

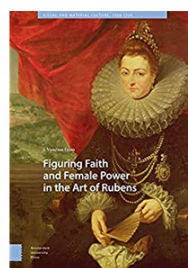


# BENNINGTON BULLETIN



## The WE Project

India Carter-Bolick '23 and Marley-Rose Liburd '22 created The WE Project, a virtual space for conversations surrounding individual and community accountability, allyship, and advocacy that acts to support, inform, and equip its participants with the tools to dismantle institutional racism. The WE Project will provide virtual spaces for conversations about racial justice, individual and community accountability, allyship, and advocacy, as well as virtual affinity spaces focused on healing, mental health, and communal support. For more information, follow [@theweproject](https://www.instagram.com/theweproject) on Instagram or email [theweproject@gmail.com](mailto:theweproject@gmail.com).

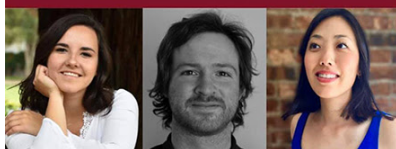


## Figuring Faith and Female Power

Vanessa Lyon's latest book, *Figuring Faith and Female Power in the Art of Rubens*, [has been published](#) by Amsterdam University Press. Barbara Alfano's interview with Professor Tiziana de Rogatis about Elena Ferrante's forthcoming novel, *The Lying Life of Adults*, [has been published](#) in *Arcade*.

## Ask a PostBac!

Send us a DM or email us at [postbac@bennington.edu](mailto:postbac@bennington.edu)



## A Veterinarian Perspective

As Bennington College's Postbac Premedical Program celebrates its 40th anniversary this year—the newest cohort arrived on campus July 13—Eileen Wilentz '73 postbac '85 [reflects on the role](#) Bennington's program played in her pursuit of her Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine.



## Hold the Plastics

In an article that stemmed from the Beyond Plastics [webinar convenings for reporters](#), *Axios* [reported](#) on the spike in single-use plastic during the COVID-19 pandemic. Beyond Plastics also joined more than 120 environmental leaders and customers in a letter [urging food delivery companies](#) to make single-use utensils,

condiments, straws, and napkins opt-in only on their apps.

### All-Staff Meeting

We look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming [All-Staff Meeting](#), scheduled for **July 28 at 1:00 pm**. In advance of the meeting, we invite you to submit questions you may have regarding fall planning and staff operations. We will do our best to respond to all questions during the meeting. However, if needed, we will send an email response to remaining questions. Please submit your questions to [hroffice@bennington.edu](mailto:hroffice@bennington.edu) by **Friday, July 24**.

### Retirement Planning—Virtual Counseling Sessions

The College is offering confidential, one-on-one virtual counseling sessions to assist all employees with retirement planning. TIAA, the College's retirement plan provider, is holding virtual individual counseling sessions on **Wednesday, August 5** and **Thursday, September 17**. A session can assist you with such questions as: Are my investments properly allocated? Am I saving enough to meet my retirement goals? How and from where do I draw retirement income? To register, [visit the website](#) and click "Meet at Work," or contact TIAA directly at 800-732-8353 (Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-8:00 pm). If you are unable to schedule an appointment on one of the listed dates, individual appointments can be scheduled by emailing TIAA Financial Consultant [Michele Waite](#). Please note that TIAA also offers a host of [online retirement-planning tools](#) as well as regular webinars on a host of topics (Social Security Basics, Sharpening Your Investment Skills, Strategies for Staying on Track and more). Log into the [Live Webinar Lounge](#) to view upcoming webinars and register.

### Midsummer FLoW Pantry Drive

Join in on a bit of digital reconnection and community-building, while supporting Little Extras Pantry, Bennington College FLoW's food and supplies pantry for students. To participate, [visit the GoFundMe](#) to pitch in \$5 (or whatever amount feels right for you). Then, share a window into your summer by including a photo and/or message in the comments! Post your stylish pandemic haircut, your favorite quarantine baking recipe or quarantine cocktail/mocktail recommendation, a photo of your adorable dogs, your sweet work-from-home digs, or just a quick "hello" to your colleagues and friends. All funds will be used to purchase food and supplies to restock the pantry shelves in advance of the new academic year. If we raise enough funds early in the drive, we'll restock the shelves earlier to further support the approximately 50 students currently staying on-campus. Participation from folks other than Bennington staff and faculty—students, alumni, partners, family, friends—is welcome and encouraged!

### Resources from the Office of Diversity & Inclusion

As you further your antiracist and social justice education this week, these resources will add to your understanding:

- Book: *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander
- Podcast: [1619](#), the *New York Times* audio series on slavery
- Book: *Freedom is a Constant Struggle* by Angela Y. Davis

### Fiscal Year-End Close

It's that time of year again...fiscal year-end close! The 2019-20 fiscal year ended on June 30, 2020. Please submit any expense reimbursements and have all Bennington credit card reconciliations completed for the 2019-20 fiscal year by **July 24, 2020**. Our auditors will begin the review work the last week of August. During the year-end close process, the Business Office reviews 2019-20 transactions and completes reconciliations to ensure all transactions are accurately recorded. To be successful, we need your help!

### July Newsletters

Every month, Communications sends newsletters out to [alumni and friends of the College](#) and [families](#). Enjoy July's stories and encourage interested community members to [sign up](#) for the alumni and friends newsletter.

Summer 2020

### Event Series

[Check out the series happening this term.](#)

July 25  
Virtual Event  
12:00–4:30 PM

### Virtual Open House

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Prospective students and their families are invited to learn about Bennington College's highly individualized and student-centered approach through interactive sessions connecting them directly with our community. [More](#).

July 28

### Virtual All-Staff Meeting

Virtual Event  
1:00–2:00 PM

STAFF ONLY | Staff will gather virtually to hear and update on College happenings and have the opportunity to ask questions as well.