Hello, Hello!

The Crumb is delighted to wel-crumb you to the 94th 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 laundry machines. 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!

Hours of Operation

Back Office: Daily, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Front Desk: Daily, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Switchboard: Same as Front Desk
Library: Daily, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
          Librarian on site weekdays,
          1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Apple Cellar: Same hours as Library
Bookstore: Weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
           Saturday, August 17, 8:00 a.m. to noon
           Sunday, August 18, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
           Tuesday, August 20, 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
           Friday, August 23, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

GUESTS

Join us in welcoming the following visitors to the mountain:
David Haward Bain
Porscha Burke
Jenna Johnson
Emily Mitchell
Michael Morse
Emily Nemens
Mitchell Waters
Ross White
Michael Wiegers

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Assistant Director: Lauren Francis-Sharma
Administrative Director: Noreen Cargill
Coordinator: Jason Lamb
Diversity Liaison: Lauren Francis-Sharma
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Administrative and social staff are attending the Conference on work scholarships.

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   Edward Brown
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   Edward Brown

Front Office Assistants
   Dylan Brown
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Bread Loaf Campus
Facilities and 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. 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 5:15 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. Beer costs $5, Wine, $6.

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 coordinators Elisa Gonzalez and Sebastian Páramo, 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.
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.

If you have trouble accessing the wireless network, Nick Mosier from the Middlebury College IT Help Desk will be available in the Apple Cellar the following times:

- Wednesday, August 15: 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, August 16: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Friday, August 17: 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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 hold it for you at the Front Desk. The fax number is 802-443-2087. We no longer provide singing telegrams.

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.

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.

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. Remember: Persons with neck or spine injuries should never be moved—always call 911.

Step 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.

Step 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 (Jennifer, Lauren, Noreen, or Jason) for a referral.

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.

AA Meetings

AA Meetings are scheduled to take place daily from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. in Barn Classroom 008. To schedule additional meeting times while on the mountain, just let a Back Office Staff member know. The meetings are self-run and are open to all.

Diversity Liaison

Lauren Francis-Sharma is serving as Diversity Liaison for this year’s conference. If there are any issues you would like to discuss, you are welcome to schedule a private meeting by emailing her directly at lfrancissharma@middlebury.edu.
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. Go say hello to Emma Best, the keeper of the books!

The Library is the white building behind the Little Theater. In addition to its permanent collection, there are books by faculty and fellows, magazines, and the daily issue of the *New York Times*. You will also find a complete set of the 2019 workshop packets on the reserve shelf. Kellam Ayres is your friendly librarian.

See the Front Desk for check cashing, issues regarding your room, moose facts, lost and found items, local lore, postage, transportation tips, and other 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.

If you have subscribed in advance, you may pick up your copy of the *New York Times* at the Front Desk around 11:00 a.m., beginning Thursday, August 15. There may be a few extra copies available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Massage appointments are available for a fee payable to the visiting massage therapist 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 Room.

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 Room starting at noon.

On days when your workshop does meet, please go to the Dining Room 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 for lunch 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 15, issue of *The Crumb*, so you’ll know where to look for them in the Dining Room. It will be a nice way to meet others in your group before the first workshop gets started that afternoon.

The Post Office (with limited services) is located at the Front Desk. Outgoing mail leaves at 1:30 p.m. Incoming mail is ready for distribution by late afternoon. UPS mailing is available at reduced rates. Mail can only be received through Thursday, August 22. We cannot be responsible for mail arriving after August 22.

**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
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 Theater is not a parking area.

Phones

In most cottages, there is a phone on each floor. Use a calling card to make outbound calls.

Incoming calls may be taken through the Bread Loaf switchboard (and direct calls to dorms and houses will be transferred over to the switchboard after four rings). The Front Desk number is 802-443-2700 (hours 8:00 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.

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 will not have service. Cell phones will most likely not work in the outer buildings.

You are enthusiastically encouraged to keep your phone in silent mode so as not to interrupt readings, lectures, workshops, and classes.

Photocopying and Printing

Members of the Back 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. You will find the order sheets at the Copy Center.

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).

Twitter

*The Crumb* has joined the 21st century! Follow us at @thecrumb_blwc.

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 editors’ tip: courage, perseverance, and layers!

Yoga at Bread Loaf!

Are you an early bird? Do you love yoga? You’re in luck!

A free yoga class is available every morning at 6:30 a.m. in Barn 008. Taught by experienced instructor Chessy Kelley, these vinyasa flow classes are appropriate for all levels and abilities.

Note: A handful of mats will be available, but if you were able to bring your own mat from home, you should take that along to class.
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. If you are looking for a spot for late-night socializing, the Barn is available.

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

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 19, 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 Front Desk staff would be happy to give you directions to the Athletics Complex.

Meal Tickets

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

“If you find a book you really want to read but it hasn’t been written yet, then you must write it.”

—Toni Morrison