Reunion

This schedule is current as of May 1, 2015. Names of alumni and faculty speakers, event locations and other details will be added over the next several weeks. Please check the website at http://www.conncoll.edu/alumni/programs-events/reunion/ periodically for updates.

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Schedule of Events


In the event of inclement weather, a rain plan will be activated and announced by Reunion staff members. Please refer to Inclement Weather Locations listed in the program. If an Inclement Weather Location is not listed, the event will remain at the original site.

Friday, May 29

11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Registration
Check in at the registration desk to get important information for the weekend’s festivities.
First floor of the College Center at Crozier-Williams

12 p.m. Sykes Society Luncheon
President Bergeron welcomes alumnae who have celebrated their 50th Reunion.

* A special toast for the Class of 1965
* Remarks by Dr. Martha (Marty) Alter Chen ’65 on "From India to Conn College - and Back: The Personal Journey of a Missionary Daughter." Chen currently serves as a lecturer in public policy at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government and international coordinator of a global research and policy action network called Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing
College Center at Crozier-Williams, 1962 Room

1 - 3 p.m. Open House at the Linda Lear Center for Special Collections and Archives
Stop by and see some of our most treasured items from special collections and archives, from the oldest book in the library to college memorabilia from across the decades.
Charles E. Shain Library, 2nd Floor

2 p.m. A Slice of Early College History as Seen Through the Lens of the Clark Telescope
The development of astronomy, and the sciences in general, on our campus in its early years is tied closely to the acquisition of the college’s first major scientific equipment purchases. This is certainly so when it came to acquiring the campus’ first large telescope, our eight-inch Alvan Clark refractor. We will explore with Leslie Brown, Associate Professor of Astronomy and Physics, the early history of Connecticut College from the perspective of how we acquired this historic instrument and its relationship to the growth of the College from the 1920s through the 1960s. Tours of the College's observatories will be offered after this talk.
F.W. Olin Science Center, Room 113

2 - 2:45 p.m. Through the Looking-glass with Shakespeare
Hear from John Gordon, Connecticut College Professor of English since 1980, in one of his final lectures as he prepares for his upcoming retirement after 35 years of service at the College.
Blaustein Humanities Center, Room 203

2 - 3 p.m. Class of 1965 Tour of the Caroline Black Garden
Join Glenn Dreyer MA’83, the Charles and Sarah P. Becker ’27 Director of the Arboretum and Professor of Botany, for a tour of the Caroline Black Garden comprised of five acres offering more than 230 different taxa represented by 178 trees and 451 shrubs.
Meet at the entrance to the Caroline Black Garden on Route 32

2:30 p.m. From New London to Kigali: A Brief Report on a Sixty Year Journey
Sondra Gelb Myers '55 will talk about her exciting career and her recent work in Rwanda. For more information on Sondra, please go to her website at http://www.sondrameyers.org/
Blaustein Humanities Center, Room 210

3 - 4 p.m. Conversations with Current Students (Afternoon Tea with Students)
Join three current students for an in depth, firsthand account of what it’s like to be a current student at Connecticut College. Topics include residential life, extracurricular activities and academics.
Sponsored by the class of 1960; open to all.
College Center at Crozier-Williams, Cro’s Nest
4 p.m. Tour the Newly Renovated Shain Library
Hear from W. Lee Hisle, vice president for information services and librarian of the College, on the $9M state-of-the-art Shain Library renovation which concluded in the spring of 2015.
Meet in front of the library

4 - 5 p.m. Top Ten Things Women Should Know About Money
How comfortable are you regarding money matters? Brush up on your practical and financial knowledge or learn something new. Why should you have a will? What’s the difference between a will and a trust? Have you completed your estate planning? Have you thought about benefiting the College? Speaker, author and lawyer Barbara Diehl will answer these questions and more.
Blaustein Humanities Center, Room 203

5 - 6 p.m. President’s Champagne Reception for the Class of 1965
Jean C. Tempel ’65 Outdoor Classroom (rain location: Harris Atrium)

5 - 7 p.m. Recess: Family Fun on the Green
A moonwalk, arts and crafts, and more.
Tempel Green, south section of Knowlton Tent

5:30 - 7:45 p.m. Summer on the Sound: Downeast Lobsterbake
Enjoy an al fresco lobster dinner straight from Maine in a setting that can’t be beat.
Barbeque and vegetarian options are available.
Tempel Green, Knowlton Tent

7 p.m. Class of 2005 Taste of New London
Harkness Hospitality Suite

7 p.m. Class of 2010 Taste of New London
Jane Addams Dining Room

8 p.m. Keynote Presentation: "What a Long Strange Trip It's Been"
Join Roger Brooks, former Dean of the Faculty and Elie Wiesel Professor of Judaic Studies, and Gene Gallagher, Rosemary Park Professor of Religious Studies, as they team-up for one last lecture together. Both Professor Brooks and Professor Gallagher retire in May after more than 60 years of teaching and service at the College. A gathering at Mr. G’s will follow the presentation. Everyone is welcome to attend.
Evans Hall, Joanne and Nathan Cummings Arts Center

9:30 p.m. Class of 1980 Creative Efforts Show
Artists and musicians from the Class of 1980 will put their creativity on display at a reception with wine and dessert. Enjoy the art, see familiar faces and catch up.
Joanne and Nathan Cummings Arts Center, Manwaring Gallery
10 p.m. Time to Reunite!
Drop by your class hospitality headquarters and catch up with friends.

10 p.m. - 12 a.m. Music till Midnight
Swing by the Jane Addams/Freeman Houses where there will be DJ playing your favorite hits from across the decades. Open to all!
Jane Addams/Freeman Houses

Saturday, May 30

7 a.m. Game, Set, Match
Challenge your classmates to a game of tennis. Renovated in 2008, the six courts feature the same surfaces and windscreens used at the U.S. National Tennis Center.
Tennis courts located in South Campus just past the Office of Admission on the right
(Increment Weather Plan: Event Cancelled)

7 a.m. Good Morning, Yoga!
Marya Ursin, visiting instructor of dance, will lead an energizing session appropriate for all levels of experience and ability. Please bring your mat.
College Center at Crozier-Williams, 2nd Floor Dance Studio

7 - 9 a.m. Row with the Coach
Get a workout in the tanks. Learn with Coach Ric Ricci using Concept 2 rowing machines. No experience necessary. Plan to spend at least 30 minutes for a tutorial and workout.
Christoffers Rowing Training Room. (Enter through the ground-level double doors at the back of the Athletic Center facing Silfen Field.)

7 - 10 a.m. Work Out in Style
Test out the free-weights and Cybex equipment, treadmills, ellipticals, and upright and incumbent bikes, while enjoying the sweeping views of the Thames River.
Fitness Center at the Athletic Center

7 - 9:30 a.m. Breakfast with a Camel
Bring the family and your camera for a visit with the College mascot.
Harris Refectory, Dining Hall

7 - 10 a.m. Class of 1965 Breakfast and Class Survey Review
Remember the anonymous class questionnaire that you submitted in the spring? Ariella Rotramel, assistant professor of Gender and Women’s Studies, has analyzed the results of this survey and will discuss trends she has found in her research. She will also provide an overview of the results and will be asking for reflections on the results for a discussion of the commonalities as well as different experiences that this class has. Professor Rotramel’s session will begin at 9:00, so grab your coffee and join in on this fascinating
discussion!
*Harris Refectory, 1973 Room*

**8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Registration**
Just arriving? Be sure to check in at the registration desk to get important information for the weekend’s festivities.
*First floor of the College Center at Crozier-Williams*

**8 a.m. Classes of 1940, 1945 and 1950 Light Breakfast**
Enjoy a light breakfast before heading to the parade.
*Lambdin 3rd Floor Common Room*

**8 - 9 a.m. The Ecology of Our Campus**
Bring your kids and tour the Arbo with Glenn Dreyer MA’83, the Becker Director of the Arboretum and professor of botany. Connecticut College is now home to a new national champion—a large Bebb Willow tree.
*Meet at the Arboretum entrance on Williams Street*  
(Inclement Weather Plan: Event Cancelled)

**8:30 - 9:15 a.m. Yoga for the Class of 1980**
A great Reunion tradition with classmate Elizabeth Child.
*Second Floor Dance Studio, College Center at Crozier Williams*

**8:30 - 9:45 a.m. Class of 1990 Breakfast**
Enjoy breakfast together before heading to the parade.
*Coffee Grounds Cafe, Katherine Blunt House*

**9 a.m. Class of 1955 Class Meeting**
*Chu Reading Room, Charles E. Shain Library*

**9:15 - 10 a.m. Breakfast for the Class of 1980**
A post-dance breakfast of bagels, fruit and coffee to re-energize before the annual parade.
*Second Floor Lobby, outside of the Dance Studio, College Center at Crozier-Williams*

**9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Sculpture Workshop: Mold Making & Casting**
Join Greg Bailey, associate professor of art and acting department chair, for a brief introduction to the sculpture studio. Bring the kids, both young and not so young, to create plaster cast reliefs. They won’t want to miss out on the fun!
*First come, first serve; Limited seats and supplies available*  
*Cummings Art Center, Room 134*

**10 a.m. Morning Mimosas**
Enjoy a glass of crisp orange juice with bubbly champagne before the parade with the Alumni Association Board of Directors!
*Tempel Green near the Ad Astra Garden (sundial)*  
(Inclement Weather Plan: Moved to Cro. Connection in the College Center at Crozier-Williams)

**10:30 a.m. Parading Down Cro' Boulevard**
Who doesn’t love a parade? Show your pride and join your class for this Reunion tradition.

The parade forms in front of Blaustein Humanities Center
(Inclement Weather Plan: Event Cancelled)

10:45 a.m. - 12 p.m. Alumni Convocation

- Recognition of class gifts and participation achievements
- Honor alumni award recipients:
  Martha Alter Chen ’65 – The College Medal
  Lisa Levaggi Borter ’85 – Agnes Berkeley Leahy Award
  Anne Verplanck ’80 – Alumni Tribute Award
  Steve Owen ’80 – Goss Award
  Molly Hayward ’10 – Mach Arom ’89 Award
  Wendy Hermann Steele ’85 – Harriet Buescher Lawrence ’34 Prize.
- Celebrate faculty members marking milestone anniversaries with the College:
  Tristan Borer – 20 years of service
  Stanton Ching – 25 years of service
  Marc Forster – 25 years of service
  Anthony Graesch – 5 years of service
  Candace Howes – 20 years of service
  Michael James – 25 years of service
  Fred Paxton – 30 years of service
  Stephen Loomis – 35 years of service
  Don Peppard – 40 years of service
  Peter Siver – 25 years of service
  John Tian – 15 years of service
  J. Dale Wilson – 10 years of service
  Marc Zimmer – 25 years of service

College Center at Crozier-Williams, 1962 Room

12 - 1:30 p.m. Summer on the Sound: All-Campus Picnic on the Green
Tempel Green, Knowlton Tent

12 - 1:30 p.m. Class of 1950 Luncheon
College Center at Crozier-Williams, Third Floor Myers Dance Studio Foyer

12 - 3 p.m. Recess: Family Fun on the Green
Face painting, moonwalk, Slip’n Slide, arts and crafts table and animal visitors. Something for children of all ages.
Tempel Green, south section of Knowlton Tent
(Inclement Weather Plan: Moved to Tent on Tempel Green)

12:45 p.m. Class of 1980 Departs for Mystic Boat Cruise on the Schooner Argia
Space is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance on the Reunion registration form. Meet at Schooner Wharf, 15 Holmes
Street, Mystic, Conn. by 1 p.m. for a 1:20 cruise departure. Transportation from campus not provided.

1:30 - 2 p.m. Service of Remembrance
Harkness Chapel

2 - 2:45 p.m. Revisit & Rediscover: The Classroom
Go Back to Class with a Professor!
Hear outstanding lectures from faculty who help shape the College’s intellectual community through their scholarship, research and mentoring.

Choose your session:

- Conn Coll JPN101: Ten Commandments in JPN class
  Hisae Kobayashi, Senior Lecturer in Japanese and 2014 Connecticut Professor of the Year will give a presentation.
  Chu Reading Room, Shain Library
- “Good Evening, Hanoi”
  Donald Peppard, Professor of Economics at Connecticut College, retired in May after 40 years of service at the College.
  Blaustein Humanities Center, Room 210
- “Dance, Dance, Dance”
  Open Class - Join in or watch a dance class with members of the Dance Department. An open house and reception will follow from 3 – 4 p.m.
  Myers Dance Studio, College Center at Crozier-Williams

2 p.m. The Class of 1960: Conversations with Cynnie
All members of the Class of 1960 are invited to attend this gathering with classmate Cynthia Enloe.
Wright Hospitality Suite

2 p.m. The Class of 1970: Embracing the future with purpose
Join us for a discussion of our class survey results and share some of the stories, lesson and dreams that define and connect us.
Blaustein Humanities Center, Room 203

2 - 3 p.m. Class of 1990 Reception at the President's House
772 Williams Street

3 p.m. Memorial Service for members of the Class of 2005
Please join us for an informal memorial service for our classmates, Colin Foote '05 and Chris Civali '05, at the trees named in their honor on the south side of Blackstone House.
Outside south side of Blackstone House

3 p.m. Fun on Chapel Green with 1995
Fun for the whole family! Toss the Frisbee, try your hand at ladder golf or just relax and reconnect with classmates on Chapel Green. We’ll have beverages, snacks and music too!
Chapel Green, across from Harkness Chapel
(Inclement Weather Plan: Moved to Hospitality Suite)

3 p.m. Class of 1955 Book Discussion
Join Associate Professor of German Studies and chair of the German Department, Geoffrey Atherton as he leads a discussion on former faculty member Paul Fussell’s critically acclaimed book “The Great War and Modern Memory.”
Blaustein Humanities Center, Room 211

3 - 4 p.m. Meet Alumni Authors
Authors from Reunion classes will read from their works and sign their books.
Miriam Brooks Butterworth ’40
Myrna Chandler Goldstein ’70
Rosemary Raban Lichtman ’65
Constance Tauck Wright ’55
College Center at Crozier-Williams, Bookshop

3 - 4 p.m. Dance Department Reception and Open House
Third Floor Lobby, College Center at Crozier-Williams

3 - 4:30 p.m. Sprout Garden - Where Student Initiatives meet Agriculture
Join Josh Stoffel, Manager of Sustainability and Co-Director of the Office of Sustainability, for a tour and conversation about the history of Sprout, the student-run sustainable agriculture initiative. Sprout offers an opportunity for students to get involved in farming and sustainable agriculture as well as provide local, organically grown produce to the campus dining halls.
Sprout Garden (behind College Center at Crozier-Williams)
(Inclement Weather Plan: Moved to Charles Chu Asian Art Reading Room in Shain Library)

3:30 p.m. Class of 1985 Fun with Frisbees and Friends
Hang out and enjoy lawn games, beer and each other’s company in the quad next to Smith.
Quad behind Branford House

3:30 p.m. Class of 2000 Relax & Unwind with Family & Friends
Join classmates, family and friends for cocktails and some family-friendly games.
Wooden Playground behind the College Center at Crozier-Williams
(Inclement Weather Plan: Hospitality Suite)

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Tour the Newly Renovated Shain Library
Hear from Lee Hisle, vice president for information services and librarian of the College, on the $9M state-of-the-art Shain Library renovation which concluded in the spring of 2015.
Meet in front of the library

3:30 p.m. Lawn Games on the Green for Classes of 2005 & 2010
Tempel Green, in front of Freeman House  
(Inclement Weather Plan: Event Cancelled)

4 - 5 p.m. Open Houses at the LGBTQ Center and Unity House

**LGBTQ Center:**
The LGBTQ Resource Center welcomes LGBTQ alumni, family, friends and allies to come together in the Center for a light reception.  
*LGBTQ Center, located to the left of Burdick House. Look for the rainbow flag!*

**Unity House:**
Meet Antonio Jefferson, director of Unity House, to learn about what they do and how they support students through programming, mentoring and open dialogue.  
*Unity House, Pepsico Room*

4 - 5:30 p.m. Open House at Hillel
Stop by for a happy hour and see the Zachs Hillel House, the College's new center for Jewish student life and related intercultural programming. At 4:30 p.m., Rabbi Susan Schein, inaugural director of the Zachs Hillel House, will give a presentation on "Jewish Life at Connecticut College."  
*Zachs Hillel House*

4 - 5:30 p.m. Microbrewery Beer Tasting
Open to all! Featuring a special one-show only reunion of the 1989 musical act *BFD*. Cheers!  
*Castle Court*

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Athletic Center Reception
Catch up with teammates and coaches. While there, join the Athletic Center staff in celebrating the new additions to the Athletic Complex with a reception. Don't miss out on the new turf lights, completely renovated locker rooms and state-of-the-art Fitness Center.  
*Athletic Center, 2nd Floor of Fitness Center*

6 - 7:30 p.m. 12-Step Gathering
*Harkness Chapel Library, lower level*

6 p.m. Dinner with Friends for Classes of 1940, 1945 & 1950
Unwind and enjoy a casual dinner with classmates.  
*Harris Atrium, The Plex, Second Floor*

6 p.m. - 12 a.m. Childcare for Children Ages 3 and Up
Advance registration required. Walk-ins cannot be accepted.  
*Lambdin Game Room, Lambdin House*


*1955: Horizon House, Office of Admission, Living Room*
1960: Lyman Allyn Art Museum Glassenberg Gallery, reception; Hendel Library, dinner
1965: Shain Library, reception; Blaustein Humanities Center, Ernst Common Room, dinner
1970: Blaustein Humanities Center, Hood Terrace, reception; Hood Dining Room, dinner

7 p.m. Receptions and Dinners for Classes of 1974-2009 & PICA

- 1975: Ad Astra Garden, reception; Blaustein Humanities Center, Faculty Lounge, dinner
- 1980: Cummings Arts Center, Outdoor patio, reception; main gallery, dinner
- 1985: Buck Lodge, reception; College Center at Crozier-Williams, 1941 Room, dinner
- 1990: College Center at Crozier-Williams, 1962 Room
- 1995: College Center at Crozier-Williams, Cro’s Nest
- 2000: Unity House, Pepsico Room
- 2005: Tent on Chapel Green
- 2010: Tent on Tempel Green

9 - 11 p.m. DJ in Cro’s Nest
After your class dinner wraps up, head over to Cro for music and beverages with all Reunion classes.
College Center at Crozier-Williams, Cro’s Nest

11 p.m. - 1 a.m. Live Performance by Orange Crush
Orange Crush, New England’s premier 80’s tribute dance party band, will keep the party going with all of your favorites from everyone's favorite decade. Open to all!
Tent on Knowlton Green

Sunday, May 31

7 - 10:45 a.m. One Last Hurrah! Breakfast with your Class
Harris Refectory

7 - 10 a.m. Class of 1965 Breakfast
Harris Refectory, 1973 Room

8 a.m. Classes of 1940, 1945 & 1950 Breakfast
Enjoy coffee and a light breakfast with classmates.
Lambdin 3rd Floor Common Room

8 a.m. Class of 1980 Farewell Breakfast
Hood Dining Room, Blaustein Humanities Center

9 - 11:30 a.m. Class of 1975 Brunch
**Buck Lodge in the Arboretum**

**11 a.m. Deadline for Residence Hall Check-Out**
Please return keys and swipe cards to the student hosts in your class hospitality suite. There is a $25 fee for each lost or unreturned access card and key.

**Class Houses and Headquarters**

1940, 1945, 1950, 1955: Park

1960: Wright

1965: Morrisson

1970: Johnson

1975: Blackstone

1995: Branford

1985: Smith

1990: Katharine Blunt

1980: Windham

2000: Knowlton

2004: Harkness

2010: Jane Addams and Freeman

Overflow: Burdick

**Phone Numbers**

**Dialing Instructions**
As more and more of the world turns to cellular telephones, so, too has the campus. Due to the lack of usage, all telephones have been removed from dorms. For Reunion, however, we have placed phones in the hospitality suites of Morrisson, Wright, and Lambdin. All other residence houses do not come equipped with phones.
To use one of these campus phones to place a call to another campus phone, dial the 4-digit extension. For outside calls, dial 9-1 and then the number. For long distance calls, kindly use your cell phone or a pre-paid calling card.

If your residence house does not have a phone and you need to make a call, please see your student host.

**Questions while you’re here?**
Becker Alumni House  
860-439-2300  
*on campus, dial 5433*

**Campus Safety Gatehouse**
860-439-2222 or dial 2222 from any campus phone  
*Open 24 hours. On campus, dial 2222*

**Fire or Other Emergencies**
860-439-2222 or dial 2222 from any campus phone  
*or 2222 from any campus phone*

**Amtrak**
800-872-7245

**Harry's Cab**
860-442-4054

**Yellow Cab**
860-443-4321

**IT Service Desk**
(860) 439-4357

**Campus Entrances/Exits**
After 11 p.m., only the main campus entrance on Mohegan Avenue (Route 32) is open.

'Trolley' Service  
The Reunion van circles campus every 20-30 minutes. Watch for the "Trolley Stop" signs.

**Access to Residential Houses**
Student hosts at your class headquarters will give you an access card for admittance to your house and a key for your room. To enter the building when the doors are locked, hold the access card up to the small black pad near the door. A beep will indicate that the door is unlocked. When you check out, please return your access card and key to your host. There is a $25 fee for each lost or unreturned access card and key.

**Medical Assistance**
If you need assistance, call Campus Safety at 860-439-2222 (or 2222 from any campus phone). Lawrence & Memorial Hospital’s main number is 860-442-0711. The College’s Student Health Services office is not open during Reunion.

**Lost and Found**
On Friday and Saturday, drop by the registration desk at the College Center. On Sunday and after Reunion, contact the Office of College Advancement at alumni@conncoll.edu or 860-439-2300.

**Take a Break**
If you’d like a cup of coffee, stop by the Connection in Cro on Friday or Saturday during the day. Refill your water bottle at bubblers located in Cro, Blaustein Humanities Center, Cummings Arts Center and the residence halls.

**Campus Facilities**

**Bookshop and Convenience Store (College Center)**
Friday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
*The College Bookshop is offering 10% off logo merchandise at the register.*

**Harris Refectory**
Breakfast in Harris Refectory is included if you stay in a residence hall; otherwise the cost is $4.75 per person. Lunch or brunch is $6.75 per person. Dinner is $9.

**Friday:**
Breakfast: 7-9:30 a.m.
Continental Breakfast: 9:30-10:45 a.m. Lunch: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Dinner: 4:30-6 p.m.

**Saturday:**
Breakfast: 7-9:30 a.m.
Continental Breakfast: 9:30-10:45 a.m.
*Closed during lunch for the Reunion picnic on Tempel Green and class luncheons*
Dinner: 4:30-6 p.m.

**Sunday:**
Breakfast: 7-10:45 a.m.
Brunch: 10:45 a.m.-2 p.m.
Breakfast in Harris Refectory is included in your overnight stay if you stay in a residence hall; otherwise, the cost is $4.75 per person. Lunch or brunch is $6.75 per person. Dinner is $9.
Shain Library
Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Athletic Center
Friday: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Fitness Center
Friday: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Lyman Allyn Art Museum
Current exhibits: “Lost Gardens of New England” and "Transmissions: Teaching and Learning in the Studio, new works by the faculty of the Connecticut College Art Department" Friday and Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Admission for adults is $10; seniors and students (over 18) are $7; students under 18 are $5; children under 12 are free.

The Arboretum
Friday-Sunday: Sunrise to sunset