

THE MIIS-MIDD CONNECTION

Pat and Tom Manley Make the Monterey Coast Their Classroom

When not in the classroom teaching their winter-term course “Ocean Perspective: Energy and Mineral Resources to Coastal Dynamics and Management” at the Monterey Institute this January, visiting Middlebury College professors Pat and Tom Manley could often be found somewhere along the memorable Monterey shoreline scouting for good geological examples to show students. Their hope is that their research will benefit future Monterey Institute and Middlebury students interested in the geology and management of our oceans.

The Manleys are geology professors at Middlebury who have taken time away from their sabbaticals to build bridges between the Vermont and California campuses. Their specializations are particularly well-suited for this area, where environmental policies related to the management of our oceans and coast are so important.

Pat literally loves to get her hands dirty as she studies sediments at the bottom of oceans, lakes, and rivers for information about the Earth’s past. Her research has taken her, and sometimes her students, to places as diverse and far between as the Amazon, Antarctica, and the North Atlantic. Tom has set his eyes closer to the surface, specializing in the study of physical oceanography, or the dynamics and movement of oceans and water. Together they are a formidable team and as such are known for their collaborative research on Lake Champlain, where they are currently involved in designing a custom-built research vessel to continue their explorations.

Tom and Pat Manley are among several Middlebury faculty members receiving support through the Sloan Foundation to encourage engagement between faculty at the undergraduate school and other Middlebury entities such as the Monterey Institute, Language Schools, and Schools Abroad.

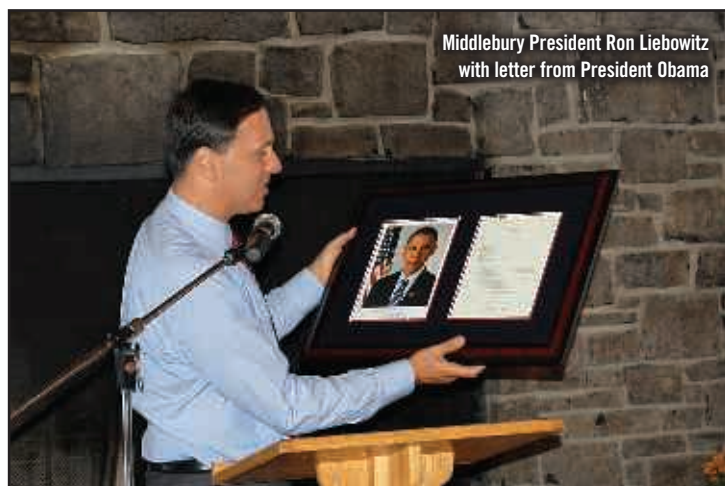


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Tom Manley in the classroom

Middlebury Luncheon Celebrates Integration with MIIS



Middlebury President Ron Liebowitz with letter from President Obama

On a crisp October day on the Middlebury College campus, leaders from both Middlebury and the Monterey Institute gathered to celebrate the July 2010 integration of the two institutions. At a luncheon co-hosted by Middlebury President Ron Liebowitz, Middlebury Board Chair Rick Fritz, MIIS President Sunder Ramaswamy, and MIIS Board Chair Bill Kieffer, a diverse group of board members, faculty, staff, and friends of both institutions joined together to mark the transition of the Monterey Institute to its new status as a graduate school of Middlebury College. The event’s highlight came when President Ramaswamy presented President Liebowitz with a framed photo and letter from President Barack Obama, congratulating both institutions on this remarkable milestone. The luncheon capped off a week that saw the former MIIS Board of Trustees, now the Monterey Institute Board of Governors, hold its first meeting in Middlebury.