



BENNINGTON BULLETIN



The Best of Bennington

To our returning students, faculty, and staff, welcome back! And to our new students—welcome to the Bennington community! This is your first Bennington Bulletin, which you'll receive weekly with updates about College news, announcements, and events. As you delve into all Bennington has to offer, we'd love to feature your work here; [email Communications](#) to share your news. For now, check out [alumni advice](#) and can't-miss recommendations, and [learn more](#) about the Class of 2025.



"I Did That for Them"

This spring, Stevie Martinez-Farias '21 [became the first in her family](#) to graduate college, earning her degree in Anthropology and Latin American Studies. Now, she plans to start working with Breakthrough Central Texas, whose support made her college dreams possible.



Spotlight on Summer Field Work Term

This summer, 186 Bennington students [completed](#) their annual Field Work Term, working either in-person or remotely on a variety of internships, independent study projects, professional trainings, and more.

Faculty Publication

This year, Kerry Woods has had two new primary research publications in international ecological journals. Woods was lead author for an integrative analysis of [tree mortality dynamics](#) in old-growth forests of North America and Europe, which grew from a Fall 2015 Fulbright project in Slovenia, and co-author on a paper following biomass/carbon dynamics over 84 years in an intensively studied old-growth stand in Michigan. Both studies question conventional understanding of old-growth forest ecosystems, challenging assumptions about their stability and role in global carbon cycling. The papers make use of data sets developed for two study-sites in Michigan over the last 30 years, with the involvement of over 50 Bennington students.

Administrative Work Hours

As a reminder, effective **Monday, August 23**, the general administrative work hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (one-hour lunch). Please note that offices may find it necessary to alter the workday hours for certain staff members to meet specific business needs.

Faculty and Staff Input Requested by FPRC

The following faculty will be under review by the Faculty Performance Review Committee (FPRC) during the 2021-22 academic year: Lopamudra Banerjee, Michael Dumanis, Levi Gonzalez, Blake Jones, Paul La Farge, Amie McClellan, Mina Nishimura, Senem Pirlar, Jonathan Pitcher, Ozge Savas, Allen Shawn, Paul Voice, and Emily Waterman. Input from colleagues, both faculty and staff, is particularly valuable (see [letter from the committee](#) with official request and considerations). Please return your comments to [Meredith Meurs](#) no later than September 15.

Fall 2021	Event Series Check out the series happening this term.
August 30 Remote 10:00 AM–12:00 PM	Faculty Meeting FACULTY ONLY This faculty meeting will be held remotely. More.
August 30 VAPA D207 4:00-5:00 PM	Bennington Drama Info Session CAMPUS COMMUNITY ONLY At the top of the new school year, this info session will provide the rundown you need concerning what the drama department has to offer. More.
August 31 Bennington Campus & Remote 11:00 AM–12:00 PM	Convocation 2021 CAMPUS COMMUNITY ONLY A community tradition in celebration of the start of the academic year. More.
September 1 Facilities Building 12:00-3:00 PM	Purple Carrot Farm Sale CAMPUS COMMUNITY ONLY Purple Carrot Farm will be selling fresh vegetables and herbs straight from the farm located on campus. Stop by to grab your assembly of delicious, fresh, and organic produce. More.
September 1-October 13 Virtual Event 7:00-9:00 PM	Beyond Plastic Pollution Course OPEN TO THE PUBLIC This environmental policy course is open to the public and taught by Judith Enck, president of Beyond Plastics and former regional EPA administrator. More.

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