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Upcoming Events

Michael Dumanis and Franny Choi Reading at Northshire Bookstore

September 22 | 6:00-7:00 PM

Faculty members Michael Dumanis and Franny Choi will read from their latest collections, *Creature* and *The World Keeps Ending*, and *the World Goes On* at Northshire Bookstore in Manchester, Vermont. [More.](#)

Literature Book Party at Robert Frost Stone House Museum

September 26 | 5:30-7:15 PM

Please join us for a book party and signing with literature faculty and alumni, Mary Ruefle '74, Genevieve Plunkett, and Michael Dumanis, celebrating their new books *Creature*, *The Book*, and *In the Lobby of the Dream Hotel*. [More.](#)

Outpost Residency Fellows Auzin Ahmadi and Bruna Dantas Lobato

September 27 | 7:00-8:15 PM

Auzin Ahmadi is a writer from the Pacific Northwest. Bruna Dantas Lobato is a Brazilian writer and literary translator based in St. Louis. [More.](#)

Impossible Music: The Bugallo-Williams Piano Duo

September 27 | 8:00-9:00 PM

The Bugallo-Williams Piano Duo--Helena Bugallo and Amy Williams '90--perform contemporary works for solo piano, piano four-hands and two pianos that challenge the notion of what is possible to play. Composers include Conlon Nancarrow, Steve Reich, György Ligeti, and Amy Williams. [More.](#)

Senator Leahy and Foreign Policy with Tim Rieser, Senior Foreign Policy Advisor to Senator Leahy

September 28 | 7:00-8:30 PM

Our newly titled The Patrick J. Leahy Public Policy Forum is dedicated this term to the legacy of Senator Leahy and its effect on our democracy. [More.](#)

Lush Lives: J. Vanessa Lyon at Northshire Bookstore

September 30 | 6:00-7:00 PM

Faculty member J. Vanessa Lyon will talk about her new novel, Lush Lives, at Northshire Bookstore in Manchester, Vermont. [More.](#)

October

Shalom Putti: Film Screening and Talk

October 1 | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Producer and director, Tamas Wormser, from Montreal, spent time over a period of seven years in Uganda and will be presenting his film, Shalom Putti, at Congregation Beth El in Bennington on Sunday morning, October 1. [More.](#)

Recycling Lies and Plastic Problems with Bill McKibben, Eve Schaub, Judith Enck and Joe Donahue

October 1 | 2:00-3:00 PM

Eve Schaub, the author of Year of No Garbage will be joined by climate author and advocate Bill McKibben, and Judith Enck, the founder of Beyond Plastics. The three will discuss their work with Joe Donahue of WAMC Northeast Public Radio. [More.](#)

Film Showing: Farewell My Concubine Part I

October 2 | 7:00-8:20PM

Film showing: Farewell My Concubine Part I. [More.](#)

Endocrine Disruptors in Plastics: State Policy Options

October 3 | 7:00-8:00 PM

Join Beyond Plastics on Zoom for a conversation about endocrine disruptors with John Peterson "Pete" Myers, Ph.D., CEO and Chief Scientist of Environmental Health Sciences, New York State Senator Pete Harckham, Chair of the New York Senate Environmental Conservation Committee, and Megan Wolff, Ph.D., MPH, Policy Director at Beyond Plastics. [More.](#)

T Kira Māhealani Madden

October 4 | 7:00-8:15 PM

Join us for a reading by visiting writer, T Kira Māhealani Madden, author of the memoir Long Live the Tribe of Fatherless Girls. A short Q&A will follow. [More.](#)

Film Showing: Farewell My Concubine Part II

October 9 | 7:00-8:20PM

Film showing: Farewell My Concubine Part II. [More.](#)

Poetry at Bennington: Craft Talk with Eugenia Leigh

October 11 | 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Eugenia Leigh is a Korean American poet. Her two collections are Bianca (Four Way, 2023) and Blood, Sparrows and Sparrows (Four Way, 2014), winner of the Late Night Library's 2015 Debut-litzer Prize in Poetry. [More.](#)

Poetry at Bennington: Craft Talk with James Allen Hall

October 11 | 3:00-4:00 PM

James Allen Hall is the author of the poetry collections Romantic Comedy (Four Way, 2023) and Now You're the Enemy (Arkansas, 2008) and a book of lyric personal essays, I Liked You Better Before I Knew You So Well (Cleveland State, 2016). [More.](#)

Poetry at Bennington: James Allen Hall and Eugenia Leigh

October 11 | 7:00-8:00 PM

Poetry at Bennington welcomes James Allen Hall and Eugenia Leigh, who will read from their poetry collections. [More.](#)

**Poetry at Bennington: James Allen Hall and Eugenia Leigh in
Conversation with Michael Dumanis**

October 12 | 12:30-1:30 PM

Join Michael Dumanis in a Q&A with visiting poets, James Allen Hall and Eugenia Leigh. [More.](#)

**Working with the Presidents: From Ford to Biden with Former United
States Senator Patrick Leahy October 12 | 7:00-8:30 PM**

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**Socialism 101: Resisting Racial and Colonial Capitalism in Latin America
October 16 | 7:00-8:00 PM**

Speaker: Sabrina Melendez. [More.](#)

**Poetry at Bennington: Craft Talk with Evie Shockley
October 18 | 3:00-4:00 PM**

Evie Shockley is the author of several collections of poetry including suddenly we (Wesleyan, 2023), and Semiautomatic (Wesleyan, 2017), winner of the Hurston/Wright Legacy Award and a finalist for the LA Times Book Prize and the Pulitzer Prize. [More.](#)

**Poetry at Bennington: Evie Shockley
October 18 | 7:00-8:00 PM**

Poetry at Bennington welcomes Evie Shockley for a public reading of her poetry. [More.](#)

**Poetry at Bennington: Evie Shockley in Conversation with Michael
Dumanis**

October 19 | 12:30-1:30 PM

Join Michael Dumanis in a Q&A with visiting poet, Evie Shockley. [More.](#)

**Electing Leahy with Carolyn Dwyer, Former Campaign Director for
Senator Patrick Leahy October 28 | 7:00-8:30 PM**

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Welcome to the New Class

Bennington has a robust and diverse class of 211 new first-year and transfer students this fall. The class of 2027 is the most ethnically diverse class yet. Nearly a quarter, 24%, are domestic students of color. They hail from 36 states (and Washington DC) and 16 different countries. Learn more [here](#) about these changemakers and culture shapers.

Bennington Theater Ranks #3 In Country

The [Princeton Review](#) ranked Bennington's theater department #3 in the country based on student ratings, adding to the College's competitive scoring within the top-ten schools for overall Best Classroom Experience.

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