

Former Senator Russ Feingold Hosts Community Discussion at Bennington

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Former Wisconsin Senator and co-chair for President Obama's re-election campaign Russ Feingold visited campus for a series of classroom discussions, presentations, and interviews beginning on Tuesday, November 13, and concluding Wednesday, November 14, with a community-wide discussion in the Student Center.

Known for leading the fight for campaign finance reform in the U.S. Senate by co-sponsoring the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act (commonly known as the "McCain-Feingold Act"), Feingold represented Wisconsin in the Senate for 18 years. Serving on the Judiciary, Foreign Relations, Budget, and Intelligence Committees, he was the only senator to vote against the Patriot Act and was the first senator to propose a timetable to exit Iraq.

His new book, *While America Sleeps*, addresses the failings of America domestically and abroad since the 9/11 terrorist attacks and suggests what steps need to be taken to ensure that the next decade is focused on the international problems that threaten American citizens.

Full Schedule of Events

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

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| 10:00 am–noon
<i>CAPA
Symposium</i> | Class discussion on the American political scene, open to Bennington students and faculty, in conjunction with "Media & Democracy" taught by Erika Mijlin. |
| 12:30–2:30 pm
<i>CAPA Faculty
Lounge</i> | Open session for Bennington faculty, students, and staff.
Lunch served |

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

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| 12:30–2:30 pm
<i>CAPA Faculty
Lounge</i> | Open faculty session.
Lunch served |
| 4:00 pm
<i>CAPA
Symposium</i> | Foreign policy discussion , led by Mansour Farhang, open to Bennington students and faculty. |
| 8:00 pm
<i>Student Center</i> | |