



WILLIAMS COLLEGE – CLASS OF 1998

25th Reunion Schedule

(As of 06/04/23 – subject to change)

June 8–11, 2023

**** Key '98 activities in bold ****

Listed meals are included in reunion fees unless otherwise noted.

THURSDAY, June 8

Noon – 11:00 pm

Class Registration at Mission Park

Mission Park

Please check in here for official counts and to receive your '98 reunion packet. Pick up your room keys here if you signed up for college dorm housing.

1:30 – 2:45 pm

Faculty Lecture: Disentangling Empathy: Opposing Contributions of Different Facets of Empathy to Interpersonal Accuracy

Mainstage, '62 Center for Theatre and Dance

With Associate Professor of Psychology Jeremy Cone
 What is it that provides us an accurate window into the thoughts and feelings of others? Recent research has suggested that different facets of empathy are psychologically distinct and result in different behavioral tendencies. In this talk, Prof. Jeremy Cone will discuss how disentangling empathy in this way can help to provide a more nuanced understanding about how the strategies we use to step into the emotional shoes of others can make different contributions to our ability to accurately envision others' inner emotional lives.

3:00 – 4:15 pm

Class of 1973 Seminar: Leveraging Genomics, Cell Therapy and Gene Therapy to Cure Blood Cancers

Mainstage, '62 Center for Theatre and Dance

With Dr. John DiPersio '73, introduction by Robert Koegel '73
 Cancer afflicts us all—our families, our friends, and ourselves. While rudimentary treatments remain, the last fifty years have seen great advances in stem cell transplantation and gene therapy to extend lives and even cure people. These breakthroughs have occurred in our lifetime because of the dedication of people like Dr. John DiPersio.

6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Welcome Dinner for the Class of 1998

Dance Studio, '62 Center for Theatre and Dance

Join your classmates for an informal dinner and beverages. Families are welcome. ***Food will be available until 9:00pm.***

8:00 pm	<i>Trivia Night</i> Come on down to The Log and show your smarts! Enjoy five competitive rounds of trivia for you and your friends.	<i>The Log</i> <i>Spring Street</i>
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FRIDAY, June 9

6:00 am – 9:30 am	<i>Sunrise Hike Up Pine Cobble</i> With Scott Lewis, Director of the Outing Club Dress for the weather, bring a water bottle and a cup for hot drinks.	<i>Paresky Steps</i>
6:30 am – 9:30 am	<i>A la carte breakfast available for all classes</i> (Cost for breakfast <u>not</u> included in reunion fees)	<i>Snack Bar (Paresky, formerly Baxter Hall)</i>
8:00 am – 10:00 am	<i>'98 Breakfast Snacks</i> Mini honey buns, croissants, whole fruit, coffee and tea	<i>Mission Park Lobby</i>
9:00 am – 11:00 pm	<i>Class Registration at Mission Park</i> Please check in here for official counts and to receive your '98 reunion packet. Pick up your room keys here if you signed up for college dorm housing.	<i>Mission Park</i>
10:00 am – 11:15 am	<i>50th Reunion Alumni Seminar: Changing the Course of Climate in the Next 50 Years</i> Panelists include professors William Moomaw '58, Thomas Jorling, Mea Cook and Allison Gill. Moderated by Michael Jones '73. Using the climate knowledge and experience of four present and former faculty, we will explore the causes and consequences of a changing climate, and the multiple solutions available to slow and eventually reverse global temperature.	<i>Mainstage</i> <i>'62 Center for Theatre and Dance</i>
11:00 am – 2:00 pm	<i>Lunch on your own</i>	<i>Lee Snack Bar and Spring Street</i>
11:30 am - 1:30 pm	<i>FestEPHal</i> Join the LGBTQ+ Alumni Network (BiGLATA), the Williams Asian & Asian American Alumni Network (WAAAAN), the Williams Black Alumni Network (WBAN), the Williams Firsts Alumni Network (WFAN), and the Williams Latinx Alumni Network (WLAN) for a festive party lunch with the family. This event will be hosted by the Director for Alumni Diversity & Inclusion.	<i>Dance Studio</i> <i>'62 Center for Theatre and Dance</i>
11:30 am – 2:30 pm	<i>Free ice cream courtesy of the Ephraim Williams Society</i>	<i>Front Porch, Paresky Steps</i>
2:00 pm	<i>Davis Center Building Project</i> Walk through the new Davis Center building with staff from Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (OIDEI) and Scott Henderson, Senior Project Manager, Williams College. Closed toed shoes required.	<i>Meet at Morley Circle</i>

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	<i>Dwelling of the Gallant: Women of Williams</i> In honor of 50+ years of coeducation at the college, join us for a special ceremony of celebration featuring four Women of Williams across the decades telling their stories. This is a moment to recognize the over 13,000 Williams Alumnae (including the Class of 2023) who have and continue to have an impact on Williams and the world!	Mainstage '62 Center for Theatre and Dance
3:00 pm - 3:45 pm	<i>Admission 101</i> Families with children beginning to think about college are encouraged to join this informal, interactive session with a Williams admission officer.	Weston Hall
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<i>A Conversation with Williams President Maud S. Mandel</i> Details to come.	Mainstage '62 Center for Theatre and Dance
5:00 – 7:00 pm	<i>GEOS Alumni Reception & Bud's Retirement Celebration</i> Connect with other GEOS alumni and celebrate the career of Professor Bud Wobus. Beer and wine reception organized by the Geosciences department. Families welcome!	Geos Rock Garden (Southern Wachenheim Science Center entrance, off Hoxsey Street)
5:15 pm	Shabbat Services Welcome in Shabbat with Friday night services at the JRC. Everyone is warmly welcome as we sing, pray, and shmooze.	Jewish Religious Center 24 Stetson Court
5:30 pm – 11:00 pm	<i>Class of '98 Gathering and Family BBQ</i> Relaxed, family-friendly BBQ under the tent for the whole class. Games and kids' activities provided on the lawn. We'll also have a DJ for fun and dancing. Dinner starts at 6:30pm.	'98 Tent, Poker Flats
8:00 pm	<i>You Better Call Your Mother</i> Actor/chef Mitchell Anderson '83 spent his early adulthood trying to live partially in and out of the Hollywood closet. His spontaneous decision to "come out" at the 1996 GLAAD Media Awards changed his life. Told in a series of monologues with songs, <i>You Better Call Your Mother</i> , is the story of how he went from the closet to the kitchen and wound up finding happiness, true love, and respect along the way.	Adams Memorial Theatre '62 Center for Theatre and Dance

SATURDAY, June 10

6:30 am – 9:30 am	<i>A la carte breakfast available for all classes</i> (Cost for breakfast <u>not</u> included in reunion fees)	Snack Bar (Paresky)
6:45 am – 9:45 am	<i>Breakfast for the Class of '98 and their families</i> <i>*To-go options available as well*</i>	Mission Park Dining Hall
6:45 am – 9:45 am	<i>All Classes Bike Ride</i> Led by Elliott Sohn '98 and Tim Goggins '12. Experienced bicyclists of all classes are welcome on a fun ride around Williamstown and the surrounding area. There will be	Chapin Steps

two route options available. Both groups will start out together and will split up about 8 miles into the ride. Participants can join either group. The longer ride will get you back to campus in time for the Alumni Parade. If interested, please sign up at <https://bit.ly/ReunionBikeRide> for more information and details.

7:00 am – 8:00 am	<i>Bird Walk led by Drew Jones, Hopkins Forest Manager</i> Some binoculars provided. Coffee available!	<i>Hopkins Forest</i>
7:00 am – 10:00 am	<i>Hike through Hopkins Forest</i> Join other reunion attendees for an early morning 4.5-mile hike through Hopkins Forest. Sturdy shoes recommended for the rolling terrain. If you'd like a ride to the trailhead, meet behind Chapin Hall in the parking lot for a van ride to Petersburg Pass on Route 2 at 7am. Vans will shuttle hikers back to campus from the Rosenburg Center at about 10am.	<i>Chapin Hall (Hopkins Forest)</i>
8:00 am – 10:00 am	<i>Breakfast in Hopkins Forest</i> Start your day in Hopkins Forest with breakfast hosted by the Center for Environmental Studies	<i>Hopkins Forest</i>
8:00 am – 9:00 am	<i>All-Levels Yoga Class</i> Join North Adams Yoga in a morning yoga class as you prepare for the day.	<i>Greylock Hall, second floor</i>
8:00 am – 9:00 am	<i>Fun Run</i> Join other reunion attendees for an early morning run in the Purple Valley (Gale Road loop)	<i>Chapin Steps</i>
7:00 am – 7:00 pm	<i>Class Registration at Mission Park</i> Please check in here for official counts and to receive your '98 reunion packet. Pick up your room keys here if you signed up for college dorm housing. <i>*To help the Class of '98 win the Reunion Attendance Trophy, please check in by 7:00 am!*</i>	<i>Mission Park</i>
9:00 am – 1:00 pm	<i>Williamstown Farmers Market</i> Stroll. Snack. Shop local.	<i>Spring Street parking lot</i>
9:30 am – 10:00 am	<i>Create a Spectacle</i> Dress up for the parade by making your own festive sunglasses, hats, and signs to carry and wear! Rain or shine.	<i>Paresky Steps</i>
9:30 am	<i>Gather for the Alumni Parade of Classes</i> Join the Class of '98 to meet up with old friends and to show that we have the highest numbers! Wear your purple 25 th reunion short-sleeve purple shirt! The 25th reunion class is one of two featured classes and will lead the parade directly behind the 50 th reunion class.	<i>Chapin Lawn (1998 will gather near the Frosh Quad)</i>
10:00 am	<i>Parade of Classes</i> *Please note that the parade route is different this year. We'll march along Park St., turn left on to Route 2, turn left on to Chapin Drive before making our way to Williams Quad.	<i>Paresky Lawn</i>

10:30 am – 11:30 am	<i>Annual Meeting of the Society of Alumni including the presentation of the 1998 Class Gift</i> Our class leaders will be announcing our 25 th Reunion Class Gift. Join us in celebrating our achievements!	<i>Williams Quad (Rain location: Chapin Hall)</i>
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	<i>Wheels! (Ages 2 and up)</i> After the parade, join other young families to explore a fire engine, police cruiser, ambulance, backhoe, front loader, mowers and street sweeper! Rain or shine.	<i>Weston Gate Weston Athletic Complex</i>
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	<i>Soccer Clinic (Ages 5-12)</i> Join a soccer session for all levels. We'll work on development and refinement, and end with small-sided games. Rain or shine.	<i>Farley-Lamb Field Weston Athletic Complex</i>
10:30am – 12:00 pm	<i>Ultimate Frisbee Clinic (Ages 10+)</i> Come and learn this team sport, led by members of the Williams Ultimate Frisbee Organization. Rain or shine.	<i>Williamson Field Weston Athletic Complex</i>
10:30 am – 2:00 pm	<i>Toddler and Preschool Playdate (Ages 2-4)</i> Toddlers/preschoolers and their parents/caregivers are welcome at the Williams College Children's Center to play with purple Play Doh, run around the outdoor play spaces, and enjoy other activities.	<i>Williams College Children's Center, 44 Whitman Street</i>
Noon – 1:00 pm	<i>All Campus Lunch for all classes and families – rain or shine!</i> Join us for lunch on Chapin lawn in front of Paresky!	<i>Chapin Lawn/Paresky</i>
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<i>'98 Time Capsule Unburial</i> Informal unburial of the '98 time capsule that was buried in 1998. Contents will be shared with the class at the '98 Saturday evening dinner.	<i>Goodrich Quad (near the Eyes sculptures)</i>
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<i>Visit the Treetops of the Canopy Walkway (Ages 12+)</i> The walkway is a pair of tree platforms set 70 ft. above the ground and originally used for research. Participants are harnessed to safety cables and aided by guides. No children under 12. Shuttles leave and return from the intersection of Chapin and Mission Park Drive. (See main schedule for shuttle times.)	<i>Hopkins Forest</i>
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<i>Magnificent Monster Circus</i> Come one, come all, to a circus like no other! Encounter magnificent creatures from the wilds of your imagination as their quirky human caretaker tries to teach them new tricks. Kids can lend a hand to Eustice the Unicycling Unimonster, make friends with a Fiery Fanged Worm, cheer for Agnes the many-legged Acropod, and more! This colorful, silly, multi-sensory show full of friendly monsters is a perfect match for young audiences. Show length 40 min. plus Q&A after the show.	<i>Paresky Auditorium</i>
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<i>WCMA Building Project</i> Interested in learning more about the college's plan to create a new home for the Williams College Museum of Art (WCMA)? Join us for a presentation from principals Florian Idenburg and Jing Liu from SO-IL architects, the firm selected to design the first	<i>Mainstage, '62 Center for Theatre and Dance</i>

stand-alone building for the museum. In discussion with WCMA's Class of 1956 Director, Pamela Franks, they will share information and welcome questions about how the project fits into a broad vision for excellence in arts and education at Williams.

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<p><i>Plenty of Purple Projects (All ages)</i> Get your creative juices flowing and make decoupage frames, boxes, jewelry, stationery, painted cow bells, and more. Materials in Williams' colors, of course! (Rain location: Wachenheim 113)</p>	<i>Falk Science Quad</i>
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<p><i>Student-Led Admission Tour</i> Families with children beginning to think about college are encouraged to participate.</p>	<i>Paresky Front Steps</i>
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	<p><i>Forest Critter Exploration (Ages 5-12)</i> Come run and play in Hopkins Forest while looking for forest critters.</p>	<i>Hopkins Forest</i>
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<p><i>Williams Christian Fellowship Alumni Gathering</i></p>	<i>Reading Room, Sawyer Library</i>
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm	<p><i>Community Drum Circle (All Ages)</i> In this musical environment, learn rhythms, playful games, and songs from Africa, South America, and Asia. Instruments provided!</p>	<i>Paresky Steps</i>
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm	<p><i>Lee F. Jackson '79 Memorial Track Meet and Family Games (Ages 5-12)</i>. Participate in races, water games, and more. Ribbons for all participants.</p>	<i>Lee Track, Weston Athletic Complex</i>
2:15 pm - 3:15 pm	<p><i>Admission 101</i> Families with children beginning to think about college are encouraged to join this informal, interactive session with a Williams admission officer.</p>	<i>Weston Hall</i>
2:15 pm - 3:15 pm	<p><i>Campus Tour</i> If you haven't been to campus in a while, this tour is for you. A reunion ranger will show you the Sawyer Library, Hollander and Schapiro Halls, Weston Athletic Complex, The Class of 1966 Environmental Center, Horn Hall and The Hopper Science Center.</p>	<i>Paresky Front Porch</i>
2:15 pm - 3:30 pm	<p><i>25th Reunion Alumni Seminar</i> <i>Artists in the Class of 1998 – Creating a Life in Art</i> The panel will feature '98 classmates Kai Collins, Vicky Fang, Reed Lindsay, Veronica Roberts and Tui Sutherland. Moderated by classmate Lizzie O'Leary.</p>	<i>Mainstage '62 Center for Theatre and Dance</i>
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	<p><i>Book signing with children's books authors Vicky Fang '98 and Tui Sutherland '98</i>. Come meet these renowned children's books authors! Bring your favorite <i>Layla and the Bots, FriendBots</i>, and <i>Best Buddies</i> books for Vicky and your beloved <i>Wings of Fire, The Menagerie</i> and <i>Pet Trouble</i> books for Tui to sign. A selection of their books will also be available for purchase.</p>	<i>Front Lobby of '62 Center for Theatre and Dance</i>

3:30 pm	<i>Eph Meet-Up @ Reunion</i> This casual networking reception features industry-specific chat areas where you can meet other Ephs who do what you do – or would like to do someday! Career shifters and other Ephs in professional transition are welcome, as are non-Eph spouses and guests. Come as you are; business cards optional!	Centerstage Lobby '62 Center for Theatre and Dance
3:30 pm	<i>Family Yoga</i> Infants, toddlers, kids of all ages are welcome to practice yoga with Devin Raber of North Adams Yoga. Games, silliness, zen, and movement with your loved ones.	Williams Quad
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm	<i>Rod Puppet workshop with CactusHead Puppets</i> Drop in and create your own rod puppet character! Participants will use paper, ribbon, and basic craft materials to make a rod puppet character of their own. Recommended for ages 5 and up, all ages welcome!	Schapiro 129
3:30 pm	<i>Drawing Class (Ages 5-12)</i> Enjoy an outdoor drawing session. No experience necessary; come to learn or practice what you already know. Supplies provided.	Park Street Entrance to Alumni Center
3:30 pm	<i>Ultimate Frisbee Games (Ages 10+)</i> Practice the skills you learned in the morning clinic! Led by WUFO members. Rain or shine.	Farley-Lamb Field Weston Athletic Complex
3:30 pm	<i>Take Me to the River (Ages 10+)</i> A guided hike on Hopkins Forest's Hoosic River Trail with David Dethier and Hank Art.	Hopkins Forest
3:30 pm	<i>Preview "BUILDING 6 PORTRAIT INTERIOR" with artist Barbara Ernst Prey '79</i> MASS MoCA commissioned Prey to paint the largest watercolor in the world for the opening of their new building. Come see the painting and hear Prey discuss the monumental commission. Meet at the painting in Building 6.	BUILDING 6, MASS MoCA 1040 MASS MoCA Way North Adams
4:00pm – 6:00 pm	<i>Eph Pride reunion with BiGLATA</i> Meet, share, and celebrate Pride with Williams LGBTQ+ alums and members of the Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender Alumni Network (BiGLATA) attending reunion. Light appetizers will be provided with a cash bar. No RSVP required for this casual event.	The Log, 78 Spring Street
5:00 pm – 6:15 pm	<i>RBG: One Step At A Time</i> , starring Jackie Oliveri '73 Written and directed by Michael J. Tobin, founder of the Footlights Theatre in Falmouth, ME, this single-actor play tells the story of Ginsberg's legal journey via excerpts of essays, opinions, interviews and letters since her teenage years. The title comes from her quote: "Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time."	Mainstage, '62 Center for Theatre and Dance
5:30 pm – 11:30 pm	<i>'98 Dinner and Activities for Kids and Teens</i> Dinner: 5:30 – 7:00 pm (all ages, 5 and under w/ babysitter) Activities: 5:30 – 11:30 pm (ages 6+) Organized by the 25 th Reunion Program and staffed by Williams-	Williamstown Youth Center 66 School Street

town Youth Center Staff and Reunion Rangers. Activities include arts & crafts, outdoor and indoor games, and more. Children ages 10+ will have the opportunity to visit the local high ropes course *Ramblewild* (\$35 fee applies; **advance registration required**). *****Please note that kids going to *Ramblewild* should check in at the Williamstown Youth Center at 4:30 pm; the bus leaves promptly at 5:00 pm!*****

5:30 pm – 7:15 pm	<i>Class of '98 Reception (adults only)</i> We will kick-off the evening with cocktails and canapes. President Maud S. Mandel will join us 5:30-6:30 pm.	<i>'98 Tent, Poker Flats</i>
6:30 pm	<i>Movie at Images: Spider-Man: Across the Spiderverse (2023)</i>	<i>Images Cinema, Spring St.</i>
7:00 pm	<i>Planetarium Show</i> Join us in the Milham Planetarium of the historic Hopkins Observatory for an exploration of the night sky! We will cover a wide range of topics from mythology of the constellations to the way our universe began and anything in between! Come with curiosity and wonder for what our night sky has to offer! <i>Space is limited to 25 people – arrive early to ensure your spot.</i>	<i>Milham Planetarium Hopkins Observatory</i>
7:15pm – 7:30 pm	<i>Class of '98 Photo</i>	<i>'98 Tent, Poker Flats</i>
7:30 pm – Midnight	<i>Class of '98 Adult Reunion Party – Celebrate under the Stars</i> This is our chance to party like it's 1998! We'll have locally-sourced food by Wheelhouse Farm. We'll also share with the class the fun items from our '98 time capsule that was buried on campus in 1998.	<i>'98 Tent, Poker Flats</i>
7:30 pm	<i>Capture the Flag (Ages 10+)</i> Join Reunion Rangers for this classic summer game.	<i>Farley-Lamb Field, Weston Athletic Complex</i>
7:30 pm	<i>Drawing Class (Ages 10+)</i> Explore your creative side with pastels and paper. No experience necessary; supplies provided.	<i>Park Street Entrance to Alumni Center</i>
9:15 pm	<i>Movie at Images: Spider-Man: Across the Spiderverse (2023)</i>	<i>Images Cinema, Spring St.</i>
9:30 pm	<i>Ephlats and The Williams Cabaret</i> Celebrate the '70s with a delightful performance of music, memories, and laughter featuring the '70s and '80s Ephlats and The Williams Cabaret. Cash bar. All classes invited.	<i>The Log, 78 Spring St.</i>

SUNDAY, June 11

7:30 am – 11:00 am	<i>Class of '98 Farewell Brunch</i> Join us for brunch with the Class of '98 and their families	<i>Mission Park Dining Hall</i>
9:30 am – 10:30 am	<i>Reunion Service of Gratitude and Remembrance</i> A multi-faith service to honor the passing of beloved classmates and celebrate the blessings of relationship to the Williams community. Led by Williams chaplains and alumni clergy.	<i>Thompson Memorial Chapel</i>
Noon	<i>Dorm Checkout Deadline</i>	