WILLIAMS COLLEGE

Two Hundred and Twenty-Third
Commencement

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
June 1 - 3, 2012
MAIN EVENTS

• **Ivy Exercises**: Members of the Senior Class plant ivy, read the Class Poem and the Class History, perform music, and sing the College Song. The Dean of the College announces over a hundred individual student awards. Tickets are not required for this event.

  * **Rain Plans**: In case of heavy rain Ivy Exercises will move indoors to Lansing-Chapman Ice Rink.

• **Baccalaureate** is a service of gratitude and remembrance, using the languages of many religions to celebrate the transformation of learning into wisdom. One of the honorary degree recipients gives the Baccalaureate address. Admission is by ticket only for guests and family members. Seniors must request tickets for their guests, with a limit of two tickets per senior.

• **Commencement** begins with a formal academic procession. Three members of the Senior Class give brief speeches, honorary degrees are awarded, and an honorary degree recipient gives the Commencement Address. Finally the College President awards each senior his or her diploma. No tickets are necessary for outdoor Commencement on West College Lawn. Since the outdoor seating faces east, guests will find hats, sunglasses, and a water bottle useful on a sunny morning.

  * **Rain Plans**: Every effort will be made to hold the ceremony outdoors, even with a possibility of light rain. Guests should bring rain gear if the weather forecast includes rain. In case of heavy rain or threat of lightning, the Chapel Bells will toll at 9:00 am Sunday signaling that the ceremony will move indoors to Lansing-Chapman Ice Rink. Tickets are required for guests and family members for admission to Lansing-Chapman. Each senior will be given four rain tickets when they pick up their robes. Additional seating will be available on a first-come basis in Chandler Gymnasium where the ceremony will be broadcast on a large screen. Tickets are not required for seating in Chandler Gymnasium.
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Friday, June 1

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Graduate Program in the History of Art Spring Symposium
Clark Art Institute Auditorium

Saturday, June 2

Class Day

8:30 a.m. Phi Beta Kappa Induction
'62 Center for Theatre and Dance

10:00 a.m. Sigma Xi Induction
'62 Center for Theatre and Dance

11:00 a.m. Senior Class Day Recital
Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall

1:10 p.m. Ivy Exercises
West College Lawn

3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Refreshments
Chapin Hall Lawn

3:15 - 3:45 p.m. Senior Athlete Recognition Reception
Goodrich Hall

3:15 - 4:15 p.m.* A Conversation with David Brooks
'62 Center for Theatre and Dance

4:45 p.m. Baccalaureate Procession

5:00 - 6:15 p.m.* Baccalaureate Service
Speaker: Anna Deavere Smith
Chapin Hall

Sunday, June 3

Commencement Day

9:30 a.m. Commencement Procession

10:00 a.m. Commencement Exercises
Speaker: Atul Gawande
West College Lawn

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. President’s Reception
Chapin Hall Lawn

* Admission by ticket only
GENERAL INFORMATION

Athletic Department Senior Recognition Reception
The Department will recognize the senior athletic award winners. Honorees will include All Conference (NESCAC), All-Americans, All Academic teams, post-graduate scholar award winners, and the 2012 Ephmansion Award recipients. The event is open to senior athletes and their families. Light refreshments will be served.

Cap and Gown Distribution Center
The College provides Seniors with caps and gowns to wear to Ivy Exercises, Baccalaureate, and Commencement. Caps and gowns will be distributed on Thursday, May 31, Friday, June 1, and Saturday, June 2. All Seniors will receive email messages with details about when and where to pick up their caps and gowns.

Housing Commencement Weekend
A list of lodgings can be found at http://tinyurl.com/lodginglist. Comfortable private accommodations for the weekend are available in Williamstown homes through ABC Room Service. For reservations or more information, please e-mail Sylvia Logan, at abcroomservice@gmail.com by April 27. Seniors on financial aid may request beds in Mission Park for their families on Friday and Saturday nights of Commencement Weekend. The charge of $10/bed/night will be placed on your student’s term bill in early May. To make reservations email Beatrice.M.Miles@williams.edu by May 10.

Meals
During Commencement Week, guests of degree candidates may have meals on a cash basis in Lee Snack Bar or Whitmans’, located in Paresky Center. Lee Snack Bar and Whitmans’ will not be open on Saturday for dinner as it is customary for Seniors to plan their own parties for Commencement eve. No reservations are required for either location. All other dining halls are closed.

On Sunday continental breakfast will be served on a cash basis in the Eco Café and Lee Snack Bar beginning at 8:00 am. All dining halls are closed for Sunday breakfast.

Hours: Lee Snack Bar, Monday - Saturday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am - 12:00 noon. Whitmans’, Monday - Saturday, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm; 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm except Saturday night.
Photographing the Graduates
Arrangements have been made for both a professional photographer and a video crew to take pictures of the graduates receiving their diplomas. We hope to minimize the need for other picture-taking. Those who still want to use cameras during the Commencement ceremony are asked to use the designated photography area to avoid blocking the view of the seated guests in the audience.

President's Reception
President Falk will honor the new graduates and their families at a reception on Chapin Hall Lawn immediately following Commencement Exercises. Everybody is invited for informal greetings, congratulations, and farewells. A light lunch is served.

Recreational Facilities
College recreational facilities will be available for guests of degree candidates on Friday according to the following schedule: Lasell Upper and Lower Fitness Centers & Simon Squash: 6:00 am - 6:00 pm. Outdoor tennis courts are open all weekend: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm. Chandler Pool will not be open.

Tickets for Baccalaureate and Commencement
Ivy Exercises and outdoor Commencement do not require tickets. Admission to Baccalaureate is by ticket only for guests and family members. Seating in Chapin Hall is very limited. We will issue two guest tickets to each Senior on a first-come, first-served basis. Seniors can request tickets online in mid-April. When Chapin Hall tickets have been exhausted, we will issue tickets for Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall, where the ceremony can be viewed on a large screen. Seating in Brooks-Rogers is also limited.

If heavy rain forces us to hold Commencement indoors in the Lansing-Chapman Ice Rink, admission will be by ticket only. Each Senior will receive four guest tickets for indoor Commencement when they pick up their caps and gowns. Additional seating will be available in Chandler Gymnasium where tickets are not required.

Tickets for “A Conversation with David Brooks”
We will issue up to three guest tickets to Seniors on a first-come, first-served basis online in mid-April while supplies last.
LIBRARIES and SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS

CHAPIN LIBRARY, ARCHIVES and SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
During the renovation of Stetson Hall, the Chapin Library of Rare Books and the Williams College Archives are in the historic Southworth Schoolhouse, corner of School and Southworth streets. Visitors are invited to view selections from Chapin and Archives holdings.

*Hours:* Friday, 10:00 am–5:00 pm, Saturday, 9:00 am–12:00 noon.

The Chapin collection of *Founding Documents of the United States*, is on display in the Williams College Museum of Art.

SAWYER LIBRARY
*What Are They Thinking?* Exhibit featuring recent publications by Williams College Faculty. Sawyer Library lobby.

*Senior Honors Theses.* Submitted by the Class of 2012. Sawyer Library, reference area, main floor.

*Hours:* Friday, 8:00 am - 5:30 pm; Saturday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

SCHOW SCIENCE LIBRARY, SCIENCE CENTER
*Proven and Published: Research by Science Professors.* Exhibit featuring recent publications.

*Science Senior Honors Theses.* Submitted by the Class of 2012. Schow Science Library, current periodical area

*Hours:* Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm; Saturday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE MUSEUM OF ART
One of the finest college art museums in the country, the Williams College Museum of Art (WCMA) houses over 13,000 works that span the history of art. The museum’s principal mission is to encourage multidisciplinary teaching through encounters with art objects that traverse time periods and cultures.
Current exhibitions include:

*Asco: Elite of the Obscure, A Retrospective, 1872-1987* is the first retrospective to present the wide-ranging work of the Chicano performance and conceptual art group Asco.

*Teaching with Art: Life and Death in Ancient Rome* supports a Williams Classics course and explores the original meaning of selected Roman antiquities.

*Senior Studio Art Majors Exhibition* celebrates the accomplishments of Williams students.

*Museum Models: Students Take On Celebrated Architects* features models of museums that Williams students have created in the styles of renowned architects.

*Reflections on a Museum.* In five exhibitions: *The Object of Art; Art Re: Art; a Collection of Histories; Don't Fence U.S. In: Crossing Boundaries in American Art; and Room for Reflection,* WCMA presents new combinations of works of art from the collection joined by major loans from the Yale University Art Gallery. Each Exhibition considers the museum as its subject, raising questions about the function and meaning of art.

*Hours:* Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm; Sunday, 1:00-5:00 pm. Admission is free.

**STERLING and FRANCINE CLARK ART INSTITUTE, 225 SOUTH STREET**
The Clark is renowned for its French Impressionist paintings by Claude Monet, Edgar Degas, Camille Pissarro, and especially Pierre-Auguste Renoir, with more than 30 paintings by the artist. The collection is also rich in American paintings by Winslow Homer, John Singer Sargent, Frederic Remington, and Mary Cassatt; Italian and Northern Renaissance masterpieces; portraits and landscapes by European masters; and an extraordinary collection of silver, porcelain, and furniture. The recent gift of the Manton Collection added a significant number of British works by J.M.W. Turner, John Constable, and Thomas Gainsborough, among others. Whether focused on the work of a single artist, or around themes and artistic
movements, the Clark’s vibrant special exhibitions bring together the finest works from around the world.

Friday, June 1, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute Auditorium
Graduate Program Spring Symposium
The Class of 2012 in the Graduate Program in the History of Art will present scholarly papers.
Admission to the symposium is free

Saturday, June 2, 4:30 - 6:30
Graduate Program in the History of Art Hood Ceremony and reception, Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute Auditorium.

Hours: Open Tuesday through Sunday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm. Admission is $15 (18 and under, Clark members, and students with valid ID are free). For information visit clarkart.edu.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For information on access for people with disabilities, please contact the Office of the College Marshal in advance.

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