30th-Year Reunion
May 27 – 31, 2015
Schedule of Events
Headquarters - Porter

All open class programs are no longer than 60 minutes unless otherwise noted. Full schedule and descriptions are available at amherst.edu/go/reunion and in printed program.

WEDNESDAY, May 27
2 – 9 p.m. Alumni House Reception Center Open
Stop by for registration, schedules of class activities, messages, information on the Amherst area and light refreshments.
Alumni House, 75 Churchill Street, (413) 542-2065

5:30 – 7 p.m. Reunion Welcome Reception
Meet, mingle and renew old friendships at the Robert Frost Library with a glass of wine and hors d’oeuvres. Check out the new Humanities Center, a renovated main floor with a new cafe, study area and gathering spaces, and displays from Archives and Special Collections. Performance by the Bluestockings.
Robert Frost Library

THURSDAY, May 28
8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Alumni House Reception Center Open
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All Day College programs (See final reunion brochure for details.)

1 p.m. Alone with Tess
Alicia Christoff, assistant professor of English, specializes in Victorian literature and in literary & critical theory. Her current book project, Novel Feelings, focuses on the novels of George Eliot and Thomas Hardy. She will discuss the relationship between Thomas Hardy’s novel Tess of the D’Urbervilles (1891) and the work of the twentieth-century psychoanalytic thinker D. W. Winnicott, and in particular his essay “The Capacity to Be Alone” (1958).
Pruyne Lecture Hall, Fayerweather Hall
2:30 p.m.  **Amherst Campus Update**
Join Jim Brassord, chief of campus operations, for a discussion of ongoing and upcoming campus building projects including new dormitories, the science center and the exciting campus greenway project.
*Pruyne Lecture Hall, Fayerweather Hall*

4 p.m.  **Native American Literature at Amherst College**
In August 2013, Amherst College acquired one of the most comprehensive collections of books by Native American authors ever assembled by a private collector. Pablo Eisenberg devoted years of his life to collecting nearly 1,500 books written by Native American authors ranging in date from 1772 (Samson Occom) to living writers still publishing today (Louise Erdrich). Learn about the Younghee Kim-Wait ‘82, Pablo Eisenberg Native American Literature Collection with Lisa Brooks, associate professor of English and American Studies at Amherst College, and co-chair of the Five Colleges Native American Indian Studies program; Kiara Vigil, assistant professor of American Studies; and Michael Kelly, director of Archives and Special Collections.
*Cole Assembly Room, Converse Hall*

6 – 7:30 p.m.  **1985 Welcome Reception at Our Reunion Headquarters**
Reconnect with classmates and enjoy a selection of heavy hors d’oeuvres and beverages.
*Porter House, Under the Tent*

8 p.m.  **Buckley Chamber Players Concert**
The Buckley Chamber Players will present a concert of chamber works entitled *Spring: A Musical Tribute*. The program celebrates both the 2015 Reunion Weekend and the end of the New England Winter of 2015. Performers will be Elizabeth Chang, violin (UMass); Volcy Pelletier, cello (Smith) and Alissa Leiser, piano (Amherst). Works to be performed are a piano trio by Franz Josef Haydn, a violin sonata by Maurice Ravel and a piano trio by Camille Saint-Saëns. The performance will conclude by 9:30 p.m.
*Buckley Recital Hall, Arms Music Center*

**FRIDAY, May 29**
7:30 a.m. – **1985 Light Breakfast at Reunion Headquarters**
Enjoy a light continental breakfast with classmates.
*Porter House, Under the Tent*

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All Day  **College and class programs (See final reunion brochure for details.)**
9 a.m.  Launching the Amherst College Press
Join Mark Edington, director of the Amherst College Press, to explore the goals and opportunities in this ambitious new project. How will the Press impact the college and the world of scholarship? What can we look forward to in the next five years?
Prayne Lecture Hall, Fayerweather Hall

10:30 a.m.  Campus Grown: Tour Book & Plow Farm with Farmer Pete
The unique relationship between Book & Plow Farm and Amherst College is flourishing. Come see what the farm is doing for its third year in operation and how more hyper-local, fresh produce is being supplied to Valentine, all while building community, and providing an educational resource for students and faculty. This tour will be held rain or shine. Meet at the greenhouse at Tuttle Hill, located at 425 South East St., or walk past the tennis courts along the road next to the rail track and up the hill. Map available at Alumni House.
425 South East St., Amherst

Noon  1985 Lunch at Our Reunion Headquarters
Swing by the tent for sandwiches, salad, hummus, chips, cookies and more.
Porter House, Under the Tent

Noon  Stearns Steeple Tour and Chimes Concert
Aaron Hayden will give a short talk on the history of the steeple, its place on campus in the formative years of the college and the Howe Chimes that are in its belfry. The church was donated by the son of President William Augustus Stearns to be an important centerpiece on campus and in campus life. The chimes were donated in honor of the members of the Amherst College community who died in the “Great War” Between the States. Aaron will play tunes on the chimes that might have been played on them when they were new—as well as some tunes that he just likes. Aaron is the college’s capital projects manager, and he also leads tours of the Amherst Bunker.
Neuhoff Sculpture Court, in front of the Mead Art Museum

2:30 p.m.  Continuing the Dialogue on Race and Racism
Early in 2015, the college closed for a full day to allow campus-wide participation in a Day of Dialogue on Race and Racism. Fresh on the heels of Ferguson and Staten Island, and with #BlackLivesMatter named as the American Dialect Society’s word of the year, more than 1,300 students, faculty and staff engaged. This panel will keep this critical dialogue alive and bring alumni into the conversation on race in America. Join Junius Williams ’65, author of Unfinished Agenda: Urban Politics in the Era of Black Power, who first joined the civil rights movement as a senior in college; Blair Taylor ’85, chief community officer at Starbucks and past president of the Los Angeles Urban League; and Phil Jackson ’85, vicar of Trinity Wall Street Episcopal Church, for an in-depth examination of what it means to be black in America today and what we as a nation need to do to come to grips with racism. Moderated by Rhonda Cobham-Sander, professor of English and Black Studies. Junius Williams will sign copies of his book after the program. Presented by the Classes of 1965 and 1985.
Buckley Recital Hall, Arms Music Center
4 p.m.  Impacting Lives and Communities: Why Corporate Social Responsibility Matters
Can what builds a company’s bottom line help build a better world? For-profit corporations across the globe increasingly integrate social responsibility into their business models and promotional strategies—from engaging in environmentally sustainable practices to ethical supply chain sourcing to empowering individuals and communities through job creation, corporate philanthropy, volunteerism and more. Tucker Moodey ‘85, president of eCommerce Platform at Expedia, and Blair Taylor ‘85, chief community officer and EVP at Starbucks, will discuss how companies can do well by doing good and how CSR initiatives benefit companies and their employees, the communities in which they operate, and the customers they serve. Gerri Walsh ‘85, president of the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, will moderate. Presented by the Class of 1985.
Lecture Hall 1, Merrill Science Center

5 – 6:30 p.m.  Reception with President Biddy Martin
Join President Biddy Martin and others from the college for conversation and celebration. All are welcome.
The Powerhouse

6:30 – 7 p.m.  1985 Cocktails at Our Reunion Headquarters
Porter House, Under the Tent

7 – 9 p.m.  1985 New England Clambake at Our Reunion Headquarters
Join our classmates for a feast of lobster, clams, chicken, veggies and more.
Porter House, Under the Tent

SATURDAY, May 30
7 – 9:30 a.m.  Birds and Breakfast
Come explore Amherst College’s beautiful farm land at Book & Plow Farm. In the process, join Pete McLean for a guided walk along the farm fields in search of all things birdy (7 - 8:15 a.m.). Bobolinks, eastern meadowlarks, rose breasted grosbeaks and indigo buntings have all been spotted on the farm as well as many more. But the bird walk is a mere formality, really. The real treat is in the farm fresh breakfast that is served at the top of Tuttle Hill overlooking the Pelham Hills at the conclusion of the walk (8:15 - 9:30 a.m.). The breakfast is sure to be the highlight of the morning and the view unbeatable. Bring binoculars and a bird book if you have them. If not, we can share. Interested participants need to meet at the east end of the tennis courts closest to the railroad tracks. We’ll meet there, explore the bird sanctuary, cross the rail trail, scope out Book & Plow Farm’s land for birds, and end up at the top of Tuttle Hill. Be sure to bring your appetites! This program requires pre-registration and a separate $30 registration fee. Signups are first-come, first-served at https://advweb2.amherst.edu/event/registrations/index/10. We will walk rain or shine.
East end of the tennis courts closest to the railroad tracks

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9:45 a.m. Protecting Vulnerable Adolescents: Cyber-bullying, Sports-related Concussions and Other Tough Stuff
How do we protect teenagers from such common problems as cyber-bullying, which is a new and potentially devastating phenomenon, and sports-related concussions, which we are learning about now but have been around since time immemorial? Two leading commentators on the problem of protecting teenagers from these and other difficulties will describe the current situation (in terms which may surprise you) and will lay out action plans for parents, school administrators and for teenagers themselves. Frederick Lane ‘85 is a leading national expert on cyber-bullying and social media in teens. Kate Silbaugh ‘85 is a law professor (Boston University) who works on innovative ways to think about preventing bullying, sports-related concussions and other tough stuff. Catherine Kerr ‘85, assistant professor of medicine and family medicine Brown University School of Medicine, will moderate this panel. Presented by the Class of 1985.
Lecture Hall 1, Merrill Science Center

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11 a.m. A Conversation with President Biddy Martin
President Martin’s remarks will be preceded by the annual meeting of the Society of the Alumni.
Johnson Chapel

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

1:30 p.m. Every Love Story Is a Ghost Story: A Life of David Foster Wallace
David Foster Wallace ‘85 is generally considered to be the greatest writer of his generation. Join Daniel T. Max—the leading authority on Wallace, a staff writer at The New Yorker and graduate of Harvard—for an in-depth discussion of Wallace and his time at Amherst. Max’s best-selling biography of Wallace, Every Love Story Is a Ghost Story: A Life of David Foster Wallace, includes a particularly illuminating chapter on Wallace’s college years. Max’s talk will not only shed new light on Dave during his time at Amherst, but also bring classmates and alumni back to that era. Max will be introduced by Harlan Coben ‘84, New York Times bestselling author.
Presented by the Class of 1985.
Lecture Hall 2, Merrill Science Center

2:45 p.m. Tomorrow’s Healthcare
What will health care look like tomorrow? Some leading physicians from the Class of 1985 will share their insights: Dr. Anne Armstrong-Coben (community health services); Dr. Anthony Lembo (academic medicine); Dr. Paula Muto (community practice); Dr. Richard Ruh (accountable care organizations); and Dr. James Tsai (current change environment). Presented by the Class of 1985.

*Lecture Hall 2, Merrill Science Center*

**4 p.m.**  
**A Conversation with Senator Chris Coons ‘85**
Five years ago, Chris Coons ‘85 accepted what one Democratic strategist called a “suicide mission” to serve as the Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate, from Delaware. Today, after winning a special election in 2010 and a general election in 2014, he is serving his first full term in the Senate. Senator Coons will talk about the national spotlight on his 2010 campaign (against a Tea Party activist who started her first television ad with the statement, “I am not a witch”); serving his Delaware constituents; his work on Africa issues, a passion that began when he spent part of his junior year in Kenya; and the political environment heading to 2016. Senator Coons earned his law degree from Yale Law School and a master’s in ethics from Yale Divinity School. Maura Reynolds ‘85, White House and foreign policy editor for *Politico*, will moderate. Presented by the Class of 1985.

*Lecture Hall 2, Merrill Science Center*

**6:15 p.m.**  
**1985 Class Photo by Ellen Dubin**
Exact details to be determined based on weather and lighting. Stay tuned!

*Porter House*

**6:30 – 7 p.m.**  
**1985 Cocktails at Our Reunion Headquarters**

*Porter House, Under the Tent*

**7 p.m.**  
**1985 Class Dinner with DJ at Our Reunion Headquarters**
Come for an evening of dinner and dancing, featuring grilled steak, grilled wild salmon, veggies and more.

*Porter House, Under the Tent*

**9 p.m.**  
**Singles Mixer**

*Under the Tent in the Valentine Quad*

**9 p.m.**  
**The Zumbyes’ Reunion Show**
The Zumbyes welcome all Zum-alums, Amherst alums, friends, fans and anyone else to Buckley Recital Hall to celebrate the 65th year of the group with a free concert of new songs, classic songs and, of course, our beloved college songs.

*Buckley Recital Hall, Arms Music Center*
**SUNDAY, May 31**

7:15 a.m.  Guided Meditation with Cathy Kerr  
*Library, Porter House*

7:30 a.m. –  1985 Light Breakfast at Reunion Headquarters  
9 a.m.  *Porter House, Under the Tent*

8 a.m. –  Alumni House Reception Center Open  
Noon  We’ll be open for you to drop off your keys or ask last-minute questions before you head home.  
*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. Officiants: Rev. Peter Meek ’65 and Rabbi James Morgan ’90.  
*War Memorial, Memorial Hill (Rain Site: Chapin Chapel)*