THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

12:30-1:30 PM – **SOUND, SONG AND SYMBOL (A BOOK OF J WORKSHOP)**, Paresky 201. This program facilitates deeper knowledge of Jewish liturgy through communal music making, text study and conversation. These workshop events are rigorous in their engagement with historic Jewish sounds and classic texts and positive in their affirmation of the value and inherent beauty of all voices. The musical and liturgical skills participants develop can usefully be applied to any creative practice or spiritual community. RSVP to iho1@williams.edu

4:00 PM – **CATHOLIC MASS**, Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, Lower Level of Thompson Memorial Chapel.

6:00-7:00 PM – **BOOK OF J**, Mabie Room, Sawyer Library. Join us for an intimate musical performance weaving together queer piyutim (sacred, erotic, gender fluid Hebrew poetry), Yiddish gothic chamber-pop freak-folk songs, and the taboo desires of poet Tzilia Dropkin.

7:00 PM – **THE W. ALLISON DAVIS ’24 AND JOHN A. DAVIS ’33 LECTURE**, Paresky Auditorium

The W. Allison Davis 1924 and John A. Davis 1933 Lecture is delivered each year by a scholar whose work concentrates on some aspect of race, class, or education in the United States. This year’s lecturer is the founding director of the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, Dr. Beverly Wright. Learn more about The Davis Center.

8:00 PM – **SEVEN TIMES SALT**, Visiting Artists Series. Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall, Bernhard Music Center.

8:00 PM – **TRIVIA CONTEST**, The Log. Open to all! Six rounds. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:30 AM–4:00 PM – **FAMILY DAYS WELCOME AND INFO DESK**, Paresky Center, Baxter Hall

8:00 AM–3:50 PM – **VISIT OPEN CLASSES**

Worth getting to Williamstown early for! _Please visit only the classes listed in the booklet available at the Welcome Desk, and please ask your student to help you find your way to class on time._

9:00-10:15 AM – **CAMPUS TOUR**, Weston Hall. Led by student admission guides.

10:00 AM–5:00 PM – **LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**, Sawyer Library

From the Founding Documents of the United States of America to Audubon’s _Birds of America_, and from Williams’ early student letters to current student newspapers, the College Archives and Chapin Library are well worth a visit.

10:00 AM–5:00 PM – **WILLIAMS COLLEGE MUSEUM OF ART**, Dance We Must: Treasures from Jacob’s Pillow, 1906-1940, “The Field is The World:” Williams, Hawai‘i, and Material Histories in the Making, and much more.

12:00–1:00 PM – **“THIS I BELIEVE,”** Faculty House (lower level). A panel of students from a Williams-wide variety of traditions and perspectives reflecting on their experiences with faith, spirituality, morality, and conviction on campus. Join us for lunch and meet our four Williams Chaplains.

12:00–1:00 PM – **EUCARISTIC ADORATION**, Catholic Service, Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, Lower Level of Thompson Memorial Chapel.

12:30–2:00 PM – **TOUR THE CLASS OF 1966 ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER**, 12:30, 1:00, and 1:30 start times.

1:00 PM – **JUM’AH PRAYERS**, Muslim Prayer Room, Thompson Memorial Chapel (lower level)
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1:00 PM – CATHOLIC MASS, Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, Lower Level of Thompson Memorial Chapel.

3:00–4:15 PM – CAMPUS TOUR, Weston Hall. Led by student admission guides.

3:00–4:30 PM – THE QUEST FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE, Griffin Hall/Room 3.

4:00–5:00 PM – WHAT YOUR STUDENT SHOULD KNOW ABOUT INTERNSHIPS, JOBS AND LEVERAGING THE WILLIAMS NETWORK, Weston Hall Presentation Room. Panel discussion with professionals and older students from the ’68 Center for Career Exploration, co-sponsored by The Parents Fund.

4:30–5:30 PM – FAMILIES RECEPTION, Faculty House. Mingle with fellow families and Williams representatives. (Casual)

4:30-5:30 PM – DANCE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE, Dance Studio,’62 Center for Theatre and Dance. The Dance Department invites you to our annual sharing of work in process in academic classes and performing ensembles. Students will share research, and CoDA, Kusika and Sankofa will perform in the genres of ballet, contemporary modern, African dance and percussion, and step. All are welcome!

5:00–8:00 PM – Dining Halls open for students and families.

6:00 PM – SHABBAT SERVICE AND DINNER, Jewish Religious Center. Shabbat evenings at JRC are the heart of the Jewish community at Williams. Every Friday, students lead a service beginning at 6:00 PM and then gather for Shabbat dinner at 7:00 PM. The JRC welcomes the Williams community to its home-cooked kosher Shabbat dinner.

7:00–9:00 PM – DODD HALLOWEEN, Dodd House. Pumpkin carving, kids costume contest, trick-or-treating, snacks and a Haunted House for faculty, staff, students and families. It will be spooktacular!

7:30 PM – FRIDAY NIGHT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, Griffin Hall/Room 3.

8:00 PM – AIN GORDON: RADICALS IN MINIATURE, MainStage, ’62 Center. Tickets required: buy at bit.ly/radical7.

8:00 PM – WILLIAMS CHAMBER PLAYERS, Brooks-Roger Recital Hall, Bernhard Music Center (adjacent to Chapin Hall).


8:00 PM – GOOD QUESTION, OCTET, ACCIDENTALS, EPHORIA, Goodrich Hall.

9:00 PM – TYRA, The Log. Local singer songwriter and R&B artist Tyra performs originals and covers.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:30–10:00 AM – COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST, Mission Dining Hall. Breakfast is complimentary in Mission Dining Hall only: family members must pay in other dining halls.

9:00 AM–Noon – FAMILY DAYS WELCOME AND INFO DESK, Paresky Center, Baxter Hall

9:00-10:30 AM – CAMPUS TOUR, Weston Hall. Led by student admission guides.

9:00 AM – PANEL DISCUSSION: INSIDE THE WILLIAMS CLASSROOM, MainStage, ’62 Center for Theatre and Dance. What’s happening in the humanities, social sciences, science and mathematics, and interdisciplinary programs? How do tutorials work? What about summer research opportunities? Williams professors will answer these and many of your own questions. Coffee and muffins available before and after.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, cont’d

10:00 AM–5:00 PM – WILLIAMS COLLEGE MUSEUM OF ART, Dance We Must: Treasures from Jacob’s Pillow, 1906-1940, “The Field is The World,” Williams, Hawai’i, and Material Histories in the Making, and much more.

10:15 AM – EMOTIONALLY EQUIPPING COLLEGE STUDENTS, MainStage, ’62 Center for Theatre and Dance. Acclaimed author, speaker and psychotherapist Lynn Lyons will share the skills our students need, what families should know, and why it’s more important than ever.

11:30 AM – PANEL DISCUSSION: OUTSIDE THE WILLIAMS CLASSROOM, MainStage, ’62 Center for Theatre and Dance. Representatives from the Center for Learning in Action, Davis Center, and the Zilkha Center for Environmental Initiatives will showcase some of Williams’ comprehensive extracurricular offerings.

11:30 AM-12:30 PM – CAMPUS TOUR, Weston Hall. Led by student admission guides.

12:30 – 2:00 PM – COMPLIMENTARY BUFFET LUNCHEON, Paresky Lawn. Sit with your student’s JA’s, entry-mates and their families. In case of rain, lunch will be served in all dining halls.

12:30 PM – WOMEN’S SOCCER VS. COLBY COLLEGE, Cole Field.

1:00 PM – LIVESTREAM; WILLIAMS FOOTBALL VS. HAMILTON, The Log.

1:00–5:00 PM – LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
From the Founding Documents of the United States of America to Audubon’s Birds of America, and from Williams early student letters to current student newspapers, the College Archives and Chapin Library are well worth a visit.

2:00–3:30 PM – THEATER OF THE MATHEMATICALLY ABSURD, Science Center, Wege Auditorium/Chemistry 123: Morley Science Labs. Short humorous math theater pieces performed by students and faculty. No equations; few bad puns!

4:00 PM – FAMILY DAYS ASSEMBLY with Maud S. Mandel, President and Professor of History, and Marlene Sandstrom, Dean of the College and Hales Professor of Psychology, MainStage, ’62 Center

5:00–8:00 PM – Dining halls open for students and families.

8:00 PM – ZAMBEZI MARIMBA BAND FAMILY DAYS CONCERT, Chapin Hall.


9:00 PM – PURPLE RAIN, EPHLATS, SPRINGSTREETERS, Goodrich Hall.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:00–9:30 AM – Dining halls are open for continental breakfast.

9:00 AM – PINE COBBLE HIKE hosted by The Williams Outing Club. Meet outside on Paresky Center porch. This is a 2.5-hour roundtrip intermediate hike up and down Pine Cobble. Wear good hiking shoes and bring a water bottle. Snacks will be provided. Please sign-up beforehand at the Paresky Center Welcome Desk. Questions? Email slewis@williams.edu.

10:00-11:30 AM – JEWISH RELIGIOUS CENTER FIRST-YEAR FAMILIES BRUNCH, Jewish Religious Center. Families are invited to a student-cooked breakfast.

10:00 AM–5:00 PM – WILLIAMS COLLEGE MUSEUM OF ART, Dance We Must: Treasures from Jacob’s Pillow, 1906-1940, “The Field is The World,” Williams, Hawai’i, and Material Histories in the Making, and much more.
11:00 AM–1:30 PM – Dining Halls are open for brunch.

11:30 AM-12:30 PM – SONG OF SONGS (A WORKSHOP BY BOOK OF J, Hardy House Living Room. This program is a fully interactive text study/collaborative creative experience. The workshop begins on a deep reading of passages from the Song of Songs, delves into commentary and proceeds from there to a unique collaborative song writing experience that involves all participants as equal members in the creative process. Please RSVP to iho1@williams.edu.

1:00 PM – JOIN IN A MAJOR PERCUSSION PERFORMANCE, The Clark Art Institute. One hundred people will gather to create a massive wave of sound, and you can join us!


4:30 PM – ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS, Thompson Memorial Chapel.

5:30 PM – THE FEAST, St. John’s Church, 35 Park St. A progressive Christian community welcoming people of all perspectives for a home-cooked meal and brief worship service.

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

If you can’t reach your student or family member by cell phone, please call (413) 597-4444, and Campus Safety and Security will get a message to the Paresky Welcome Desk.

DINING HALLS: All Dining Halls are open to families, who can pay with cash, credit card, or students’ points. A complimentary Saturday breakfast will be served in Mission only, and Saturday lunch on Paresky Lawn is also free.

LOST AND FOUND: Try the Welcome Desk in Paresky Center or (after hours) Campus Safety and Security on the ground floor of Hopkins Hall (413) 597-4444.

LODGING, TRANSPORTATION, RESTAURANTS: www.williams.edu/visitors.

PARKING: We recommend that you leave your car in the Williams parking garage on Whitman Street (between Park Street and Route 7 in the northwest corner of campus) and walk to events in and around campus.

CAMPUS INTERNET ACCESS: Guest access instructions available at the Welcome Desk.

GOLF: Families of current Williams students are always welcome to play the college’s historic Taconic Golf Course at reduced fees. Tee times recommended and available five days in advance by calling the pro shop at 413-458-3997.

ATHLETIC FACILITIES
Under the age of 13 are not permitted in the Fitness Center, and 13-15 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian 16 years of age or older. Under the age of 16 cannot use the weight room or upper Lasell; they can use the basketball courts, squash, pool provided they are accompanied by a parent or guardian 18 years or older.

Lower Lasell Fitness Center
Friday: 8 am – 9 pm
Saturday: 10 am – 9 pm
Sunday: 1 pm – 10:00 pm

Upper Lasell Fitness Center
Friday: 8 am – 9 pm
Saturday: 10 am – 9:00 pm
Sunday: 1 pm – 6:00 pm

Muir-Samuelson Pool
Call 413-597-2419 for open hour