

ALUMNI & FRIENDS | May 2023



## Reunion 2023

Join us May 19-21 for a truly special weekend.

Online registration for Reunion Weekend is closed, but you can still join us back on campus May 19-21! On-site registration will be available Friday and Saturday in the Academic Commons at Goddard Library.

### **New this year: Alumni University**

Come back to the classroom to hear esteemed Clark Faculty present on their research projects at one of these two concurrent faculty talks on Friday, May 19, 2:30-4 p.m.

Digital Bomarzo: A Gallery Talk about a Renaissance Designed Landscape with Professor John Garton. [Learn more.](#)

Data-Driven Research by Clark's "COVID Posse:" Exploring the Pandemic's Impact on Demographic Groups with Professor Rosalie Torres Stone, Professor Nathan Ahlgren, and Professor Philip Bergmann. [Learn more.](#)

*(Please note: all Clark alumni are welcome to attend these talks, regardless of reunion year)*

### **Thank You Reunion Volunteers**

Thank you to all the alumni who served on a reunion committee this year! More than 50 alumni came together to help plan class-specific activities and reach out to their classmates to encourage participation. We are so grateful for your enthusiasm and commitment, and we can't wait to see you during Reunion Weekend!

Please also make sure to thank our student workers when you're on campus this May!

[Check out the full schedule of Reunion Weekend events.](#)

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Thanks to generous contributions from donors like you, we surpassed our goal of 600 donors for Spree for Clark and raised nearly \$210,000. Your support allows us to continue to provide our students with opportunities to imagine a better world — and then create it.

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On behalf of all of us in The Clark Fund and University Advancement, thank you again!

If you missed the chance to show your support during Spree for Clark, there is still time to make a

gift before the end of Clark's fiscal year on May 31. Visit [The Clark Fund website](#) for more information and ways to give.

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## Alumni Affinity Group Updates

The [Clark Black Alumni Association \(CBAA\)](#) and the [Clark LGBTQ+ Alumni Association \(CLAA\)](#) are pleased to debut their webpages where you can read the groups' mission statements, learn about the current leaders, see upcoming events, and more.

Both affinity groups also have exciting events coming up, including the [BIPOC Affinity Social](#) and [LGBTQ+ Reception](#), held during Reunion Weekend.

In celebration of Juneteenth, the CBAA will be hosting a virtual conversation with [Professor Ousmane Power-Greene](#), Ph.D. on June 15, focusing on the inspiration behind his recently published novel, "[The Confessions of Matthew Strong](#)."

LGBTQ+ identifying alumni are invited to join the CLAA at Lavender Graduation, an identity-based ceremony to honor LGBTQ+ students on May 20. [Click here for details and to register](#). Then for Pride Month, join the group in Providence, RI for cocktails at the [Malted Barley](#) before going to the [Illuminated Night Parade](#) on Saturday, June 17. Registration coming soon.

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# A Look Ahead - Summer Events

*In addition to the affinity group events, here are more summer events to look forward to:*

## **Alumni WooSox Game**

We're headed back to Polar Park for an alumni WooSox game on **Sunday, June 25!** Watch the WooSox face off against the Lehigh Vally IronPigs from the Shaw's Visitors Bullpen Terrace while enjoying a complimentary lunch buffet. [\*\*Learn more or Register Now >\*\*](#)

## **Summer "Welcome to Clark" Receptions:**

We're also "upping our game" to provide four opportunities for alumni to help welcome incoming Clark students and families this July. Please join us at an afternoon reception to meet new students, their families, other area alumni, and current students. Our gracious hosts are members of Clark's Undergraduate Parents Advisory Council, and [Company One Theatre](#), founded by a group of Clark alumni. Watch your emails for an invitation to register.

Saturday, July 15: 3:30-5:30 p.m. in Wenham, MA

Saturday, July 15: 4-6 p.m. in Larchmont, NY

Saturday, July 22: 5-7 p.m. in Bethesda, MD

Sunday, July 30: lunch reception and 2 p.m. performance of Company One Theatre's "The Boy Who Kissed the Sky," directed by Summer L. Williams '01, M.A.Ed. '02 at the Strand Theatre in Dorchester, MA. The play is inspired by the early life and influences of musical icon Jimi Hendrix.

## **Virtual Book Club Events**

Join the Alumni & Friends Virtual Book Club on Wednesday, June 21 for a special session to help you create your summer reading list. Details and registration coming soon.

Want to read ahead? Here are all the books we'll be discussing this fall. Pick one or read them all!

September, Hispanic Heritage Month: ["Violeta" by Isabel Allende](#)

October, LGBT History Month: ["Detransition, Baby" by Torrey Peters](#)

November, Native American Heritage Month: ["There There" by Tommy Orange](#)

*If you'd like more information about our events, please email Clark's Alumni & Friends Engagement team at [alumni@clarku.edu](mailto:alumni@clarku.edu) or call 800-793-6246.*

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# 2024 Clark Athletics Hall of Fame

Last chance to send us your nominations. Know someone who displayed prowess while playing for Clark? Someone who led their team to victory? Who was revered for their values of fair play and sportsmanship? Now is your chance to nominate a former teammate or coach to the 2024 Clark Athletics Hall of Fame!

[Nominate a Cougar](#)

(Nominations are due by Friday, May 12, 2023. See a list of [previous inductees here](#).)

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## Upcoming Events

**GOLD Day of Service** | *Sunday, June 11, noon-3 p.m.*

Clark's Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) are invited to return to Mass Audubon's Broad Meadow Brook Conservation Center and Wildlife Sanctuary for our Second Annual Day of Service. Get your hands dirty tackling a project that's vital to Worcester's ecosystem, enjoy lunch together and receive a complimentary t-shirt! [Register Now >](#)

**A Celebration of Race & Community: A Virtual Juneteenth Event** | *Thursday, June 15, 7 p.m. EDT (4 p.m. PDT)*

Join the Clark Black Alumni Association (CBAA) for this conversation with Professor Ousmane Power-Greene, PhD, who will address the inspiration behind his recently published novel, "[The Confessions of Matthew Strong](#)." [Register Now >](#)

**Providence PrideFest Meetup** | *Saturday, June 17, 5:30 p.m.*

Join the Clark LGBTQ+ Alumni Association (CLAA) in celebrating Pride Month with cocktails before the Illuminated Pride Parade in beautiful downtown Providence. **Registration coming soon.**

**Alumni & Friends Virtual Book Club** | *Wednesday June 21, 7-8 p.m. EDT (4-5 p.m. PDT)*

Join the Alumni & Friends Book Club and Clark University Librarian Laura Robinson for a session dedicated to building your summer reading list! **Registration coming soon.**

**WooSox Game for Clark Alumni & Friends** | *Sunday, June 25, First Pitch 1:05 p.m.*

Cheer on the Worcester Red Sox as they face off against the Lehigh Valley IronPigs! Guests will watch from the Shaw's Visitors Bullpen event space, a shaded deck with picnic-style tables and chairs to gather at, as well as a section of unassigned stadium seats. Enjoy a complimentary buffet during the game. **Register Now >**

**More Alumni & Friends Events**

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## Get Involved

**Join an alumni affinity group** – Sign up for community-specific emails for the alumni affinity groups: the [Clark Black Alumni Association \(CBAA\)](#) and/or the [Clark LGBTQ+ Alumni Association \(CLAA\)](#), or suggest a new one!

**Join ClarkCONNECT** – You can play an important role in the career and professional development of Clark students by posting internships, jobs, and projects on the ClarkCONNECT platform. Share an opportunity and connect with 7000+ Clark alumni, students, and faculty, check out the [ClarkCONNECT Internships & Projects Guide](#), or reach out to the [Career Connections Center](#) at [clarkconnect@clarku.edu](mailto:clarkconnect@clarku.edu).

**Help us plan alumni events** – The Alumni Speaker Series reflects Clark's academic strategy focus areas, which help promote Clark as a destination university that provides transformative liberal arts education and pursues research to address real-world problems. [Send us your thoughts, ideas and contacts.](#)

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