

CLASS OF 1976

WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS



Below are events and activities that may be of particular interest to the Class of 1976. For a complete list of WEseminars, meals, and general festivities, please view the full Reunion + Commencement schedule at wesleyan.edu/rc.

THURSDAY, MAY 21

1-5:30 PM

CLASS OF 1976 50TH REUNION CLASS LOUNGE

Usdan University Center, Room 138

Stop by anytime to relax and reconnect with classmates during this time. Stocked with refreshments all weekend.

2-3 PM

CLASS OF 1976 50TH REUNION GUIDED TOUR OF CAMPUS

Meet on the Admissions Office patio

3:30-4:30 PM

WESLEYAN JAZZ ORCHESTRA CONCERT WITH JAY HOGGARD '76, MA'91

Crowell Concert Hall

Professor Jay Hoggard '76, MA'91 will perform a short concert featuring students from the Wesleyan Jazz Orchestra who are graduating this weekend.

5:30-7:30 PM

CLASS OF 1976 50TH REUNION KICKOFF DINNER

Frank Center for Public Affairs, The Forum

The Class of 1976 and their guests are invited to kick off the weekend festivities with a fun, casual dinner.

FRIDAY, MAY 22

9:30-11:30 AM

CLASS OF 1976 50TH REUNION CATCH UP

Frank Center for Public Affairs, Room 100

Gather with your classmates to reminisce about your days on campus, reflect on the past 50 years, and share life's trials, triumphs, and celebrations. Heartfelt, humorous, or unexpected, your memories are welcome. Reconnect with old friends and get to know classmates you may not have met before. A continental breakfast will be served.

1-5 PM

CLASS OF 1976 50TH REUNION CLASS LOUNGE

Usdan University Center, Room 138

1-2 PM

WESEMINAR: GAMELAN WORKSHOP

Belzberg World Music Hall

Get some real experience playing the Gamelan in this lively, hands-on workshop organized by your Class Ambassadors and Professor I. Harjito. Space is limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

2-3 PM

WESEMINAR: MAKING MONUMENTS: A SCULPTOR SPEAKS FOR HER SCULPTURES

Frank Center for Public Affairs, Room 002

Join poet and sculptor **Meredith Gang Bergmann '76** as she provides insights into her creative process, technical challenges, the often-turbulent process of winning approvals, and her use of the medium as a tool for advancing social justice.

3-4 PM

CLASS OF 1976 50TH REUNION CLASS MEMORIAL

Memorial Chapel

Led by the **Rev. Dr. Debra Haffner '76**, this memorial service will honor the 51 members of the class of 1976 who have died with candles, reflections, poetry, prayers, and music offered by **Oliver Griffith '76**, **Marty Plotkin '76**, **Pam Swing '76**, and **John Williams '76**. There will be an opportunity to offer a brief remembrance of a classmate.

4-5 PM

WESEMINAR: WESLEYAN ALUMNAE IN STEM: SCIENTIFIC THINKING AND LEADERSHIP

Frank Center for Public Affairs, Ellman Classroom, Room 100

Shonni Silverberg '76 joins Amy Schaap '21, Tracey Osborne '91, and Kiley Kennedy '16 for a discussion on how scientific thinking informs their work and their approach to solving complex problems.

5:30-8 PM

FRIDAY PRESIDENTIAL DINNER IN HONOR OF THE CLASS OF 1976 50TH REUNION

Center for the Arts Tent

Members of the Class of 1976 are cordially invited to celebrate their 50th Reunion with President Michael S. Roth '78.

SATURDAY, MAY 23

6:15-7:15 AM

MEMORIAL SUNRISE OPEN STUDIO: AN OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE TOGETHER IN CHERYL CUTLER'S SPIRIT

Schönberg Studio, 247 Pine Street

Hosted by the Dance Department and the **Class of 1976 50th Reunion**

8-10 AM

MEMORIAL GATHERING: HONORING CHERYL CUTLER MA '71

Memorial Chapel

Hosted by the Dance Department and the **Class of 1976 50th Reunion**

10-11 AM

WESEMINAR: WHY THE WORLD NEEDS MORE WESLEYAN A CONVERSATION WITH TONY MARX '81

Crowell Concert Hall

All classes are encouraged to attend Saturday's signature WESeMINAR, featuring President Michael S. Roth '78 in conversation with Tony Marx '81, president and CEO of the New York Public Library and former president of Amherst College.

11:15 AM

PARADE OF CLASSES

Huss Courtyard, Usdan University Center

Come show your **Class of 1976** spirit as you process to a live parade band. The parade begins promptly at 11:30 a.m.

12-1 PM

WESLEYAN ASSEMBLY AND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Memorial Chapel and Zoom

Hear updates about Alumni Association leadership and programs and celebrate the achievements of **Alan Miller '76, Shonni Silverberg '76, and Byron Haskins '76!**

2-3 PM

WESEMINAR: SEPARATING FACT FROM FICTION: JOURNALISM'S CREDIBILITY CHALLENGE

Frank Center for Public Affairs, Goldin Classroom, Room 101

Alan Miller '76 joins Jane Eisner '77, P'06, P'12 and Alexandra White '16 for a conversation on how credibility is built, and how audiences can better navigate the complex information ecosystem.

2-3 PM

WESEMINAR: CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

Ring Family Performing Arts Hall

Theodore Shaw '76 joins David Hill '86, Joshua Guild '96, Rose Cahn '01, and Jenny Ma '01 for a discussion on how civil rights have been challenged, reshaped, and defended in recent years.

2-5 PM

CLASS OF 1976 50TH REUNION LOUNGE

Usdan University Center, Room 138

2:30-3:30 PM

WESLEYAN ENTREPRENEURS: BALANCING MARGIN & MISSION

Frank Center for Public Affairs, Ellman Classroom, Room 100

Donna Morea '76, Hon'23, P'06 joins Marisa MacClary '94, P'28, Emily Chandler '06, Ellen Paik '16, and Priyanshu Pokhrel '26 for a discussion on how liberal arts influenced their entrepreneurial journeys.

3:30-4:30 PM

WESEMINAR: ETHICAL QUESTIONS IN BIOTECH

Frank Center for Public Affairs, Room 001

Mark Berger '76, P'06, P'12 joins Bill Greene '86, P'20 and Alison O'Neil for a discussion on the ethical tensions that arise when pushing the boundaries of human health.

4-5 PM

WESEMINAR: REWRITING SHOWBIZ: STREAMING AND THE FUTURE OF MEDIA

Frank Center for Public Affairs, Ellman Classroom, Room 100

Tom Rogers '76, P'14 joins Andy Gordon '86, P'26 for a conversation on the forces reshaping showbiz.

5-5:15 PM

CLASS OF 1976 PHOTO

North College steps. Photo taken promptly at 5:10pm.

5:30-8 PM

CLASS OF 1976 50TH REUNION CLASS DINNER

New Science Building, Lobby

Come together for food, fun, and to celebrate the Class of 1976 50th Reunion

SUNDAY, MAY 24

9-11 AM

FAREWELL BRUNCH FOR THE CLASS OF 1976 50TH REUNION

Usdan University Center, Daniel Family Commons

11 AM

194TH COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Andrus Field

Join us in saluting honorary degree recipient, **David Carlisle '76.**



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