



MHEAC SPECIAL NEWSLETTER

Connecting alums across Europe and beyond

Save the Date: 18th European Alum Symposium

Woven Legacies:

spinning the future from threads of the past

How can the legacies that define our present—scientific, cultural, and social—become tools for imagining a better tomorrow?

Edinburgh, Scotland

Nov. 6-8 2026

The 18th Mount Holyoke European Alum Symposium invites the Mount Holyoke community to explore how the threads of history continue to shape the bodies we live in, the environments we inhabit, and the communities we build. Together, we will consider how reworking these threads can inspire reflection, creativity, and transformation – turning what we inherit into the fabric of a more promising future.

Set against the backdrop of Edinburgh, a UNESCO world heritage site and a city renowned for its layered history and numerous innovations, such as anesthetics, modern economics, and *Fleabag*, the symposium calls on us to reimagine the institutions and systems that shape our world. Thought-provoking discussions will span a breadth of topics, from exploring how we can

rethink the portrayal of women in popular culture to the mixed impacts of cloning and its future application. Through cross-disciplinary dialogue with Mount Holyoke professors, alums and guests representing the sciences, humanities and the arts, participants will weave together threads from the past and present to help us begin to design a better tomorrow.

Additionally, the symposium will offer participants many opportunities to explore the unique culture, locations and traditions of Scotland; providing a perfect blend of fun and intellectual stimulation!

Weekend Overview:

Thursday, November 5: Optional Bonfire Night in the city centre—an evening of fireworks, food and fun!

Friday, November 6: Optional tours and experiences in Edinburgh followed by a welcome dinner, a traditional ceilidh, and M&Cs.

Saturday, November 7: Symposium sessions in the heart of Edinburgh's UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our interdisciplinary conversations will range from the arts to the sciences to the humanities, featuring both alums and professors from Mount Holyoke. The day will culminate in a festive dinner and silent auction, celebrating connection, creativity, and community.

Sunday, November 8: Closing discussions and reflections, concluding at noon. In the afternoon we invite you to join us on a scenic hike up Arthur's Seat.

Our inspiring speakers and panelists will be announced soon. Blocks of rooms will be reserved at nearby hotels for your convenience. Of course, you are free to choose any other option as well. **Registration will begin in early July.** Financial support for alums of all generations may be available upon request.

Make your plans to join us November 6–8, 2026, in Edinburgh. Our UK team is hard at work ensuring the best possible experience in one of the best cities in the world!

We look forward to welcoming you to Scotland!

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On behalf of *The Mount Holyoke Club of Britain*

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