WILLIAMS COLLEGE

Two Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Commencement

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
June 6 – June 8, 2014
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. 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, 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 6

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

Saturday, June 7  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

1:10 pm  Ivy Exercises
         West College Lawn

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

3:15 - 3:45 pm  Senior Athlete Recognition Reception
                Goodrich Hall

3:15 - 4:15 pm*  Conversation with Honorary Degree Recipient Steven Chu
                  '62 Center for Theater and Dance

4:45 pm  Baccalaureate Procession

5:00 - 6:15 pm*  Baccalaureate Service
                  Speaker: Karen Armstrong
                  Chapin Hall

Sunday, June 8  Commencement Day

9:30 am  Commencement Procession

10:00 am  Commencement Exercises
          Speaker: Michael R. Bloomberg
          West College Lawn

12:00 - 1:30 pm  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 2014 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 4 - 8. 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](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 Sarah Dewey 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. To make reservations email Beatrice.M.Miles@williams.edu by May 10.

*Meals*

Guests of degree candidates may have meals on a cash basis in Lee Snack Bar or Whitmans’, 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 - 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 be closed.

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. This event will also be simulcast for viewing online.

Tickets for the Conversation with Honorary Degree Recipient Steven Chu
We will issue up to three 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
The Chapin Library of Rare Books and the Williams College Archives, in process of moving into the new library, are closed to the public at this time.

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

*Hours:* Everyday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm’ extended hours Thursday to 8:00 pm.

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 2014. 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.


*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 14,000 works that span the history of art. The museum catalyzes multidisciplinary learning through encounters with works of art that traverse time periods and cultures.

*Current exhibitions include:*

Senior Studio Art Majors Exhibition. Senior studio art majors teamed up with art history graduate students to mine WCMA’s collection for works of art that resonated with their own. Together, majors and grads selected, interpreted, and installed the newly created works next to artworks from other times and places.
Mitchell, Benglis, Wilke. Three women artists approach abstraction from different angles. On view are a monumental oil on canvas painting, a floor piece of multi-colored industrial latex poured and congealed, and nine wall-mounted latex forms, folded and snapped into shape.

Teaching with Art: Art and Identity in the Roman Near East. Associate Professor of Classics Ben Rubin’s course, Roman Cities in the Near East, extends into WCMA’s galleries. The course considers the role of material culture in the construction of Roman identity. In this latest exhibition in the Teaching With Art series, a range of objects from a marble sculpture of Artemis and date-shaped glass flask to a mummified hand are on view.

American Art on View. Highlights of the American collection from the colonial period to the mid-twentieth century. Provocative juxtapositions emphasize the artists’ examination of community and their observations of natural and constructed environments.

Hours: Everyday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm; extended hours Thursday to 8:00 pm. Admission is free. Visit wcma.williams.edu for more information.

STERLING and FRANCINE CLARK ART INSTITUTE, 225 SOUTH STREET

Friday, June 6, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute Auditorium
Graduate Program Spring Symposium
The Class of 2014 in the Graduate Program in the History of Art will present scholarly papers. Admission to the symposium is free.

Saturday, June 7, 4:30 - 6:30 pm
Graduate Program in the History of Art Hood Ceremony and reception, Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute Auditorium.

The Clark galleries are currently unavailable as final preparations are made for the July 4, 2014 opening of its new campus following a three-year expansion project. The Institute’s new Visitor Center, designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Tadao Ando, will offer 11,000 square feet of special exhibition galleries, as well as dining and retail amenities. Selldorf Architects has thoughtfully renovated the original Museum Building, creating beautiful new spaces and expanding the galleries by fifteen percent. Their transformative
design for the Manton Research Center creates new gallery space and a study center for works on paper. 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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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