



College Week

November 10 – November 16

College Week is a weekly electronic news letter that tells you of upcoming events, office hours and other information. Please send an email to [College Week](mailto:collegeweek@bennington.edu); submissions due by Monday @ noon.

Announcements

REMINDER If you are planning on staying on campus for Winter Break/FWT, please be sure to fill the [Non-Term Housing Application](#). APPLICATIONS ARE DUE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

Will you be on campus this winter? Are you looking for an on-campus job between December and February? Come work in admissions as an intern-- we are hiring sophomores, juniors, and seniors! Hiring begins this week, so get your application in on [Handshake](#) ASAP! Please email for more information.

Campus Safety will begin issuing parking citations on vehicles parked in prohibited areas (1st Street, 2nd Street, 3rd Street and Fifth Avenue) and for those vehicles without a current parking permit. We take our responsibility to ensure the safety of all members of the community very seriously and want to avoid any delay in providing emergency health or safety responses on campus. To get a parking permit please bring your drivers license, current registration and proof of insurance to the Campus Safety Booth.

Mandatory Weekly Testing for All

- Ongoing mandatory weekly testing for ALL faculty, staff and students who have a presence on campus, REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS.
- Testing will take place at Newman court in VAPA, Mondays through Thursdays, 8:00 am–11:30 am and 12:30–3:00 pm. You can schedule a test on any of those days.
- Please schedule your test through the CoVerified app to prevent crowding and waiting in line. (On the app: click “Testing” on the bottom right, then click the “+” next to the calendar icon on the top right corner to schedule.)

All test results are posted on Coverified (under “Records”). To get started (or restarted) with CoVerified:

- If you have an iPhone or iPad, you can [download and install the CoVerified app](#) from the iOS App Store. Otherwise, in a web browser, navigate to the [CoVerified login page](#). Review the [App tutorial](#).
- Login to Coverified using your Bennington email address. This is true for both the app and the web site.
- When you are redirected to the single-sign on page, login with your Bennington credentials, just as you would login to your email account.
- You are now logged into CoVerified.

- Bookmark the [CoVerified login instructions](#) so you can refer to them as needed.

Washing Machine Update: Campus Clothes Line, the company that is servicing the washing machines, says that the machines are being overloaded with clothes and students are using too much soap. They will be putting signage up in laundry rooms with instructions and a [link](#) to their webpage which can help with many issues.

Student Flu Shots are here! Make an appointment with health services to receive yours.

There will be a BIPOC Vaccine Booster Clinic happening at the Greater Bennington Interfaith Community Services, Inc on November 6 and 11 from 10 am – 3 pm. Any eligible BIPOC community members are welcome, and you must [register](#) for the event. You can learn more information by contacting Patricia Johnson by [email](#) or visiting the [NAACP Rutland website](#).

[Poetry at Bennington Fall 2021](#) | [Craft Talk with Camille T. Dungy](#) | Wednesday, November 10, 3:00 – 4:00 PM, Virtual Event | OPEN TO PUBLIC | [Camille T. Dungy](#) is the author of four poetry collections, most recently Trophic Cascade (Wesleyan, 2017) and Smith Blue (Southern Illinois University Press, 2011), a finalist for the Poetry Society of America's William Carlos Williams Award. Her essay collection Guidebook to Relative Strangers: Journeys into Race, Motherhood, and History (Norton, 2017) was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award. Dungy is also the editor of Black Nature: Four Centuries of African American Nature Poetry (University of Georgia Press, 2009), A Guggenheim Foundation and National Endowment for the Arts fellow and two-time NAACP Image Award nominee, she lives in Fort Collins, Colorado, and is a University Distinguished Professor at Colorado State University.

[Poetry at Bennington Fall 2021](#) | November 10 2021, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, Virtual Event | [Camille T. Dungy and Deborah Landau](#) read from their poetry collections, followed by a public Q&A. [Camille T. Dungy](#) is the author of four poetry collections, most recently Trophic Cascade (Wesleyan, 2017) and Smith Blue (Southern Illinois University Press, 2011), a finalist for the Poetry Society of America's William Carlos Williams Award. Her essay collection Guidebook to Relative Strangers: Journeys into Race, Motherhood, and History (Norton, 2017) was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award. Dungy is also the editor of Black Nature: Four Centuries of African American Nature Poetry (University of Georgia Press, 2009), A Guggenheim Foundation and National Endowment for the Arts fellow and two-time NAACP Image Award nominee, she lives in Fort Collins, Colorado, and is a University Distinguished Professor at Colorado State University. [Deborah Landau](#) is the author of four collections of poetry, most recently Soft Targets (Copper Canyon, 2019), winner of The Believer Book Award, and The Uses of the Body (Copper Canyon, 2015), featured on NPR's All Things Considered, and included on "Best of 2015" lists by The New Yorker, Vogue, BuzzFeed, and O, The Oprah Magazine. Her writing has appeared in American Poetry Review, Best American Poetry, The Best American Erotic Poems, The New Yorker, The New York Times, The Paris Review, Poetry, The Wall Street Journal, Please Excuse This Poem: 100 New Poets for the Next Generation, and Women's Work: Modern Poets Writing in English. A Guggenheim Foundation fellow, she directs the creative writing program at New York University.

[Carriage Barn Music Series Fall 2021](#) | [Gillian Richards-Greaves: African Continuities in Gullah and African Diasporic Musics](#) | Wednesday, November 10, 7:00 – 8:00 PM, Virtual Event | OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Carriage Barn Music Series presents a lecture by Gillian Richards-Greaves, Associate Professor of Anthropology in the Department of Anthropology and Geography at Coastal Carolina University, entitled "African Continuities in Gullah and African Diasporic Musics." The Gullah Geechee people of the Southern United States have a unique culture that is shaped by diverse factors, including enslavement, relative isolation, and creolization. This presentation is an ethnomusicological analysis of role of

music in the Gullah Geechee community. It specifically examines the ways that underlying value systems in the Gullah Geechee community are embedded in and displayed through music. Moreover, this presentation explores the intersections between African and African diasporic musics, by examining the history, function, and performance contexts of Gullah Geechee music. Join the conversation on [Zoom](#), [Facebook](#), or for streaming on [Twitch](#). Event recording will be available on Twitch for re-streaming for 14 days.

The deadline for advisors to submit registration exception requests for Spring 2022 is Wednesday, November 10.

[Poetry at Bennington Fall 2021](#) | [Craft Talk with Deborah Landau](#) | Thursday, November 11, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Virtual Event | OPEN TO PUBLIC | [Deborah Landau](#) is the author of four collections of poetry, most recently *Soft Targets* (Copper Canyon, 2019), winner of The Believer Book Award, and *The Uses of the Body* (Copper Canyon, 2015), featured on NPR's All Things Considered, and included on "Best of 2015" lists by The New Yorker, Vogue, BuzzFeed, and O, The Oprah Magazine. Her writing has appeared in *American Poetry Review*, *Best American Poetry*, *The Best American Erotic Poems*, *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *The Paris Review*, *Poetry*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Please Excuse This Poem: 100 New Poets for the Next Generation*, and *Women's Work: Modern Poets Writing in English*. A Guggenheim Foundation fellow, she directs the creative writing program at New York University.

[Reading: Franny Choi](#) | Thursday, November 11, 7:00 – 8:00 PM | CAMPUS COMMUNITY ONLY | [Franny Choi](#) writes poems, essays, and other things. She is the author of two poetry collections, *Soft Science* (Alice James Books) and *Floating, Brilliant, Gone* (Write Bloody Publishing), as well as a chapbook, *Death by Sex Machine* (Sibling Rivalry Press). She is a Kundiman Fellow, a 2019 Ruth Lilly and Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg Fellow, a recipient of Princeton's Holmes National Poetry Prize, and a graduate of the University of Michigan's Helen Zell Writers Program. She is the founder of *Brew & Forge* and co-hosts the podcast *VS* alongside Danez Smith. She currently teaches at Williams College as a Levitt Artist-in-Residence and is at work on two projects forthcoming on an imprint of HarperCollins. Please contact Manuel Gonzales for more information or a link for remote attendance.

Class Secrets Community Art Project | FLoW and Resource Generation (RG) are teaming up on a community art project: Class Secrets. This project aims to raise awareness about social class, socioeconomic status, classism, and wealth inequality, as well as the intersectionality of these topics with race, religion, orientation, gender, etc, both at Bennington and within our larger society through a visual medium. Students received postcards in their mailbox and are asked to anonymously and honestly draw, color, collage, paint, etc. your experiences with class, wealth, privilege, wealth inequality, and classism. Submissions can be as simple or as elaborate as you want! The postcards will be hung in the Atrium (3rd Floor Commons) on Monday, November 15th and we will have an opening reception at 6:30 pm. Postcards should be returned to the drop box in Barn North (Barn 113) or the campus post office no later than Friday, November 12th.

[Science Workshop—Fall 2021](#) | [Aiding Software Developers' Information Seeking in Modern Communication Mediums](#) | Friday, Nov 12 2021, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, Dickinson 232 | CAMPUS COMMUNITY ONLY | Science Workshop speaker Esteban Parra Rodriguez will be discussing the introduction to several approaches that aid developers in navigating modern communications mediums (i.e., videos and instant messaging platforms) when seeking for relevant information for their tasks. In particular, i) the use of information retrieval algorithms to produce meaningful tags for software development videos ii) the use of data science and machine learning to analyze and identify the purpose of messages posted by developers in instant messaging platforms.

Martha Hill Dance Concert | Friday, November 12 And Saturday, November 13, 8:00 – 9:30 PM, VAPA Martha Hill Dance Theater | Performance of new dance

works.

[Virtual Fall Open House](#) | Saturday, November 13, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Virtual Event | Connect with staff and current Bennington students for an introduction to Bennington College's unique approach to a college education. The event will include an information session, a dynamic virtual tour led by current students, and an application & financial aid workshop where you can learn more about the application process, including how and when to apply, what we value in our applicants, scholarship opportunities, and ways we make Bennington affordable. This event will be held via [Zoom](#).

There will be a Bird Walk this Saturday, November 13 at 7:30 AM starting on the Dickinson Deck.

[Benefits Annual Enrollment Workshop | Union](#) | Tuesday, November 16, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, Virtual Event | Human Resources will review the benefit plans offered and respond to questions.

[Benefits Annual Enrollment Workshop | Non-union](#) | Tuesday, November 16 2021, 2:00 – 3:00 PM, Virtual Event | Human Resources will review the benefit plans offered and respond to questions.

[Student Town Hall with President Walker](#) | Tuesday, November 16, 12:00 – 1:30 PM, Tishman Lecture Hall | Students are invited to join in a Town Hall meeting with President Walker. Please submit questions for the second town hall of this term by using this [link](#).

Doing It In The Dark | October 31 – November 25 | An eco + friendly competition between houses! See how much energy your house can save!

Li-Chen Chin, Dean of Students, will hold open office hours for students every Wednesday from 4:00 – 5:00 PM. Please feel free to drop in, no appointment needed, as apart of Fall 2021's [Cabinet Office Hours Series](#).

President Walker will be holding open office hours to meet with students every Monday, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM in Commons Dining Hall. Please feel free to drop in, no appointment needed, as apart of Fall 2021's [Cabinet Office Hours Series](#).

Alfredo Medina will be holding open office hours every Tuesday from 2:00 – 4:00 PM in Barn 100. Walk-ins are welcome, or to schedule an appointment with Dr. Medina, please email melissasmith@bennington.edu. Dr. Medina is available to meet outside of Student Office Hours by appointment as well. This is apart of Bennington's Fall 2021 [Cabinet Office Hours Series](#).

Reminder for End of Term : If you are considering moving into a new room or house for Spring term, please pack your current room completely either taking all of your belongings with you or storing them on campus before Winter Break. If you are unsure about moving, please pack up your room so that if a space does become available in Spring, you can move directly into your new space.

Would you like to participate in interviewing different candidates who apply to Bennington College? We value our students' opinions and feedback. We would like to gather names of students interested in interviewing and will email them when an opportunity becomes available. Please send your name to studentlife@bennington.edu.

The President's Office is currently researching ideas for Bennington College's first Ideas Festival to take place in 2022. We are looking to attract outside speakers and visitors, inspired by programs like Chautauqua and the Aspen Ideas Festival. The purpose of this event is to connect the Bennington community with the greater area's networks and ideas to answer pressing issues of our time. In order to make sure that Bennington's voice is a leading factor in the preparations

for this event, we kindly ask you to fill out this short form to help with our planning. We want to ensure the participation of students, faculty, and staff of Bennington College, as well as Bennington county's residents in creating this event. Make YOUR voice heard, and be a part of leading changes in the world straight from Bennington, Vermont. This is the link to the Google Form: <https://forms.gle/ix71KsnsL2quP87UA>.

Admissions Visitors – This year, with a high level of interest from prospective students, Admissions is offering on-campus tours. To comply with the College's COVID protocols and to ensure the health, wellness, and safety of all Bennington College community members, all Admissions Visitors will be asked to submit proof of vaccination and wear masks while on campus. Visitors who have submitted documentation and have checked in with Admissions will each receive a name tag, indicating they are welcome to visit on-campus and enter buildings.

Students: Review/Update Your Contact Information. Please review the [contact information](#) we have on record for you to be sure it is correct. You can also update your parent/guardian, emergency, or missing person contact information here. Once you press submit, this information will update Populi automatically.

If you haven't checked out the campus thrift store, TAPA (Thrift and Public Apparel), please swing by. We are located on the back side of the Student Center, across from Perkins. Hours are Fridays 6 – 9 pm, Saturdays and Sundays 12 – 3 pm. Donations are being accepted. Starting November 5, students workers for TAPA will be going to all the houses and collecting free pile items to bring to TAPA, every two weeks (Nov. 19 & Dec. 3) until the end of term. We will provide houses with plastic storage bins for collecting items. Please refrain from putting in broken items, permanently stained items, dirty clothes, and any type of undergarments. Our goal is to eliminate free piles at the end of term. You can also bring items for donation to TAPA .

Need advice? The Bennington Beacon wants to help! Submit your questions to btonqueries@gmail.com to have them answered anonymously in the brand new College Queries column with JP and Ellie!

Virtual Office Hours

All hours are EST.

STUDENT LIFE OFFICE

Li-Chen Chin: Dean of Students, open office hour: Wednesdays 4 – 5 pm, [email](#) for an appointment.

Christine Winget: Senior Associate Dean of Student Life , [email](#) for an appointment.

HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE

Sarah Blizzard: Assistant Director of Residential Life, [email](#) for an appointment.

OFFICE OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Drew Hutchinson: Assistant Director of Student Engagement, Clubs & Orgs., [email](#) for an appointment.

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE & INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

Kate Child: Associate Dean for Academic Services

On Campus: Monday & Thursday

Wednesdays: 12:00 – 1:00 pm [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Fridays: 1:00 – 2:00 pm [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Rage Hezekiah: Assistant Director of Academic and International Student Services

On Campus: Tuesday & Thursday

Mondays: 2pm – 3pm [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Tuesdays: 1:00pm – 2:00pm [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Wednesdays: 10am – 11am [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Thursdays: 9am – 10am [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Fridays: 1pm – 2pm [Zoom Open Hour](#)

ISS Intern Open Hours

Kunlek:

Thursday 1:30–2:30 pm in Commons 203

Iva:

Monday & Tuesday 2pm–3pm in Commons 329

Desire:

Friday 12pm –2pm in the Commons Atrium (Next to SCOPE Forum)

Rojay: Wednesday 1pm – 3pm in Commons Dining Hall/Commons Lounge, and walks on days when the weather is suitable.

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Katy Young Evans: Assistant Director of Academic Services

Mondays, Fridays 10:00–11:00 am [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Tuesdays 1:00–2:00 pm [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Thursday 4:00–5:00 pm [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Xiomara Giordano: Academic Services and Study Away Counselor.

Mondays, 4:00–5:00 pm [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Tuesdays, 2:00–3:00 pm [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Wednesdays, 1:00–2:00 pm [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Thursdays, 2:00–3:00 pm [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Fridays, 9:00–10:00 am [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Noelle Everett Murphy: Associate Dean of the College

Mondays, 9:00–10:00 am – [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Fridays 12:00–1:00 pm – [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Jennifer Burg: Assistant Director of Academic Services and Student Grants Counselor

Monday through Friday, 11 am – 12 pm – [Zoom Open Hours](#)

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

Kelly Hayes: Office Coordinator for the Provost and Dean's office, [email](#) for an appointment.

Dr. Maurice Hall, Provost: Contact [Kelly Hayes](#) to schedule an appointment.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Laura Walker: President, please contact [Shannon Howlett](#) to schedule a private appointment. Laura will hold open hours on the following dates in Commons Dining Hall:

Tuesday, Nov 16, 5 – 6 pm

Monday, Nov 22, 12 – 1 pm

Alfredo Medina, Jr., Ph.D.: Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and College Diversity Officer, open office hours on Tuesdays 2:00 – 4:00 pm in Barn 100. Walk-ins are welcome or to schedule an appointment please [email](#).

STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

Ali Tartaglia: Director of Student Health Promotion, [email](#) for an appointment or call or text, 24/7, 802-440-4444.

Career Development, FWT & Campus Jobs

Career Development, Field Work Term, and Student Employment [Career Development staff](#) are ready to help you with every stage of your career exploration journey; from your first Field Work experience, to your campus job, to your senior career search. We hope you reach out early and often.

Ways to Connect With Us

Email or call us at (802) 440-4321

Our socials: [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Career Convos podcast](#) | [YouTube Channel](#)

Follow us for reminders of upcoming due dates to keep your FWT planning on track!

Drop-In Hours

Have a quick question? Come chat with us during our virtual drop-in hours:

Tuesdays, 1:30-4:00 pm and Fridays, 1:00-4:30 pm | Commons SCoPE Forum.

Registration Deadline for Winter 2022 FWT Has Passed

The Winter 2022 FWT registration deadline was November 5. If you haven't secured an experience, please [book an appointment with our office](#) to discuss your options. If you have secured an experience, please [register ASAP via Handshake](#).

If you plan to complete your FWT in Summer 2022 – you may register your experience now, if confirmed. There is no formal process for deferring to summer. Any student who does not register for winter is automatically assigned to summer. Friday, December 10 is the last day to add or change your FWT experience. Check out our [FWT calendar](#) for more details.

Handshake Highlights: Winter 2022 Local Listings – **New**

- [Education and Writing Intern – Remote or On-site](#)
Uptown Stories | New York, New York
- [Gallery Assistant Intern – On-site](#)
Cartoon Art Museum | San Francisco, California
- [Pottery Studio Intern – On-site](#)
Green River Pottery | Santa Fe, New Mexico
- [Arts Administration Intern – On-site](#)
Center for Contemporary Printmaking | Norwalk, Connecticut
- [Archives Intern – Remote](#)
Trisha Brown Dance Company | New York, New York

BI Resume and Cover Letter Workshop – **New**

[Berkshire Interns](#) will be hosting our online resume and cover letter workshops this month. Click here to RSVP: <https://berkshireinterns.rsvpify.com>

At this workshop, students will have the opportunity to work on their own applications as well as learn about internship opportunities in Western, MA. Last summer, BI placed 24 students in full-time paid summer internships in the region.

Upcoming workshops:

- Monday, November 15 at 6 pm
- Monday, December 13 at 1 pm

Please use this [RSVP](#) link. If there are any questions, please reach out to [Jade Schnauber](#).

Student Employment

All currently available campus jobs for Fall 2021–Spring 2022 are posted in [Handshake](#). Most jobs will continue to offer 7–8 hours/week for the full academic year; jobs offering fewer hours are clearly noted. Students who wish to pursue a second job (for a total of 16 hours/week maximum) are welcome to do so. Students in good academic standing are now able to work up to 20 hours/week. Detailed hiring instructions and policies can be found on the College's [Student Employment](#) page.

If you have any questions about student employment or need assistance securing a campus job, please contact us. For questions about your work award status, please contact financial aid or review your aid award on [My Financial Aid](#).

Students can now book a Campus Jobs Advising [appointment](#) on Handshake! Appointments are available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 11:00 am–12:00 noon; Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00–11:00 am; and daily from 3:00–4:00 pm.

Student Health Promotion

BENNINGTON COLLEGE STUDENT HEALTH CENTER GROUP SCHEDULE FALL 2021

STRATEGIES FOR TRANSFORMING ANXIETY

MONDAY, 5 PM
VIRTUAL: JOIN ZOOM MEETING ID: 814 8455 3976
WITH LISA CARTON

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

WEDNESDAY, 9:00-9:30AM
VIRTUAL: JOIN ZOOM MEETING ID: 99079887458
PASSWORD: 340246

SEXUAL TRAUMA SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP

WEDNESDAYS, 8PM
HEALTH CENTER WAITING ROOM, WITH ALI TARTAGLIA

GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

THURSDAY, 7:00PM
VIRTUAL: [HTTPS://BENNINGTON.ZOOM.US/J/4424345023](https://bennington.zoom.us/j/4424345023)
WITH ALI TARTAGLIA

DBT SKILLS GROUP

SATURDAYS, 1:00PM
HEALTH CENTER WAITING ROOM WITH KAT DALEY

SATURDAY CHECK IN WITH ALI AND KAT

SATURDAYS, 2:00PM
HEALTH CENTER WAITING ROOM WITH ALI TARTAGLIA AND KAT DALEY

RETHINKING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH SUBSTANCES

SATURDAY, 3:00PM
HEALTH CENTER WAITING ROOM, WITH ALI

SUBSTANCE USE/RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

SUNDAY, 1:00PM
VIRTUAL: JOIN ZOOM MEETING ID: 830 1794 7498
WITH LISA CARTON

QUEERSPACE: SEXUAL AND GENDER IDENTITY SUPPORT GROUP

SUNDAY, 2:00 PM
WITH LISA CARTON
VIRTUAL: JOIN ZOOM MEETING ID: 857 0385 5524

SUPPORT GROUP FOR CHRONICALLY ILL AND DISABLED STUDENTS

SUNDAY, 7:00PM
LIBRARY, 3RD FLOOR WITH ALI TARTAGLIA