

# WILLIAMS COLLEGE

*Two Hundred Twenty-Seventh  
Commencement*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
June 4 – June 5, 2016

## MAIN EVENTS

- ***Ivy Exercises***: Members of the Senior Class gather on the West College Lawn to 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.

***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. Elizabeth Kolbert will give the Baccalaureate Address. Baccalaureate will be held in Chapin Hall. Each senior will be given ***one ticket for a guest***, but live-stream viewing will be available in the '62 CTD MainStage and the Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall in Bernhard Music Center. This event will also be streamed online.

- ***Commencement*** begins with a formal academic procession. Three members of the Senior Class give brief speeches, honorary degrees are awarded, and Bryan A. Stevenson 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, guests will find hats, sunglasses, and water bottles 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 a.m. 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 guest tickets when they pick up their gowns. 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 streamed online.

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### ***Saturday, June 4***

### ***Class Day***

- 8:30 a.m. Phi Beta Kappa Induction  
*'62 CTD MainStage*
- 10 a.m. Sigma Xi Induction  
*'62 CTD, MainStage*
- 11 a.m. Senior Class Day Recital  
*Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall*
- Senior Athlete Recognition Reception  
*Goodrich Hall*
- 1:10 p.m. Ivy Exercises  
*West College Lawn*
- 3 – 4:30 p.m. Refreshments  
*Chapin Hall Lawn*
- 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. Honorary Degree Recipient Events:  
Eric Carle  
Frank Deford  
Leehom Wang '98
- 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Art History Graduate Program Hooding  
Ceremony  
*The Clark Art Institute, Conforti Pavilion*
- 4:45 p.m. Baccalaureate Procession
- 5 – 6:15 p.m. Baccalaureate Service  
Speaker: Elizabeth Kolbert  
*Chapin Hall*

### ***Sunday, June 5***

### ***Commencement Day***

- 9:30 a.m. Commencement Procession
- 10 a.m. Commencement Exercises  
Speaker: Bryan Stevenson  
*West College Lawn*
- Noon – 1:30 p.m. 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 2016 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 1–5. 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 Center foyer. Knowledgeable personnel can answer questions regarding weekend events, parking, and accessibility.

### ***Housing Commencement Weekend***

A list of lodging can be found at [Williams.edu/visitors](http://Williams.edu/visitors). Aside from hotels and inns, visitors may also find accommodations in private homes through room/home rental and exchange websites. **Seniors on financial aid** may request beds in Mission Park for their families on Friday and Saturday nights of Commencement Weekend. The charge of \$20 for the weekend will be placed on the student's term bill. To make reservations, have your student fill out a Commencement Housing Request form. Aided students will receive a link to this form in early April. Reservations must be made by May 15. Visit the housing section of the commencement site for more information or email Kim Racine with questions. [kjr2@williams.edu](mailto:kjr2@williams.edu).

### ***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 a.m.. Whitmans' will be closed.

*Hours:* Lee Snack Bar, Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m.– noon. Whitmans', Monday to Saturday, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.; 5 p.m. – 7 p.m., except Saturday night.

### ***Photographing the Graduates***

Arrangements have been made for a professional photographer 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 a.m. – 6 p.m. Outdoor tennis courts are open all weekend: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. Samuelson-Muir Pool will be closed.

### ***Tickets for Baccalaureate, Conversations, and Commencement***

Ivy Exercises and outdoor Commencement do not require tickets.

Baccalaureate will be held in Chapin Hall, with only one guest ticket per student. The ceremony will be simulcast into Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall and onto the MainStage of the '62 Center for Theatre and Dance. Online ticketing for Chapin Hall will be available to students in mid-April.

For conversations with honorary degree recipients, the college will issue up to three tickets to Seniors. Tickets are issued through online requests on a first-come, first-served basis beginning in mid-April.

***If heavy rain or threat of lightning 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 cap and gown.*** Additional seating will be available in Chandler Gymnasium where tickets are not required. This event will also be streamed for viewing online.

## **LIBRARIES and SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS**

### **CHAPIN LIBRARY OF RARE BOOKS, ARCHIVES, and SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

*Progress through Struggle: Student Activism at Williams.* Steven Schow '81 Gallery (Sawyer 455). An exploration of the roles Williams students have played in social, academic, and cultural change on campus, from the collections of the College Archives.

*Audubon's Birds of America.* Steven Schow '81 Gallery (Sawyer 455).

*Treasures from Special Collections.* Archives/Chapin Instruction Gallery (Sawyer 408).

*"While Thy Booke Doth Live": Shakespeare and His World.* Chapin Gallery (Sawyer 406). The four folio editions of the plays and other rare books from the Chapin Library, marking 400 years since the death of William Shakespeare.

*Founding Documents of the United States of America.* Chapin Gallery (Sawyer 406). Original printings of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and other documents from the founding of the nation.

*Hours:* Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Sunday, 1 – 5 p.m.

### **SAWYER LIBRARY**

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

*Hours:* Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

### **SCHOW SCIENCE LIBRARY, SCIENCE CENTER**

*Proven and Published: Research by Science Professors.* Exhibit featuring recent publications.

*Hours:* Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

## **WILLIAMS COLLEGE MUSEUM OF ART**

WCMA makes dynamic art experiences to incite new thinking about art, museums, and the world. The museum draws on the collaborative and multidisciplinary ethos of the college to enliven the more than 14,000 works in its growing collection. 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.

*Not Theories but Revelations The Art and Science of Abbott Handerson Thayer.* Abbott Handerson Thayer, renowned 20th century painter of ethereal angels, landscapes, and delicate flowers, was at the center of a raging debate around Darwin's theories of evolution. As much a scientist as an artist, Thayer's study of the visual world expressed itself in articles published in major scientific journals, an epistolary debate with Theodore Roosevelt, and in the development of the first prototype of military camouflage.

*Both Sides Now* is a first-time creative collaboration by sibling artists Lexa and Dan Walsh. Dan, a minimalist abstract painter, and Lexa, a socially engaged artist, come together to merge their practices around a shared interest in spectacle, perception, and encounters among objects and people.

*African Art Against the State* highlights the long and extraordinary history of activism, intervention, and resistance that has characterized a great deal of African art-making from prehistory to the present. The exhibition utilizes a select group of objects from various traditions and artistic moments to highlight how art has been used as a mechanism of mediation across both space and time while giving teeth to the adage that sometimes images can speak louder than words.

*Hours:* Everyday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
*Admission is free.* Visit [wcma.williams.edu](http://wcma.williams.edu) for more information.

**CLARK ART INSTITUTE  
225 SOUTH STREET**

Friday, June 3, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Graduate Program Spring Symposium  
Clark Center, Conforti Pavilion

The Class of 2016 in the Graduate Program in the History of Art will present scholarly papers. Admission to the symposium is free.

Saturday, June 4, 4:30 – 6:30 pm  
Graduate Program in the History of Art MA Hooding Ceremony and reception, Clark Center, Conforti Pavilion

Parents and friends are invited to visit the Clark Art Institute at 225 South St., a short walk from campus. The Clark's permanent collection is noted for its extensive holding of 19th century French masterpieces, including works by key Impressionists including Claude Monet, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Edgar Degas, and Camille Pissarro. View American paintings by artists including John Singer Sargent, Winslow Homer, George Inness, and Frederic Remington, along with the Clark's rich collection of Old Master and Renaissance works.

The Clark's 140-acre campus features scenic walking trails, exceptional architecture, and the first U.S. installation of an outdoor sculpture by contemporary artist Thomas Schütte, *Crystal*.

For more information, visit [www.clarkart.edu](http://www.clarkart.edu)

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**CONTACT INFORMATION**

*For information on access for people with disabilities,  
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