

## **Center for the Advancement of Public Action (CAPA) Hosts Speaker Series on Forced Migration, Displacement, and Education**

**Bennington, VT:** Bennington College's Center for the Advancement of Public Action (CAPA) [Forced Migration, Displacement, and Education](#) speaker series connects the academic study of refugees and displacement to the world of policy and practice.

All events are free, open to the public, and will take place from **7:00 - 8:30 PM** in **CAPA Symposium** on Bennington's [campus](#).

"The consortium aims to rethink the way that liberal arts schools approach migration and displacement by extending the educational experience beyond the traditional classroom, working with and learning from displaced peoples and organizations on the front-lines of the issue," said CAPA faculty member [John Hultgren](#). "Each school partners with NGOs, community groups, and immigrant and refugee populations.

In addition to the speaker series, the College's work on forced migration and displacement includes courses, like the [Lexicon of Forced Migration](#), and initiatives such as [GANAS](#), a student-led organization that works with migrant farmworkers and their families. Over [Field Work Term](#), students worked with and studied issues of migration and displacement: working at the Moria Refugee Camp in Lesbos, Greece; interning with *Somos Panas*, a Colombian non-profit that works to fight xenophobia; and researching the impacts of traumatic stress on refugees with a professor at the New School for Social Research.

On [Wednesday, March 13](#), **Four Ways to Think About Forced Migration**, led by **Elizabeth Cullen Dunn**, Department of Geography and Department of Environmental Studies, Indiana University, will explore displacement as a bureaucratic problem, a logistics issue, a labor market dilemma, and an existential problem.

On [Wednesday, March 27](#), **Kate Coddington**, Department of Geography and Planning, SUNY Albany, draws on her research in Thailand to explore how the detachment of workers from citizenship produces not only destitution, but new forms of value as well

On [Thursday, April 11](#), **Samira Ghaderi**, immigration and naturalization lawyer and human rights activist with Ghaderi Law Firm, will speak as part of the series. For more information, check the [event series page](#).

On [Thursday, May 9](#), drawing on the work of the Bellevue/NYU Program for Survivors of Torture, **Adeyinka Akinsulure-Smith**, Department of Psychology, City College of New York, will discuss the mental health consequences of forced migration, considerations for treatment, and the role of mental health professionals in the process.

**About the [Consortium on Forced Migration, Displacement, and Education](#)**

Comprised of Bennington, Bard, Sarah Lawrence, and Vassar Colleges, this [consortium](#) is committed to developing new, horizontal, and more egalitarian models of global and transnational educational solidarity to address the refugee crisis and to educate students to be engaged citizens in an increasingly complex and interconnected world.

Students and faculty from the four colleges will convene this spring at Vassar for a Teaching Lab to discuss their experiences with courses on migration and displacement and share best educational practices.

**Spring 2019 [Forced Migration, Displacement, and Education Speaker Series](#)**

*Dates and times are subject to change. Please check [www.bennington.edu/events](http://www.bennington.edu/events) for the most up-to-date information. These events are free, open to the public, and take place on Bennington College's [campus](#).*

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Wed. March 13 | 7:00 - 8:30 PM

**[Four Ways to Think About Forced Migration](#)**

CAPA Symposium

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Wed. March 27 | 7:00 - 8:30 PM

**[Destitution Economies of Migration Control: Poverty, Legality, and the Production of Value](#)**

CAPA Symposium

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Thurs. April 11 | 7:00 - 8:30 PM

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[Addressing the Mental Health Consequences of Fleeing Persecution and Seeking Refuge](#)

CAPA Symposium

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Located in picturesque Southwestern Vermont, Bennington College holds a distinguished place among American colleges and universities. It was the first to include the visual and performing arts in a liberal arts education. It is the only college to require that its students spend a term—every year—at work in the world.

Rooted in an abiding faith in the talent, imagination, and responsibility of the individual, Bennington invites students to pursue and shape their own intellectual inquiries, and in doing so to discover the profound interconnection of things. Learn more at [bennington.edu](http://bennington.edu).