

# **MARK W HUDDLESTON**

## **President**

### **University of New Hampshire**

Mark W. Huddleston is the 19th president of the University of New Hampshire. He brings three decades of experience in public and private higher education as a faculty member, dean, and senior administrator, most recently as president of Ohio Wesleyan University. His term at UNH commenced in July 2007.

Huddleston began his academic career at the State University of New York-Buffalo in 1977 as an assistant professor of political science. He then joined the faculty of the University of Delaware in 1980, where he remained for the next 24 years. Dr. Huddleston chaired the Department of Political Science and International Relations and served as associate provost for international programs. He was named dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in 2001, where he managed 45 academic departments and centers with nearly 900 fulltime faculty and staff, and served in that capacity until he was named president of Ohio Wesleyan University in 2004.

Having received his bachelor's degree in political science from SUNY-Buffalo, Huddleston went on to receive both a master's degree and Ph.D. in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. An author of numerous books and articles, he has been active as a consultant for both the U.S. government and international organizations. He also served as an advisor in Bosnia on rebuilding financial and administrative infrastructures after the Dayton accords.

Huddleston was raised in Syracuse and spent 24 years at the University of Delaware in various capacities. For UNH he says, the best years are yet to come—and he is happy that he will be a part of that.

“I like to think I’m a really accessible guy. I see students on a regular basis when I’m wandering around campus,” Huddleston says, acknowledging that, with 12,000 more students at UNH than at Ohio Wesleyan, it will be a different experience but not one he wants to disappear.

“If I had wanted to be a CEO of a large company, tucked away in an office somewhere, I would have done that,” he says. “I think people here really want a president that they see and feel is a part of the fabric of UNH. That’s very appealing to me.”

Huddleston and his wife, Emma Bricker, have three children, Andy, Kate, and Giles.