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ALL OUR GUESTS STUDIED SOCIAL SCIENCE AT BENNINGTON

MARCH 28 Charting Intangible Ties: Network Tools for Visualizing Social Structure

SKYE BENDER-DeMOLL '01 is a software developer who designs and builds network analysis and data visualization tools. His main research interests are transparency (how can we use our technology to better understand the government, corporate, and social power structures? if we unearth the information, can we act on it to reduce massive imbalances of power?), network visualization (how can we present high-dimensional relational data in visual forms to make accurate intuitive assessments, especially visualizing networks that change over time?), and cultural transmission (how do ideas, habits, attitudes, values and gossip move through groups of people? are there patterns in what sticks and what doesn't? how do social contact structures affect certain kinds of transmission?)

MONDAYS
7:00 PM

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APRIL 4 Finding Crime: From Public Radio to Podcast

PHOEBE JUDGE '05 is an award-winning journalist whose work has been featured on numerous national radio programs. She is currently the host of the podcast *Criminal*, one of the most downloaded programs in the U.S. Previously, Phoebe served as producer, reporter and guest host for the nationally distributed public radio program, The Story. Earlier in her career, Phoebe reported from the gulf coast of Mississippi, covering the BP oil spill and the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina for Mississippi Public Broadcasting and NPR. Her work has won multiple Edward R. Murrow and Associated Press awards. Phoebe was born and raised in Chicago and is a graduate of Bennington College and the Salt Institute for Documentary Studies. www.thisiscriminal.com

APRIL 18 From Bennington to Venture Capital (and why that's not a crazy career path)

ANDREW HOBBS '10 is the senior associate for technology strategy and finance at Village Capital. Andrew drives Village Capital's efforts to innovate around the organization's use of technology. He also coordinates Finance Associates worldwide and acts as the Finance Associate for the FinTech Mexico 2016 program. Andrew was previously the finance associate for the FinTech Mexico 2015 & FinTech India 2015 programs. Before joining Village Capital he worked for the Indian School Finance Company in Hyderabad, creating ISFC's first credit scoring system. During that time he was also an IDEX Fellow in Social Entrepreneurship. Andrew holds a Master of Management Studies from The Fuqua School of Business at Duke, a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Bennington College, and a Certificate in Social Entrepreneurship from the Monterey Institute of International Studies at Middlebury College.

APRIL 25 A Cultural Psychology of Voice and Silence in Collective Memory and Personal Relationships

TUĞÇE KURTIŞ '04 is assistant professor of psychology at the University of West Georgia. She completed her Ph.D. in social psychology and a graduate certificate in African studies at the University of Kansas. Tuğçe's work draws on perspectives in cultural, feminist, and critical psychologies and interdisciplinary discussions in postcolonial studies and transnational feminisms. Her research focuses on sociocultural constructions of subjectivity and relationality, which she examines through joint processes of voice and silence in interpersonal and collective experience. Her main objective as a social psychologist is to use psychological theory, pedagogy, and practice as resources for global social justice.

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