

**RETIREMENT OF LAURIE S. KOLOSKI
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

Laurie S. Koloski received her B.A. in Russian and East European Studies from the University of Michigan, after spending four formative years in Poland between her sophomore and junior years. She earned her M.A. from Yale University and her Ph.D. in History from Stanford University. She joined the faculty of William & Mary in 1999 as an Assistant Professor, specializing in post-1945 Eastern Europe, and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2005.

Professor Koloski has been a dynamic leader in the internationalization of William & Mary. From 2006-2010, she directed the Reves Center for International Studies, introducing many path-breaking initiatives. She designed and advised the highly successful joint-degree program with the University of St Andrews in Scotland and oversaw the creation of the Global Film Festival, the Global Research Institute, and cross-school Global Inquiry Group. She also directed European Studies during its formative years and brought innovative ideas to many high-profile committees on internationalization and study abroad. Within the Department of History, Professor Koloski was a superb Director of Undergraduate Studies and Associate Chair.

Her research interests and publications have focused on communist-era Poland, specifically on the first decade of communist rule after World War II. She has used a case-study approach to highlight the varied ways people rebuilt Poland after the war, recently exploring historical museums and material culture. Her publications include numerous articles and book chapters, and she has presented her work at conferences across the U.S., Europe, and Canada.

Professor Koloski's achievements as a teacher are distinguished and creative. She received the Phi Beta Kappa Award for Teaching in 2020 and the Alumni Fellowship Award for Teaching in 2005. Her introductory survey of European history earned an "Exemplary Practice Designation" from the Center for Educational Policy Research, bringing national distinction to her thematic organization of historical material. She has approached post-1945 European history comparatively and globally, with an interdisciplinary focus. Her courses sustained the programs in European Studies, Russian and Post-Soviet Studies, and International Relations.

An unyielding commitment to high standards shines through in her COLL teaching, as well. Her exploration of material culture in "Stuff: Objects and their (Hi)stories" was pedagogically innovative for its early engagement with digital humanities. For more than two decades at William & Mary, Professor Koloski has inspired her students and colleagues, encouraging all to experiment, expand their horizons, and emulate the unsurpassed level of excellence she embodies.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Visitors acknowledges the retirement of Laurie Koloski; expresses its deep appreciation for her 24 years of service; and approves a change in status from Associate Professor of History to Professor of History, Emerita.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board and a copy delivered to Professor Koloski with best wishes from a grateful Board for her years of dedicated service to William & Mary.