

## **Sage Board of Trustees Announce Appointment of Interim President**

Albany and Troy, N.Y. (May 29, 2008) – The Board of Trustees of The Sage Colleges has named Dr. Susan C. Scrimshaw Interim President. She will assume the post on August 1, replacing retiring president Dr. Jeanne Neff.

“We are fortunate and privileged to welcome a well-respected and accomplished leader like Dr. Susan Scrimshaw to the Sage community. She is an award-winning, internationally recognized public health scholar, and we know her life experiences and wealth of knowledge will enrich our community,” said Michele Vennard, chair of the board of trustees of Sage.

The author of dozens of publications and articles, Scrimshaw holds a doctorate and Master of Arts in Anthropology from Columbia University, as well as a bachelor’s degree from Barnard College.

Scrimshaw has appeared numerous times on national media providing insight and commentary on topics ranging from bioterrorism to various public health issues. In addition, she has testified before Congressional subcommittees on behalf of the Association of Schools of Public Health. She is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences (IOM) and currently serves on the IOM Governing Council. She is an AAAS Fellow, and a Fellow of the American Anthropological Association and of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Her awards include the Margaret Mead Award, and a Hero of Public Health Gold Medal presented by former President Vicente Fox of Mexico. Scrimshaw was most recently president of Simmons College in Boston.