

## **Richard Kamber, Philosopher from College of New Jersey, Elected Third President of ACTC**

Richard Kamber was elected as the new President of ACTC by the membership of ACTC in a ballot during December 2008 and January 2009. He assumed office on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Rick is a professor of Philosophy at the College of New Jersey, where he has been Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and Chair of the Department of Philosophy.

Rick, as most members of ACTC know, has been a long-term member of the ACTC Board, and he has taken responsibility for a number of tasks within ACTC. Rick, is an original, founding member of the ACTC Board, who has consistently attended our meetings year after year. His contributions to ACTC include fund raising and grant review, institutional relations with sister organizations, an awards committee, and, most recently, service as chair of the Nomination Committee. In the nomination letter written by former President Sloan to the ACTC Nominations Committee of the Board, Phil remarked, "He is in my opinion an outstanding candidate for the position."

As President, Rick brings an impressive scholarly voice and a commitment to core text teaching that is in the same spirit as his predecessors. The author of three books, *William James: Essays and Lectures*, Pearson and Longman, 2007, *On Camus*, Wadsworth, July 2002, and *On Sartre*, Wadsworth, January 2000, his publications also encompass work on the sciences and philosophy, trends in higher education, art, and the holocaust. Rick received his Ph.D. from Claremont, his B.A. from Johns Hopkins, and has studied at Oxford and has been a guest professor at Wolfgang Goethe University in Frankfurt. He has been a Vice President for Development at Muhlenberg College and held numerous upper level administrative positions at Susquehanna University.

Rick has already assumed responsibilities as co-chair of the ACTC Budget Committee and will address this year's conference in Memphis, with his inaugural Presidential Address, "Whither Philosophy." In his statement to the Board upon his nomination, Rick remarked, "Part of the job of our next President will be to enlist the talents of both Board and non-Board members and to cultivate the support of an expanding circle of institutions to increase our visibility and momentum. ...I am convinced that core texts and courses, as we have come to define them, are superb vehicles for advancing liberal arts education and that ACTC is uniquely poised to provide leadership in promoting their use and demonstrating their power."