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## **Saybrook University Appoints Mark Schulman, Ph.D. as President and CEO**

**San Francisco, CA** – The board of trustees of Saybrook University today announced the appointment of Mark Schulman, Ph.D. to the position of president and CEO. An exceptional academic leader with over three decades of experience in the field, Dr. Schulman comes to Saybrook following a seven-year tenure as president of Goddard College in Vermont and Washington State. Dr. Schulman will assume the post at Saybrook beginning July 1, 2010, leading a premier graduate institution for humanistic studies in psychology, organizational systems, leadership, human science, and mind body medicine.

“Dr. Schulman embodies the leadership, expertise, and dedication to transformational change that make Saybrook such an extraordinary institution.” said Alison Shapiro, Chair of Saybrook’s board of trustees. “The University is embarking on an exciting period of growth, and we are confident that under Dr. Schulman’s guidance, we will continue to thrive as a humanistic university serving our emerging world for the benefit of our faculty, staff, students, alumni, and communities.”

Dr. Schulman currently serves as President of Goddard College, a position he has held since 2003. Under Dr. Schulman’s leadership Goddard flourished as an institution dedicated to “progressive education for creative minds.” While supporting and nourishing Goddard’s core values, Dr. Schulman tripled the endowment, substantially increased enrollment, significantly strengthened the school’s financial position, and raised its national stature and reputation.

Throughout his career as an educator, consultant, writer, and administrator, Dr. Schulman has been dedicated to innovative, values based, and academically rigorous higher education for adult learners that supports their holistic development in ways that are relevant for a changing and challenging world. He has consulted, published, and presented extensively on progressive and emancipatory education, distance learning, technology, communications, media, and culture.

“Saybrook University embodies the educational and humanistic values I have championed throughout my career. I’ve witnessed such tremendous energy and enthusiasm at Saybrook, as well as a deep dedication to affecting positive change,” said Dr. Schulman. “I’m eager to begin my work with this exceptional group of faculty, staff, and students.”

Prior to joining Goddard, Dr. Schulman served in a variety of academic leadership positions including President and Professor of Humanities at Antioch University Southern California; and Academic Vice President, Dean of the College, and Associate Professor at Pacific Oaks College (California and Washington). He previously chaired the Communications Department at the New School for Social

Research (New York), the Communications, Film and Video Department of City College of New York, the Communications Department of St. Mary's College of California, and the Communications Studies Department of Antioch College (Yellow Springs, Ohio).

Dr. Schulman received his Ph.D. in Communications from the Union Institute (Cincinnati), his M.S. in Education, Instructional Systems Technology at Indiana University, and his B.A. in Literature at Antioch College (Yellow Springs, Ohio).

Located in San Francisco, California and Seattle, Washington, Saybrook University is the world's premier institution for humanistic scholarship and research. Saybrook offers advanced degrees in psychology, mind-body medicine, organizational systems, leadership, and human science. For more than 40 years, Saybrook has empowered students to find their life's work and achieve their full potential. Saybrook's programs are deeply rooted in the humanistic tradition and a commitment to help students develop as whole people – mind, body, and spirit.

Dr. Schulman joins Saybrook at a time of unprecedented growth. In 2010, Saybrook Graduate School and Research Center became Saybrook University, a new academic institution comprised of three colleges: the Graduate College of Mind-Body Medicine, the Graduate College of Psychology and Humanistic Studies, and LIOS Graduate College (Leadership Institute of Seattle.) Saybrook is expanding to bring together new disciplines and apply its humanistic perspective to a broad spectrum of practical fields. Saybrook University will foster the growth of a new generation of creative, compassionate innovators, ready to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

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**Saybrook University** is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). It is also authorized by the Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board and meets the requirements and minimum educational standards established for degree-granting institutions under the Degree Authorization Act.

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