed into a rounded spiral and the lettering changed from a handcrafted font to a modern sans serif, now rendered in two colors: warm gray and sunny gold.



The vision of the institution, expressed pictorially through its logos, is also reflected in its very name. The word *Sunbridge* came to its founder, Werner Glas. It conveyed the entire foundation of Glas's work and the mission of Sunbridge College: to help individuals come to a new inner orientation in their lives and to find the inner resolve for conscious, deliberate work towards the future (what Rudolf Steiner characterized in *Karmic Relationships* as the transformation from "moon karma to sun karma"). As the activity of building bridges between the polarities in our lives—past and future, self and other, matter and spirit, inner and outer—is central to our development as human beings, thus, *Sun-bridge* offers students an opportunity to find their way into service in the world through undergoing a process of transformation.

Honoring Norman Davidson



Norman Davidson (1933-2007)

A Student's Remembrance, From Michael D'Aleo

While it has been ten years since the passing of Norman Davidson, and even longer since he was regularly teaching, his words and, more importantly, his way of being are possibly more relevant now than ever. Norman was one of the most clear, insightful, and striving human beings I have ever met. He was less interested in simply teaching content than in creating the conditions where a person had to confront that next level of growth within themselves. He was not one to shower praise, but instead was artful in keeping people on the edge of their own self-development. With Norman, you never felt like you were finished, but at the same time you always sensed he knew you were one step away from that next insight. He embodied wisdom without intellectuality, heart forces without a drop of sentimentality, and a work ethic that was noble without being driven.

Norman was a great protector of personal freedom, and constantly encouraged us to look deeper and examine our own thoughts and preconceptions. I recall a student once asking Norman, "How do we overcome the challenging forces of the future?" After a very thoughtful pause, I recall Norman replying, "Don't be so sure it will be so easy to recognize them." In this time where our culture is constantly trying to ask us to side with one side or the other, I consistently recall these words of Norman, and somehow see him smiling with every choice that each of us makes freely on our own.

Michael D'Aleo holds a master's degree in Waldorf Education from Sunbridge College. A founding member of the Saratoga Experiential Natural Science Research Institute (SENSRI) in Keene Valley, New York, and co-founder of the "Teaching Sensible Science" course, he lectures nationally and internationally on topics in science, education, and the environment.

Norman Davidson, LLD (honorary) was Director of Teacher Training at Sunbridge College from 1986 until 1998. Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, Norman was a journalist in the United Kingdom for ten years, writing on social and cultural events. He then worked with disadvantaged children and adults before becoming a Waldorf educator, teaching astronomy, geometry, history, and literature in the UK for sixteen years before coming to the US and beginning his career in adult education at Sunbridge. He was the author of *Astronomy and The Imagination: A New Approach to Man's Experience of the Stars* and *Sky Phenomena: A Guide to Naked-eye Observation of the Stars*.

In honor of our 50th Anniversary—and in memory of Norman, who left an indelible mark on our institution—Sunbridge Institute has inaugurated the **Norman Davidson Student Support Fund**. We encourage all who loved Norman—and all who love Waldorf Education—to donate to this fund, which will help support our Teacher Education students through scholarship grants, mentor visits, and apprenticeship opportunities.

Gifts may be made by going to www.sunbridge.edu/giving. **Thank you.**

With Gratitude For the Threefold Community

"The integration with all that exists here has been harmonious,
and the potential for the future is encouraging."*



At the time of the Waldorf Institute's move there, in 1986, the Threefold Community of Spring Valley (now the Village of Chestnut Ridge), New York, had already been a center of anthroposophical activity for 60 years. In 1926, members of New York City's Threefold Group, seeking land on which to grow biodynamic produce for their vegetarian restaurant, as well as a base for establishing a conference center and summer retreat, purchased an existing thirty-two acre farm on Hungry Hollow Road—and birthed what would become a major educational center for anthroposophy in North America.

In the years and decades following that purchase, the Threefold Educational Foundation (now the Threefold Educational Center) acquired an additional hundred-plus acres of land; existing buildings were renovated (among them, the Main House—the land's original farmhouse—and Brookside—originally a cow byre) and new ones were built (including Holder House dorm, which opened in 1991 as a joint venture between Threefold and Sunbridge). Today, the land houses a number of organizations and initiatives, all growing out of the work of Rudolf Steiner.

The Waldorf Institute's move to the Threefold Community would come to add an important dimension to its student and faculty experience over the years. Opportunities to participate in the activities of fellow Threefold institutions and experience anthroposophy at work—learning the principles of biodynamic gardening in classes held in The Pfeiffer Center's garden, attending performances of the Eurythmy Spring Valley Ensemble, finding inspiration in the Fiber Craft Studio, engaging in teaching practicums in Green Meadow Waldorf School classrooms, taking part in study groups and festival life—would prove to be invaluable for the entire Sunbridge community.

As Robert McDermott (**quoted, above*) and Werner Glas (*quoted, below*) aptly noted in the October 1988 issue of the *Perspectives from the Waldorf Institute of Spring Valley* newsletter, writing on the Waldorf Institute's relocation to the Threefold Community two years prior:

"In taking up residence within the Threefold Educational Foundation of Spring Valley, the Waldorf Institute has entered upon an essentially cooperative venture. . . with individuals who have been working within such diverse communities as the Green Meadow Waldorf School, the Eurythmy School, the Fellowship, Weleda, and other anthroposophical initiatives which comprise the Threefold Educational Foundation. None of this would have been possible had the Institute, with its many members and activities, not been welcomed by these and other groups."

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This anniversary weekend—the plans for which sprouted over a year ago in a series of dinner conversations among members of the Sunbridge faculty, Board, and administration, and over lunches with members of our community—could not have been brought to fruition without the input, assistance, and support provided by a number of generous individuals, organizations, and businesses. **To that end, we offer our deepest thanks to:**

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- ~ The Sunbridge Board of Trustees, particularly President Bern Weintraub for designing and building a stone bench in honor of our 50 years and Trustee Betsy Gimenez for designing our commemorative t-shirts
- ~ Our Event Sponsors, for their generous and much-appreciated financial support (*see pages 18-23*)
- ~ Our Anniversary Tribute contributors, for their kind words and financial support (*see page 24*)
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- ~ All the many hundreds of teachers, staffers, trustees, and financial supporters of the past five decades who were instrumental in creating the Waldorf Institute, Sunbridge College, and Sunbridge Institute and providing the Waldorf movement with this inspired place of learning
- ~ The many thousands of students who have graced our classrooms—from our earliest days in the Detroit Waldorf School, through our campus in Southfield, Michigan, to our home here in Chestnut Ridge—and have taken the teachings of our workshops, classes, courses, and programs out into the world; we are grateful for your friendship, your scholarship, and your dedication to anthroposophy and Waldorf Education. May your work continue to shine a light on humanity and nourish the hearts and minds of children and adults everywhere.

Here's to our next 50 Years!

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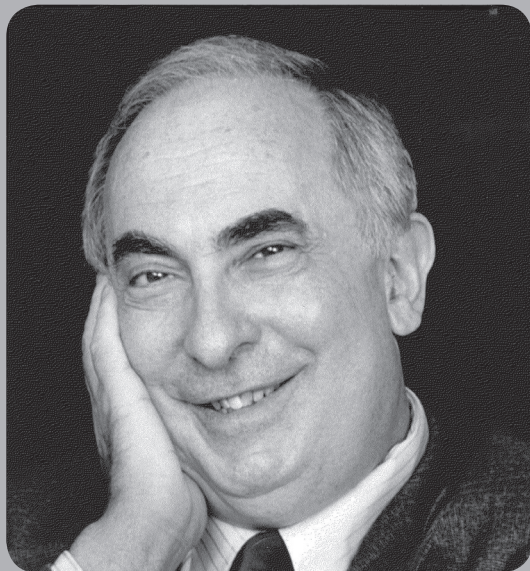
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~ Nancy and Bill Foster

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~ Jo Ann and Mark Holbrook

In memory of Waldorf Institute alumna, Cynthia Trevillion, and with gratitude for the depth of preparation she received in the studies of human development, Waldorf pedagogy, and the arts, which bore fruit in three Waldorf school communities and in the lives of countless children and colleagues.

~ Susan Eggers

To our Sunbridge colleagues,

New Amsterdam School acknowledges, with deep love and appreciation, the gifts of scholarship, companionship, guidance, and joy given to so many of our teachers over many years. Thank you for your love, encouragement, and patience, dear Sunbridge faculty and administration.

Here's to a great future!

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JANUARY 26-27

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Workshop on the Foundations and Fundamentals of Waldorf Education
with Anna Silber, Melissa Merkling, Harlan Gilbert, and Laura Radefeld

JANUARY 27

Understanding Classroom Management: How to Create a Healthy Learning Environment

Pedagogical Leadership Workshop
with Karen Crandall and Anna Silber

FEBRUARY 14

Open Day

An Opportunity to Explore Waldorf Teaching and Teacher Education
with Anna Silber and Penelope-Myles Voss

MARCH 10

Commencement: Waldorf Elementary Teacher Education Class of 2018

Jana Hawley, Program Director; George McWilliam and Stephen Sagarin, Core Faculty

APRIL 6-7

Project Management: A Guide to Planning, Executing & Evaluating Projects or Initiatives of Any Size or Scope

Collaborative Leadership Workshop with Joachim Ziegler and Jessica Heffernan Ziegler

APRIL 6-7

Subject Teachers Conference: Pedagogical Foundations & Practical Aspects of Waldorf Subject Teaching

with Jana Hawley, Yolanda Navarro, Laura Radefeld and Mary Lynn Hetsko

JUNE 18-JULY 6

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Susan Howard, Nancy Blanning, and Leslie Burchell-Fox, Program Co-Directors

JUNE 24-JULY 27

Summer Series 2018 Courses and Workshops

Anna Silber, Director of Education

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