



BENNINGTON BULLETIN



Her Own Enigmatic Style

Mina Nishimura MFA '21 is the [cover star](#) for the current issue of *Dance Magazine*, with a full feature story, "Blending Butoh, Cunningham and Her Own Enigmatic Style: Mina Nishimura." She will also be giving a [free Butoh](#) class through the platform on May 19.



Others' of Various Kinds

In the [latest episode](#) of *In the Foreground: Conversations on Art & Writing*, J. Vanessa Lyon discusses "Others' of Various Kinds: Intersectionality as an Early Modern Scholar," the influence of her graduate studies in theology and how she views teaching as a politics of care. She also describes her experiences as a queer woman of color working on "Old Masters" like Rubens, and contemplates reverberations between early modern and contemporary art, particularly for artists of color.



Tech Innovators to Watch

Asad Malik '19 [has been named](#) one of *Variety's* "10 Entertainment Tech Innovators to Watch Create Solutions on Global Scale" for his hologram production company, Jadu, which uses volumetric capture to create mobile-based immersive experiences that enable fans to interact with holograms of artists such as Lil Nas X, Poppy, K Camp and Dor-ian Electra in shareable videos.



Inside Higher Ed

President Laura Walker is [featured](#) in *Inside Higher Ed*, where she discusses the challenges of pivoting goals to meet the needs of the College during an unprecedented pandemic, and the delightful nature of finally getting to meet colleagues face-to-face after being vaccinated.

Please Do Not Feed the Robots

This is the second year of the College's pilot project in exploring a shift to clean, quiet, electric lawn care equipment. You will notice two small, orange Husqvarna mowers roving around Commons Lawn and the soccer field, continuously mowing on a randomized path or silently charging in their tiny houses. Please feel free to watch these machines doing their work, but resist the urge to touch or tamper with them. Any tampering will immediately alert a member of our B&G staff through the monitoring software, so by bothering the mowers, realize that you will also

be bothering a real person! Thanks for your help in making this pilot a success. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to [contact Buildings and Grounds](#). Through our continued partnership with Efficiency Vermont and Green Mountain Power, the installation came at no additional cost to the College.

Force

Salem Art Works presents its [upcoming exhibition](#), entitled *Force*, at Southern Vermont Arts Center (SVAC) in Manchester, VT. The exhibition features works from Executive Director of Salem Art Works Anthony Cafritz '85, Jordan Becker '06, Walter Dunnington '84, Sanford Mirling '04, and Enid Sanford P '85. Works will be on view in the Elizabeth de C. Wilson Museum galleries from May 8-June 27, 2021, with a closing reception to be held on Saturday, June 26, 2021. Almost 50 different artists will be included in *Force*, which will encompass sculpture, painting, prints, mixed media, glass, ceramics, and more.

Shared Governance Open Forum

The staff representatives on the College's Shared Governance committee would like to invite you to an [open forum/Q&A discussion](#) on **Thursday, May 13** from 10:00-11:00 am. The committee members will briefly share a bit about the work being done on the Shared Governance Task Force, and then open up a discussion with staff members to solicit their thoughts, ideas and suggestions, which will be shared with the Task Force as a whole. The forums are scheduled for one hour; however, the format is 'drop in'; staff members are welcome to join for the entire hour, or they can join at any time during the meeting to ask a question or offer suggestions. Any staff member can also submit questions prior to the forum by contacting staffsharedgov@bennington.edu. We would like to hear as many voices as possible!

General Stark Award

The Bennington Museum [will honor](#) Alison Nowak '70 and Robert Cane of North Bennington with its annual General Stark Award for service. The award, awarded by the museum yearly since 1982, honored an individual or organization in recognition of outstanding service and significant contributions to the Bennington Museum community.

TimelyCare

As we shared with students via email, the College is launching [TimelyCare](#), a telehealth program will give students access to free, 24/7/365 access to virtual medical and mental health care. For more information contact [Ali Tartaglia](#).

Staff Holiday Schedules and Work Hours

Please note the 2021–22 academic year [holiday schedules](#) and the administrative [staff work hours](#) have been published on our website. We encourage you to mark your calendar with these dates and times. Please speak with your supervisor if you have questions.

Call for Photos

Dear Students! We welcome you to [participate](#) in our brand new (student-reporter-led, on behalf of Communications) photo contest, Frames. The theme for our first edition is *Bloom*. You don't need to be a professional to enter, so don't hesitate. We will feature the selected finalists on our official Instagram and website galleries, and most importantly Bennington Magazine. Finalists will also be awarded with a bookstore gift card. Multiple submissions are welcome!

Staff and Faculty Vaccination Updates

Staff and Faculty who have been vaccinated are encouraged to upload proof of vaccination to [ADP](#). They will be removed from asymptomatic rolling testing requirements. Employees working on campus will still be required to conduct a daily symptom check through CoVerified, regardless of vaccine status, until at least June 1 when we will reevaluate this requirement.

Student Vaccination updates

Any students who have already completed your vaccine series can [submit your vaccination record](#) to the College. If you submit this information now, you will not need to do it again in preparation for the fall term.

Commencement Volunteers

The Office of Communications greatly appreciates volunteers every year at commencement, but this year we are especially grateful. Additional COVID protocols have increased our need for volunteers, and **we would love to have your help!** If you are willing to volunteer your time at the 2021 Commencement, please let [Nicole Arrington](#) know as soon as possible. Thank you!

Spring 2021

Event Series

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

Through May 14
Virtual Event

Frames Photo Contest | Bloom

Current students are welcome to enter our new photo contest, Frames, with the theme of "Bloom." [More](#).

May 4 Through 7
Virtual Event
7:00–10:00 PM

Senior Music Fest

During Senior Music Fest, seniors will present their artistic work ranging from jazz quartets to audiovisual pieces to Mariachi-influenced singer-songwriter compositions to documentary screenings. [More](#).

May 7 Virtual Event 12:00–12:30 PM	Ako Shergazy Pre Senior Work Release OPEN TO THE PUBLIC This is a sound only pre-release of Ako Shergazy's upcoming senior installation! More .
May 7 Virtual Event 1:00–1:30 PM	Jann Moreno/SAD JUAN Album Release 2021 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC An album of various genres, yet constant in developing Jann Moreno's identity. More .
May 7 Virtual Event 3:00–4:00 PM	Craft Talk with Catherine Barnett Part of Poetry at Bennington OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Catherine Barnett is the author of three books of poetry, <i>Human Hours</i> , <i>The Game of Boxes</i> , and <i>Into Perfect Spheres Such Holes Are Pierced</i> . The recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and a Whiting Writers' Award, she is a Distinguished Writing Fellow at Hunter College, and also teaches at Barnard College and NYU. More .
May 7 Virtual Event 4:30–5:00 PM	Amy Anders Senior Album Release 2021 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC B-Rad will broadcast Amy Anders' senior work: a ten track album of original songs. More .
May 7 Student Center 8:30-10:00 PM	UnMuted UnMuted is the first live dance concert of original work created by Bennington Students after a year of lock down. More .
May 8 Bennington Campus 7:30–8:30 AM	SEPC Presents: Bird Watching with Faculty Blake Jones CAMPUS COMMUNITY ONLY The Environment SEPC is hosting their biweekly Bird Watching event with faculty Blake Jones. More .
May 8 10:00 AM–12:00 PM	Native Women Running OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Join us as Cambridge comes together to walk, run or bike in solidarity with Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirits, grieving families, and individuals working on the frontlines to end this epidemic of violence against Indigenous people. All profits from this virtual event will go directly to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, USA. More .
May 8 Virtual Event 2:00–3:00 PM	We Are Better Together Support Space CAMPUS COMMUNITY ONLY A space for students to connect with Kat Daley (MSW, Student Health Center) and Ali Tartaglia (Director for Student Health Promotions). Drop in and connect or stay the whole time! More .
May 9 Commons Dining Hall 11:00 AM–12:030 PM	Brunch with President Walker CAMPUS COMMUNITY ONLY Students may sign up to have lunch with President Walker in Commons Dining Hall. More .
May 9 VAPA Lester Martin Theater 2:00–3:00 PM	Independent Works Club CAMPUS COMMUNITY ONLY Weekly club meeting to support independent projects within the drama community. We will read plays, workshop scenes, provide a space for developing advanced work, invite professors and peers for feedback sessions and showcases, and more! More .
May 11 Flagpole 3:00–4:30 PM	Walk with Walker CAMPUS COMMUNITY ONLY A time for students to get to know President Walker and to share thoughts and ideas about Bennington. More .
May 11 Virtual Event 7:00–8:00 PM	Susette Min Part of VALS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC This week's VALS guest is Dr. Susette Min. Professor Min's critically acclaimed first book, <i>Unnamable: The Ends of Asian American Art</i> centers attention on the categorical imperatives of Asian American Art. More .
May 12 Virtual Event 12:00–1:00 PM	The Plastic Invasion on Reproductive Health OPEN TO THE PUBLIC In honor of Women's Health Month in May, Beyond Plastics will host a conversation on the effects of plastics on human health and reproduction. More .
May 12 Virtual Event 3:00–4:00 PM	COVID-19 Vaccine Information Open Hour with Drs. Tartaglia and Anselmo CAMPUS COMMUNITY ONLY Do you have questions about the COVID-19 vaccines? Feel free to drop in to the weekly Zoom call for evidence-based answers from the medical experts. More .
May 13 Virtual Event 10:00–11:00 AM	Staff Shared Governance Zoom Drop-in Hour CAMPUS COMMUNITY ONLY As the Bennington community moves toward a more holistic model of decision-making through Shared Governance to include staff voices, we seek your input and guidance on building the framework and system of aligning priorities. More .
May 14 Secret Garden 8:30–10:00 PM	<i>Salt Off a Bird's Tail</i> CAMPUS COMMUNITY ONLY A play by Ruby Lee Lowenstein. Directed by Joshua Goldberg.

