WILLIAMS COLLEGE

Two Hundred and Twenty-Sixth Commencement

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
June 5 – June 7, 2015
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 one 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. Governor Deval Patrick will give the Baccalaureate address. Due to renovations to Chapin Hall, Baccalaureate will be held in Chandler Gymnasium this year. Tickets are not required and there is no limit on family attendance. This event will also be simulcast for viewing online.

• **Commencement** begins with a formal academic procession. Three members of the Senior Class give brief speeches, honorary degrees are awarded, and Ursula Burns will give 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. Because the outdoor seating faces east and we lost a large shade tree this year, 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, first-served basis in Chandler Gymnasium where the ceremony will be broadcast on a large screen. Tickets are not required for seating in Chandler Gymnasium. This event will also be simulcast for viewing online.
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Friday, June 5

9:00 am - 6:00 pm  Graduate Program in the History of Art Spring Symposium
                   Clark Art Institute Auditorium

Saturday, June 6  Class Day

8:30 am  Phi Beta Kappa Induction
         '62 Center for Theatre and Dance

10:00 am  Sigma Xi Induction
          '62 Center for Theatre and Dance

11:00 am  Senior Class Day Recital
          Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
          Senior Athlete Recognition Reception
          Goodrich Hall

1:10 pm  Ivy Exercises
         West College Lawn

3:00 - 4:30 pm  Refreshments
                 Chapin Hall Lawn

3:15 - 4:15 pm  Conversations with Honorary Degree Recipients:
                 Frank Deford
                 Gish Jen
                 Mario J. Molina
                 '62 Center for Theatre and Dance

4:45 pm  Baccalaureate Procession

5:00 - 6:15 pm  Baccalaureate Service
                 Speaker: Deval L. Patrick
                 Chandler Gymnasium

Sunday, June 7  Commencement Day

9:30 am  Commencement Procession

10:00 am  Commencement Exercises
           Speaker: Ursula M. Burns
           West College Lawn

12:00 - 1:30 pm  President’s Reception
                  Chapin Hall Lawn
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 2015 Ephmanship Award recipients. The event is open to senior athletes and their families. Light refreshments will be served.

Cap and Gown Distribution
The college provides Seniors with caps and gowns to wear to Ivy Exercises, Baccalaureate, and Commencement. Caps and gowns will be distributed June 3 - 7. All Seniors will receive email messages with details about when and where to pick up their caps and gowns.

Commencement Central
Located in the Paresky foyer. Knowledgeable personnel can answer questions regarding the weekend events, parking, and accessibility.

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 Airbnb.com. 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. To make reservations email Kim.J.Racine@williams.edu by May 8.

Meals
Guests of degree candidates may have meals on a cash basis in Lee Snack Bar or Whitmans’ Dining Hall, located in Paresky Center. All other dining halls are closed. 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. On Sunday, continental breakfast will be served on a cash basis in the Eco Café and Lee Snack Bar beginning at 8:00 am. Whitmans’ will be closed.

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 - 7:00 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: There will be no access to the stage.

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. Samuelson-Muir Pool will be closed.

Tickets for Baccalaureate and Commencement
Ivy Exercises and outdoor Commencement do not require tickets. Baccalaureate will be held in Chandler Gymnasium this year, due to Chapin Hall renovations. Tickets are not required and there is no limit of family attendance.

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. This event will also be simulcast for viewing online.
LIBRARIES and SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS

CHAPIN LIBRARY OF RARE BOOKS, ARCHIVES, and SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Chapin Library will exhibit *The Chapin Library at 100*. A display of rare books and manuscripts celebrating one hundred years since the collection was conceived by Alfred Clark Chapin, Williams Class of 1869, and *The Founding Documents of the United States of America*. Original printings of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and other documents from the founding of the nation.

College Archives will have an exhibit in the Schow Connector Gallery (Level 4 Sawyer) featuring the life and times of James Garfield, Class of 1856.

*Hours:* Friday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Saturday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

SAWYER LIBRARY

*What Are They Thinking?* Exhibit featuring recent publications by Williams College Faculty in Social Sciences and Humanities. Sawyer Library Lobby.

*Senior Honors Theses.* Submitted by the Class of 2015
Sawyer Library, Level 3 (entrance level)

*Hours:* Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 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 2015
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

WCMA sparks new ways of thinking about art and the visual world through its innovative exhibitions, programs, publications and projects. At the heart of the Williams College campus the museum draws on the collaborative and multidisciplinary ethos of the college to enliven the more than 14,000 works in its collection. The museum and its program is a catalyst for student learning and community engagement. WCMA is free and open to all.

Current exhibitions include:

*Senior Studio Exhibition.* As contemporary as it gets. Senior studio art students design and produce an exhibition of their work in the final semester of their college careers.

*Warhol by the Book.* Andy Warhol lived and breathed books. From his student days in the 1940s to his death in 1987, Warhol experimented wildly with form and content, turning traditional notions of media and authorship on their heads. He co-produced a satirical cookbook mocking fashionable French recipes; held coloring parties for crowdsourcing his own promotional books; and designed a pop-up “children’s book for hipsters” featuring sound recordings, holograms, and a do-it-yourself nose job. *Warhol by the Book* is the first US exhibition to focus on Warhol’s book work. It is organized by The Andy Warhol Museum, one of four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh. The show features more than 500 objects including unique and unpublished materials, and highlights WCMA’s important holdings given by Richard F. Holmes ’46.

*Three Centuries of American Art.* Familiar favorites along with artwork new to WCMA’s collection provide a panoply of American creativity. Edward Hopper’s *Morning in a City*, back on view after its international tour, joins a colorful geometric gouache painting by Stuart Davis. Portrait paintings by John Smibert and Thomas Eakins coalesce with sculpture, decorative arts, and beloved works by Maurice Prendergast.

*Hours:* Everyday, 10:00 am–5:00 pm
   Thursday, 10:00 am–8:00 pm
*Admission is free.* Visit [wcma.williams.edu](http://wcma.williams.edu) for more information.
CLARK ART INSTITUTE
225 SOUTH STREET

Friday, June 5, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Clark Center, West Pavilion
Graduate Program Spring Symposium
The Class of 2015 in the Graduate Program in the History of Art will present scholarly papers. Admission to the symposium is free.

Saturday, June 6, 4:30 - 6:30 pm
Graduate Program in the History of Art Hood Ceremony and reception, Clark Center, West Pavilion

The Clark opened its new campus last summer to extraordinary critical and public acclaim, and was recognized by Apollo magazine as the “Museum Opening of the Year,” while earning top design honors from The Wall Street Journal and The Architect’s Newspaper. The new Clark Center, designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Tadao Ando, offers more than 11,000 square feet of special exhibition galleries, as well as dining and retail amenities. Selldorf Architects’ thoughtful renovation of the original Museum Building created beautiful new galleries and significantly enhanced the visitor experience. A dramatic rethinking of the Clark’s 140-acre campus, designed by Reed Hilderbrand, includes a one-acre reflecting pool and new walking trails, and provides a unique setting in which to explore art in nature.

For more information, visit www.clarkart.edu.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

For information on access for people with disabilities, please see commencement.williams.edu/visitors-with-disabilities/.

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