## ALUMNI & FRIENDS | July 2023



# Reunion 2023 Recap

### Thank you for a truly special Reunion Weekend!

Reunion attendees didn't let a little rain dampen spirits! Check out our recap and Reunion photo album.

#### **Reunion Committee Kick Off Meeting**

We're now starting to lay the groundwork for Reunion 2024! Clarkies from classes ending in 4s and 9s will celebrate milestone reunion years this coming May and have a chance to reminisce, reconnect, and see how campus is changing.

On September 27, at 6 p.m. ET/ 3 p.m. PT, join us for a virtual Reunion Committee kick-off meeting for anyone interested in helping promote attendance and build excitement among their classmates. Please email <a href="mailto:alumni@clarku.edu">alumni@clarku.edu</a> for the link!







#### **Move-in Day Volunteers Needed!**

In August, alumni can assist in creating a welcoming environment for new Clark families. Help our first-year families feel excited to be at Clark by volunteering on Move-In Day, August 24! Alumni volunteers will serve as greeters and movers and be treated to lunch with our staff after the event.

Sign up to Volunteer!

#### **Alumni & Friends Virtual Book Club**

The Alumni & Friends Virtual Book Club, hosted by Clark's University Librarian Laura Robinson, is an opportunity to connect with the University by exploring classic and recent books. These events are offered throughout the academic year. Participation is easy and can be at your own pace.

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

September 13, Hispanic Heritage Month: <u>"Violeta" by Isabel Allende</u>

October 18, LGBT History Month: <u>"She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders" by Jennifer Finney-Boylan</u>

November 15, Native American Heritage Month: "There There" by Tommy Orange



# **Alumni Affinity Group Updates**

June was a busy month for Clark's alumni affinity groups! The <u>Clark Black Alumni Association</u>
(CBAA) celebrated Juneteenth virtually with a talk with <u>Professor Ousmane Power-Greene</u>, Ph.D. about his new novel, <u>"The Confessions of Matthew Strong,"</u> and the <u>Clark LGBTQ+ Alumni</u>
<u>Association (CLAA)</u> gathered in Providence, RI for one of the top Pride celebrations in the country!



Looking ahead, the CBAA is excited to be co-sponsoring a play event with Company One Theatre on Sunday, July 30. Though registration for the Clark event is closed, you can support Company One by <u>purchasing tickets</u> to see "The Boy Who Kissed the Sky" on your own through August 12.

The CLAA will be co-hosting events this fall including a wine tasting during Worcester's Pride celebrations with <u>Canal District Wines</u>, owned by Rachel Scanlon '02, M.A.Ed. '03 and her wife, Livy, on Wednesday, September 6. In honor of LGBT History Month, the group will be joining Clark's University Librarian Laura Robinson for the Alumni & Friends Virtual Book Club featuring <u>"She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders"</u> by Jennifer Finney-Boylan.

Want to get more deeply involved? Reach out to the groups on their websites for details.

### **Summer Fun**

#### Summer "Welcome to Clark" Receptions

This July, the Alumni & Friends Engagement Team worked with Clark's Parents Council, Admissions Team, and the Division of Student Success to provide four opportunities for alumni to help welcome incoming Clark students and families. Last weekend, Clarkies gathered at afternoon receptions in Wenham, MA and Larchmont NY to meet new students, their families, other area alumni, and current students. Our Bethesda, MD reception will take place this weekend, and the final reception will coincide with the CBAA/Company One Theatre event at the Strand Theatre in

Boston on July 30. In future years, we hope you can join us to help welcome our newest Clarkies and their families to our community at an event near you.

#### **WooSox Game**

More than 100 alumni and friends joined us at the <u>WooSox</u> game on Sunday, June 25! It was great to see so many Clarkies gathered at <u>Polar Park</u>, cheering on our hometown team and celebrating their 9-2 victory over the Lehigh Valley IronPigs.



# **Upcoming Events**

Save the date for our upcoming events. Stay tuned, registration is coming soon!

Worcester Pride Wine Tasting | Wednesday, September 6, 6 p.m.

Join the Clark LGBTQ+ Alumni Association (CLAA) in celebrating Worcester Pride at Canal District Wines, owned by Rachel Scanlon '02, M.A.Ed. '03 and her wife Livy.

**Chicago Reception** | *Thursday, September 21, 6:30 p.m.*Join Clark University in Chicago at the Museum Of Contemporary Art! Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.

**Reunion Committee Kick-Off** | *Thursday, September 27, 6 p.m. ET/ 3 p.m. PT*Join us for a virtual Reunion Committee kick-off meeting for anyone interested in helping promote attendance and build excitement among their classmates.

#### Alumni & Friends Virtual Book Club | (Multiple dates)

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

#### Kimball Farm | Sunday, October 1

Clarkies of all ages are invited to Kimball Farm for some fall fun! Enjoy Mini Golf, Bumper Boat Pond, 9-Hole Pitch & Putt Course, Bumper Cars, Sand Volleyball, Corn Hole and various field games - plus discounts on even more activities!

#### **More Alumni & Friends Events**

### **Get Involved**

**Join an alumni affinity group** – Sign up for community-specific emails for the alumni affinity groups: the <u>Clark Black Alumni Association (CBAA)</u> and/or the <u>Clark LGBTQ+ Alumni Association (CLAA)</u>, 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 <a href="mailto:ClarkCONNECT Internships & Projects Guide">ClarkCONNECT Internships & Projects Guide</a>, or reach out to the <a href="mailto:Career Connections">Career Connections</a></a><a href="mailto:Center">Center</a> at <a href="mailto:clarkconnect@clarku.edu">clarkconnect@clarku.edu</a>.

**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. <u>Send us your</u> thoughts, ideas and contacts.

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