25th-Year Reunion
May 23-27, 2012
Schedule of Events
Headquarters – Wieland Hall

WEDNESDAY, May 23

2 – 9 p.m. Alumni House Reception Center Open
Stop by for registration, dorm keys, nametags, schedules of class activities, messages, information on the Amherst area and light refreshments. Alumni House, 75 Churchill Street, (413) 542-2065

5–6:30 p.m. Valentine Dining Hall Open for Dinner
$6 for adults; $3 for kids (12 and under)

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. A Night at the Museum – open to all
Mingle beneath the mammoths, enjoy libations and hors d’oeuvres in the shadow of ancient dinosaur footprints and renew old friendships amidst Amherst’s extraordinary collection of vertebrate and invertebrate paleontology, minerals and other geologic specimens collected locally and around the world since 1825. The Bluestockings will perform at 5:45 p.m. At about 6:20 Fred Venne, science educator, will speak briefly about the last ice age, the great mammals and their extinction. Informal tours will be available. Beneski Museum of Natural History

THURSDAY, May 24

6 a.m. - Amherst College Recreational Facilities
Includes gym, cage, fitness center, squash and racquetball courts; pool open 7-10 a.m. and 2-5 p.m.

8 a.m. - Alumni House Reception Center Open
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All Day College Programs (see Final Reunion Brochure for details).

1:30 p.m. The Impact of Climate Change on Pre-Modern Europe
Over the last two millennia Europe has experienced major changes in climate, including two extended periods of exceptionally wet winters and cold summers, one between the fifth and the seventh centuries, the other beginning with a great famine in 1314-15 and ending at the beginning of the eighteenth century (the “little ice age”). What were the consequences for European society? What might we learn from those experiences? Fred Cheyette, professor of history, emeritus, will discuss his research, funded by the Mellon Foundation. Pruynne Lecture Hall, Fayerweather Hall

3 p.m. Tackling Child Malnutrition through Economics
Child undernutrition in developing countries is a serious issue with complex challenges. Through novel field experiments, we can begin to understand what works to reduce malnutrition and save precious lives. Prakarsh Singh, assistant professor of economics, will present the latest results from his research on providing incentives to public sector child care workers and information to mothers in urban slums and rural areas in India to measure the health impact in over 10,000 children. This talk will shed light on a cost effective solution that uses economics to influence public health policy in India. It will also delve into how field experiments can be designed to inform public policy. Pruynne Lecture Hall, Fayerweather Hall
4 p.m. Resilience of the U.S. Economic Recovery Points to Optimism for the Future
Brian Bethune is a visiting professor of economics and the former chief financial economist for North America and chief economist for Canada at HIS Global Insight. A frequent commentator on economic issues in the media, Bethune received his masters in economics from McMaster University and his doctorate in international economics from the Graduate Institute at University of Geneva. 
*Stirn Auditorium*

4 – 6 p.m. Class Registration/Souvenir Pick Up
Pick up a campus scavenger hunt and return by Saturday evening for prizes!
*Wieland Hall*

5:30 p.m. Cocktails
*Under the tent*

6 p.m. Antonio’s Pizza Dinner
Make plans on your own or meet under the tent to join classmates for an Antonio’s pizza dinner.
*Under the tent*

7:30 p.m. Screening of Casino Royale (2006), rated PG-13.
Jeffrey Wright ’87 plays Felix Leiter, an American CIA agent that works closely with James Bond 007 in this 2006 thriller. Bond must stop Le Chiffre, a banker to the world’s terrorist organizations, from winning a high-stakes poker tournament at Casino Royale in Montenegro. Running time 2 hours, 24 minutes. Presented by the Class of 1987. 
*Keefe Campus Center Theater (lower level)*

**FRIDAY, May 25**

6 a.m. - Amherst College Recreational Facilities
Includes gym, cage, fitness center, squash and racquetball courts; pool open 7-10 am and 2-5 pm

6 p.m. Alumni House Reception Center Open
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8 a.m. - 1987 Golf Outing at Hickory Ridge Golf Course
Deke Mathieu ’87 has arrived for two foursomes to tee off at 9 a.m. at Hickory Ridge Golf Course, located at 191 West Pomeroy Lane, Amherst.

11 p.m. All Day College programs (see Final Reunion Brochure for details).

Noon – Noon – Class Registration/Souvenir Pick Up
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2 p.m. Class of 1987 Conversation: Artists Ralston Fox Smith ’87 and Eric Goulder ’87 with Mead Art Museum Director Elizabeth Barker
Join sculptor Eric Goulder ’87 and painter Ralston Fox Smith ’87, along with Lizzie Barker, director and chief curator of the Mead Art Museum at Amherst College, for a conversation devoted to the arts. The artists will show slides of their work and discuss the role of their Amherst education in their development as artists. Fox, of Asheville, N. C. is a contemporary landscape painter who works in oil. Eric, of Virginia and Italy, is a contemporary figurative sculptor whose materials include bronze, crystal, silver and marble. Lizzie, the Mead’s director since 2007, is a scholar of British art who’s working to integrate Amherst’s art collection meaningfully into teaching and research across the disciplines. Presented by the Class of 1987. *Mead Art Museum Study Room*
2 p.m. Educate! A Collaboration of Amherst Alumni That Develops Young Leaders and Entrepreneurs in Uganda

Amherst graduates from the classes of 1962, 1970, 1977, 1987, and 2007 have come together to direct and build a growing non-profit organization called Educate! Started by Eric Glustrom ’07 before coming to Amherst where he was joined by Boris Bulayev ’07, Educate! has over the past five years developed into an NGO working to transform African youth from job seekers to job creators and changemakers. With a team of 42 people, Educate! develops and conducts classes in leadership and entrepreneurship in Ugandan secondary schools. Recently Uganda’s Ministry of Education has moved to incorporate Educate!’s programs into the national education system. The curriculum will launch in 2012 and reach more than 45,000 students. Come to hear more about Educate!’s recent achievements, future plans and challenges as it proposes to develop “Lives of Consequence” in Africa. Presented by the Classes of 1962, 1977, 1987, and 2007. Pruyn Lecture Hall, Fayerweather

4 p.m. 1987 Family Soccer

Athletic Fields adjacent to King/Wieland

5:30 p.m. Cocktails and Appetizers

Under the tent

7 p.m. 25th Reunion Welcome Dinner – Bub’s Barbeque

Under the tent – or visit around the fire pit next to the tent

SATURDAY, May 26

7 a.m. - Amherst College Recreational Facilities
Includes gym, cage, fitness center, squash and racquetball courts; pool open 7-10 a.m.

6 a.m. Yoga with Christine Hoar ’87

Yoga mats will be available for use. Conway Classroom, Alumni Gymnasium

8 – 10:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast (hot breakfast available for purchase at Valentine)

Under the tent

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9 a.m. 1987 Tennis

We have four reserved courts so bring your racquets! If you want to play, please contact Russell Neale at rneale@forsythe.com or 617-510-4236.

9 a.m. Changing the World at Home and Abroad: Class of 1987 Reformers Part 1

Seven Amherst 1987 graduates at the forefront of international and domestic reform movements will frame issues they are currently working on including: reducing environmental degradation in third world countries; addressing economic development and basic needs in African communities; remedying unfair corporate business practices in the U.S. and abroad; providing HIV/AIDS medical, prevention, and advocacy services locally and internationally; increasing accessibility of affordable housing in New York and preventing foreclosures; and reducing family instability and substance abuse in poor communities in major US cities. Panelists: Eva Neubauer Alligood ’87, urban planning and community development consultant; James Fahn ’87, executive director, Earth Journalism Network at Internews; Chris Jochnick ’87, director of the private sector department, Oxfam; Tom Myers
10 a.m.  **Approaches to Social Change: Class of 1987 Reformers Part 2**  
Part two of the panel “Changing the World at Home and Abroad.” Panelists involved in international and domestic social reform will discuss methods of reform and ways their work diverges and intersects. A key component of this panel will be audience engagement. Presented by the Class of 1987.  
*Stirn Auditorium*

*This program is divided into two consecutive, linked sessions. All are welcome, and materials will be provided to set the context for both sessions. However, we hope most attendees will be able to join us for the entire discussion.*

11 a.m.  **A Conversation with President Biddy Martin and the Annual Meeting of the Society of the Alumni and the Alumni Council**  
*Johnson Chapel*

11 a.m.  **1987 Run – Informal Group Run**  
Meet outside Wieland Hall and run with others. There will be a 3 and 5 mile route – maps available at headquarters.

12:15 p.m.  **Reunion Luncheon on the Valentine Quad** – Join us for a complimentary luncheon on the Quad. Look for your classmates under the decade signs!  
*Valentine Quad (Rain Site: Valentine Dining Commons)*

1:30 p.m.  **The Future of the Book (and Print Media) in the Digital Age**  
E-books, Kindles, iPads, Amazon, Slate—they’re all on the menu of an increasingly digital world of print. Yet many of us feel anxious that the e-world will fundamentally transform the book as we know it: Would Ulysses be Ulysses, or would Pride and Prejudice have succeeded, if they were first published as e-books on Amazon? Will great new works of literature be lost in a sea of amateur self-published e-books? How can e-sales profits support not only authors but also the all-important editors, designers, and illustrators? Will one day all books and magazines be available only digitally? What of the crisp turn of a page, the heft of a book? Come join a discussion about the future with **Rafael Campo ’87**, poet and associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School; **Darcy Jacobs ’87**, executive editor, Family Circle magazine; **Andrew Parker**, professor of English, Amherst College; and **Niko Pfund ’87**, president, Oxford University Press, USA. Presented by the Class of 1987.  
*Robert Frost Library*

2 p.m.  **1987 Family Soccer**  
*Athletic Fields adjacent to King/Wieland*

2:30 p.m.  **Tools for Resilient Parenting**  
**Helping Parents and Children Prevent Sexual Abuse:**  
Penn State, elementary schools, the church—sexual abuse seems to be everywhere. **Gary Hudson ’87** board member, Darkness to Light, will share concrete steps parents can take to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. A father of three, Gary combines personal experience with proven strategies, including how to talk to kids in age appropriate ways and how to make it difficult for a predator to access our children.

**Helping Parents and Children Navigate Mental and Physical Challenges:**  
Depression, anxiety, anorexia, a severe illness—how can we help our children weather these scary challenges? **Annah Abrams ’87**, mother of three and child psychiatrist, division of pediatric hematology oncology and director of the child psychiatry consult service to pediatrics at Massachusetts General Hospital, will discuss how to support children when faced with these trials. Presented by the Class of 1987.  
*Stirn Auditorium*

3:30 p.m.  **Campus Tour for Teens, led by ’87 student class assistants**  
*Meet in lobby of Wieland Hall*
3:30 p.m. **Tales from the Indie World**

*Sarah Bird ’87*, screenwriter and film producer, will show the trailer for and talk about her experiences making her soon-to-be released comedy *Hairbrained*. Sarah collaborated on this and other “indie” film projects with her director husband, Billy Kent. *Hairbrained* tells the story of Eli Pettifog, a 14-year-old with a raging superiority complex, who has been raised by his single drunken mother. When his yearning ambition to attend Harvard is thwarted, he must make do with Whitman College, the “37th Best Small College in America.” He decides to avenge his rejection by commandeering Whitman’s college bowl team and taking them all the way to the finals—against the inevitable powerhouse Harvard. Bird and Kent’s debut film, *The Oh in Ohio* (2006), featured a star cast including Parker Posey, Danny DeVito, Paul Rudd and Mischa Barton, won various film awards and has been distributed internationally. Presented by the Class of 1987. *Keefe Campus Center Theater (lower level).*

4:30 p.m. **Jazz it Up! A Musical Celebration with Freddie Bryant ’87**

Internationally acclaimed guitarist *Freddie Bryant ’87* plays jazz based in blues and the African-American tradition, but he is also a studied classical player (he received his MA in classical guitar at Yale). He plays Brazilian and Latin music, Afro-Cuban, and music that bridges the gap to other world styles from an improvisational/nontraditional approach. Freddie is currently collaborating with sitar player, Shubhendra Rao, a disciple of Ravi Shankar, and with percussionist Badal Roy of Miles Davis fame. He has toured worldwide with renowned musicians including Malian singer Salif Keita, master Toumani Diabate, the klezmer clarinetist, Maestro Giora Feidman, Brazilian pianist/singer Eliane Elias, and the jazz trumpet great, Tom Harrell. Freddie teaches at Berklee College of Music in Boston and at the Prins Claus Conservatory in Groningen, Holland. Presented by the Class of 1987. *Buckley Recital Hall, Arms Music Center*

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*Wieland Hall*

5:30 p.m. **Cocktails and appetizers**

*Under the tent*

5:30 p.m. **Kids’ dinner (pasta, chicken fingers, geared for 11 and under)**

*Wieland Hall Lobby*

6:45 p.m. **Class Photo at Headquarters**

7:30 p.m. **25th Reunion Banquet**

*Under the tent; resort casual attire*

**Post Dinner The Floyd Patterson Band**

*Under the tent*

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**SUNDAY, May 27**

8 – 10:30 a.m. **Continental breakfast** (hot breakfast available for purchase at Valentine)

*Under the tent*

8 a.m. - Noon **Alumni House Reception Center Open**

*Alumni House, 75 Churchill Street, (413) 542-2065*

9 a.m. **Service of Remembrance and Community**

Please join us for an ecumenical service to remember the lives of those alumni we have lost this year.

*War Memorial, Memorial Hill (Rain Site: Chapin Chapel)*
The Class of 1987 would like to thank the outgoing Class Officers and the Reunion Committee for all their work to put on a spectacular event!

**OUTGOING OFFICERS: (2007-2012)**

- PRESIDENT - Derek Wittenberg
- VICE PRESIDENT - Heather (Templeton) Ewing
- REUNION CHAIRS - Brad Richter/ Jon Damon
- SECRETARY - Ross Buchanan
- TREASURER - Katie (O’Hara) Edwards
- WEB EDITOR - Launce Gouw

**REUNION COMMITTEE**

- REUNION CHAIRS - Brad Richter/Jon Damon
- BOOK CHAIR - Keith Laezza
- SOUVENIRS – Laura Epstein/Ken Boley
- ATTENDANCE - Judy Angelicola Santamaria [chair], Betsy Hastings Block, Kerry Dolan, Katherine (Schupf) Kim, Rebecca (Saybolt) Bainum, John Shope

**ENTERTAINMENT** - Sheree White

**FOOD** - Nicole (Donnelley) Power/Heather (Templeton) Ewing

**BEVERAGES** - Bob Leininger

**PROGRAMS** - Stephanie Pasternak [chair], Wanda Mial, Tabitha (Estabrook) Claydon, Bea (Trowbridge) Sanders, Katie Merrill, Rebecca (Saybolt) Bainum

**HEADQUARTERS** - Tabitha (Estabrook) Claydon

**REGISTRATION** - Linda Jackson/ Carolyn (Furbish) Boyle

**RECREATION** - Russell Neale

**25th REUNION GIFTS** - Charles Edelman, Bob Kennedy, Ann Webster, Larry La Sala