

Today the MALS Committee presents the name of the last student to receive a Master's of Liberal Studies from Skidmore College. The MALS Program will officially close in February 2020 after 27 years, and the Committee would like to recognize the outstanding contributions of all the students, faculty, and staff, who have made this important and pioneering program possible. Skidmore initiated MALS in an effort to extend the benefits of a Skidmore liberal arts education to "non-traditional" students. From 1993 to today, 204 students have received a Master's degree. 133 faculty have served as advisers for MA theses on topics

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"Nothing Doing," "What's Left of Enlightenment?" "Crafting Public History," and "Class Matters: Probing the American Dream." 7 directors and 4 staff administrators have tirelessly overseen the program. Current director Jacqueline Scoones reminds us that MALS has not only enriched our students' lives: "We, too, [as faculty] have benefited from the presence of those adult learners occasionally among us;