

MULTICULTURAL
ALUMNI
WEEKEND

Nov. 8–10, 2019



Grinnell College

On behalf of the entire Grinnell College community, welcome to the second Multicultural Alumni Weekend!

We are excited to have you back on campus to share your stories with current students, faculty, and staff. You are an essential piece of the mosaic of this transgenerational community, and your story is part of our collective institutional memory. This weekend will bring together alumni, families, and friends from all over the country to participate in events, discussions, panels, entertainment, and celebrations of the people, places, and identities that make us uniquely Grinnell.

By returning to Grinnell for this milestone weekend, you are demonstrating your commitment to the College. Active alumni are vital — your involvement and dedication help connect the students of today to a rich history and a proud tradition of excellence. We are excited to build a partnership with you that will catapult the College to the next level of intercultural engagement.

Thank you again for your continuing interest, enthusiasm, and commitment. We are honored to welcome you home this weekend. Let the storytelling begin.

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Be Social

Grinnell College and the Office of Development and Alumni Relations want to connect with you during Multicultural Alumni Weekend. You can find us via these online social networks:

[Facebook.com/grinnellcollegealumni](https://www.facebook.com/grinnellcollegealumni)

[Twitter.com/grinnellcollege](https://twitter.com/grinnellcollege)

[Instagram.com/grinnellcollege](https://www.instagram.com/grinnellcollege)

Be sure to tag your posts with the Grinnell College hashtags:

#GrinnellAlumni

#GrinnellCollege

Friday, Nov. 8, 2019

8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Registration and Information Desk Open

JRC First Floor Lobby

Stop by the registration desk to pick up your schedule and materials. Also, this is the spot to ask any questions you may have.

8 a.m.–10 p.m.

Quiet Room

JRC, Room 202

This room is available to anyone who needs a quiet space to take a break from the events and programs of the weekend.

10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Class Visit Opportunities

JRC First Floor Lobby

Come by the registration desk to select a class to attend. Class choices will be first-come, first-served.

Noon–2 p.m.

“Looking Back and Leaping Forward” Workshop with pizza lunch

JRC 101

Kick off the weekend in the spirit of authenticity and camaraderie. Instead of complaining or whitewashing, we hope to create a space for thoughtfulness, truth-telling, and community that will guide our weekend. Come in, grab some pizza, get comfortable, and get ready to connect your story with a larger narrative of surviving and thriving at Grinnell.

2–3 p.m.

Collection, Connection and Conversation @ GCMoA

Bucksbaum, Museum of Art

Connect with current students for conversations exploring the artwork on display at the Grinnell College Museum of Art (formerly Faulconer Gallery) in the Bucksbaum Center for the Arts. The current exhibition, *For Campus and Community*, features an impressive sampling of works from the museum’s collection, curated with an emphasis on art that focuses on issues of social justice.

3–4 p.m.

Campus Walking Tour

JRC Second Floor Lobby

Current students will lead this tour beginning at the Multicultural Suites, where the student organizations reside. The rest of the tour will include academic buildings, residence halls, athletic facilities, the dining hall, and social venues. Tour guides will also share their experiences and stories about being Grinnell students.

4–5 p.m.

Invisible Identities Panel

JRC 101

All of us have multiple identities, and many of those aren’t always readily visible to the world. Join us in a panel-led discussion of how invisible identities change how we move through the world, and why flexible and aware support systems are needed in school and beyond.

5:15–6 p.m.

Welcome Reception

Grinnell College Golf Course

933 13th Avenue

Welcome back to campus! Join fellow alumni, students, faculty, and staff for a welcome reception to start the weekend right.

6–7:30 p.m.

Welcome Dinner and Shabbat Table

Grinnell College Golf Course

Join us for a kosher-style buffet meal with challah provided by the Center for Religion, Spirituality, and Social Justice and a short program by **Rabbi Rachel Weiss ‘98**

7:30–9 p.m.

“Kosher/Soul? Black-Jewish Identity Cooking”

Michael Twitty, Keynote

Speaker

JRC 101

Being African American and Jewish is a combination that many can’t wrap their heads around. However, for thousands of Jews of color, having heritage, faith, and family in both diasporas — African and Jewish — and their many intersections means creating material, social, and ideational lives that interweave identities and histories. For Twitty, this includes food and the ways Blacks and Jews have mediated otherness and oppression using what they eat as well as the global stories diasporic foodways have to offer. Join him in an exploration and a taste of what he calls “Kosher/Soul.”

9–10:30 p.m.

Lotería

Main Hall Bob’s Underground

Join this fun party with prizes and learn a little Spanish while you’re at it! Lotería — sometimes called Mexican bingo — is older than the College. Though its origins trace back to Italy, this game was made popular in the late 1700s in Mexican fairs. We will be playing Mike Alfaro’s Millennial Lotería, a 21st century reimagining of the original game. If bingo is your game-oh, then join us for refreshments, a little Español, and a good time!

Multicultural Digital Archive Project

The Multicultural Digital Archive Project is a collaboration between students, alumni, staff, and faculty to establish an internet-based platform for collecting and documenting the histories of Grinnell College's rich legacy of multicultural student organizations. Our main goals are to capture, preserve, and share the institutional memory that has gone undocumented, to show the impact that multiculturalism has had in shaping the College's history. The project will evolve in two stages, first with visual web-based timelines that will paint broad strokes of important events within various campus organizations. Secondly, we will work within various Grinnell College communities to identify ephemeral material, such as photographs, posters, T-shirts, documents, and visual and audio recordings, that help to tell these stories.

Events

Crowdsourcing photos: Identify yourself, your friends, and the events you attended. JRC lobby, noon–5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8; 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9.

Share your story: Alumni Oral History Project. Sign up for a 30-minute interview with a current student at the Multicultural Alumni Weekend registration desk. Production Studio in Burling basement, 2–5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8; 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9.

Share your ephemera: Student staff will digitize your items. Second-floor classroom, Burling Library. Noon–5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8; 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9.

MLC student organizations timeline display is on exhibit in Burling lounge. Learn the history of our current MLC student organizations, and add your memories to the timeline.

Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019

8 a.m.–noon

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8 a.m.–10 p.m.

Quiet Room

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9–10:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast and Diversity Professionals Panel

JRC 101

David Carreon Bradley '01 will moderate a panel discussion with many of the staff members doing diversity work at Grinnell College. There will be representatives from the Offices of the President, Admission, Intercultural Affairs, International Student Affairs, Disability Resources, Athletics, and Human Resources.

10:30 a.m.–noon

Making History: Innovations in Capturing Community-Based Multicultural Stories

JRC 101

As members of the Grinnell College community launch an initiative to establish a digital multicultural archive project dedicated to documenting the institutional memory of the College's

*student-led cultural, religious, and social organizations, please join this panel discussion between student researchers working to capture this history and distinguished guests who will share with us their research projects that use web resources to explore difficult and overlooked historical truths. Guests: **Henry Brannan '21** on indigenous land histories, **Sarah Cornell '97** on the Seacoast (New Hampshire) LGBT History Project, **Erik Henderson '19** on Fight Back: Student Protest exhibition, and professor **Dan Kaiser** on early African American residents of the town of Grinnell. Moderated by **Chris Wilde '88**.*

Noon–2 p.m.

Lunch in the Dining Hall

Marketplace

Join alumni, students, and faculty in the Marketplace Dining Hall. We have reserved the Whale Room on the west side of the dining hall. Enjoy some of your favorite foods, share your stories, and don't forget to grab ice cream.

2–5 p.m.

Individual Student Organization Events

Various locations

Descriptions of student organizations are on the next page.

African Caribbean Student Union (ACSU)

This group seeks to celebrate the rich diversity of the African diaspora by engaging the campus through education, community, and dialogue; coordinate activities with multicultural peer organizations; and serve as a home away from home for international Africans, Caribbean students, Black Americans, and all students with interest in the efforts and values of ACSU.

Asian American Association (AAA)

This student organization hopes to educate the student body about Asian American culture and issues, and exists to provide a safe space for all students and faculty where one can discuss the experiences of Asian Americans on campus.

Chalutzim

Chalutzim (Hebrew for "pioneers"), the Jewish student organization, is a diverse community in which students celebrate and learn about Judaism. We hold religious services on campus as well as educational, cultural, and social programming.

We also participate in interfaith dialogue and multicultural activities and promote diversity on campus. All of our activities are open to everyone.

Chinese Student Association (CSA)

CSA strives to enrich campus diversity and enhance cross-cultural understanding by organizing a diversity of Chinese cultural events and activities, including Chinese New Year and Mid-Autumn Festival, for a wide audience.

Concerned Black Students (CBS)

We, as concerned Black students, want to provide a community within all cultures as a way to unite and strengthen diversity among ALL Grinnellians. As a subunit of the intercultural community here at Grinnell College, we plan to educate, raise awareness, and ultimately create a safe haven for Black students and those who support Black students.

International Students Organization (ISO)

ISO promotes international understanding within and beyond the College community. ISO encourages students to broaden their horizons and explore and experience different cultures, and acts as a networking group for members.

Stonewall Resource Center (SRC)

The SRC, in Younker Hall's basement, is an all-inclusive, welcoming resource center focused on serving Grinnell's LGBTQIA+ community. The center offers a safe space for individuals, educational programming, and hosts LGBTQIA+ activities on campus throughout the year, as well as identity-focused subgroups.

Student Organization of Latinxs (SOL)

The purpose of SOL shall be to create a community that will nurture cultural pride, as well as awareness, among all its members. SOL resolves to create and support a cultural and social network that preserves and encourages cultural identity and autonomy, promotes awareness of political and social issues affecting Latinx society, and serves as an education resource for the community.

Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019

2-3 p.m.

Institute for Global Engagement Open House

HSSC, Room N1164

Stop in and see the new Institute for Global Engagement space. Interact with students from the Off-Campus Study staff.

2-3 p.m.

Chalutzim Open House

Chalutzim Lounge, JRC, second floor

Chalutzim is proud to be a community within Grinnell that uplifts Jewish identities, spirituality, and Jewish life to many students on campus. We are eager to speak with alumni about our goals for the future, campus updates, and alumni outreach.

2-4 p.m.

SOL: Past, Present, and Future

Spanish House

We welcome the past, present, and future members of SOL to mingle, share experiences, and create solidarity among Latinx Grinnellians. We will look at what SOL has been, what SOL is, and what SOL could be.

2-5 p.m.

AAA and CSA Open House

JRC, Room 209

Please stop in, enjoy some snacks, and play card games with the students of the Asian American Association and Chinese Student Association.

2-5 p.m.

Conney M. Kimbo Black Cultural Center Open House

Black Cultural Center

The BCC monitors invite alumni and current students to socialize, explore the historical center, and visit the recently opened Edith Renfrow Smith '37 Black Women's Library. Black student organizations, such as Concerned Black Students, African Caribbean Student Union, Black Students in STEM, and Black Faith, will join us to share, debrief, and discuss our experiences on campus. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

2-5 p.m.

Stonewall Resource Center Open House

Younker Hall basement

Though our space is undergoing renovations, come connect with current queer students and community leaders.

4-5:30 p.m.

"Broken English" Sculpture Dedication and Reception

HSSC Courtyard

*"Broken English," a sculpture in steel and bronze by **Gregory Gómez '80**, has been made possible by a gift from **John B. Chambers '77** in memory of his wife, Jean Marie Chambers. If the weather is poor, the dedication will move into the HSSC Atrium.*

5 p.m.

Social Hour

Main Lounge

Enjoy social time, hors d'oeuvres, and refreshments before dinner.

6 p.m.

Multicultural Alumni Weekend Gala Dinner

Quad Dining Hall

*Celebrate the culmination of the weekend with students, faculty, staff, and fellow alumni at a capstone banquet featuring remarks by President **Raynard S. Kington**. The gala will honor the alumni who were instrumental in creating the Conney M. Kimbo Black Cultural Center and will celebrate the center's 50th anniversary.*

9 p.m.

Drag Show by Queer People of Color

Harris Center

A tradition for Grinnell College students since 2006. The Xtravaganza, which occurs in the fall and spring, raises money for various humanitarian organizations. It is an event that encapsulates the best of Grinnell: a celebration, exploration, and performance of diversity and self-expression, with a commitment to social justice. Come and see what all the fuss is about.

Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019

10 a.m.

Black Church

Herrick Chapel

*Enjoy a worship service featuring a performance by the Young, Gifted, and Black Choir and a sermon by the **Rev. Brian Smith '94**.*

5:30 p.m.

International Student Organization Food Bazaar (sold out)

Harris Center

ISO still hosts the annual Food Bazaar! It has grown over the years, and this Sunday evening, 112 chefs will serve 56 dishes to 270 guests. (Sorry to say, the event is sold out... but we thought you'd like to know that the tradition continues!)



General Information

Emergency and Non-Emergency Assistance

For emergency, 24-hour assistance, please call the Office of Safety and Security at x4600. From a cell phone or off campus, dial 641-269-4600.

Name Badges

Please be sure to wear your name badge at all times, as it is your entrance pass to all events.

Multicultural Alumni Weekend Shuttle

A shuttle between campus and the hotels near I-80 will be available throughout the weekend between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday on an "on call" basis. To request a shuttle, call 641-260-6953.

Charles Benson Bear '39 Recreation and Athletic Center

Includes the indoor track, racquetball courts, gymnasiums, indoor tennis courts, bouldering wall, and shower facilities. Alumni need to present their Multicultural Alumni Weekend nametags for entrance.

Monday–Thursday	6 a.m.–10 p.m.
Friday	6 a.m.–9 p.m.
Saturday–Sunday	7 a.m.–10 p.m.

Fitness Center

Monday–Thursday	6 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday	6 a.m.–7 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Sunday	10 a.m.–9 p.m.

Russell K. Osgood Pool

Monday–Friday	6-9 a.m., 11 a.m.–1 p.m., 6:30–8:45 p.m.
Saturday	Noon–8:45 p.m.
Sunday	1–4:45 p.m.

Climbing Wall

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	4:15–6:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday	7–9 p.m.
Saturday–Sunday	CLOSED

Bouldering Wall

The bouldering wall is open during the Bear Center general hours (see above).

Pioneer Bookshop

933 Main St., Grinnell	
Monday–Friday	8:30 a.m.–6 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED

The Spencer Grill

Monday–Friday	7:30 a.m.–midnight
Saturday–Sunday	10 a.m.–midnight

Burling Library

Monday–Thursday	7:45 a.m.–1 a.m.
Friday	7:45 a.m.–10 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m.–10 p.m.
Sunday	10 a.m.–1 a.m.

Kistle Science Library

Monday–Thursday	7:45 a.m.–1 a.m.
Friday	7:45 a.m.–5 p.m.
Saturday	1–5 p.m.
Sunday	1 p.m.–1 a.m.

Special Collections

Monday–Friday	1:30–5 p.m.
Saturday	1–5 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED

Art Exhibitions

Please refer to the open hours of each gallery to see these exhibits.

Grinnell College Museum of Art

Bucksbaum Center for the Arts

1108 Park St.

Hours: Monday–Saturday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

For Campus and Community: The Collection of the Grinnell College Museum of Art

For more than a century, Grinnell College has been building an art collection, which now includes over 5,000 objects from antiquity to the present day. Twenty years ago, the opening of the Faulconer Gallery facilitated a dramatic expansion of the presence of art on the College campus, not only in the form of exhibitions of national and international art and artists, but also in an intensified building of the art collection.

In celebration of its 20th anniversary, and in keeping with the myriad innovative ways that its collections, exhibitions, and outreach programs have grown beyond a single exhibition space at the heart of the Bucksbaum Center for the Arts, the Faulconer Gallery has rededicated itself the Grinnell College Museum of Art. This inaugural exhibition rightly gives pride of place to an extraordinarily diverse and ever-growing collection of works of art spanning both the centuries and the globe, a rich resource for inquiry and inspiration, as well as pure visual delight.

Burling Gallery

Burling Library, lower level

CULTURE

Using a wide range of materials from Special Collections and Archives, this exhibit looks at Black culture at Grinnell College and in Des Moines from 1967 to 1973. *CULTURE* highlights individuals who were dedicated to fighting for social justice and Black consciousness. It also explores the legacy of these people and movements. This exhibit was curated by **Erik Henderson '19**.

Mare de Dentro: Live in Rio de Janeiro's Favelas

The exhibit documents resident life in Complexo da Mare, Rio de Janeiro's largest group of favelas (shantytowns). It incorporates a series of visual projects produced through the collaboration of Henrique Gomes, a Brazilian activist from Mare; Antonello Veneri, an Italian photojournalist; and Nadia Sussman, an American video journalist. The photographic component is comprised of family portraits that capture, from a poetic and intimate perspective, the lived reality inside ("dentro") Mare's homes. Another series of photographs and several short films document the occupation of Mare by 2,500 military personnel before the 2014 World Cup and 2016 Olympic Games. Overall, the exhibit intends to represent the dignity of favela residents and their diverse human, familial, and urban identities. The exhibit was curated by Nicholas Barnes and Peter Klein.

