Hello, Hello!

The Crumb is delighted to welcome you to the 91st Annual Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference. Today’s edition of The Crumb will fill you in on such basics as bookstore hours and where to find your mailbox. Hereafter, it will contain daily schedules, program changes, and announcements of special events. You will find copies each morning by the dining room door.

Please leave letters to the editor, announcements, and story pitches in the envelope marked The Crumb outside the back office or email them to blcrumb@gmail.com. Let us know if you are interested in writing for the finest newspaper in the greater Ripton metropolitan area.

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Library: Open at 7:00 a.m., locked at 1:00 a.m.
Librarian on site weekdays, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Apple Cellar: Same hours as the Library

Bookstore: Weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Weekends, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Tuesday, August 16, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Changes or additional operating times will be noted in The Crumb.

### Guests

Join us in welcoming the following visitors to the mountain:
- Julie Barer
- Brettne Bloom
- Gregory Donovan
- Rebecca Gradinger
- Fanny Howe
- Anna Pitoniak
- Martha Rhodes
- Jeffrey Shotts

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**Director:** Michael Collier  
**Assistant Director:** Jennifer Grotz  
**Administrative Director:** Noreen Cargill  
**Coordinator:** Jason Lamb  
**Conference Assistants:** Marcy Parlow & Elana Schrager
Bread Loaf Campus Facilities & Services

Back Office

The back office is in the west wing of the Inn, next to the Blue Parlor. The staff is happy to help with any photocopying or faxing needs as well as any questions you may have.

If you would like to arrange a special discussion or activity, please feel free to announce it by emailing blcrumb@gmail.com. In the past, Bread Loafers have organized AA meetings, groups to talk about writing and parenting, touch football games, and tennis matches. The back office staff would be happy to help you plan an activity, from finding a good place to post the announcement to arranging an appropriate meeting place.

Barn Social and Barn Pub

The Barn, located in a central spot on the Bread Loaf campus, is a place for participants to gather and socialize. On most days, from 5:30 p.m. until just before dinner, a Barn Social will take place, with soda and munchies available free of charge, and beer and wine on sale. And on most evenings, a Barn Pub is set up from 9:30 p.m. to midnight. Each drink costs $4. Randy Stockwell, bartender for Middlebury College and the Conference, will make you feel welcome. Stop by to say hello.

Bread Loaf follows the rules governed by Vermont Department of Liquor Control. We ask that you keep your drinks inside the Barn (or the roped area at Treman for the cocktail reception, book signing, and gala) at all times and that only alcohol you purchase from the Bread Loaf bartenders be consumed in these areas.

Bells

We’ll start your day with a wake-up bell at 7:30 a.m.; thereafter you’ll hear a bell to announce the start of each meal, as well as fifteen minutes and again five minutes before the start of each lecture and reading.

Blue Parlor Readings

During the Conference, all are invited to take part in the Blue Parlor readings. These informal readings, hosted by coordinator Katie Moulton, will take place in the Library. These readings provide an opportunity to share your writing and to meet Bread Loafers from other workshops. Those interested in reading will be asked to sign up in advance. Details about the Blue Parlor organizational meeting will be noted in a forthcoming issue of *The Crumb*. 
Faxing

A state-of-the-art fax machine awaits someone—anyone—to use it in the back office. We will send faxes for you after you've completed a cover sheet. If you receive a fax, we'll put it in your mailbox (another reason to check your mailbox frequently). The fax number is 802-443-2087. We no longer provide singing telegrams.

Front Desk

See the Front Desk for check cashing, issues regarding your room or any aspect of the physical plant, lost and found items, local lore, postage, transportation tips, and general information. There is a limit of $50 per person, per day, in cashing personal and/or traveler's checks. Two-party checks are not accepted.

Health Care

For Physical Health Care:

For non-emergency health matters, a self-care cart is available near the lobby of the Bread Loaf Inn. Should you find that the cart does not address your particular concerns, the Bread Loaf Inn front desk staff will help you with a referral. Porter Hospital is located in Middlebury.

For Physical Health Emergencies:

In serious medical emergencies such as difficulty breathing, significant loss of blood, unconsciousness, or back and neck injuries, call 911. Persons with neck or spine injuries should never be moved—always call 911.

1. Call 911 from any on campus phone. A sign near each phone lists important details including the exact address and phone number for that location.
2. Contact the front desk staff at x2700 to let them know.

For Mental Health Care:

For mental health matters, contact the director, assistant director, administrative director, or coordinator (Michael, Jennifer, Noreen, or Jason) for a referral.

Bookstore

Books by faculty, fellows, and contributors are for sale in the Bookstore, as are miscellaneous supplies such as soap, stationery, phone cards, and t-shirts. The store is located in the basement of the Annex; the entrance is at the rear of the building. Cash, Visa, and MasterCard are accepted. A special note: on Tuesday, August 16, the store will be open until 6:30 p.m. Let’s hear it for Emma Best, the keeper of the books.

Computer Lab in the Apple Cellar and Wireless Access

A computer room is located in the basement of the Library on the Bread Loaf campus. The log-in information to use the computers will be posted in the Apple Cellar itself. Should you need a hand with digital matters, a computer technician will be on hand some days—please see the schedule below—and the Middlebury College help desk will be available by phone (dial 2200 from any campus phone) or email (helpdesk@middlebury.edu) on weekdays from 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wi-fi

Wireless access is available in the Library, the Bread Loaf Inn, and the Barn. If you haven’t already, please create a Middlebury Full Guest Account here:
http://mediawiki.middlebury.edu/wiki/LIS/Create_Middlebury_Full_Guest_Account

Please make note of the password you create for the Middlebury Full Guest Account (your username will be your email). You will be asked for this password to access the wi-fi at Bread Loaf.

You may then connect to the “Middlebury College” Wireless Network (not the “Middlebury Guest” network).

If you have trouble accessing the wireless network, Ian, from the Middlebury College IT Helpdesk will be available in the Apple Cellar the following times:

Wednesday, August 10: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 11: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 13: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
For Mental Health Emergencies:
The emergency team at the Counseling Service of Addison County is available around the clock. Dial 9 and then 388-7641 from any campus phone.

Library
The Library is the white building behind the Little Theatre. In addition to its permanent collection, there are books by faculty and fellows, magazines, and the daily issue of the *The New York Times*. You will also find a complete set of the 2016 workshop packets on the reserve shelf. Dan Frostman is your friendly librarian.

Laundry
Washers and dryers are in the Laundry House in front of the Barn. The Front Desk can give you change, and laundry soap is sold in the bookstore.

Linens
Sheets, blankets, and towels are provided. The towels will be replaced once during the Conference, and in an effort to conserve energy, bed linens will not be replaced during the session. Nevertheless, a fresh set of bed linens can be requested if you find it necessary to replace them. Please contact the Front Desk staff about making these arrangements.

Lunch (staggered lunch schedule)
Lunch will be served buffet style, and to avoid long lines, we urge you to follow the procedure noted here, based on your workshop schedule:

- On days when your workshop *does not* meet, please go to the Dining Hall starting at noon.
- On days when your workshop *does* meet, please go to the Dining Hall between 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- Lunch service continues until 1:30 p.m.

The first Thursday and final Friday
On the first Thursday and final Friday, when all workshops meet at 1:30 p.m., we ask the poets and nonfiction writers to show up at 11:30 a.m., and fiction writers to please wait until noon to enter the Dining Hall. On this day, service will continue until 1:00 p.m.

We’ve arranged for you to join your faculty workshop leader and fellow(s) for lunch this Thursday. We’ll include more details about this in the Thursday, August 11, issue of *The Crumb*, so you’ll know where to look for them in the dining hall. It will be a nice way to meet some in your group before the first workshop gets started that afternoon.

Mail
The Post Office (with limited services) is located in the Front Office. Outgoing mail leaves at 1:30 p.m. Incoming mail is ready for distribution by late afternoon. UPS mailing is available at reduced rates.

Check your mailbox at least daily. Messages from us, from your colleagues at Bread Loaf, and from people at home will all be placed in your mailbox. If you have trouble opening your mailbox, the front desk staff will be glad to help you. Most Bread Loafers will share a mailbox with one other person; when picking up your mail, please be sure it is addressed to you.

Address for mail:
- Guest Name
- Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference
- PO Box 216
- Ripton, VT 05766

Address for FedEx or UPS:
- Guest Name
- Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference
- 4229 Route 125
- Ripton, VT 05766

Mail can only be received Monday, August 8 through Thursday, August 18. We cannot be responsible for mail arriving after August 18.
Massage, Readings, Alignment

Massage appointments are available for a fee payable to the visiting masseuse, Jayne Webb (Bread Loaf School of English grad, 1968). Other modalities of healing are also available. Jayne will post sign-up sheets on the bulletin board near the dining hall.

Registration Day Special: $10 off any modality for August 10 only.

Meal tickets for those staying off campus

It is possible to buy tickets for individual meals. Tickets can be purchased at the Front Desk.

Newspapers

Copies of *The New York Times* will be in the Library every day. If you have subscribed in advance, you may pick up your copy at the Front Desk around 11:00 a.m., beginning Thursday, August 11. There may be a few extra copies at the Front Desk, available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Parking

Please park your vehicle in the large parking lot in front of the Barn. It is illegal to park on the highway, and you may get a ticket.

The space in front of the Inn is reserved for the Bread Loaf van. The space behind the Inn is reserved for delivery trucks; the lawn adjacent to the north side of the Little Theatre is not a parking area.

Phones

In most cottages, there is a phone on each floor. Use a calling card to make outbound calls. Otherwise, there is a phone booth located next to the Laundry House.

Incoming calls may be taken through the Bread Loaf switchboard (and direct calls to dorms and houses will transferred over to the switchboard after four rings). The Front Desk number is 802-443-2700 (hours 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.). Please be mindful of time differences. If your hall phone rings, answer and take messages for your hall mates. Please remember to check your mailbox frequently for phone messages.

Cell phone service is now available in the Inn and the Barn on the Bread Loaf campus, but access is intermittent depending upon your provider. Verizon and AT&T should work fine. Other providers may not. Cell phones will most likely not work in the outer buildings.

Photocopying and Printing

Members of the office staff will copy limited quantities of material for you at the rate of 10 cents per page. It helps if you give them lead time. At the copy center, you will find order sheets.

If you need to print, you’ll find printers in the Apple Cellar. If printing something off your computer, you will need to either save it to a USB drive or email it to yourself, then use the Apple Cellar computers to print the document(s).
**SAFETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

If you have driven your car to Bread Loaf, you will have noticed that Route 125 (which is the road going over the mountain) is a narrow, winding road. It can be very dangerous, so please stay within the speed limit.

In Vermont, we recycle cans, bottles, and all kinds of paper. Before using a trash barrel, please look for a recycle bin and recycle whatever you can.

Vermont State Law prohibits smoking in any building on campus. Smoking is not permitted in front of the Inn, nor should you smoke on any of the porches or within 25 feet of the buildings (smoke will go in through open windows).

Please don’t turn off hallway lights. Fire laws dictate that hallway lights be on at all times.

Please be considerate of your roommate and neighbors. Some Bread Loafers go to sleep early, and some like to sleep in. The Barn is available for late night socializing and early morning workouts. You can also use the far side of the meadow.

Please do not eat or drink in the Little Theatre, the Library, or the Apple Cellar.

**A WORD ABOUT THE WEATHER**

The climate on the mountain can be volatile; sunny one moment, stormy the next. While *The Crumb* does its best to provide you with accurate weather information, the skies will do their best to outfox us. The editor’s tip: courage, perseverance, and layers.

**TODAY:**

High: 84° Low: 68°
Scattered Thunderstorms

**Off-Campus Opportunities**

**Downtown Middlebury**

Trips to Middlebury depart daily (except for the first Thursday). The van will depart from the front of the Inn at 1:30-ish p.m. and will return to Bread Loaf at about 4:00 p.m. The driver will leave Middlebury at about 3:40 p.m. for the return trip. He will not be able to wait for stragglers. There is no charge for a trip to town on a scheduled run. The Front Desk has information on hand regarding churches, shopping, restaurants, etc. The sign-up sheet is posted daily at the Front Desk for that day’s trip. On Monday, August 15, the van will leave Bread Loaf at 9:00 a.m. and return by 12 p.m.

**Middlebury College Main Campus**

The Library located on the main campus in Middlebury has an extensive collection, and it is available to you. You can also leave a note on the desk in the Bread Loaf Library if you would like the librarian to bring up a book for you.

The Middlebury College fitness center and pool are available to Bread Loaf participants. You’ll find the hours listed on the Athletics Facility web page: www.middlebury.edu/athletics/facilities/hours. The athletics facility staff will have a list of Conference participants on hand, so you will just need to give your name to a staff member upon entering the building. The Bread Loaf Inn front desk staff would be happy to give you directions to the athletics complex.

**The Bread Loaf Preservation Project: Photo exhibit in the Library**

In June 2015, Middlebury College and the Vermont Land Trust, with the support of Louis Bacon ’79, signed a conservation easement forever protecting Middlebury’s 2,100 acre Bread Loaf campus. A photo exhibit in the Davison Library for the summer celebrates this initiative. Photographs by Brett Simison and stories from people involved in the conservation project illustrate not only the campus’s natural beauty, but also its literary lineage, ecological diversity, and imaginative space. This exhibit helps explain why Bread Loaf is a landmark place, and celebrates its perpetual protection. We invite you to come see the photos, read the stories, and think about why Bread Loaf is important to you.

Katie Michels, from the Vermont-based environmental foundation The High Meadow Fund, will be giving a talk on the preservation of Bread Loaf on Tuesday, August 16, at 1:30 p.m. in the library.

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