

**Center for the Advancement of Public Action (CAPA)
Hosts Public Policy Forums**

Bennington, VT: Bennington College's Elizabeth Coleman Center for the Advancement of Public Action (CAPA) will present its Fall 2018 [Public Policy Forum @ CAPA](#) series on **Thursday evenings** from **September 6 through October 18**. All events will take place from **7:00 - 8:30 PM**. This series is free, open to the public, and will take place in the CAPA Symposium on Bennington's campus.

This series invites guest speakers from the private and public sectors to address a range of important topics in the current national dialogue. The forums will be facilitated by CAPA Director [Susan Sgorbati](#) and Vermont State Senator [Brian Campion](#).

The series begins on **Thursday, Sept. 6** with [Public Policy and How to Make Social Change](#). Faculty member [Eileen Scully](#) will lead this discussion.

On **Thursday, Sept. 13**, **Shap Smith**, former Speaker of the VT House of Representatives, will lead a discussion on [Powers and Limitations of State Government Today](#).

Thursday, Sept. 20 features a discussion on [Gender and Race in America](#), led by **Jay Diaz**, ACLU of VT; **Barbara Rachelson**, VT State Representative and member of House Judiciary Committee; and **Kesha Ram**, former VT State Representative.

On **Thursday, Sept. 27**, a conversation on [Food and Social Justice](#) will be led by **Ben Hall**, chef and activist; with **Shannon Barsotti**, co-owner of Longview Farm and market manager of Berkshire Grown; and **Marina Zurkow**, media artist and professor in the Interactive Telecommunications Program (ITP) at NYU Tisch School of the Arts.

Thursday, Oct. 4 features a discussion on [The Environmental and Health Impacts of Herbicides and Pesticides](#), led by **Ross Conrad**, beekeeper and author; **Jennifer Duggan**, vice president and director of Conservation Law Foundation Vermont; and **Judith Schwartz**, author and journalist.

On **Thursday, Oct. 11**, a conversation about [The Trump Administration's Foreign Policy Priorities](#), will be led by Mansour Farhang, former Iranian ambassador to the United Nations and former Bennington College faculty with **Magnus Bernhardsson**, Brown Professor of

History at Williams College; and **Eric Postel**, former associate administrator of US Agency for International Development.

The series concludes on **Thursday, October 18th** with [Turning Our Oceans Into Landfills: The Growing Problem of Plastic Pollution](#) led by **Judith Enck**, former regional administrator of the US Environmental Protection Agency.

For more information about CAPA and the Public Policy Forums, contact capa@bennington.edu or call 802-447-4267.

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Dates and times are subject to change. Please check 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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