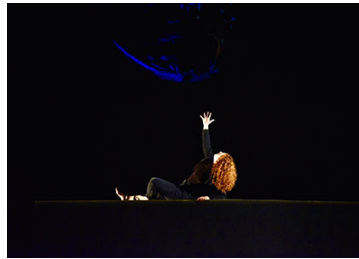




# BENNINGTON BULLETIN



## Next Steps

Following their work as [2021 Lucille Lortel Theatre Foundation Fellows](#), John Baller '22, Marley-Rose Liburd '22, Thomas Finegar '22, and Imara Glymph '23 have received offers of employment! Impressed by their performance and passion for theatre, host sites have invited these students to join their team this term beyond Field Work Term arrangements. Employers include Rattlestick Playwrights Theater, National Black Theatre, The Classical Theatre of Harlem, and The Billie Holiday Theatre, respectively.



## Creating a Sense of Belonging

In this Q&A, [get to know](#) Dr. Alfredo Medina, Jr., Bennington College's Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and College Diversity Officer.



## Innovation and Liberal Arts Education

Beatrice Ugolini '16 is currently pursuing a Master's degree at Hong Kong University. She recently [published an article](#), which uses Bennington as a case study to illustrate innovation among liberal arts institutions, in HKU's journal *Academic Praxis*.



2021 Best of the Net Anthology Nominees	
Benjamin Reiser	
Poetry	
Ashley D. Escobar: Childhood Precarity	
Alexia Alvarez Garcia: I GIVE MYSELF EVERYTHING	
Angie Ray: Absence	
Narrative	
Fajr Muhammad: My Mother, My Home	
Fiction	
Sebastian Fry: Return to Soldier	
Tara Isabel Zambrano: Undealing	
Art	
Roma Akbari: Dirty Detention Pond	
Sarah Anne Rhoads: Walk of Shame	
Ashley D. Escobar: Working Out in the Mirror	

## "Childhood Precarity"

"Childhood Precarity," a poem by Ashley D. Escobar '22, [has been published](#) in the *Hennepin Review* and is nominated for its 2021 Best of the Net Anthology.

## Celebrating Hispanic/Latinx Heritage

The Vermont Folklife Center [published](#) *The Most Costly Journey*, a non-fiction graphic anthology, drawn by New England cartoonists, telling the stories of Latin American migrant farmworkers working in Vermont. Andy Kolovos '94 served as one of the editors for the project.

## Upcoming All-Staff Meeting: Grab Coffee and a Donut

Please join us on Friday, October 1 at 10:30 am for a virtual [All-Staff Meeting](#). In advance, we invite you to submit any questions you may have regarding COVID and other topics. We will do

our best to respond to all questions during the meeting. However, we may defer vaccine and related questions to the College's afternoon COVID webinar (12 pm the same day), which will include a conversation with Vermont experts Dr. Patsy Kelso, State Epidemiologist for the Vermont Department of Health; Dr. Trey Dobson, Chief Medical Officer for Southwestern Vermont Medical Center; Dr. Randy Anselmo; and Ali Tartaglia, DrPH. A separate webinar invite will be sent to the entire campus community.

In the meantime, please [submit your questions to HR](#) for the All-Staff Meeting by Wednesday, September 29.

On Friday morning, we invite you to stop by the Barn, outside by the flagpole, to enjoy coffee and cider donuts: the perfect fall treat! Come say hello to friends and colleagues before heading back to your office to join the virtual All-Staff Meeting.

### Staff Welcome: Admissions

Please join the Admissions Office in welcoming Whitney Rundell as Associate Director of Admissions. Whitney is joining us from Northland College, where she served admissions for many years in a number of capacities. She has earned a BA in Fine Art and a BS in Psychology. She will be working remotely through the end of September, and she'll join us on campus beginning October 6.

### Psychological Services Update

We are pleased to announce that Kat Daley will serve as Interim Director of Psychological Services. During her time at Bennington College, Kat has been integral to student wellness initiatives, campus outreach, and counseling services. Kat received her BA from the University of Notre Dame and MA from the University of Chicago. She specializes in cognitive behavioral psychotherapy.

### Farewell Gathering for Heather Clifford

Please join us as we wish Director of Financial Aid Heather Clifford the best of luck in her new endeavors. Heather has been a vital member of our community for the past 18 years, and during this time she inspired us with her integrity, empathy, and compassion. For her dedicated efforts, the College awarded Heather the Rebecca B. Stickney Award in 2019, recognizing her for displaying the characteristics of "integrity, concern for what the community wants and needs, and an unfaltering effort to provide the best service possible." We hope to see you on Friday, October 1 at 2:00 pm on the Cricket Hill porch for light refreshments.

### September Newsletters

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

Fall 2021	<b>Event Series</b> <a href="#">Check out the series happening this term.</a>
September 27 CAPA Symposium 7:00 -8:30 PM	<b>In Search of a More Stable Union: The Travails of Federalism in Nigeria</b> <b>Part of <a href="#">SCT Colloquium</a></b> OPEN TO THE PUBLIC   Rotimi Suberu's research on Nigerian government and politics and international relations have prompted invitations to consult for the Nigerian government, the World Bank, the National Endowment for Democracy, Freedom House, and the Forum of Federations. <a href="#">More.</a>
September 28 Virtual Event 1:45-3:15 PM	<b>Faculty Meeting</b> FACULTY ONLY   This faculty meeting will be held remotely. <a href="#">More.</a>
September 28 Robert Frost Stone House Museum 5:00-7:00 PM	<b>Book Party and Reading at the Robert Frost Stone House Museum</b> OPEN TO PUBLIC   Join us for a Book Party and Reading at the Robert Frost Stone House Museum with Bennington College faculty members, translator Marguerite Feitlowitz, poet Camille Guthrie, and poet Phillip B. Williams, sponsored by Poetry at Bennington, Bennington College Literature Faculty, and the Robert Frost Stone House at Bennington College. <a href="#">More.</a>
September 28 Tishman Lecture Hall 7:00 -8:00 PM	<b>Calli Roche</b> <b>Part of <a href="#">Visual Arts Lecture Series</a></b> OPEN TO THE PUBLIC   A Visual Arts Lecture Series presentation by Calli Roche, an American artist based in Brooklyn, NY. <a href="#">More.</a>
September 29 Virtual Event 1:00-2:00 PM	<b>The Dance Historian Is In with Wendy Perron '69</b> OPEN TO THE PUBLIC   Wendy Perron will show and discuss excerpts of the dances and interviews from the Bennington College Judson Project (1982) <a href="#">More.</a>
September 29	<b>What is Poetry and Who are Poets?: from Confusion to</b>

Virtual Event 3:00 -4:00 PM	<b>Conscience and Clarity with Brenda Shaughnessy</b> <b>Part of <a href="#">Poetry at Bennington</a></b> OPEN TO THE PUBLIC   Join us for a craft talk with Brenda Shaughnessy, author of five poetry collections including <i>The Octopus Museum</i> . <a href="#">More</a> .
September 29 Virtual Event 7:00 -8:00 PM	<b>Brenda Shaughnessy</b> <b>Part of <a href="#">Poetry at Bennington</a></b> OPEN TO THE PUBLIC   Poet Brenda Shaughnessy reads from her recent poetry collection, <i>The Octopus Museum</i> , followed by a public Q&A. <a href="#">More</a> .
September 30 CAPA Symposium & Online 7:00 -8:30 PM	<b>The Alt-Right and White Nationalism on the American Landscape</b> OPEN TO THE PUBLIC   The January 6 Project examines the historical, cultural, and political events that led to the attack with the goal of understanding its causes, in all its forms, in order to shed light and expose truths for an informed citizenry to act to prevent this type of assault on democracy. <a href="#">More</a> .
October 1 Virtual Event 10:30-11:30 AM	<b>All-Staff Meeting with President Walker</b> STAFF ONLY   All staff are welcome to join President Walker to learn about the most recent updates from the College. <a href="#">More</a> .
October 1-2 CAPA Symposium & Online	<b>Think Tank on Continuing Education in Prisons</b> CAMPUS COMMUNITY ONLY   Bennington College is convening a think tank of leading prison educators, formerly incarcerated people who benefited from prison education, and others who are interested in hearing about and discussing PEI's continuing education program with a view to replicating, expanding, and building upon it. <a href="#">More</a> .
October 2 Cricket Hill Barn 10:30 AM-2:30 PM	<b>Fall Saturday Open House</b> OPEN TO THE PUBLIC   Info session, faculty advising Q&A, student-led campus tour, and optional interviews designed for high school students interested in Bennington College. <a href="#">More</a> .