Schedule [updated 8/15/14]

Please note: Times and locations listed below subject to change. Additional events may be added and details are being finalized.

Greek? Some sororities and fraternities are planning events; stay tuned for details!

Thursday, Sept. 11 - The Warm-Up

Audit Classes
All Day
Observe current professors and students in their natural habitat without the risk of being assigned a 20-page paper or pop quiz. Per faculty request, space is limited. Stop by the Bearcat Lounge to register.

Weekend Warm-Up Mixer
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Gilgamesh Brewing, 2065 Madrona Ave SE, Salem
Join fellow Bearcats and the WUAA Salem/Mid-Valley Chapter at Gilgamesh Brewing for a casual mixer. WU alumni food and drink specials will be available (no-host bar).

Class Reunion Warm-Up Receptions
TBD
Reunite with classmates to kick off your reunion! Locations and times to come.

Friday, Sept. 12 - The Kickoff

Audit Classes
All Day
See Thursday description.

Kickoff Breakfast
9:00-10:30 a.m.
The Quad
Start the weekend right in the company of friends over a delicious breakfast. Registration is required ($15).
Campus Tour
10:30-11:30 a.m.
Meet at the Bearcat Lounge
View your old stomping grounds with new eyes while you tour campus with student tour guides.

_inClass Session – Willamette’s Quirky History_
10:30-11:30 a.m.
Hatfield Room, Mark O. Hatfield Library
Take a "guided tour" through decades of Willamette's more unusual history with University Archivist, Mary McRobinson. Using primary source materials selected from Willamette's Archives and Special Collections, Mary will share some of WU's lesser-known history. Come prepared to share a favorite story or some quirky tidbit from your time at Willamette.

_inClass Session – Autotopography_
10:30-11:30 a.m.
The Quad
How does one write about one's self? How does one place the self, spatially and historically, in relation to others? What is shared and gained by engaging in such 'autotopography'? Join Christopher Harris, professor of theatre, as we explore and play with identity, testimony, place, and ethics.

Half Century Plus Luncheon
11:00 a.m.
Alumni Lounge, Putnam University Center 3rd Floor
A special luncheon for those alumni who graduated more than 50 years ago. Special guest, university President Steve Thorsett, will stop by to say hello. Registration is required ($20).

Alumni Awards Ceremony & Lunch
12:00 p.m.
Rogers Rehearsal Hall
Join the WUAA Board of Directors in honoring 2014 Alumni Award winners Teresa Hudkins ’69, Dawn Albert ’08, Curtis Acosta ’94, Astrid Dabbeni ’01, Jeff Heatherington ’65 and Jennifer Sasser ’89. Registration is required ($40).

(Re)Thinking Lunch
12:00-1:30 p.m.
The Quad
Enjoy lunch with alumni, students and professors, and learn something on the side; about the "politics" of the table, where food comes from, how it gets from farm to fork, and the complicated decisions that surround the food industry and nutrition. Registration is required ($20).
**inClass Session - Beer Brewing: A Chemical Experience**
1:30-2:30 p.m.  
*Collins 323*
Professor Sarah Kirk and husband, John Kirk, will explore the process of making beer while considering the chemistry behind the production and consumption of alcohol. Participants will enjoy a beer tasting. Registration is required ($10).

**inClass Session – Demystifying the College Admission Process**
1:30-3:00 p.m.  
*Hatfield Room, Mark O. Hatfield Library*
Get an insider's perspective on what the college application and admission process is like today with members of the College of Liberal Arts admission staff. All alumni and future Bearcats are invited to bring plenty of questions!

**Campus Tour**
1:30-2:30 p.m.  
*Meet at the Bearcat Lounge*
See Friday morning description.

**Politics Symposium - Campaign Finance Reform**
1:30-3:00 p.m.  
*Kremer Board Room, Ford Hall*
Join us as we explore and uncover the complicated ways in which campaigns in America operate, what regulations are implemented to oversee our elections, and what challenges are still faced.
*Panelists: The Hon. Paul DeMuniz JD’75, John DiLorenzo, Jr. ’77 JD’80, Jim Lottsfeldt ’85*  
*Moderator: Paul Diller, Associate Professor of Law.*

**Politics Symposium - Living the Motto**
1:30-3:00 p.m.  
*The Quad*
Willamette’s motto (“Not unto ourselves alone are we born”) has great meaning to students and alumni of all eras. Come hear this year’s alumni award winners who have made social impact the central focus of their careers and who bring perspectives from a broad spectrum of social action approaches.
*Panelists: Curtis Acosta ’94, Dawn Albert ’08, Astrid Dabbeni ’01*  
*Moderator: Eric Friedenwald-Fishman ’88*

**Faculty/Alumni Mixer**
2:30-4:00 p.m.  
*Bearcat Lounge*
Enjoy refreshing Italian sodas and visit with current and emeriti faculty.
**inClass Session - High Five Pie**
3:00-4:30 p.m.
*Eaton 209*
Dani Cone '98 has translated her education and student experience working at the Bistro into a thriving collection of specialty businesses in Seattle, including three Fuel coffeehouses, the Cone & Steiner in Capitol Hill and a bakery specializing in pies called High 5 Pie. Tap into Dani's entrepreneurial spirit, learn some of her pie making secrets, and of course, indulge your taste buds with a sample of some pie.

**Politics Symposium - Why Do We Teach Politics?**
3:15-4:30 p.m.
*The Quad*
When politics faculty tell others what we do, we are commonly met with responses that are either dismissive of the mere idea of politics, or are rants fueled by the pent up rage they usually direct at news pundits. Either case can leave one wondering “Why DO I teach politics?” In answering this question, WU politics professors Richard Ellis and Sammy Basu (both Oregon Professors of the Year) will offer their personal experience, discuss what they’ve learned, and point out the common misconceptions surrounding the study of politics.
*Panelists: Richard Ellis and Sammy Basu*
*Moderator: David Gutterman, Associate Professor of the Politics*

**Politics Symposium – Asia in Motion: Politics, Economy, Culture, and Environment**
3:15-4:30 p.m.
*Kremer Board Room, Ford Hall*
Asian societies are experiencing profound economic, legal, social, political, and cultural changes, yet new trends remain rooted in distinct historical trajectories. Given Asia’s deep integration with, and prominent role in, global affairs, current changes in Japan, China, and other parts of the region are linked in important ways to life in the USA, and the Pacific Northwest and Oregon more specifically. This panel of Willamette faculty, who study and visit Asia, will offer observations of key trends of change in Asia and their broader implications.
*Panelists: Yan Liang, Ron Loftus, and Jim Nafziger*
*Moderator: Greg Felker, Associate Professor of Politics*

**Martha Springer Botanical Garden Tour**
3:30-4:30 p.m.
*Meet at the Bearcat Lounge*
Tour WU’s "secret" garden with Dean Wentworth, Willamette's Botanical Garden & Greenhouse Curator. Dedicated in 1988 in honor of biology professor Martha Springer, the one acre site is divided into 12 smaller gardens, including a butterfly garden, herb garden, alpine rock garden, theme borders, and ethnobotany gardens.
**Toast to Willamette**  
4:30-6:30 p.m.  
*The Quad*  
Savor samples from local vintners and brewers while mixing with fellow Bearcats from all schools and generations. Registration is required. Cost is $50 (includes Bearcat Bash dinner).

**Symposium Social (at Toast to Willamette)**  
4:30-6:30 p.m.  
*The Quad*  
Politics Symposium attendees are invited to extend the conversations of the day in the special Symposium lounge at Toast to Willamette. Registration is required. Cost is $50 (includes Bearcat Bash dinner).

**Women's Soccer Match vs. Northwest Christian**  
5:00 p.m.  
*Sparks Field*  
See the Bearcat ladies storm the pitch to take on NW Christian in a heated regular season match!

**Bearcat Bash**  
6:30-8:00 p.m.  
*The Quad*  
Gather with alumni from all WU schools and decades, and celebrate an evening of Willamette unity, shared history and the "Big W" while enjoying a sumptuous Northwest feast. Registration is required. Cost is $50 (includes Toast to Willamette reception).

**Men's Soccer Match vs. UC Santa Cruz**  
7:00 p.m.  
*Sparks Field*  
Cheer on the Bearcats during their 2014 regular season home opener against UC Santa Cruz!

**Student vs. Alumni Volleyball Match**  
7:30 pm  
*Cone Fieldhouse*  
Check out this exhibition volleyball match and cheer on some fellow alumni!

**Screening of "The Gentleman of the Senate: Oregon's Mark Hatfield"**  
8:00-9:30 p.m.  
*Film Studies Room, Ford Hall*  
Join us for a special screening of The Hatfield Project documentary that reviews this Bearcat's extraordinary 40-year career in public service.

**Salem Pub Crawl**  
8:00 p.m.  
*Locations TBA*  
Hit the town and visit some old haunts as well as a few of Salem's new nightspots! Bearcat
specials will be available (no host).

**Saturday, Sept. 13 - The Apex**

**Breakfast with the President**
9:00-10:30 a.m.
_Alumni Lounge, Putnam University Center 3rd Floor_
Enjoy a delicious town hall style breakfast buffet followed by an address from President Thorsett on the "Big W," Willamette's Strategic Plan, and how Bearcats can live and exemplify the school's motto. Registration is required ($15).

**Campus Tour**
10:45-11:45 a.m.
_Meet at the Bearcat Lounge_
See Friday morning description.

**inClass Session - Breaking Chains: Slavery in Oregon**
10:45-11:45 a.m.
_Eaton 209_
R. Gregory Nokes '59 tells the story of slavery in Oregon, focusing on the case of a Missouri family, who, after being brought to Oregon in 1844, were unlawfully enslaved by an Oregon legislator instead of being freed as expected.

**Hallie Ford Museum Tour**
10:45-11:45 a.m.
_Hallie Ford Museum of Art_
Visit Willamette’s acclaimed museum which has been described as "a vibrant artistic hub offering access to historical, regional and contemporary art."

**Politics Symposium - Oregon's Political Benchmarks**
10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
_The Quad_
From the Beach Bill, Bottle Bill, Vote by Mail, or the Oregon Health Plan, this panel will discuss Oregon’s legacy of legislative leadership and current challenges.
_Panelists: Rep. Tobias Read '97, Reyna Lopez '09, Dmitri Palmateer '96_
_Moderator: Kerry Tymchuk '81, JD'84._

**Politics Symposium – Nations within the Nation: Understanding the Sovereignty of Oregon Tribes**
10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
_Eaton 211_
Oregon Indian Tribes, like all federally recognized tribes in the United States, are separate sovereign nations with powers to protect health, safety and welfare of their members and to govern their lands. This session will explore what ‘tribal sovereignty’ means in political, legal,
economic, and environmental terms, in the context of discussion of Oregon tribal governance.

Panelist: Raymond Tsumpti, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Moderator: Daniel P. Santos, Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Administration, Willamette University College of Law

Homecoming "Tailgate" BBQ
12:00 p.m.
McCulloch Stadium
Soak up the tailgate atmosphere and get pumped up for the big game with barbecue, beverages and the biggest Bearcat fans on the planet at a fun tailgate lunch. There will also be engaging activities planned for all ages. Registration is required. Cost is $15 for adults, $8 for children.

Lunch on the Quad
12:00 p.m.
The Quad
Not heading to the football game? Enjoy a lunch buffet on campus with students instead. Registration is required. Cost is $15 for adults, $8 for children.

Wine Tasting Tour
1:00-4:30 p.m.
Leave the car behind and enjoy guided afternoon tour in the spectacular Eola-Amity Hills wine county! We will visit Bryn Mawr Vineyards, Redhawk Vineyard and Winery, and St. Innocent Winery and enjoy some of the region's finest wines. Registration is required (transportation is included, $65).

Homecoming Football Game
1:30 p.m.
McCulloch Stadium
Cheer on your Willamette Bearcats as they take on the Trinity University (Texas) Tigers at McCulloch Stadium.

Politics Symposium - Screening of "The Gentleman of the Senate: Oregon's Mark Hatfield" plus Q&A Session with Filmmakers
1:30 p.m.
Film Studies Room, Ford Hall
The Politics Symposium wouldn’t be complete without homage to one of Oregon’s greatest political leaders, Senator Mark O. Hatfield ’43. Join us for a special screening of The Hatfield Project documentary that reviews this Bearcat's distinguished 40-year career in public service. Stay after the screening for a special Q&A session with the creative team behind the project.

Frank Lloyd Wright House Tour
1:30-3:30 p.m.
Gordon House, Silverton
Take a guided tour of The Gordon House, the only building in Oregon designed by legendary architect Frank Lloyd Wright ($20; transportation to Silverton included). This tour is sold out.
Campus Tour
2:00-3:00 p.m.
*Meet at the Bearcat Lounge*
See Friday morning description.

Zena Forest & Farm Tour
2:00-5:00 p.m.
*Meet at the Bearcat Lounge*
Visit 305 acres of ecologically diverse and historically significant land, which is overseen by Willamette University's Sustainability Institute (transportation provided). Sign up in the Bearcat Lounge.

Peace Corps Salute: Recognizing 50-Plus Years of Willamette Volunteerism
3:00-3:45 p.m.
*The Quad*
Join us in looking back at WU’s long and celebrated history in the Peace Corps, Sarah Kassel ’04, a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer and Regional Representative, will lead the conversation and also explain how you can become a volunteer, whatever your age.

inClass Session – Willamette Academy
3:00-4:00 p.m.
*Ford 201*
Founded in 2001, Willamette Academy has become a model program for reaching into historically underrepresented communities and empowering youth who have the desire and potential of becoming the first in their families to graduate from high school and attend college. Join Willamette Academy staff, students and alumni for an informative workshop that will educate, inspire, and empower you.

Politics Symposium Session - The Legacy of "Moderatism"
3:45-5:00 p.m.
*Film Studies Room, Ford Hall*
Moderate statesman are increasingly rare in this era of intensely ideological politics. Is the pragmatic politician an endangered species? Can moderate partisans exist in today’s political climate? How does the legacy of past moderate leaders on both sides of the aisle influence the political leaders of today and tomorrow?
*Panelists: Rep. John Davis JD ’09, Rep. Tobias Read ’97*
*Moderator: Kerry Tymchuk ’81, JD’84.*

Peace Corps Salute: Stories from 50 Years of Service
4:00-5:00 p.m.
*The Quad*
The celebration of WU’s Peace Corps volunteers continues as alumni share stories, moderated by John Uggen, of their experiences and travels around the globe.
Peace Corps Salute: Reception
5:00-6:00 p.m.
The Quad
Meet and mingle with alumni, students and faculty in honoring WU’s Peace Corps volunteers.

Peace Corps Salute: Dinner
6:00-7:00 p.m.
Celebrate WU’s rich history of service in the Peace Corps at dinner. Special dinners will take place for class reunions. Registration is required. Cost is $24.

Class Reunions
6:00 p.m.
Reunions don't come often, so make the most of yours by celebrating with your old friends and classmates! Prices and locations will vary. Visit your class reunion page for more information.

Men's Soccer Match vs. Multnomah
7:00 p.m.
Sparks Field
Join the Bearcat faithful at Sparks Field for an intense regular season match against Multnomah!

The Roof Party
8:00 p.m.
Ford Hall Roof Deck
Rumor has it, illicit parties have occurred on campus rooftops. You certainly never put your student status at risk with such reckless behavior...but now you have your diploma. Enjoy an evening with friends, music, libations and an elevated atmosphere. Cost is $10.

Sunday, Sept. 14 - The Wind Down

Time of Remembrance
9:45-10:15 a.m.
Star Trees (rain location, Cone Chapel)
Gather under the Star Trees with Willamette's Chaplain, Karen Wood, for an informal time of remembrance as we pay respect to members of the Willamette community who have passed on.

Farewell Brunch
10:00-11:30 a.m.
The Quad
Join fellow alumni and friends for the final group meal of the weekend. Registration is required ($15).

Class of '59 Women's Brunch
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Wilson-Hines Room, Goudy Commons
The women from the class of 1959 will gather for brunch and celebrate their 55 years of friendship and ties to WU. Cost is $17.

**Williamette Valley Vineyards Tour**  
12:00-3:00 p.m.  
*Meet at the Bearcat Lounge*  
Visit one of the region's leading wineries, Williamette Valley Vineyards, for a special tasting tour, and meet owner Jim Bernau '75. Registration is required (transportation included, $45).

**Silver Falls Hike**  
12:00-3:00 p.m.  
*Meet at the Bearcat Lounge*  
Enjoy a beautiful scenic hike at Oregon's Silver Falls State Park with student leaders from Williamette's Outdoor Program. Registration is required (transportation included, $10).

**Salem Chamber Orchestra Concert**  
3:00 p.m.  
*Hudson Hall, Rogers Music Center*  
The concert will feature Mozart's "Overture to Don Giovanni, Sejourne," "Concerto for Marimba and Strings," and Beethoven's "Symphony No. 2." Alumni Weekend participants receive a 50% discount.

**Monday, Sept. 14 - The Encore**

**Audit Classes**  
All Day  
See Thursday description.

**FORE Willamette Golf Tournament**  
11:00 a.m.  
*The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club in Aloha, OR*  
For nearly 40 years, FORE Willamette has been an important University tradition that brings together alumni, parents, coaches, and corporate and community partners to celebrate and support Bearcat Athletics. All proceeds from FORE Willamette go to support more than 450 student-athletes participating in 20 NCAA Division III programs. Registration is required ($225).