



WENDY L. HILL, PH.D.

Wendy L. Hill, Ph.D. assumed the position of 13th Head of The Agnes Irwin School in July 2014 after a highly successful career as a senior administrator at one of the nation's most selective small liberal arts colleges. For seven years, Dr. Hill served as the Provost and Dean of the Faculty at Lafayette College in Easton, PA, helping to lead efforts to implement a strategic plan that placed Lafayette's academic program at its core and called for significant new academic resources and curricular initiatives. As Provost, she also led efforts to develop innovative interdisciplinary appointment and review procedures, enhance faculty development programs, and expand the size of the faculty, and accomplished curricular advancements in the arts, the life sciences, global education and the integration of engineering and the liberal arts.

An expert in the field of behavioral neuroscience and animal behavior, Dr. Hill was a member of the faculty at Lafayette College for 25 years, having first joined that academic community as an assistant professor in the Psychology Department in 1989. She held the the William C '67 and Pamela H. Rappolt chair in neuroscience, playing a leading role in the development of the College's interdisciplinary bachelor of science degree program in neuroscience and serving as its founding chair.

As a faculty member, she taught at all levels in the psychology and neuroscience curriculum and mentored more than 100 students conducting research in her laboratory. Her research interests have focused on various aspects of ornithology and animal behavior, including the neural mediation of pair bonding and mating behavior in birds as well as the adaptive significance of animal social behavior and grouping strategies. Her research on the hormonal basis of attachment in humans has been featured in major media, including ABC World News, CNN, MSNBC, Scientific American Mind, U.S. News & World Report, Discover, Chicago Tribune, The Independent (United Kingdom), Sydney Morning Herald (Australia), Money Times (India), and many more outlets via the Associated Press, BBC, and Reuters.

Dr. Hill was honored with several awards from Lafayette in recognition of her superior teaching and scholarly activities, not the least of which was the naming of the college's neuroscience lab in her honor upon her departure. Other awards include the Marquis Distinguished Teaching Award, the James E. Lennertz Award for Exceptional Teaching and Mentoring, and the Delta Upsilon Distinguished Mentoring and Teaching Award. In addition, Hill was selected as the 1999 Pennsylvania Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. She has received external research funding from the National Science Foundation, the National Institute of Mental Health, and the Fulbright Commission. Dr. Hill has published widely, authoring book chapters on animal behavior and authoring or co-authoring nearly two dozen journal articles on neuroscience, psychobiology, and behavioral ecology. In 2003, she was honored with the prestigious James McKeen Cattell national award for her scholarly work.

Dr. Hill received her B.A. in psychology, with honors, from Douglass College at Rutgers University and her Ph.D. in Psychology from the Animal Behavior Program at the University of Washington.