



Relinde de Greef, Ph.D., joins South Kent School as the Director of the South Kent School Teaching Fellow Residency. Relinde de Greef double majored in English Literature and Political Science at Richmond University in London, England, and obtained a B.A. as the valedictorian of her graduating class. She went on to complete her Master's degree at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), receiving a Mark of Distinction (the U.S. equivalent is summa cum laude). Dr. de Greef won grants from the LSE, the University of London, and the British government to pursue and complete her doctorate in Political Sociology at the LSE.

Following a teaching assignment at the LSE, Dr. de Greef taught at the Budapest University of Economic Sciences in Hungary for two years. She returned to the United States thereafter to work in publishing but soon realized that she missed teaching and so joined the faculty of The Bishop's School in La Jolla, CA. She taught there for eleven years in the English and History and Social Sciences departments and served as Department Chair of History and Social Sciences for several years. In 2008, she joined the History department at Phillips Exeter Academy, where she taught various history courses and served on the PEA's Discipline Committee. Dr. de Greef was awarded the Johns Hopkins University's SDB Teacher Recognition Award in 1998 and 2000 and became a Johns Hopkins University's CTY Sarah D. Barder Fellow in 1998.

Starting in 2011, Dr. de Greef spent the next eight years at St. Paul's School, where she served as a Humanities Instructor plus Co-Director (and later Director) of the Penn Boarding School Teaching Residency (BSTR), among other roles she fulfilled outside of the classroom (Dorm Affiliate, Advisor, Mentor). In the BSTR program, Dr. de Greef managed and mentored teaching fellows by leading and designing curriculum-based meetings, conducting evaluations, and coordinating budgets and logistics for the program's participants. Dr. de Greef is excited to bring her wealth of teaching experience, program knowledge, and passion for training and supporting young educators to South Kent School to establish the South Kent School Teaching Fellow Residency in its inaugural year (2022).

Relinde lives with her husband and Head of School, Lawrence A. Smith '73, on campus. In her free time, Relinde enjoys taking walks in South Kent School's bucolic setting, reading, and traveling. Relinde also spends time in New Hampshire, assisting her elderly parents.