2020 Reunion Weekend
**Preliminary General Schedule**

**DAILY SCHEDULE -- FRIDAY, JUNE 5**

9am-10pm  **Registration Information Center** is open  
  *Main Building, Lobby*

9am-10pm  **Residence halls open for check-in**  
  *Dorm rooms available after 2pm*

10:15am  **Class of 1960 – Tour of Samuel B. Morse followed by lunch at Shadows on the Hudson**  
  *Meet behind Jewett for bus*

11:30am  **Reunion Committee Volunteer Luncheon**  
  *Alumnae House Dining room*

1:30-2:30pm  **Alumnae/i College Session 1**

  **Putting it all back together, the role of estrogens following traumatic brain injury (TBI)**
  Kelli Duncan, Associate Professor of Biology and Director of Neuroscience & Behavior

  What happens after a TBI and what can be done to help? This talk will focus on Professor Duncan’s research examining the role of steroid hormones, specifically estrogens, on recovery from brain damage.  
  *Rockefeller Classroom 212*

  **The Bannon McHenry-James Merrill Collection at Vassar**
  Head of Special Collections Ron Patkus will give a tour of the current Library exhibition. Attendees will learn about one of the great poets of the 20th century and his connections to Vassar.  
  *Meet in the front lobby of the Thompson Library*

  **Reconstructing Life and Death with Forensic Anthropology and Archaeology**
  April Beisaw, Associate Professor of Anthropology

  Crime scenes are archaeological sites—they contain the remains of past human activity to be deciphered from disturbed environments, objects left behind, and bodies of those who perished there. This lecture will cover the basics of how anthropologists identify people from their skeletons and how archaeologists read crime scene photographs.  
  *Rockefeller 200*

2pm-4pm  **Tours**
**Walkway Over the Hudson**
Take a bus from campus to the renovated Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge, now the longest elevated pedestrian walkway (1.28 miles) in the world.

*Bus departs from Main Circle*

**Vassar Ecological Preserve and Environmental Cooperative**
Conservation, sustainability and an exploration of the natural world are all core values at Vassar. Explore one of the College’s greatest gems on this guided walking tour (weather permitting). Sensible shoes and long pants are strongly suggested.

*Shuttles depart from Main Circle*

3-4pm

**Alumnae/i College Session 2**

**Pratt House: A New Hub for Religious Life and Contemplative Practices at Vassar**
Rev. Samuel Speers, Associate Dean, RSLCP; Elizabeth Aeschlimann, Rachlin Director for Jewish Student Life and Assistant Director, RSLCP; and Nora Zaki, Advisor for Muslim Student Life, Vassar College and Muslim Chaplain at Bard College
Come learn about the new home for Religious and Spiritual Life and Contemplative Practices in Pratt House. The presentation will include an overview of the human-centered design approach that office staff have used to plan their move and expand the range and type of students they serve.

Rockefeller 212

**Lecture on Matthew Vassar and an Architectural Walking Tour of the Campus with James Russiello ‘06, NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission staff**

*Gather outside Rockefeller Hall*

*Rockefeller 200 (rain location)*

**The Evolution of Science Facilities at Vassar**
Tour the Bridge of Laboratory Sciences and other spaces that have been renovated to enhance the teaching and learning of science at Vassar - indoor and out. Led by Joseph Tanski ’95 Professor and Chair of Chemistry on the Matthew Vassar, Jr. Chair.

*Meet in North Atrium of the Bridge Building*

3-4:30pm

**Launcher of Feminists: Remembering Linda Nochlin (1931-2017)**
Frances Beatty ’70, Barbara (Suzy) Buenger ’70, Susan Casteras ’71, Alison Hilton ’70, Ann Northrup ’70, Carol Ockman, Professor of Art, Williams College
Regardless of whether they were art history majors or encountered her only in a single lecture, those for AH105-106, other courses, seminars, discussions, or at gallery openings or political rallies, students found Linda Nochlin a woman of incredible dynamism, warmth, and erudition. A forceful teacher and a generous mentor who inspired generations of students into action, she remained a prolific and influential scholar of the social history of art and critic her entire life, an authority on many
different artists and areas of modern and contemporary art, and a fomenter and founder of feminist art history in particular. Colleagues and members of the spring 1970 seminar on women invite audience participation to discuss and exchange personal recollections of the stellar Nochlin, her impact, and studying women and art at Vassar at large.

Rockefeller, 300

4-5pm  Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center (FLLAC) Members Only “Curator’s Choice”
        *Art Center Pavilion, Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center*

4-5pm  Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon Meetings
        *Ordain Room, 2nd Floor Main Building*

4-6pm  Dorm Hospitality Bars
        *Raymond, Lathrop, Noyes*

4-6pm  **Class of 1975**
        Afternoon musicale featuring musicians from our classes, including George Litterst, piano; Joseph "Benjy" Keenan, guitar and vocals; Meril Benjamin Markley, voice; Patricia Ann Neely, viola da gamba and more.
        *Noyes House*

5-6pm  Matthew Vassar Legacy Society Reception *(by Invitation)*
        With gratitude for and in recognition of those who have provided for the college’s future through a planned gift or estate commitment.
        *The President’s House*

5-7pm  Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center Welcome Reception
        *All are Welcome*

5:30-7pm  Night Owls Rehearsal
        *Rockefeller Hall, 200*

5:45-7pm  Shabbat Services at The Bayit *(51 Collegeview Avenue, North Gate)*
        Led by Liz Aeschlimann, Rachlin Director of Jewish Student Life

6-7pm  Faculty and Faculty Emeriti reception open to all reunion attendees
        *Rose Parlor, Main Building*

7:00-9:00pm  All Class Picnic Dinner
        *Noyes Circle Tent*
8:30-11pm  **Class of 1975 along with 1980**
Evening coffee house with singer Bill Block ’80 and his band. Bill will be presenting the songs from our era along with his own works.
*Gordon Commons, second floor UpCDC*

9:15pm  **Fireworks** over Sunset Lake

10pm-12am  **Dorm Hospitality Bars** open
Davison, Jewett, Strong, Main, TH's, Raymond, Cushing

**DAILY SCHEDULE -- SATURDAY, JUNE 6**

7-9am  **Breakfast** is available at *Gordon Commons*(formerly ACDC/Students’ Building)
Pay at the Door

7-9am  **Alumnae House Guests**
Continental Breakfast in the *Dining Room*

7-9am  **Classes of 1955, 1960, 1965**
Coffee service, muffins, and fruit
*Jewett multipurpose room*

7:45-  **Class Volunteer Recognition Breakfast**(by invitation)
8:45am  **Main Building, Villard Room**

8am  **Class of 1975**
Paul Winkeller ’75 will be leading a group, on a bike tour, down to the glorious *Walkway Over The Hudson*, which connects to the new *Empire State Trail* (EST). We’ll explore the EST then return to campus. Total time for this adventure is no more than two hours.
*Meet at Main Circle*

9am-5pm  **Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center** is open

9-10am  **President’s Hour**(The Chapel)
Remarks by Vassar’s 11th President, Elizabeth Howe Bradley

10:15am  **Line Up for Parade of Classes**(From Chapel to Sunset Hill)
Beginning with the eldest classes by the Chapel
*Golf carts will be available*

11am-12pm  **Celebrate Vassar**
*Alumnae/i, guests and children gather together from the 5th to the 75th reunions to celebrate extraordinary volunteers and gifts and our shared Vassar legacy.*
Remarks by Stephen Hankins ’85, AAVC President, and Stephanie Hyacinth ’84, Vassar Fund Committee Chair

**Athletic and Fitness Center**

12:15-1:30pm  **Lunch**  
*Gordon Commons*

12:15-1:30pm  **Private Class luncheons**  
Class of 1945, 1945-4, 1950, 1955 – *Aula*  
Class of 1960 – *Athletic and Fitness Center, Multi-purpose room - second floor*  
Class of 1965 – *Library, Reading room 133*  
Class of 1970 – *Sunset Lake*

1:30-4pm  **Vassar Devil & Angel Ice Cream Tent**  
*Quad Lawn*

1:30-5pm  **Family Activities**  
Bouncy Castles, Face painting, lawn games  
*Quad Lawn*

1:45-2:45pm  **Alumnae/i College Sessions**

**Commemorating the 19th Amendment: Looking Back and Looking Forward**  
*Miriam Cohen, Professor of History on the Evalyn Clark Chair and Rebecca Edwards, Professor of History on the Eloise Ellery Chair*

Faculty will begin by exploring the 1820s to the 1880s, situating suffrage in the context of the broader women’s rights movement. They will then consider the years leading up to the 19th amendment and provide a sense of how historians are now broadening their understanding of who participated in the movement, what the movement accomplished and what remained as part of a continuing struggle. Issues of civil rights and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 will also be discussed.

**Learning How to Bounce Back**  
*Michele Tugade ’95, Professor of Psychological Science*

Resilience and healthy coping mechanisms are two keys to happiness in life. Professor Tugade has dedicated much of her professional life to studying and examining how people confront and respond to stressful situations. She will spend this hour sharing what she’s learned through studies that spanned from NASA astronauts to Vassar students.

*Rockefeller, 200*

**The Cathedral of the Future: Notre-Dame of Paris**  
*Lindsay Cook ’10, Visiting Assistant Professor of Art*
The devastating April 2019 fire that destroyed parts of the cathedral of Paris and weakened its structure left the world wondering what would happen next. A year on, Lindsay Cook ’10 discusses the past, present, and likely future of Notre-Dame and reflects on the Vassar community’s many ties to this magnificent Gothic cathedral. This session is offered in memory of Professor Andrew Tallon and coincides with the publication of *Notre Dame Cathedral: Nine Centuries of History*, Cook’s translation of Andrew Tallon’s and Dany Sandron’s 2013 book, originally published in French.

Taylor, 102

**LGBTQ+VC**  
An intergenerational conversation across a half-century of life and activism at Vassar with alumnae/i.

*New England, TBD*

**SAT 1:45-2:45pm**  
**A Walking Tour of the Vassar College Arboretum**  
Enjoy a leisurely walk, discover fascinating fun facts about trees, and learn about the increasing importance of campus trees for our efforts to be more sustainable and achieve carbon neutrality. Our itinerary will include visits to the reunng classes’ class trees. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. Led by Professor of Biology and Arboretum Committee co-chair Mark Schlessman.

*Meet at the entrance to Main in front of Main Circle*

2-4pm  
**A. Scott Warthin Museum of Geology & Natural History, Ely Hall, is open**

2-4pm  
**Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center Tours**

2:30-4:30pm  
**Alumnae/i Author Meet and Greet**  
*College Store (Juliet), Raymond Avenue*

3-4pm  
**Alumnae/i College Programs**

*The Times They Are A-Changin*: Social Change through Group Action, Then and Now  
Robert Brigham, Professor of History on the Shirley Ecker Boskey Chair; Katherine Hite, Professor of Political Science on the F. Thompson Chair and Director of Research; Justin Patch, Assistant Professor of Music; and David Schalk, Professor Emeritus of History

During the 1960s, many students took to the streets to protest the war in Vietnam or to voice their support for women’s rights, gay rights, Black power, and environmental protection. Those who did not still experienced the reverberations of this forceful anti-establishment spirit. By the time Class of 1970 graduated in 1970, such efforts had begun to have an impact on public policies and public opinions. Though the soundtrack has changed, the last two decades have seen a resurgence of group action related to foreign wars, climate change, immigration reform and women’s reproductive and
workplace rights. Former and current Vassar faculty members will join in to discuss how the turmoil of these movements affected alumnae/i, a half century ago and perhaps to this day.

Rockefeller, 300

Tribute to Toni Morrison
Priscilla Gilman P’21, faculty emeriti and Tyrone Simpson, Associate Professor of English and Director of Africana Studies
Discussions and personal reflections on the work and legacy of author Toni Morrison.
Rockefeller, 212

Understanding Gender Pronouns
Danushi Fernando, Director of Vassar LGBTQ and Gender Resources, and staff will discuss the use of pronouns on campus and in the world today.
Rockefeller, 210

3-5pm
Affinity/Department Receptions
AAAVC - Alana Center
LGBTQ, WVKR - College Center, Second floor
International Alumnae/i - College Center, 237
History - Swift Hall
Muslim Prayer Space - Old Laundry Building

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Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon Meeting
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4:30-6pm
Donor Societies Reception (by Invitation)
With gratitude for and in recognition of a vital group of donors who have demonstrated that Vassar is amongst their highest philanthropic priorities.
Thompson Memorial Library, Cornaro Room

4-6pm
Dorm Hospitality Bars
Main, Raymond, Davison, TH’s, Cushing, Lathrop

4-6pm
Class of 2000 - Late Day Rose and Gray Party
Strong

5-6pm
Night Owls Concert
Taylor 102

6:15-9:30pm
Cocktail Reception and Dinner
Class of 2015 – Noyes Circle Tent
Class of 2010 – TH’s Tent
Class of 2005 – Aula
Class of 2000 – Library Lawn Tent
Class of 1995 – Cushing Tent
Class of 1990 – Chapel Lawn Tent
Class of 1985 – Gordon Commons, UpCDc
Class of 1980 – Bridge Building
Class of 1975 – Sunset lake Tent

6:30- 9:30pm  Cocktail Reception and Dinner

Class of 1970- Rose Parlor and Villard Room, Main Building
Class of 1965 – Alumnae House, Living Room
Class of 1960 – Library, 1951 Reading room
Class of 1945, 1945-4, 1950, 1955 – Alumnae House, Dining Room
1871 Circle - Library, Reading Room 133

10pm-12am  Dorm Hospitality Bar open
Davison, Jewett

10pm-1am  All Class After Party on Noyes Circle
Cash Bar, DJ, and Dancing to Multigenerational Playlist

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Coffee service, muffins, and fruit
Jewett multipurpose room

8:45am  Choir Rehearsal

9am  Fun Run with Cross-Country Coach Ron Stonitsch
Meet in front of the Athletic and Fitness Center

9am-5pm  Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center is open

10-11am  Service of Remembrance(All Classes)
The Chapel
1pm  **Reunion Adjourns/Check-Out**

*Please return room keys to Guest Services Coordinators in Davison Lobby*

**NYC Charter Bus Departs** from *Main Circle*