



Board of Trustees 2026-27



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Chair of the Board & Manager | Swarthmore College

Education

Swarthmore College | BA, 1972

Harvard Business School | MBA, 1976



Sonya Stephens

AUP President, ex officio

Paris, France

Trustee ex officio since 2022

Former roles

President | Mount Holyoke College

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty | Mount Holyoke College

Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education | Indiana University Bloomington

Education

University of Cambridge | PhD French, 1990

Université de Montréal | MA French Studies, 1987

University of Cambridge | BA Modern and Medieval Languages, 1986



Krystian Czerniecki

AUP Board Vice Chair & Executive Committee

Bad Homburg vor der Höhe, Germany

	Trustee since 2020
	Partner Sullivan & Cromwell
	Who’s Who Legal Chambers Europe & Chambers Global
	IFLR 1000 Ranking
Education	University of Toronto BA, 1983
	Cornell University PhD, 1990
	Columbia Law School JD, 1995



Evelyne Estey

AUP Board Treasurer & Executive Committee

Bedford, NY and New York, NY

	Trustee since 2025
	Board member and President Friends of HEC, Inc.
Former roles	Head of School Taipei American School; Lycée Français de New York
	Trustee and Vice Chair Lycée Français de New York; Trinity School, New York
	Chevalier de la Légion d’Honneur
	Chevalier de l’Ordre des Palmes Académiques
Education	École des Hautes Études Commerciales (HEC) MSc, 1981
	Harvard Kennedy School NonProfit Board Governance, 2016



Martin Avidan

AUP Board Secretary & Executive Committee

Greenwich, Connecticut

	Trustee since 2021
	Independent Financial Services Consultant
Former roles	Managing Director NATIXIS (Groupe BPCE)
	Portfolio Manager CGA Investment Management
	Senior Corporate Banker Credit Lyonnais
Education	Thunderbird School of Global Management at Arizona State University MBA, 1981
	The American University of Paris BA, 1980
	University of California at Los Angeles 1975-1978
	Chartered Financial Analyst



Garth W. Bray

AUP Executive Committee

Paris, France

	Trustee since 2023
	Partner Sullivan & Cromwell
	Board Member Orianne Society
Former roles	Managing Partner Sullivan & Cromwell, Tokyo
	Managing Partner Sullivan & Cromwell, Beijing
Education	Northeastern University School of Law JD, 1993
	McGill University BA, 1987



Richard G. Asthalter

Bradford, New Hampshire & Paris, France

Former roles	Trustee since 2009
	Senior Counsel Sullivan & Cromwell
	Board Member The American Hospital of Paris
Former roles	President & Board Member American Chamber of Commerce in France
	<i>Avocat Honoraire</i> Barreau de Paris
	<i>Chevalier de la Légion d’Honneur</i>
Education	Yale University BA, 1968
	University of Oxford M Litt, 1968
	Yale Law School JD, 1971



Melanie Cissone

AUP Alumna Class of 1980

New York City

Former roles	Trustee since 2021
	Freelance Writer
	Owner and CEO YTTM
	Partner JSR Capital, Inc.
Former roles	Board Member Friends of Grayton; Deer Lake State Parks
	Senior Vice President Target Capital Management
	Board Member Cultural Arts Alliance; 34557 Corporation
	Treasurer & Board Member Redfish Lane Association
Education	Co-Organizer, North American Alumni Association The American University of Paris
	The American University of Paris 1980
	Temple University BA, 1983



Beth Brinkmann

Washington DC Metro Area

Former roles	Trustee since 2025
	Lecturer in Law Stanford Law School
	Executive Committee Supreme Court Historical Society
Former roles	Assistant Solicitor General; Deputy Assistant Attorney General US Dept of Justice
	Partner & Practice Group Leader Covington & Burling; Morrison & Foerster
	<i>Public Defender</i>
Education	Law Clerk Supreme Court Justice Henry A. Blackmun
	Université de Bordeaux
	Institut d’Études Politiques de Bordeaux
Education	University of California, Berkeley AB, 1980
	Yale Law School JD, 1985



Doris Daughney

Toronto, Canada & Paris, France

Former roles	Trustee since 2012
	Vice Chair The Arts Arena Paris
	Director RONA Inc.
Former roles	Chairman & CEO BC Pavilion Corporation
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	Board Member Saxon Financial; Industrial Alliance Insurance
Education	Chair of the Board The Vancouver Opera Association
	Chair & Board Member The Vancouver Stock Exchange; The Children’s Arts Umbrella
	Wilfred Laurier University BA
Education	University of Toronto MA



Brian Keegan

AUP Alumnus Class of 1979

Greater Miami Area

	Trustee since 2025
	Senior Advisor
	Corporate Finance Advisory Investor
Former roles	Managing Director JPMorgan Chase; Merrill Lynch
Education	The American University of Paris AA, 1979
	UCLA BA, 1981
	NYU Stern School MBA, 1985



Carol Sutton Lewis

New York City

	Trustee since 2023
	Host Ground Control Parenting
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	Board Member Stanford Law School; Common Sense Media Education Advisory Board
Former roles	Board Member University of Pennsylvania School of Arts and Sciences; Collegiate School for Boys in New York City; Alvin Ailey Dance Foundation; Harlem School of the Arts
Education	Stanford Law School JD, 1983
	University of Pennsylvania BA, 1980



Lucy W Lamphere

New York City, New York

	Trustee since 2025
	Independent Artist and Board Member Sutton Place Parks Conservancy
Former roles	Trustee Noguchi Museum; New York Studio School; Nightingale-Bamford School; Deerfield Academy, Miss Porter’s School
	Board Member and President One Sutton Place South
	Co-Founder Bipolar Family Treatment Center
	Chair Partnership with Children
Education	Miss Porter’s School 1976
	Smith College BA, 1980
	New York Studio School Certificate, 2015



Silver Miller

AUP Alumnus Class of 1968

Fort Worth, Texas

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	Corporate Consultant-Mining SRK Mineral Industry Services
Former roles	VP Lawrence Behr Wireless Communications
	VP Technology Wired Business
	Director PrimeCo PCS (Verizon); US West
	Associate Professor Colorado School of Mines
Education	Colorado School of Mines PhD, 1989
	Technische Universität Berlin Diplom-Ingenieur, Bergbau 1982
	The American University of Paris 1968



Philippe Tartavull

Malibu, California

	Trustee since 2018
Former roles	President & CEO Xura, Inc; Hypercom Corporation; Oberthur Card Systems
Education	École Nationale Supérieure de Pétroles et des Mateurs MS, 1982 Sorbonne / Institut d’Administration des Entreprises MBA, 1988 UCLA Anderson School of Management Executive Program, 1993



David Wippman

Bethesda, Maryland

	Trustee since 2025 President Emeritus Hamilton College President-in-Residence Harvard Graduate School of Education Trustee Association of Governing Boards (AGB), St. John’s College
Former roles	Dean University of Minnesota Law School Vice Provost & Professor International Relations, Cornell Law School Director Office of Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs, National Security Council Co-Managing Partner Reichler & Soble, Washington, DC
Education	Princeton University BA, 1976 Yale University MA, 1978 Yale Law School JD, 1982

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Chartered as a liberal arts college in 1962, The American University of Paris (AUP) is a private, independent and accredited liberal arts university located in the 7ème Arrondissement of Paris, one of the great educational and cultural capitals of the world.

It enjoys unique status as a global university, which offers an American-style education in France. AUP students hail from more than 100 countries and speak more than 60 languages.

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AUP Board Service 2008-2014

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AUP Board Service 1995 – 2014

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AUP Board Service 2014 – 2026

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AUP Board Service 2013 – 2019

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AUP Board Service 1999 – 2010



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AUP Board Service 1962 – 1985

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AUP Board Service 1965 – 2001

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AUP Board Service 1970-71

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AUP Board Service 1971 – 2001

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AUP Board Service 1979 – 2001

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AUP Board Service 1983 – 2003

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AUP Board Service 1988 – 2001

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AUP Board Service 1996 – 2001

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AUP Board Service 1996 – 2001

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AUP Board Service 1962 – 1967

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AUP Board Service 1967 – 1969

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AUP Board Service 1971 – 1979

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AUP Board Service 1980 – 1988

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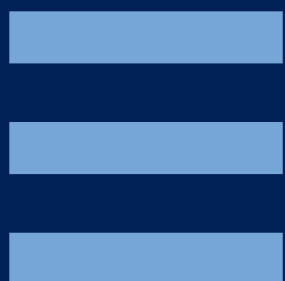
AUP Board Service 1988 – 1994

Wilhelm Peppler

AUP Board Service 1998 – 2000

George Thiel

AUP Board Service 2001 – 2003



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