

Bennington Bulletin

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This Cultural Moment

Rabbi Michael Cohen [spoke to Vermont Public Radio](#) about anti-Semitism and how to respond to it. Additionally, this interview was recorded from the new soundbooth on campus, currently on loan from Vermont Public Radio and installed in the Student Center. (Thank you to Matt Vozzella and Jude Higdon for getting it set up!) More information about usage procedures to come.

Bennington-Williams Student Exhibition

Work by Ara Aman '21, Matthias Mann '20, Gala Meyer Marti '20, Reshavan Naicker '22, Sebenele Ndlangamandla '21, Collette O'Brien '21, Olivia Saporito '20, and Bailey Wait '20 [is included](#) in an exhibition at CYNTHIA-REEVES Gallery through February 8. CYNTHIA-REEVES Field Work Term intern Ahmad Yassir '20 [offers a preview](#) on the College's Instagram.

Most Acclaimed, Most Anticipated

Mary Ruefle '74 and visiting writers Jericho Brown, Morgan Parker, and Ilya Kaminsky [have been named](#) finalists for the 2019 National Book Critics Circle Awards. Six Bennington Writing Seminars books are included in *Lit Hub's* [roundup](#) of Most Anticipated Books of 2020, including works by Caroline Zancan MFA '14, Sue Rainsford MFA '17, Marie Mutsuki Mockett MFA '19, Katy Simpson Smith MFA '13, Ivy Pochoda MFA '11, and Suleika Jaouad MFA '20.

Stupid F*%king Bird

From January 24-February 2, director Kirk Jackson, costume designer Richard MacPike, and Bennington students Louis Celt '21, Amrita Newton '21, Annabel Hoffman '22, Paul Birtwistle '20, and Margaret Yassky '20 [bring this adaptation](#) of *The Seagull* to life [at Hubbard Hall](#).

Commons Lounge Game Drive

In an effort to make Commons Lounge a more active and engaging community space, we are inviting donations of used board games to fill shelves. If you have a game you would like to

donate, please bring it in and put it on the shelves. No puzzles please. If you further ideas for enlivening the Commons bookshelves, please let [Andy Schlatter](#) or [Oceana Wilson](#) know.

Reward Yourself Wellness Incentive

The Wellness Committee is currently offering faculty and staff up to \$50 towards a purchase that helps you meet your fitness and nutrition goals. Examples of eligible purchases include gym memberships, an exercise class, race entry fee, fitness or nutrition app subscriptions. Purchases from January 1 through March 6 are eligible and receipts should be submitted to Human Resources for reimbursement. This offer is available to the first 50 participants and all receipts must be submitted by March 6, 2020. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

Space Reservation

As you make [space reservations](#) for dates that fall within Field Work Term or summer months, please be sure to direct your requests to Conference Services in Buildings and Grounds, via Angel Kwasniak. Carly Rudzinski will resume taking over campus requests beginning the first day of academic classes. The only exception to this policy is CAPA, which books spaces through Aila West during term and FWT, and through Angel during the summer only. If you have questions, please contact [Angel Kwasniak](#).

Retirement Wishes

Join Crossett Library staff in wishing a happy retirement to Laura Payne. Laura has worked at the College for 15 years. She initially started out in the Office of Communications before transitioning into her present role as the Public Services Coordinator in Crossett Library, which she has held for 14 years. Laura's last day at the College will be January 24.

Staff Welcome—Office of The Provost/Dean

Please join us in welcoming Kelli Ebensberger to Bennington College as the Social Media Assistant within the Office of the Provost/Dean of the College. Kelli, a current postbac student, will be supporting the College's Postbac Premedical Program by providing content for our social media presence. Keep up with the Postbac program on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

Staff Updates—Office of Career Development and Field Work Term

Following Mike Gonzales' departure from Bennington in the late fall, we are pleased to announce three new staffing changes in the Office of Career Development and Field Work Term. Sarah Clader will assume a new role as Associate Director of Field Work Term. Sharon Gonzales will assume a part-time role as Employer Relations Coordinator, helping to build employer connections for Field Work Term. Jocelyn Salcedo, class of '18 and co-founder of FLoW, will start this week as a Career Counselor. Please join us in welcoming these staff to their new roles.

Call for First-Year Forum Workshops

First-Year Forum is a one-credit fall and spring term course that all first-year students are required to take. It is made up of two core components, including an hour-long weekly workshop led by faculty, staff, or upper-classmen students on campus. These workshops give students an opportunity to access campus support, meet faculty, staff, and more advanced

students, and explore interests and try new things. If you have an idea for a FYF workshop that you would like to offer for the Spring 2020 or Fall 2020 term, please complete [this Google Form](#) by **Friday, January 24**. If you have questions or concerns, [email Kate Child](#) to talk through the FYF workshop structure. Please note that space to offer FYF workshops is limited, especially in the spring term.

Winter 2020

Event Series

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

January 26
Mint Theater Company
2:00-4:30 PM

Chekhov/Tolstoy: Love Stories

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | On Sunday, January 26, Maya Cantu will present a post-matinee talk entitled "A Mere Painter of Pictures?" at the Mint Theater Company. The talk is in connection with the Mint's production of *Chekhov/Tolstoy: Love Stories*, adapted for the stage by Miles Malleon. [More](#).

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