Andrea E. Chapdelaine, a lifelong teacher and scholar became Hood College’s 11th president July 1, 2015.

In addition to her presidency, she is a professor of psychology.

President Chapdelaine, who is originally from Chicopee, Mass., has more than two decades of experience in higher education, including serving as provost and chief academic officer at Albright College in Reading, Pa. from 2006 to 2015. She also served as dean of undergraduate studies and as a psychology faculty member there beginning in 1998.

She earned a doctorate and a master’s degree in social psychology from the University of Connecticut. She graduated cum laude from the University of New Hampshire with a bachelor’s degree in psychology and a minor in justice studies.

As provost at Albright, President Chapdelaine oversaw the academic affairs division and played a leadership role in strategic planning and assessment, the college’s fundraising campaign and a number of facility projects. She was directly and indirectly involved in acquiring nearly $7 million in gifts and grants to benefit Albright, its students and faculty from organizations and foundations, including the Hearst, Mellon, Alfred P. Sloan, National Science and local foundations, as well as individuals. In collaboration with the faculty, she initiated new academic programs and a comprehensive revision of the general education curriculum. She is a member of the Council on Undergraduate Research, has presented at professional development workshops for academic administrators and served on a local board to improve early childhood literacy.

She began her teaching career at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Ind., from 1993 to 1995 as a visiting assistant professor. She also taught at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., from 1995 to 1998 as a visiting assistant professor. During her career she has taught introductory psychology, statistics, research methods, program evaluation, social psychology, psychology and the law, close relationships and community-based research. Her most recent scholarly work has focused on supporting faculty through policies designed to promote flexibility and work-life balance, the value of undergraduate research to student learning and ethical issues in service learning.

President Chapdelaine and her husband, David Tetreault, who is also from Massachusetts, have two sons, Daniel and Benjamin.