

Lynn C. Pasquerella



A philosopher and ethicist who has combined teaching and scholarship with civic engagement, Lynn Pasquerella's first five years as Mount Holyoke's president have been marked by a robust strategic planning process, a commitment to a vibrant campus community, as well as outreach to off-campus communities and a global network of alumnae. A graduate from Mount Holyoke, *magna cum laude*, Pasquerella earned a Ph.D. in Philosophy from Brown University. She served as Vice Provost of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Rhode Island and later Provost at the University of Hartford before joining Mount Holyoke as president. She has written extensively on medical ethics, theoretical and applied ethics, metaphysics, public policy, and the philosophy of law. Pasquerella has focused especially on strategic planning, shared governance, long-term financial sustainability, access for students from all socioeconomic backgrounds, and increased visibility for Mount Holyoke across the nation and around the world. At the core of her career and her priorities is an abiding commitment to liberal education as a force for good, both for the individual and for civic society. Manifestations of that commitment include her role as host of *The Academic Minute*, a Public Radio program, and "Difficult Dialogues: Voices from the Valley," a public access television show.