
Paul Franco '78

After graduating *summa cum laude* from Colorado College in 1978, Paul Franco went on to continue to make his *alma mater* proud as a distinguished professor and author. Following his time at Colorado College, Professor Franco earned his master of science degree in the history of political thought at the London School of Economics in 1979 and he received his Ph. D. at the University of Chicago in 1987. Before moving to Bowdoin College in 1990, he taught as a lecturer and instructor at the University of Chicago. By 2001, he was a full professor of political science at Bowdoin College. During his time at the University of Chicago, Professor Franco's dissertation on the thought of Michael Oakeshott—the first doctoral thesis on Oakeshott at the University of Chicago—was published in 1990 and he now serves as a member of the executive committee of the Michael Oakeshott Association.

In addition to his service as a professor, Professor Franco is the author and editor of a number of books, articles, and reviews. On top of his dissertation on Oakeshott, he has written three other books on Hegel, Nietzsche, and a second book on Michael Oakeshott, as well as numerous articles and reviews. As a distinguished scholar in the field of political philosophy, he has held research fellowships from the Earhart and John M. Olin foundations and also an NEH Fellowship for College Teachers.

In light of his many accomplishments and his steadfast dedication to education and the liberal arts, we are proud to call Professor Franco an alumnus of Colorado College. He continues to demonstrate his passion for the great tradition of liberal learning as an inspiring teacher who instantiates and carries forward the commitment to liberal arts education which has always been the hallmark of this college. It is an honor to welcome Professor Paul Franco back to Colorado College as the recipient of the degree Doctor of Humane Letters, *Honoris Causa*.

—TIMOTHY FULLER,
Professor of Political Science

Susan Tachau '76

A native of Louisville, Kentucky, Susan Tachau grew up in a family of political activists; thus it is not surprising that she majored in political science. Yet when she arrived at Colorado College for her freshman year, she did not realize that she was preparing for a career dedicated to providing civil rights and the opportunity to fully participate in the life of our communities for a group of people long discriminated against. There might have been an inkling of her destiny, however, during her very first week, when she joined several women to “liberate” one of the all-male locker rooms to provide female students with their only locker room at the gym.

In 1982 Susan and her husband, Mark Anderson '76, had their first child, Michael, who has cerebral palsy. When Michael was born, the Americans with Disabilities Act had not yet been passed, and people with disabilities still faced numerous legal, physical, and cultural barriers to full participation at home and in the community. Both to arrange solutions to difficulties that Michael faced and to share what was successful with others, she soon became involved with organizations committed to helping people with disabilities and their families. Drawing on experience on political campaigns, Capitol Hill, and nonprofit organizations, Susan has dedicated her life to providing opportunities for independent living for all kinds of people with all kinds of disabilities.

Since 2003, Susan has been the executive director of the Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation (PATF), an organization that she helped found in 1998. PATF is a nonprofit organization that provides low-interest loans and grants to people with disabilities. By providing financing opportunities to people with disabilities and/or their families, the PATF helps people go to work or school, live in their own homes, and be active participants in their communities.

—MARK SMITH,
Professor of Economics and Business

