

The Honorands of The 2012 Commencement

Agnes Gund Doctor of Fine Arts

Agnes Gund is president emerita of the Museum of Modern Art and chair of its International Council. She is also chair of MoMA PS1 Contemporary Art Center. She joined the MoMA board in 1976 and served as its president from 1991 to 2002. She is the founder and a trustee of Studio in a School Association, a nonprofit organization she established in 1977 in response to budget cuts that virtually eliminated arts classes from New York City public schools. In January 2012 she was appointed member of the New York State Council on the Arts. A philanthropist and collector of modern and contemporary art, Gund is chair of the Mayor's Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission of New York City, and serves on the boards of Chess in the Schools, the Cleveland Museum of Art, the Foundation for Contemporary Arts, the Foundation for Art and Preservation in Embassies, the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation, and Socrates Sculpture Park, among others. A civic leader and staunch supporter of education, women's issues, and environmental concerns, among other causes, she has served on the boards of such wide-ranging organizations as the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center and the Fund for Public Schools. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in history at Connecticut College and a master's degree in art history at Harvard University.