



Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England Leading Women of Distinction Awards Honoree: Dr. Sylvia Maxfield

Dr. Sylvia Maxfield is a Harvard Ph.D. with career experience spanning academia and business. She is a widely published author on risk, regulation and governance topics, particularly focused on finance and globalization. As Dean of the Providence College School of Business, she leads a 70-person team of faculty and staff dedicated to providing a world-class business education deeply and uniquely rooted in the liberal arts.

Prior to her current role, Dr. Maxfield served as Faculty President at Simmons College. She was also the senior elected representative of the faculty to the President and Board of Trustees and served on the President's Cabinet in that capacity. At Simmons, she was a critical mediator in negotiations for new terms of faculty work and employment and also in securing faculty support for interim leadership and financial retrenchment in a sustained period of fiscal duress and presidential transition.

In business, Dr. Maxfield was Vice President and Senior Sovereign Credit Analyst at the Wall Street firm of Lehman Brothers. Before becoming Dean of the Providence College School of Business, as Professor at Simmons College she held many leadership positions including Faculty Senate President. At Yale for ten years, Dr. Maxfield held joint faculty appointments in Management and Political Science and directed the Master's program in International Relations. Dr. Maxfield is a Director of the State Investment Commission of Rhode Island.

Dr. Maxfield has lived and worked in almost every country in Latin American and is fluent in Spanish. While Dr. Maxfield did not grow up in Girl Scouting herself, she is proud to share that her twin-daughters have done amazing things as Girl Scouts!