Commencement 2012 Schedule & Timeline

Friday, May 18, 2012

8:30 am  Continental Breakfast - Mezzanine Level, Hall of Flags, Cabot Center
(For all members of the Class of 2012-Please see note at end of timeline about members of the Class of 2012)

9:15 am  Fletcher Exit/Commencement Meeting - ASEAN Auditorium, Cabot Center
(For all members of the Class of 2012)

Representatives from the Offices of (a) Alumni Relations, (b) Career Services, (c) the Registrar’s Office, and (d) the Dean will speak.

9:45 am  Fletcher Commencement Rehearsal - Main Tent on Fletcher Field
(For all graduating students who will receive degrees or are approved to march on Sunday)

1:00 pm  Alumni Reunion: Reunion Committee Luncheon – Mugar Cafe, Mugar Hall
(For all alumni reunion committee members)

3:30 pm  Fletcher Alumni Reunion Registration – Hall of Flags, Cabot Center
(For alumni participating in reunion activities)

4:30 pm  Alumni Reunion: Faculty Lecture – ASEAN Auditorium Cabot Center
(For alumni, Class of 2012, and Fletcher Community members)

Dr. Eileen F. Babbitt, Professor of International Conflict Management Practice
Topic: TBD

6:00 pm  New England Clambake - Tent on Fletcher Field
(For alumni, Class of 2012, guests, and Fletcher community members; tickets must be purchased from the Alumni Relations Office)

Welcoming Remarks by Dean Stephen W. Bosworth
**Saturday, May 19, 2012**

**8:15 am**  
Alumni Reunion: Registration - Hall of Flags, Cabot Center

**8:15 am**  
Alumni Reunion: Continental Breakfast -- Mezzanine Level, Hall of Flags, Cabot Center

**9:00 am**  
Alumni Reunion: Dean’s Hour-Briefing and Q&A  
Dean Stephen Bosworth  
ASEAN Auditorium, Cabot Center

**9:30 am**  
PhD Breakfast – Cabot 703, Cabot Center  
*(For 2012 PhD graduates and their guests)*

**10:00 am**  
Alumni Reunion: Coffee Break -- Mezzanine Level, Hall of Flags, Cabot Center

**10:15 am**  
Alumni Reunion: “Fletcher Today” Student panel, ASEAN Auditorium, Cabot Center

**11:15 am**  
Fletcher Class Day Ceremony – Students Assemble in Blakeley Hall courtyard (in business attire, military uniform, or national dress)  
*(For all members of the Class of 2012)*

**11:30 am**  
Fletcher Class Day Ceremony – Tent on Fletcher Field  
*(For all members of the Class of 2012, guests, alumni, and Fletcher community members)*

The ceremony will include: the entrance processional, Dean’s welcome, songs by the Ambassachords, alumni greeting by a distinguished Fletcher graduate, presentation of the Edward R. Murrow Award, presentation of class gifts; award of the Dean’s medal to the keynote speaker; and an address by the keynote speaker.

**1:00 pm**  
Fletcher Class Day Luncheon Reception – Tent on Fletcher Field  
*(For all members of the Class of 2012, guests, and Fletcher community members)*

**1:00 pm**  
Alumni Reunion Luncheon — Hall of Flags, Cabot Center  
*(For alumni participating in reunion activities)*

**2:30 pm**  
Guided tour of Fletcher & Ginn Library—depart Hall of Flags, Cabot Center  
*(For alumni participating in reunion activities)*

**3:15 pm**  
Coffee and refreshments, Mezzanine Level, Hall of Flags, Cabot Center  
*(For alumni participating in reunion activities)*
3:30 pm  “Fletcher Alumni: A Social Networking Approach”
Professor Christopher “Rusty” Tunnard, F’85, ‘03, ‘10
Adjunct Assistant Professor of International Business, Hitachi
Center Fellow
(For alumni participating in reunion activities)

4:15 pm  Alumni Reunion: Alumni Panel – TBD

5:00 pm  Alumni Reunion: Reception – 7th floor, Cabot Center
(For alumni participating in reunion activities)

7:00 pm  Alumni Reunion: Individual Class Dinners — various locations
(For alumni participating in reunion activities)

Sunday, May 20, 2012

7:45 am  Class of 2012 Champagne Breakfast and Toasts – Assemble in
Blakeley Courtyard (in cap and gown)
(For all members of the Class of 2012)

8:30 am  Members of the Class of 2012 assemble on walkway by
Mugar Hall. (Note: Cap and Gown is required to participate in
the All-University Commencement Ceremony)

8:45 am  The Goddard Chapel bells ring to signal the Phase I Academic
Procession will begin shortly.

9:00 am  Coffee and Conversation with Alumni and Current Students –
Office Development & Alumni Relations, 128 Professors Row
(For alumni participating in reunion activities)

9:00 am  Phase I, All-University Commencement Ceremony – Lawn
outside Ballou Hall (For all members of the Class of 2012,
guests, alumni, and Fletcher community members)

Ceremony includes the academic processional, the awarding of degrees by
Schools including the official award of the Fletcher degree by Dean Bosworth,
the awarding of honorary degrees, and the All-University Commencement
address.

11:00 am (approx.)  Phase I Recessional

11:15 am (approx.)  Phase II, Fletcher Commencement ceremony – Tent on
Fletcher field
(For graduating students who will receive degrees or are
approved to march, guests, alumni, and Fletcher community
members)

Ceremony includes the entrance processional, Dean’s welcome, presentation
of the Robert B. Stewart Prize to an outstanding first year student, presentation
of the Edmund A. Gullion Prize to an outstanding second year student, presentation of the West Publishing Corporation Law Prize, presentation of the Peter Ackerman award for the outstanding doctoral dissertation, remarks by two graduating students selected by their peers, awarding of the Paddock prize for excellence in teaching to a member of the faculty selected by the students, address by the Paddock award recipient, the individual awarding of Fletcher diplomas and PhD hooding, recessional.

1:00 pm (approx.) Fletcher Commencement Reception -Tent on Fletcher Field (For all members of the Class of 2012, guests, alumni, and Fletcher community members)

*The Class of 2012* includes both graduating students who will march and receive degrees and those who are members of the class but who have not yet completed all degree requirements. Members of the Class of 2012 who will not receive degrees are still encouraged to march in the Saturday Class Day ceremony as well as the All University Commencement (Phase I) on Sunday morning. During Phase II, Fletcher Commencement (11:15 on Sunday), only those who will be receiving their degree or have permission are able to march. Permission to march without completing all degree requirements is as follows: For those in the MA or LLM degree program, no more than one degree requirement can be outstanding. For those in the MALD or MIB degree program, no more than two degree requirements can be outstanding.