



College Week

October 27 – November 2

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

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.

[Craft Talk with Ladan Osman](#) – Wednesday, Oct 27 2021, 3:00 – 4:00 PM, Virtual Event | OPEN TO PUBLIC | [Ladan Osman](#) is the Somali-born author of *Exiles of Eden* (Coffee House, 2019), a hybrid work of poetry, photography, and experimental text; and *The Kitchen-Dweller’s Testimony* (U of Nebraska Press, 2015), winner of the Sillerman First Book Prize for African Poets. Her writing has been translated into over ten languages and has been honored with a Whiting Writers Award, a Hurston/Wright Legacy Award, and a Lannan Foundation fellowship. Her work in documentary film includes the shorts *Sam Underground* and *Sun of the Soil*, included in the Cannes International PanAfrican Film Festival and the New York African Film Festival. Her directorial debut, *The Ascendants*, a docuseries about four young Black women musicians from Chicago, is streaming on TOPIC. Osman lives in Brooklyn.

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[Poetry at Bennington—Fall 2021](#) – [Sandra Lim and Ladan Osman](#) | Wednesday, Oct 27, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM, Virtual Event | OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Sandra Lim and Ladan Osman read from their poetry collections, followed by a public Q&A. [Sandra Lim](#) is the author of three books of poetry: *The Curious Thing* (Norton, 2021); *The Wilderness* (Norton, 2014), selected by Louise Glück for the Barnard Women Poets Prize; and *Loveliest Grotesque* (Kore Press, 2006). Her poems have appeared in *The Baffler*, *The New Republic*, *The New York Review of Books*, and *Poetry*, and have been recognized with fellowships from the Getty Research Institute and the Guggenheim Foundation, as well an Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the Levis Reading Prize, and a Pushcart Prize. Born in Seoul, Korea, she grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area, and is now an Associate Professor of English at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. [Ladan Osman](#) is the Somali-born author of *Exiles of Eden* (Coffee House, 2019), a hybrid work of poetry, photography, and experimental text; and *The Kitchen-Dweller's Testimony* (U of Nebraska Press, 2015), winner of the Sillerman First Book Prize for African Poets. Her writing has been translated into over ten languages and has been honored with a Whiting Writers Award, a Hurston/Wright Legacy Award, and a Lannan Foundation fellowship. Her work in documentary film includes the shorts *Sam Underground* and *Sun of the Soil*, included in the Cannes International PanAfrican Film Festival and the New York African Film Festival. Her directorial debut, *The Ascendants*, a docuseries about four young Black women musicians from Chicago, is streaming on TOPIC. Osman lives in Brooklyn.

On Sunday, November 7 a group of student volunteers will be helping [Window Dressers](#) to build window inserts in Downtown Bennington for local homeowners. We will be tabling outside of the dining hall on Wednesday, October 27 and Thursday, October 28 from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Stop by to sign up and we will be happy to answer any questions. WindowDressers is a grassroots, volunteer-run nonprofit organization that trains, supplies, and supports teams of community volunteers who conduct Community Builds to construct insulating window inserts for local residents. Volunteers for WindowDressers are typically motivated by environmental concerns, social and economic justice concerns, a love of making things with their hands, and/or a desire to participate in a community effort producing concrete, meaningful results. Together, our volunteers have built over 42,000 custom-made insulating window inserts since 2010, with between 25% to 35% given away to low-income families per year. These inserts improve the warmth and comfort of homes, lower fuel bills, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Thursday, Oct 28 is a Plan Day, and there will be no classes.

[Staying in Place and Moving Forward: On Repetition in Poetry, a Craft Talk with Sandra Lim](#) | Thursday, Oct 28, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Virtual Event | OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | [Sandra Lim](#) is the author of three books of poetry: *The Curious Thing* (Norton, 2021); *The Wilderness* (Norton, 2014), selected by Louise Glück for the Barnard Women Poets Prize; and *Loveliest Grotesque* (Kore Press, 2006). Her poems have appeared in *The Baffler*, *The New Republic*, *The New York Review of Books*, and *Poetry*, and have been recognized with fellowships from the Getty Research Institute and the Guggenheim Foundation, as well an Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the Levis Reading Prize, and a Pushcart Prize. Born in Seoul, Korea, she grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area, and is now an Associate Professor of English at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Trick or Treating on Campus Friday, October 29 during regular business hours 9 am – 5 pm. Stop by one or all of the following locations for some Halloween candy: FWT (Barn 112), Provost Office (Barn 123), President's Office (Barn 101), Student Life (Barn 113), Bookstore, Admissions, Crossett Library, IT Helpdesk (Scope, 3rd floor Commons).

The Bennington College Wellness Committee is offering a [5K fun run/walk](#) for all students, faculty and staff. The event will take place on Friday, October 29. Kick off is at 12:30pm in front of Tishman. Interested participants should use this [form](#) to register. Light refreshments will be provided by Dining and Catering Services. The route will take us by (and maybe through!) some of Bennington's

most haunted places, like the Barn, Jennings, and the BOO trail, and costumes are welcome! We encourage the entire community to participate, even if you won't be running or walking. We are collecting cold weather items for students (coats, hats, mittens, boots, etc.); we strongly encourage participants to please bring one cold weather item for donation. In addition, participants are welcome to bring a non-perishable item (or items) for donation to student pantries. You also don't have to participate to donate – all donations are welcome!

[Antigone](#) performances will take place from Oct 29 – 30, 7:30 – 8:30 PM | VAPA Greenwall Auditorium | Based on the adaptation by Jean Anouilh, "Antigone" explores patriarchal power structures and how they are dismantled.

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 receive 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. Be creative! Submissions can be as simple or as elaborate as you want! The postcards will be hung in the Atrium (3rd Floor Commons) later this term. Postcards should be returned to the drop box in Barn North (Barn 113) or the campus post office no later than Friday, October 29.

[Fall Open House](#) | Saturday, Oct 30 2021, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Cricket Hill Barn | A Bennington visit is the beginning of your Bennington education: not only will you learn a lot about Bennington, but you will be asked to imagine your own Bennington experience and what you might contribute to our community. This event will include a discussion of the Plan Process and Field Work Term, an informal Q&A with faculty and current students, a financial aid workshop, campus tours (including a tour of secret spots around campus), and a celebration of Bennington's community! Seniors and transfer students will also have a chance to interview one-on-one with an Admissions Counselor.

[Special Dance Workshop with Souleymane Badolo](#) | Saturday, Oct 30 2021, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, VAPA Martha Hill Dance Theater | Souleymane Badolo is a choreographer, educator, and performer of traditional and contemporary dance, and he is the Keeper of his family's traditional Gurunsi ways. By fusing his traditional and contemporary practices, he has created an innovative art-making technique he calls African Science Calculations. Dividing his time between Brooklyn and Ouagadougou, he is in the process of establishing a new educational, research and performance retreat center in the village of KYA, Burkina Faso, engaging the old and young alike to ensure it becomes an integrated center of creative living and learning.

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](#).

[Cultural Studies and Language Series—Fall 2021 | Quechua Language and its Renaissance in the Modern Andean World](#) | Monday, Nov 1, 7:00 – 8:00 PM | OPEN TO THE PUBLIC VIRTUALLY | Less than two decades ago, Quechua, an Andean language spoken by millions, was invisible to the media. Suffering from discrimination and threatened by the official use of Spanish, Quechua was considered, at best, part of a regional Andean identity, and at worst, a burden that kept Andean people away from progress. However, the last decade has brought major changes for Quechua and its speakers. Now TV programs broadcast in Quechua; there is increased demand for Quechua courses in Peru and abroad; Quechua publications are gaining momentum; and politicians are using Quechua to mobilize not just traditional rural population, but their descendants in urban centers. We will examine the characteristics, causes, and consequences of this Quechua Renaissance in the Modern Andean World. Carlos Molina-Vital is a Peruvian linguist and language teacher. He is responsible for the Quechua Language Program at the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. He has turned his attention to the syntax and semantics of in different Quechua languages since 2009. His fieldwork has taken him to Ancash, Cuzco, and Ayacucho in the Peruvian Andes. He directs the Quechua Innovation and Teaching Initiative (QINTI),

a collaborative project aiming to create open-access Quechua materials.

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](#).

(M)othertongues Magazine is currently opening submissions for their Fall '21 edition! Seeking submissions for: Poetry, Prose, Visual and Performance Arts, Video, Translation, and any other medium that could be presented on our [website](#). Any and all languages are welcome. Open to college students outside of Bennington College, both in the U.S. and internationally as well. Deadline to submit is now Nov 1, 2021 (Extended from Oct. 19, 2021) Email submissions, along with a brief artistic statement and bio (2–3 sentences) to m.othertongues@bennington.edu Mission statement: We are living in a multicultural, multilingual era, creating new spaces for hybridity that unsettle cultural binaries of the past. We believe it is important to complicate the dichotomous idea of here and there-ness that has dominated historical narratives. We aim to create a publication that looks to address themes such as migration, diaspora, in-betweenness, identity, cultural diversity, and language.

Davis Projects for Peace Showcase and Information Session | Wednesday, November 3, 4:00 – 5:00 PM, [ZOOM](#) | Bennington College students completed Davis Projects for Peace around the world last summer: Ahmed Amar '24 implemented a Peace Through Leadership Training, Empower Africa Summer Program to provide support and business education to young people in Touba, Senegal; Jullian Androkae '23's Vahombey Project built a library as a platform to empower Bekitro schools to reinforce and transform educational systems in Androy, Madagascar; and Sebenele (Sbobo) Nlangamandla '21 created Take Charge of Your Period, an initiative to provide health education and menstrual products to women in Eswatini, Southern Africa. This showcase will include information and Q&A. Students interested in social justice, access to education, and other global issues, as well as students interested in proposing their own projects for this year's Davis Projects for Peace award, are encouraged to attend. Contact [Jennifer Burg](#), Assistant Director of Academic Services and Student Grants Counselor, with questions.

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 which is located in the Student Center (exterior entrance on the back side of the Student Center across the street from Perkins) Fridays 6 – 9 pm, Saturdays & Sundays 12 – 3 pm.

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.

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.

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.

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:

Thursday, Oct 14, 6 –7 pm
Thursday, Oct 21, 12 – 1 pm
Tuesday, Oct 26, 5 – 6 pm
Monday, Nov 1, 12 – 1 pm
Tuesday, Nov 16, 5 – 6 pm
Monday, Nov 22, 12 – 1 pm

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 drop-in hours outlined below.

Tuesdays (1:30–4:00pm) and Fridays (1:00 – 4:30pm)| Commons SCoPE Forum (3rd floor)

Field Work Term Planning

Students may pursue a range of flexible FWT options and flexible timeframes. Be sure to check out the Career Development and Field Work Term [pages](#) to see the updates we've made, access [FWT planning resources](#), and review [FWT requirements](#). Book an [appointment](#) with us today to discuss what field work type and timeframe may be right for you.

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

- [Social Imagineers – Remote or On-site](#)
On-campus | \$600 stipend | 6 openings
- [Research Assistant to Faculty Emily Waterman – On-site](#)
On-campus | \$11.75/hour | 2 openings

- [Watershed Steward – On-site](#)
Lake Paran Recreation | \$1,000 stipend with possibility of increase
- [Historical Interpreter and Planner – On-site](#)
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- [Small Biz Administrative Assistant – On-site](#)
Downtown Bennington | unpaid, open to hybrid arrangement
- [Junior Software Developer Intern – Remote \(Supplemental position\)](#)
Bennington | unpaid, 5 – 10 hours a week

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 additional jobs are welcome to do so. Students with 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

PLEASE EMAIL ALL COLLEGE WEEK SUBMISSIONS
TO COLLEGEWEEK@BENNINGTON.EDU BY MONDAY AT NOON

FOR INCLUSION IN THAT WEEK.

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