



### Consistently Surprising, Beautifully Crafted

Multimedia artist and 2020 commencement speaker Nigel Poor '86 and Vermont Poet Laureate Mary Ruefle '74 [have been named](#) finalists for the 2020 Pulitzer Prizes.

### Joining Efforts

Bennington College's Prison Education Initiative (PEI) [has partnered](#) with fellow members of The New York Consortium for Higher Education in Prison (NY-CHEP) to provide protective face masks for all incarcerated individuals in New York State.

### Celebrating Young Writers

From over 3,000 submissions from students around the world, nine high school [have been selected](#) as winners of Bennington College's 2019-2020 Young Writers Awards for their works of poetry, fiction, and nonfiction.

### The Good Book

During Field Work Term, Flo Gill '22 [served as](#) a community cast member and assistant producer on *The Good Book*, a short film produced by Slung Low, a theatre company based in Leeds, England.

### Conferring of Degrees Start Time

In response to feedback, we have changed the start time of the Saturday Conferring of Degrees Ceremony from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon EST on Saturday, May 30 to accommodate a wider range of students in different locations. Commencement speeches will proceed as originally scheduled at 7:00 pm on Friday, May 29. We recognize that this does not address everyone's needs, but instead represents a compromise, which is why we are also offering complete video coverage of the events that will be [available online](#) indefinitely.

### American Academy of Poets Prize

We are excited to announce that poet Khadijah Queen has selected the poem "Tempered Clavier" by Delilah Silberman '21 as the winner of this year's Academy of American Poets Prize Competition out of 72 poems submitted by 24 Bennington students. Additionally, the poem "Q&A" by Luciana Arbus-Scandiffio '20 has been selected as the Honorable Mention in this

year's contest. Congratulations to Delilah and Luci, and thank you to everybody who submitted their work.

### Continuous Energy Improvement

Bennington College [has partnered](#) with Efficiency Vermont in the Continuous Energy Improvement program. This work is part of the reporting we are working on for The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). As part of this, a team of student interns—including Emily Halliburton '20, Shrichchha Pradhan '22, and Henry Locke '22—have developed [a survey for you to take](#) as we collect information for this initiative. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [Holly Andersen](#) x4369.

### 3R Conference

In this week's sessions of the 3R conference, Kaiya Kirk '20 [invites us](#) to hear the views of students excited to partake in one of the first Drama productions centered on people of color, and Jullian Androkae '23 [interviews](#) three peers about their experiences as international students at Bennington.

### COVID Testing for First Responders

As part of our Public Point of Distribution (POD) agreement with the Vermont Department of Health and in support of their ongoing efforts to increase access to testing, Bennington College will serve as a COVID-19 testing clinic on Tuesday, May 12, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm for asymptomatic first responders, health professionals, and childcare workers. The testing is by appointment only and will take place in the VAPA parking lot. It will not be open to the public.

### Promoting Events

To ensure your June event is considered for inclusion in local media listings, be sure to [submit to the online calendar](#) by the middle of this month, noting that the event is open to the public.

### Suggestion Boxes

Please [share your thoughts](#) about working at Bennington by submitting comments electronically. Submissions are anonymous, if you choose.

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### Event Series

[Check out the series happening this term.](#)

May 11  
Virtual Event  
7:30–9:00 PM

### **BROADCAST ONLINE—Italian-American Food Culture: From Settler Colonialism to Regenerative Food Systems Part of [Cultural Studies and Language Series](#)**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | In this talk, Tatiana will reflect on her own history as the great-granddaughter of Italian immigrants, weaving her personal reflections and food memories with the larger historical and socio-political contexts that tell the story of the mass migration of Italians to the United States at the turn of the 20th century. [More.](#)

May 13  
Virtual Event  
12:00–1:00 PM

### **Vinyasa Flow Yoga**

FACULTY AND STAFF | All staff and faculty are invited to a flow yoga classes with Tracey Forest - free and held remotely via Zoom on Wednesdays. [More](#).

May 13  
Tishman Lecture Hall  
7:00–8:00 PM

### **POSTPONED | Poetry Reading: Douglas Kearney**

This previously scheduled event has been postponed. [More](#).

May 15  
Dickinson 232  
1:00–2:00 PM

### **CANCELED | Senior Work Presentations**

CANCELED | This previously scheduled event has been canceled. [More](#).

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