Virtual Reunion 2020
Preliminary Schedule of Events (via Zoom)
All times are Eastern Daylight Time

Friday, June 5

8pm  Virtual Receptions
LGBTQ+ Alumnae/i
Co-chairs Lisa Malachowsky ’83, Eric Wilson ’76, and AC Dumlao ’13
invite alumnae/i to gather for opening remarks and conversation.
Class of 1985
Other Classes, TBD

Saturday, June 6

11am–12:15pm  Opening Program

Celebrate Vassar with President Bradley and the AAVC
Join your classmates and all alums from the 0s and 5s for remarks by President Bradley
and the AAVC, including a presentation celebrating our volunteers and generous donors.

1pm  Reception for International Alumnae/i
Hosted by Andrew Meade, Director of International Services and Assistant Dean of
Student Growth and Engagement

1:30–2:30pm  Alumnae/i College Session 1

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

3–4pm  Alumnae/i College Session 2

The Cathedral of the Future: Notre-Dame of Paris
Lindsay Shepherd 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 Shepherd 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 art historian and Vassar Professor Andrew Tallon,
and coincides with the publication of Notre-Dame Cathedral: Nine Centuries of History,
Cook’s translation of Professor Tallon’s and Dany Sandron’s 2013 book, originally
published in French.
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, during recovery from brain damage.

4:30–5:30pm  Alumnae/i College Session 3

Life in Political Journalism: An Interview with Jonathan Karl ’90
Join us for a live interview with Jonathan Karl ’90, ABC News Chief White House Correspondent, President of the White House Correspondents’ Association, and author of the New York Times bestseller, Front Row at the Trump Show.

5:30–6:30pm  AAAVC Affinity Reception