

Academic Programs 2022-23 Year-In-Review

Celebrating a Return to In-Person Programming!

2022-2023 was a celebratory year
for students, faculty, and staff
as Five College Academic Programs
returned to hosting many in-person events.

*Right: 2023 Lorna Peterson Prize Recipient, Kat Lopez,
with Five Colleges, Inc. Executive Director, Sarah Pfatteicher.
Kat Lopez is a UMass Amherst student majoring in Neuroscience
and Dance and participating in Five College Dance.*





In-Person Student Events

Students and faculty were happy to gather in person for this year's events! Below are a few highlights from this year.

The **Five College Student Film Festival** drew over 200 viewers of 30 films selected for screening at Amherst College.

After a two-year hiatus, the Multicultural Theater Program's **Word! Festival** took place at the Mount Holyoke College Art Museum. Seven students from five campuses honed their pieces before staging them at the event.

The **Five College African Opera** performance of "Funmilayo," the fourth production of the African Opera Series at Mount Holyoke College, was held in the spring and attended by many members of the Five College community.

The annual **Five College Anthropology Conference** took place at Smith College. Approximately 80 people, including students, faculty, and community members, attended the event.

The 2022-23 **Five College Dance Repertory Artist** was choreographer Tatiana Desardouin of Passion Fruit Dance Company. Desardouin created *Connection* with a cast of 13 dancers from four of the five campuses. The work was performed at the Fall Faculty Dance Concerts of Mount Holyoke / Amherst Colleges, and Smith College.

*Connection, the Five College Dance Repertory Project,
choreographed by Tatiana Desardouin, at Mount Holyoke College*



In-Person Student Events continued

For the first time since 2020, the **Five College Choral Festival** took place at Smith College this spring. Approximately 275 students performed, six Five College faculty conducted the music, and about 500 people joined the audience for this lively event!

In 2022, creative writing faculty and staff on the five campuses reimagined PoetryFest as the **Five College Prose and Poetry Prize**. Approximately 100 creative works were submitted, and the inaugural reading and reception took place at Amherst College this spring.

The **African Studies Community Dinner**, hosted by the Five College African Studies Council, was held in the spring, with approximately 100 people in attendance.

Languages

The Center for World Languages offers more than 40 less-commonly taught languages as credit-bearing courses for Five College students. In the 2022–23 academic year, students took courses in 30 languages, and 91% of students met or exceeded their target proficiency rating. Five students received \$7,000 in scholarships for immersive language study.

Five Colleges also supports four language initiatives, as well as the East Asian Languages Program, which hosts events for Chinese, Japanese, and Korean language students.

FIVE COLLEGE LANGUAGE INITIATIVES

Arabic—since 2011 - classes at Amherst College, Mount Holyoke College, Smith College, and UMass Amherst

Korean—since 2016 - classes at Mount Holyoke College, Smith College, and UMass Amherst

Hebrew—since 2016 - classes at Smith College and UMass Amherst

American Sign Language—since 2020 - classes at UMass Amherst and through the Center for World Languages

Right: 2023 Korean Spring Fest and Speech Contest at Mount Holyoke College. The Korean Language Program held a Korean Autumn Fest and two Korean Speech Contests with Cultural Performances, with approximately 350 attendees at the three events.





Faculty Collaboration

Each year, Five Colleges supports a wide variety of scholarly activities and professional development opportunities for faculty. In 2022–23, faculty engaged in longstanding intellectual communities and welcomed new collaborations.

The Five College Women's Studies Research Center (FCWSRC) was joined by faculty throughout last year's ease into in-person programming, which included 31 weekly co-writing sessions and three writing retreats. In addition to writing community programming, the FCWSRC held five events centered on feminist intellectual exchange; organized two events as part of the thematic "Against the Rules" series; and hosted 10 Research Associates—including international visitors, U.S.-based scholars, and Five College community members—as part of the Research Associate Program.

Faculty Collaboration

continued

28 Faculty Seminar groups, including *Inter-Asia*, *Literary Translation*, *Chemistry*, and *Abolition Justice*, engaging in conversation about scholarly interests and works in progress, and occasionally hosting guest speakers

11 Events supported by the Five College Lecture Fund, including the exhibition *Bertolt Brecht's Paper War* at Amherst College, scholar residency *Decolonial Practice* at Smith College and UMass Amherst, and the musical performance *I Beddi Musicanti di Sicilia* at UMass Amherst

5 Events supported by the Five College Symposium Fund, including the symposium *Multiplicity: Musings on Contemporary Architecture* at UMass Amherst, the *Poisson Geometry Gone Fishing Conference* at Amherst College, and the program *After Archive/Archive After* at Mount Holyoke and Smith Colleges

25 Jointly Appointed Faculty teaching across the five campuses

26 Faculty Participants in Mellon-funded Building Academic Leaders in the Humanities Program

8 Fellows participated in the Crossroads in the Study of the Americas (CISA) Seminar for early-career faculty

5 New tenure-track faculty on four campuses hired as part of the *Mellon-funded grant program* *Gathering at the Crossroads: Building Native American and Indigenous Studies* at the Five College Consortium

Right: Participants in one of the Five College Women's Studies Research Center Writing Retreats at Hampshire College





About Five College Academic Programs

2 Five College Departments - Astronomy; Dance

2 Five College Majors - Architectural Studies; Film and Media Studies

17 Five College Certificate Programs, including African Studies, Coastal & Marine Sciences, and Queer, Trans, and Sexuality Studies

2 Centers - Center for World Languages; Women's Studies Research Center

3000+ Registrations for Courses on other Campuses

7000+ courses and 2100+ faculty across five campuses

Left: Perkins Telescope at Anderson Mesa Station, Arizona, owned by Boston University and used by the Five College Astronomy Department for Education and Research



Five College Academic Programs Staff

Above: Faculty participants at a workshop at UMass Amherst as part of the Building Academic Leaders in the Humanities Program

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