



Eta Sigma Phi Reunion Day  
50th Anniversary of the Delta Chi Chapter at St. Olaf College  
Saturday, October 23, 2021  
Tomson Hall East Lantern and Tomson 210

9:00-10:00 a.m.: Registration (Tomson Hall East Entrance, 2nd floor); refreshments (scones, croissants, coffee, tea, juice) and conversation in the East Lantern on the 3rd floor. We also invite you to visit the Classics Department suite and view the exhibit in the display case there.

10:00 a.m.: Welcome by Leslie Moore '77, St. Olaf VP for Human Resources (Tomson 210)

10:10-11:00 a.m.: Vocational Paths: Alumni Panel 1 (Tomson 210)

1. Ann Sturtz Viksnins '84

Ann graduated from St. Olaf in 1984 with majors in Biology and Religion, where she also studied Latin and went on the Greece Interim the first year Prof. Groton was a leader of the trip. Ann went to graduate school at the University of Minnesota, where she received a Master of Science in Genetics, and worked for three years doing scientific research in the Department of Veterinary Microbiology at Cornell University. She then attended Law School at the University of Minnesota, earning her J.D. in 1992. Ann is a Registered Patent Attorney, and is a founding partner at the law firm of Viksnins Harris Padys Malen in Minneapolis, where she practices US and international patent law. Ann has continued to travel extensively with her family, which includes an Ole husband ('85), an Ole daughter ('17), and a non-Ole daughter.

2. Lisa Paulson Bauch '88

After graduating with a B.A. in Classics from St. Olaf in 1988, Lisa Paulson Bauch worked primarily as a writer, editor, and arts administrator. She also earned a Master's Degree in Catholic Studies from the University of St. Thomas. Now retired, she lives in Bloomington, MN with her husband John and enjoys weaving, gardening, and learning languages.

3. Randall Bergman '97

Randall (Randy) Bergman came to St. Olaf College, made friends, took Ancient Greek, joined Eta Sigma Phi, enlisted in the Army Reserves as a chaplain's assistant, and graduated in 1997 with his B.A. degree in Religion. He moved on to marry the Rev. Jill Bergman, complete two M.A. degrees, parent three daughters, teach mathematics and mythology in five public schools, earn his doctorate in Education in 2018, and serve as a director of education at two of Minnesota's Correctional Facilities, where he continues to be a public servant.

4. Jenny Brown Baer '01

Jenny Brown Baer studied Latin and ancient Greek at St. Olaf College, where she received a B.A. in Classics in 2001, and at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where she received an M.A.T. in Latin and Classical Humanities in 2003. She taught all levels of Latin at the Tower Hill School in Wilmington, Delaware, for five years. After teaching at Episcopal Academy in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, for a year, in 2009 she joined the faculty of the William Penn Charter School, where she currently teaches Latin in the upper school. In December 2010, she earned an M.A. degree in Latin from Bryn Mawr College. She lives in Philadelphia with her two daughters and in her spare time enjoys reading, knitting, gardening, and fixing up her old house.

11:00-11:10 a.m.: Break

11:10 a.m.-Noon: Vocational Paths: Alumni Panel 2 (Tomson 210)

1. Jennifer Easler '10

Jennifer Easler graduated from St. Olaf in 2010 with a degree in Medieval Studies, Classics, and English. Since then, she has studied Classics at the University of Colorado at Boulder, taught middle school Latin, married a Carleton graduate, and now is finishing up a Ph.D. in English at the University of Minnesota, where she studies the reception of the Classics in late medieval English literature.

2. Dylan Walker '18

Dylan Walker graduated from St. Olaf in 2018 with a major in Classics and concentrations in Film Studies and Women's and Gender Studies. After serving one year with Lutheran Volunteer Corps in north Minneapolis, he now works in Communications and Marketing at Macalester College in St. Paul, plays bass clarinet in a Minneapolis community band, and enjoys making food and art with friends.

3. Jo Spellman '19

Jo graduated from St. Olaf in 2019 with a double major in Classics and Economics and started working with Teach for America in Greenville, Mississippi. After two years of teaching 10th-grade English, they decided to head back to the Classics; they began a Classics M.A. program at the University of Georgia this fall. While at St. Olaf, Jo served as national president (megas prytanis) of Eta Sigma Phi.

4. Alex Cavender '19

Alex Cavender, class of 2019, majored in Classics, Philosophy, and Religion. Since graduating, he has completed his master's degree in theological studies at the University of Notre Dame, concentrating in the history of Christianity and Greek patristics in particular. He is currently teaching Latin, History, and Great Books for an online homeschool program called Oxrose Academy while living in South Bend, Indiana.

Noon-1:00 p.m.: Lunch (Tomson Hall East Lantern): menu = 3 types of sandwiches (turkey and apple, vegetarian Greek, Tuscan chicken), bags of chips, fruit platter, assorted bars and cookies, bottled water, sparkling mineral water, canned soda

1:00-1:50 p.m.: Faculty Presentation: Classics at St. Olaf, Then and Now (Tomson 210)

1:50-2:00 p.m.: Raffle & Closing Remarks (Tomson 210)