



Cooper's Corner

Two reminders for this week:

- Student Center Cafe will be delayed in opening on Saturday, March 4 until 3pm.
- Room change period opens on Monday, March 6.

From my corner to yours,

Field Work Term and Career Development

Independent Study Sponsor Evaluations

Independent Study sponsor evaluations are due this Friday, March 3. Please confirm with your sponsor that they will complete your evaluation by this date, as late receipt may impact your grade.

Self and Site Evaluations

Because of the importance of reflection at Bennington, we are inviting you to complete a self-evaluation using the same form that was sent to your employer. The self-evaluation can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M2TCPYB>. We also encourage you to take a few minutes to evaluate your FWT site, helping other students who may consider this site in the future. The link to your site evaluation can be found next to your registered site on WorkLink.

Career Advising and Senior Drop-in Hours

Want to talk about what's next after this FWT? Book an appointment on Genbook to plan your upcoming summer job or internship. You can also visit us in the Barn 112 during weekly walk-in hours, Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:00-2:00 pm.

Though senior advising is available anytime, on Plan days we are reserving advising sessions specifically for seniors. Make a senior advising appointment, or stop by the office during senior drop-in hours every Wednesday 12:00-2:00 pm.

FWT Photo Contest

Final submissions were due on the extended due date of Friday, February 24, and a selection of the top submissions will be shown this week on the @atbennington Instagram. A winner will be announced this Friday, March 3.

First-Year FWT Lunch

This lunch is an opportunity to gather with your classmates along with the FWT and Academic Services staff to share your experiences and reflect on your time away. Join us in the Yellow Dining Room, 12:15-1:00 pm, Tuesday, February 28. If you are not on the meal plan and would like to attend, email fwt@bennington.edu.

Life After Bennington (LAB) Spring Series

After the successful Life After Bennington weekend in the fall of 2016, we are continuing the LAB series with spring events designed to help you explore what it means to bring your work beyond Bennington. Check goo.gl/GXwwqX for the spring term lineup.

Life Work Term: Loans, Insurance, Interviewing, and the Rest

Are you concerned about navigating some of life's complexities post-graduation? These workshops may help:

- **Interviews and Offers: Landing the Job**, March 15, 12:30-1:30pm, Dickinson 212
- **Charting a Path to Your City of Choice**, March 29, 12:30-1:30, Dickinson 212
 - **Health Insurance 101**, April 26, 12:15-1:15pm, Dickinson 212
 - **Leveraging LinkedIn**, May 4, 12:15-1:15pm, Dickinson 212
- **Paying Back Student Loans**, May 9, 12:30-1:30pm, Dickinson 212

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- GO** Continuing in Jennings Lobby through March 20, an **exhibit on Kurt Schindler**, Bennington Colleges' first Music Department Chair (1933). Included are original photos taken at Bennington by Schindler, biographical material, scores, and audio. Come up and explore the life of this fascinating and prolific composer, conductor, folklorist.
- Alhena Katsof**, candidate for Usan Director/Curator position, will be doing a presentation in Kinoteca on Tuesday, February 28 at 1:00 pm. Alhena has done curatorial projects at Participant Inc., White Columns and Andrew Kreps in New York and many others. She currently is a faculty member in the Center for Curatorial Studies at Bard College and a visiting lecturer at the School of Visual Arts in New York.
- Alleluia Chorale Winter Concert** will perform on Wednesday, March 1 at 7:30 pm in Deane Carriage Barn. The Alleluia Chorale created by Gabriel Ferreras '19, presents its second public performance series, product of Gabriel's seven-week FWT as the choir administrator and assistant to the conductor Mr. Thomas Lawrence Toscano.
- GO** **American Red Cross Blood Drive** on Thursday, March 2 from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm in the Greenwall Auditorium. For the first time, we will be combining both ARC Blood Drives with a DKMS Bone Marrow Donor Recruitment Drive.
- Interested in the Kilpatrick Fellowships?** Join an introductory information session led by current Kilpatrick Fellows on Thursday, March 2 at 12:30 - 1:30 pm in Barn 240.
- American novelist, playwright, historian and lesbian rights activist, Sarah Schulman, will be giving a lecture on campus March 9. In advance of her visit, join Lydia Brassard, Director of Diversity and Inclusion, and your fellow students will be hosting a **discussion** based on three chapters from Sarah Schulman's recent book: **Conflict Is Not Abuse**: Overstating Harm, Community Responsibility, and the Duty of Repair. There will be two meetings: Thursday, March 2 & Tuesday, March 7 at 6:00-7:00pm in the Welling House common room. Email lydiabrassard@bennington.edu for copies of the reading.
- GO** Beyond The Classroom: **Spring '17 Student Engagement Fair** on Thursday, March 2 at 7:00-9:00 PM in the Student Center. An evening-wide exposition of campus clubs, organizations and engagement opportunities with local organizations in the wider Bennington community.
- GO** Dance at Bennington Presents: **Yvonne Rainer** on Thursday, March 2 at 7:00-9:30 pm, in Tishman Lecture Hall. Yvonne Rainer, is one of the founders of the Judson Dance Theater (1962). Her dances and films have been seen throughout the U.S. and Europe. She is a recipient of two Guggenheim Fellowships, a MacArthur Fellowship, and a U.S.A Fellowship.
- GO** **CAPA Dialogues**: Join us every Friday from 12:30-2:00pm in the CAPA Faculty Lounge. This is an opportunity for staff, students, and faculty to come together to discuss current events, future projects, and new ideas. Bring your own lunch, and a dessert to share if desired (coffee and tea will be available).
- The Weekly **Dean X-change Student Advisory Group** meetings will be held on Fridays from 2:00-3:30 pm, in Barn 245 for students to address their concerns.
- Bennington Farmers' Market** token system is back. Students can check out up to 3 \$2 tokens from the Office for Student Engagement in the UpCaf between Monday and Friday the week before the market. There will roughly 60 tokens per week, which will be given out on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Winter Farmers' Market runs March 4 and 18, April 1 and 15 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm.
- Community Gathering to Honor Hadil Marzouq** on Saturday, March 4 at 2:00-3:00 pm, in the Student Center. An informal program designed to share fellowship and memories followed by a walk to the End of the World is planned. If you would like to be involved in the planning of this event, please attend a meeting on Monday, February 27, noon-1 pm, in Barn 124.
- The Book Club Play presented by Hubbard Hall features Bennington staff: Megan Demarest and Wade Simpson and directed by Bennington faculty Kirk Jackson and focuses on the fun, frivolity, and deeply serious politics found in our beloved Book Clubs. March 4 - 19 Fri. & Sat. 7:30 pm, Sat. & Sun. 2:00 pm. Tickets at www.hubbardhall.org, \$25/\$10 for students.

Please email all College Week submissions to collegeweek@bennington.edu by Thursday at noon for inclusion the following week.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 12:00 pm** Planning meeting for Community Gathering to Honor Hadil Marzouq, Barn 124
9:00 pm Open Mic Night, Downcaf

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 12:15 pm** First Year FWT Lunch, Yellow Dining Room

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

- P** **7:30 pm** Alleluia Chorale Winter Concert, Deane Carriage Barn

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

- 11:00 am** American Red Cross Blood Drive, Greenwall Auditorium
12:30 pm Kilpatrick Fellowship Introductory Information Session, Barn 240
6:00 pm Conflict is Not Abuse book discussion, Welling House Common Room
7:00 pm Spring '17 Student Engagement Fair, Student Center
7:00 pm Dance at Bennington Presents: Yvonne Rainer, Tishman Lecture Hall
10:00 pm Karaoke Night, Student Center

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

- ALL DAY** FWT Independent Study Sponsor Evaluations due
ALL DAY End of add registration period
12:30 pm CAPA Dialogues, CAPA Faculty Lounge
2:00 pm Dean Xchange weekly meeting, Barn 245

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

- 🚗** **10:00 am** Farmers' Market, First Baptist Church, 601 Main Street
2:00 pm Community Gathering to honor Hadil Marzouq, Student Center
🚌 **2:00 pm** The Book Club Play, Hubbard Hall, Cambridge, NY (also at 7:30 pm)

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

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Health Promotion

If you are interested in responding to and/or increasing understanding and awareness regarding sexual violence, please consider becoming a Peer Advocate working with me, Ali Tartaglia, director for student health promotion. I am also looking for students who are interested in educating their peers on a wide variety of health topics. Visit my table at the Student Engagement Fair on Thursday, March 2 from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Student Center. You may also reach me directly and in confidence at 802-440-HOPE (4673).

Meyer Rec. Barn Schedule

Zumba: Tuesdays 2:30 - 3:15 pm and Thursdays 6:15 - 7:00 pm.
 Yoga: Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:45 pm and Fridays noon - 1:15 pm.
 Climbing Wall: Monday - Saturday 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

We are offering personal fitness training! If you are interested please email Allison at allisonkuhlman@bennington.edu.

🚗 denotes off campus events not affiliated with the college

P denotes events open to the public

Dean X-Change

Many of you are aware that in a "Dear Colleague" letter issued on Wednesday, 2/22, the Trump administration rescinded the guidelines issued by the Obama administration that said Title IX applies to discrimination based on gender identity, not just gender. Bennington College remains committed to protecting the rights of people of all gender expressions and does not tolerate discrimination of any kind. As always, please contact me for any questions or concerns on this or any other topic related to your student experience, at xeniamarkowitt@bennington.edu.

Bennington ACTS

- It's Blood Drive Time again! The American Red Cross Blood Drive and "new" DKMS Bone Marrow Donor Recruitment Drive are this Thursday, March 2 from 11:00 am-4:00 pm in Greenwall. The signup sheets are in the Student Life Office all week and at the Bennington ACTS Table this Monday and Wednesday during lunch. For more information, email Michael Thomson at acts@bennington.edu.
- Every town in Vermont has a Town Meeting Day to discuss and vote on local issues. Bennington's Town Meeting Day is only a week away, and will be held in two parts. First, there will be a meeting at the Bennington Fire Facility (130 River St, Bennington, VT 05201) on Monday, March 6 at 7:00 pm to hear the Town Report, determine Select Board Compensation, and hear comments from the community. Second, if you registered to vote using the College's address, you can vote the following day, Tuesday March 7, at the Train Station in North Bennington between 7:00 am-7:00 pm on local ballot initiatives. For more information about Town Meeting Day or the ballot itself, contact Michael Thomson.
- On Monday, March 6 at 6:00 pm the Bennington chapter of Rights And Democracy (RAD) will host a rally and march in support of refugees and immigrants at the River Walk Park along the Walloomsac River, directly across the street from the Bennington Fire Facility. The march will conclude at the Fire Facility directly before the Town Meeting begins, and members of the march will introduce a resolution at the Town Meeting that would affirm Bennington's support and protection of undocumented peoples, immigrants, and refugees, and Bennington's commitment to basic human rights. If you are interested in taking part in this rally and march, or have questions about it, please contact Michael Thomson.

Open Office Hours

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE (BARN 125)

MARIKO SILVER, President of the College:
 Wed., 2:00-3:00 pm, contact Shannon Howlett for an appointment. No office hrs. week of Feb. 27.

DEAN'S OFFICE (BARN 123)

ISABEL ROCHE, Provost and Dean of the College:
 Mon., 12:00-1:00 pm.

LAURIE KOBICK, Associate Dean for Academic Services: Mon. & Wed., 12:30-1:30 pm, contact Kelly Hayes for an appointment.

LYDIA BRASSARD, Director for Institutional Diversity and Inclusion: Wed., 12:30-2:00 pm (Barn 113f).

ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICE (BARN 106)

Open office hours: Fri., 12:00-2:00 pm.

ACADEMIC SERVICES (BARN 120)

KATE CHILD, Director of the First-Year Experience and International Student Services: Mon. & Wed, 1:00-2:00 pm.

NOELLE EVERETT MURPHY, Director of Grants and Fellowships and Associate Director of Academic Services: Mon* & Wed, 12:30-2:00 pm. *No office hours Feb. 20.

DANIELLE DOHANEY, First Year and International Student Advisor: Wed. & Fri., 1:00-2:00 pm.

SELINA PETSCHKE, First Year and International Student Advisor/Assistant: Wed. & Thurs., 1:00-2:00 pm.

KENDRA ERICSON, **BARN 242**, Director of Study Away and Associate Director of Academic Services: Tues. &

Thurs., 1:00-2:00 pm.

FWT & CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (BARN 112)
 HOLLY MCCORMACK, Dean of Field Work Term: Wed., 12:00-1:00 pm.

FAITH MCCLELLAN, Director of Field Work Term and Career Development: Thurs., 1:00-2:00 pm.

WALK IN HOURS: Tues. & Thurs., 12:00-2:00 pm.

STUDENT LIFE OFFICE (BARN 113)

XENIA MARKOWITT, Dean of Students: Contact Christine Congelosi-Lulla to schedule an appointment.

NATALIE BASIL, Assistant Dean of Students: Thurs., 12:00-2:00 pm.

ALI TARTAGLIA, Director of Student Health Promotion: Mon., 1:00-4:00 pm.

JIRAY AVIDESIAN, Assistant Director of Residential Life: Call for appointment, ext. 4230.

TINA COOPER, Assistant Director of Residential Life: Call for appointment, ext. 4333.

OFFICE FOR STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (UPCAF)

MATT SCOTT, Director for Student Engagement: call or email for an appointment, ext. 4334.

MICHAEL THOMSON, Kilpatrick Fellow for Community Engagement: call or email for an appointment, ext. 4370.

ALLISON KUHLMAN, Assistant Director of Student Engagement, Fri., 3:00-5:00 pm.

Looking for more information on the events listed here?

Try the online calendar at www.bennington.edu