Welcome

On behalf of the Alumni Steering Committee, the Alumni Relations Office and the Office of the President, welcome back to Wheaton! We want to offer a warm thank you to the committee, the presenters and you for helping to make this weekend special. Over the next few days we hope you enjoy networking with other alumni, current students, staff and faculty and helping Wheaton to shape our collective future.

Sincerely,

Oneda Horne ’07 and Shawn Christian

Steering Committee:

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Friday, April 6

5–7:30 p.m.

Registration
Pick up all of your conference materials—including your name tag, which will give you access to events throughout the weekend.
Emerson Dining Hall, Faculty Dining Room

5–6:00 p.m.

Open houses

Marshall Center for Intercultural Learning
At Wheaton, we recognize that individuals have complex identities formed by biology, society, history and choice. These varied facets shape who we are, form our uniqueness and contribute to the rich educational community that is Wheaton College. The Marshall Center exists to affirm these unique identities, to build a community that draws from them and to cultivate leaders who will introduce to the world the value of human diversity. Come meet the staff and hear about their work on campus.
Marshall Center

The Center for Social Justice and Community Impact
The Center for Religious and Spiritual Life and the Center for Social Justice and Community Impact (SJCI) are new centers launched in fall 2017 to support Wheaton’s ongoing efforts toward inclusive excellence. We share a location in the lower level of Cole Memorial Chapel, The Base, where we work collaboratively to foster equity and solidarity at Wheaton, in Bristol County, and in the global community. We encourage creative approaches to community engagement, problem-solving and respectful dialogue on pressing social issues. The mission of The Center for Religious and Spiritual Life is to equip Wheaton students with the resources and opportunities to critically examine, deepen, and live out their values in a pluralistic world and to build and sustain community. The mission of SJCI is to equip and inspire Wheaton students to become thoughtful advocates of justice and social change in a complex world. Come meet the staff and hear about their work on campus.
Cole Memorial Chapel, The Base

6:00–7:30 p.m.

“Welcome back!” reception
Join President Hanno, faculty, staff, current students and other conference attendees for a casual reception, as we kick off the weekend’s celebration.
Emerson Dining Hall

Optional evening activities

“The Glass Menagerie”
In this semi-autobiographical “memory play,” a young writer wrestles with the repercussions of abandoning his mother and sister. Haunting, heartbreaking and infused with transcendent lyricism, it remains one of American theater’s most enduring works of art. Runs 7:30–9:30 p.m. Written by Tennessee Williams, directed by Professor of Theater David Fox. Tickets: $10, for purchase at the Box Office.
Watson Fine Arts, Weber Theatre

Dinner at Chase
Join current students for dinner in the recently renovated Chase Dining Hall. Most major credit cards accepted. Open until 11 p.m.
Chase Dining Hall

The Lyons Den open (formerly The Loft)
The Lyons Den is a student-run campus coffeehouse where students go to study, eat, drink and socialize. Open 8 p.m. to midnight.
Balfour-Hood Center

Saturday, April 7

8 a.m.–6:30 p.m.

Registration
Emerson Dining Hall, Faculty Dining Room

Hospitality space open
Balfour-Hood Center, Lyons Lounge

8–9 a.m.

Breakfast
Emerson Dining Hall

9–10 a.m.

“My Why Now”
Welcome remarks from President Hanno and Alumni of Color Celebration Steering Committee members.
Emerson Dining Hall

10:15 a.m.–11:15 a.m.

Symposium, Session 1
All the World’s a Stage...
In this session, we’ll talk about social identity, the intersections of identity and how to stay centered in ourselves, despite the many parts we play in the world.

Presenters: Mirko Chardin ’02, Nataja Flood ’16
Mary Lyon Hall, Woolley Room

Self-Care Workshop
Learn more about how you can take better care of yourself at home, at work and in the world.

Presenter: Shanita Liu ’07
Mary Lyon Hall, May Room

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Symposium, Session 2
Allies and Accountability
What does allyship look like today, and what should we expect of our allies?

Presenters: Stella Panzarella ’10, Chief Christopher Santiago, Director, Public Safety at Wheaton
Mary Lyon Hall, May Room
Queer Identity Matrix  
Join a discussion on LGBTQIA+ identities and the dynamic experiences of queer and trans people of color at Wheaton.  
Presenters: Rudy Blanco ’06, Michelle Maktila Portilla ’07, Associate Professor of History Dolti Cathcart (moderator)  
Mary Lyon Hall, Woolley Room  

Success Strategies for People of Color  
There are challenges that face people of color in the workplace. Studies show that unconscious biases and racial micro-agressions are institutionalized and reflected at various levels in organizations. Learn what strategies you can adopt to be “intentional” and overcome these hurdles in order to maximize your potential and navigate a successful career. Elaine is an ABC Daytime Emmy Award-winning writer, former HBO creative services vice president, co-author of the Amazon bestseller The Little Black Book of Success: Laws of Leadership for Black Women and current director of the CINEMA Project at Georgia State University.  
Presenter: Elaine Meryl Brown ’77, P’07  
Mary Lyon Hall, Holman Room  

12:30–1:45 p.m.  
Lunch discussion  
Enjoy lunch with current students while discussing current themes and trends in society. Hear from members of the artifact committee about Wheaton’s Alumni of Color Historical Display and Multimedia Exhibit, which will be featured later today.  
Emerson Dining Hall  

2–3 p.m.  
Symposium, Session 3  
Being a First-Generation College Student at Wheaton  
Alumni will share the challenges and triumphs that face students on the journey to becoming first in their family to graduate from college.  
Presenters: Carolina Aguilar-Restrepo ’14, Alex Gim-Fain ’17, Kepler Jeudy ’07, Oneda Horne ’07 (moderator)  
Mary Lyon Hall, Woolley Room  

The Power and Strength of the Wheaton Alumni Network  
Learn more about how you can connect with your fellow alumni of color.  
Presenter: Tony Laing ’96  
Mary Lyon Hall, May Room  

Threads of Social Justice: Finding Your Political Voice  
The last few years in America have brought into stark light the many systemic inequalities people of color still experience on a daily basis. This awareness has galvanized many, but some people are unsure how to act on their feelings. In this session, we’ll talk about how to find your voice and move forward with action and expression.  
Presenters: DeShawnda Williams ’00, Diana Noriega ’04, Judith Garcia ’13, Persephone Tan ’09 (moderator)  
Mary Lyon Hall, Holman Room  

3–5:30 p.m.  
Wheaton’s Alumni of Color Historical Display and Multimedia Exhibit  
Take a self-guided tour of archival photos from Wheaton’s history, as it relates to our students and alumni of color. Continue to leave your mark by donating an artifact to the Marion B. Gebbie Class of 1901 Archives and Special Collections.  
Madeleine Clark Wallace Library, Reference Reading Room  

Alumni of Color Celebration concludes