

# Presidential Inauguration

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# Ithaca College

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The Inauguration of Thomas R. Rochon  
as the Eighth President  
of Ithaca College

Friday, April 17, 2009

3:00 p.m.

Hill Center

## Thomas R. Rochon



Thomas R. Rochon came to Ithaca College from the University of St. Thomas, a master's comprehensive university in Minnesota, where he held the position of executive vice president and chief academic officer. In this role, he oversaw the university's six schools and colleges and, with the chief administrative officer, shared responsibility for the \$150 million university budget. He worked to develop the academic vision of each unit and to set strategic directions; reorganized academic programs to create the School of Engineering; and helped launch a capital campaign centered on endowment support of students and faculty. An engaged civic leader, he also championed a university effort to strengthen community service and partnership activities in Minneapolis–St. Paul, leading to Carnegie Foundation classification for community engagement. Along with his administrative responsibilities, he was a tenured professor in St. Thomas's political science department.

President Rochon has an extensive history of accomplishments as an educator and academic administrator. Prior to his position at St. Thomas, as executive director of the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) program at the Educational Testing Service (ETS), he was responsible for determining program policy under the oversight of the board and the ETS vice president for graduate and professional education. He guided the addition of analytical writing to the test, the first use of an essay in the GRE program; he also developed and implemented a program to empower universities to create their own test prep courses for graduate programs. He has held positions in the top leadership at prominent universities: dean of the School of Politics and Economics at Claremont Graduate University and assistant master of Dean Mathey College at Princeton University. He also held the post of assistant professor in the politics department at Princeton University for seven years.

President Rochon came to Ithaca College with a distinguished record of scholarly research. His work focuses on contemporary European politics and social movements in Europe and the United States. He is the recipient of numerous grants and awards, including research grants from the National Science Foundation and the American Philosophical Society, as well as the Susan Louise Dyer Peace Fellowship at the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution, and Peace at Stanford University. He was also a Fulbright lecturer at Kobe University in Japan. His 1998 book, *Culture Moves: Ideas, Activism, and Changing Values*, received a Distinguished Scholarship Prize from the American Sociological Association and was named an outstanding academic book of 1998 by *Choice* magazine. He has given periodic lectures and seminars on Dutch politics for embassy personnel of the U.S. Department of State and has served on numerous advisory and other boards, including the President's Advisory Board of the Universidad Anáhuac México Sur in Mexico City.

President Rochon holds a doctorate and a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Michigan, where he graduated with high distinction.



## Ithaca College

Ithaca College was founded in 1892, when local violin teacher W. Grant Egbert rented four rooms on East Seneca Street for the Ithaca Conservatory of Music. Over the years the curriculum was expanded to include study in elocution, dance, physical education, speech correction, radio, business, and the liberal arts, and in 1931 the conservatory was chartered as a private college. During the 1960s the institution began its move from downtown Ithaca to its current location on South Hill, overlooking Cayuga Lake.

Today Ithaca College is a thriving private residential college with a total enrollment of 6,400 students, including 400 graduate students. These students come from 48 states, three U.S. territories, and 79 countries. Undergraduate students may choose from 100 majors, 60 minors, and three certificate programs. Graduate students are enrolled in 26 different programs, including a doctoral program in physical therapy.

As the College evolves, so does its campus. Ithaca College recently completed construction of the Dorothy D. and Roy H. Park Center for Business and Sustainable Enterprise, one of fewer than 100 buildings in the world to earn the highest level of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification by the U.S. Green Building Council. The Peggy Ryan Williams Center, an administrative facility named for Ithaca's seventh president, opened last month, and fund-raising is now being completed for the first phase of construction of a new athletics and events center.

While Ithaca has a breadth and quality of curriculum normally found only at larger universities, the College holds fast to a tradition of close, personalized instruction, as evidenced by a student-faculty ratio of 12:1. That relationship between students and teachers is as important in the comprehensive college of today as it was in the conservatory of a century ago.

Ithaca students pursue many interests outside the classroom. There are music and dramatic performances virtually every week; more than 150 student organizations and clubs flourish; and 26 varsity and four junior varsity teams compete with uncommon success, gaining Ithaca 15 team national championships and 23 individual national championships.

## Strategic Visioning

As a first step toward achieving Ithaca's vision of becoming the standard of excellence for comprehensive residential colleges, President Rochon initiated an institution-wide strategic visioning process designed to set a course for the College's future. Faculty, staff, and students were asked to offer ideas at a series of listening sessions held on campus. As a result, plans are now under way for IC<sup>2</sup>, an integrated approach to the curriculum that allows students to cross traditional disciplinary boundaries and combine learning in new and unexpected ways. The development of IC<sup>2</sup> is expected to lead to revolutionary changes in the way students receive a college education and will set a new standard for academic excellence.



## Robert D. Putnam

Robert D. Putnam, the Peter and Isabel Malkin Professor of Public Policy at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, first came to prominence for his work on the cultural values and decision-making styles of British and Italian political leaders and civil servants. After a stint on President Jimmy Carter's National Security Council in 1978, where he served as staff to an early Group of Seven (G-7) summit, Putnam published path-breaking work on the domestic and international political conditions that must exist for political leaders to reach international agreements on the coordination of policy.

Putnam is best known for his work on the ways in which an active community—one characterized by a high level of social capital—contributes to the welfare of society. He first applied his insights on the importance of civic activism in a comparative study of Italy's regions, titled *Making Democracy Work*. His subsequent study of American communities further demonstrated that high levels of formal and informal interaction—i.e., social capital—are associated with greater political trust and involvement, higher levels of life satisfaction, and lower rates of crime and teen pregnancy. Putnam found that Americans are, over the last generation, living lives increasingly separated from neighbors, friends, social and civic organizations, and even family. We are more likely to be “bowling alone,” a phrase Putnam used to title his book on the subject.

Raised in a small town in the Midwest and educated at Swarthmore, Oxford, and Yale, Putnam began his career as a member of the political science faculty at the University of Michigan. He then joined the faculty in government at Harvard University, where he served as chair of that department, dean of the John F. Kennedy School of Government, and director of the Center for International Affairs.

The author of a dozen books, translated into 22 languages, Putnam is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a member of the National Academy of Sciences, and a member of the American Philosophical Society. He is also a corresponding (i.e., foreign) fellow of the British Academy and a commander in the Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity. He has received numerous awards in the field of political science and was elected president of the American Political Science Association for 2001–2. He has received honorary doctorates from Swarthmore College, Stockholm University, the Ohio State University, the University of Antwerp, the University of Edinburgh, and the University of Manchester.

Throughout his career, Putnam has been committed to contributing to the application of scholarship to political practice. In addition to being a staff member of the National Security Council under President Jimmy Carter, Putnam was a member of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation under President George W. Bush. He has served as a consultant to American presidents, British prime ministers, and the Irish taoiseach (prime minister). Since the publication of *Bowling Alone*, Putnam has toured the United States and other countries to speak with political leaders and community groups about the loss of social capital and to promote ideas for renewed community engagement. He formed the Saguario Seminar, composed of government officials, church leaders, union organizers, community activists, and academics committed to defining and carrying out practical actions that will increase the country's stock of social capital.



# Inauguration Ceremony

## **Prelude**

*Second Suite for Military Band in F Major*

Gustav Holst

“March”

“Song without Words, ‘I’ll Love My Love’”

“Song of the Blacksmith”

“Fantasia on the ‘Dargason’”

Ithaca College Wind Ensemble

Stephen Peterson, Conductor

## **Processional**

“Crown Imperial”

William Walton

arranged by W.J. Duthoit

Ithaca College Wind Ensemble

Stephen Peterson, Conductor

## **Fanfare**

“Brevard Fanfare”

Fisher Tull

Ithaca College Brass Choir

Keith Kaiser, Conductor

## **Welcome**

C. William Schwab, Chair, Board of Trustees

## **Invocation**

Rev. Dr. Walter J. Smith, S.J., Member, Board of Trustees

## **National Anthem**

“The Star-Spangled Banner”

lyrics by Francis Scott Key

music by John Stafford Smith

arranged by Kenneth Bray

Ithaca College Choir

Lawrence Doebler, Conductor

Ithaca College Wind Ensemble

Stephen Peterson, Conductor

## **Greetings**

### **Higher Education Community**

David J. Skorton, President, Cornell University

### **Alumni**

Michael J. Kaplan '85, President, Alumni Association Board of Directors

### **Students**

Cornell Woodson '09, President, Student Government Association

### **Staff**

Susan DuBrava, Chair, Staff Council

### **Faculty**

Stan Seltzer, Chair, Faculty Council



**Interlude**

“Lift Every Voice for Freedom”  
Ithaca College Choir  
Lawrence Doebler, Conductor

arranged by Moses Hogan

**Conferral of Honorary Degree**

Presented by Kathleen Rountree, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Diane Gayeski, Interim Dean of Graduate and Professional Studies, to Robert D. Putnam, Peter and Isabel Malkin Professor of Public Policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

**Special Comments**

“A New ‘Greatest Generation?’”  
Robert D. Putnam

**Investiture of President**

C. William Schwab, Chair, Board of Trustees  
Lawrence Alleva, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees  
Francille M. Firebaugh, Chair, Educational Policy Committee, Board of Trustees

**Remarks**

Thomas R. Rochon, President

**Benediction**

Michael Faber, Jewish Chaplain

**Alma Mater**

“Ithaca Forever”

music by Philip J. Lang '33  
lyrics by Alicia Carpenter  
arranged by Dana Wilson

Ithaca College Choir  
Lawrence Doebler, Conductor  
Ithaca College Wind Ensemble  
Stephen Peterson, Conductor

**Recessional**

“Festive Overture”

Dmitri Shostakovich  
arranged by Peter Kitson

Ithaca College Brass Choir  
Keith Kaiser, Conductor

**Postlude**

“Grand March” from *Aida*

Giuseppe Verdi  
arranged by Kenneth Bray

Ithaca College Brass Choir  
Keith Kaiser, Conductor

All guests are invited to a reception immediately following the ceremony in IC Square, located on the ground floor of Phillips Hall in the Campus Center.



# Delegates

**1740**

University of Pennsylvania  
Mary Turner DePalma  
Alumna, Class of 1984

**1793**

Williams College  
David A. Williams  
Alumnus, Class of 1964

**1795**

Union College  
Joe Compagni  
Alumnus, Class of 1964

**1822**

Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
Kenneth Spitzer  
Alumnus, Class of 1955

**1824**

Cazenovia College  
Christine Zick  
Alumna, Class of 1969

**1826**

State University of New York College  
at Fredonia  
Vincent Aiosa  
Alumnus, Class of 1960

**1829**

Rochester Institute of Technology  
Jeremy Haefner  
Provost and Senior Vice President  
for Academic Affairs

**1842**

Ohio Wesleyan University  
Diane Shafer  
Alumna, Class of 1966

**1846**

State University of New York College  
at Buffalo  
Jerry Boyes  
Director of Intercollegiate Athletics

**1850**

University of Rochester  
Jamal Rossi  
Executive Associate Dean, Eastman  
School of Music

**1855**

Elmira College  
Peter Louis Viscusi  
Academic Vice President and  
Dean of Faculty

**1856**

Niagara University  
Robert J. Clune  
Member, Board of Trustees, and  
Alumnus, Class of 1958

**1857**

Alfred University  
Charles M. Edmondson  
President

**1865**

Cornell University  
David J. Skorton  
President

**1868**

State University of New York College  
at Cortland  
Bonni C. Hodges  
Professor and Chair, Health Department

**1868**

Wells College  
Michael R. McGreevey  
Vice President for Development

**1870**

Syracuse University  
Karen Alston  
Associate Provost

**1870**

Wellesley College  
Laura Nieder  
Alumna, Class of 2001

**1881**

Albany College of Pharmacy and  
Health Sciences  
Alan Tubbs  
Alumnus, Class of 1954

**1883**

Houghton College  
John N. Brittain  
Dean of the Chapel and  
Professor of Religion

**1883**

Wagner College  
Peter Welker  
Alumnus, Class of 1960  
Judith Welker  
Alumna, Class of 1961

**1885**

Bryn Mawr College  
Cary Webb Sears  
Alumna, Class of 1961



**1885**

University of St. Thomas  
Douglas E. Hennes  
Vice President for University and  
Government Relations, and  
Alumnus, Class of 1977

**1889**

State University of New York College  
at Oneonta  
Carol A. Blazina  
Vice President for Community Relations

**1896**

Adelphi University  
Timothy P. Burton  
Senior Vice President and Treasurer  
Katherine Littlefield  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

**1896**

Clarkson University  
Thomas C. Young  
Provost

**1898**

St. Norbert College  
Theresa M. Kruk  
Alumna, Class of 1977

**1903**

Skidmore College  
Barbara L. Krause  
Executive Director, President's Office

**1911**

State University of New York College  
at Cobleskill  
Anne C. Myers  
Provost and Vice President for  
Academic Affairs

**1913**

State University of New York College  
at Delhi  
Michael Petrillose  
Dean of Business and Hospitality

**1914**

Pi Mu Epsilon, National Mathematics  
Honor Society  
Teresa Moore  
Associate Professor of Mathematics,  
Ithaca College

**1920**

College of Saint Rose  
Katharyn Howd Machan  
Alumna, Class of 1974

**1927**

Delta Phi Alpha, National German  
Honorary Society  
Michael Richardson  
Associate Professor and Chair, Modern  
Languages and Literature, Ithaca College

**1928**

Sigma Iota Epsilon  
Susan Rosenthal  
Member, Executive Board

**1929**

Marist College  
James Melitski  
Assistant Professor of Public  
Administration

**1937**

Siena College  
John M. Finamore  
Alumnus, Class of 1971

**1946**

Le Moyne College  
Fred P. Pestello  
President

**1946**

Utica College  
Kenneth E. Kelly  
Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs

**1948**

St. John Fisher College  
Ronald J. Ambrosetti  
Provost and Dean of the College

**1968**

Tompkins Cortland Community College  
Carl E. Haynes  
President

**1975**

Murdoch University  
Andy Daulatzai  
Alumnus, Class of 1996

**1995**

New American Colleges and Universities  
Lynette M. Robinson  
Executive Director



## Institutions Sending Greetings

Cazenovia College  
Claremont Graduate University  
College at Old Westbury  
College of Staten Island  
Cooper Union for the Advancement of  
Science and Art  
Coppin State University  
Council of Independent Colleges  
Elmhurst College  
Elmira College  
Hamline University  
Hanyang University  
Hartwick College  
Hilbert College  
Hofstra University  
Metropolitan State University  
Molloy College  
New York Chiropractic College  
New York Institute of Technology  
Niagara University  
Princeton University  
Saint Joseph College  
Siena College  
St. Bonaventure University  
St. John's University  
St. Norbert College  
State University of New York College  
at Buffalo  
State University of New York College  
at Oswego  
State University of New York College  
of Optometry  
State University of New York Upstate  
Medical University  
Tabor College  
Tompkins Cortland Community College  
Union College  
University of Hong Kong  
University of Massachusetts Amherst  
University of North Dakota  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pennsylvania School  
of Medicine  
University of St. Thomas  
University of the Arts  
University of Tsukuba  
Vassar College  
Voorhees College  
Wagner College

## Former Presidents of Ithaca College

W. Grant Egbert, 1892–1924  
George C. Williams, 1924–32  
Leonard B. Job, 1932–57  
Howard I. Dillingham, 1957–70  
Ellis L. Phillips Jr., 1970–75  
James J. Whalen, 1975–97  
Peggy R. Williams, 1997–2008



