

**TODAY'S EVENTS**

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.  
Yoga, Barn 008

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  
Breakfast, Bread Loaf Inn

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
"An Atlas of Everything: Maps,  
Unseen Worlds and Writing," by  
Samantha Hunt, Little Theater

10:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.  
Poetry & Nonfiction Workshops

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Lunch, Bread Loaf Inn

1:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m.  
Blue Parlor Presents:  
LGBTQ+ Reading, Barn Tent

2:30 p.m.- 3:45 p.m.  
Craft Classes

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.  
Reading: Lydi Conklin,  
Jennifer Grotz, and Jesse  
Nathan, Little Theater

5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.  
Barn Social

6:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.  
Dinner, Bread Loaf Inn

8:15 p.m.- 9:15 p.m.  
Reading: Catherine Barnett and  
Ladee Hubbard, Little Theater

9:15 p.m. - Midnight  
Dance, Barn Tent

**Today's Craft Classes**

Get excited for another round of craft classes at 2:30 p.m. today!  
Please check the lobby for handouts. Here come six more:

"Tell-Tale Awareness,"  
with 'Pemi Aguda, Barn Classroom 204

"The Braided Essay,"  
with Laura Marris, Barn Classroom 203

"Subjunctive Mood: Threads of Tension Across Genre,"  
with Joseph Earl Thomas, Barn Classroom 206

"The Music in My Head: Making Poems Swing,"  
with Adrian Matejka, Barn Classroom 102

"How to (Not) Write a Sex Scene or Erotic Poem,"  
with Helen Schulman, Barn Classroom 101

"Psychic Flight: Practicing the Leap in Poetry,"  
with Matthew Gellman, Barn Classroom 205

Craft classes will also be offered on Tuesday, August 20; Wednesday, August 21; and Thursday, August 22.



**Craft Class Sign-Ups!**

The sign-up email for the next round of craft classes will go out on Monday, August 19, at 8:30 a.m.! Classes are capped at 25 people and fill up promptly.

**GUESTS**

Today we welcome **Janet Silver,**  
**Jenna Johnson,** and **Phil**  
**SaintDenisSanchez.**  
Safe travels to  
**Monika Woods, Heidi**  
**Seaborn,** and **Ashley E.**  
**Wynter.**

**WEATHER**

Partly Cloudy  
  
High 73°  
Low 62°

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Tomorrow's Adjusted Schedule

After days of overstimulation, participants get a more relaxing day. Tomorrow, workshops will not meet, and our schedule is adjusted to give you some leisure time. Highlights of the day will include the annual Writers' Cramp Race; the lecture "Revision as an Act of Autonomy" by Marie-Helene Bertino; the picnic at the Frost Farm; "Writing for the Culture," the Writers of Color panel; the next Blue Parlor Reading; and an evening reading by Rick Barot and Rebecca Makkai. Sounds relaxing, right?

### Bear Sighting!

A mama bear and cubs have been spotted by a walker on the road behind the Barn. If you're strolling in woodsy/less populated areas, please stay aware. Make some extra noise to avoid surprising our animal friends, and if you see them, keep your distance.



### Please Don't Slam the Doors!

Please be careful not to slam bedroom and bathroom doors, especially in the evenings—your neighbors may be sleeping! Those with rooms next to shared bathrooms will particularly appreciate your consideration.

## Writers' Cramp Race

Don't let the name scare you off — the Writers' Cramp Race is a friendly competition along a 2.75 mile course. It begins tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. Runners of all skill levels should meet by the front porch of the Annex by 8:45 a.m. for instructions and an overview of the course, which winds through the campus and down to the Frost Farm. Volunteers are welcome to help with providing water and cheering. Runners can get a late breakfast in the Dining Room. For everyone not participating in the race, breakfast will end as usual at 8:30 a.m.

## Join Us for Today's LGBTQ+ Reading!

The Blue Parlor is on fire! (In a good way.) So far, our esteemed writers have performed for incredible crowds against the beautiful backdrop of mountains and sky. The Barn Tent has been LIT in more ways than one. This afternoon at 1:15 p.m. the Barn Tent will host a special Blue Parlor event: the LGBTQ+ Reading!

Today's lineup features Lydi Conklin, Laurie Lathem, KT Herr, Peter Kazon, Tanisha Tekriwal, PJ Henry, Jaclyn Desforges, Jerome Lane, Richard Samson, Meriel O'Connell, Ximena Keogh Serrano, Selene Luna, Ashley Howell Bunn, Hannah Smith, and Zita Suprenant.

Don't forget: The sign-up sheets for Week Two's readings will go out on Monday, August 19 at 7:30 p.m., along with the sign-ups for the rapid-fire One Minute in Heaven Reading. See you this afternoon!

Contact Danielle Harms and Tobi Kassim with all relevant questions, pictures, and jokes! [danielleharms@gmail.com](mailto:danielleharms@gmail.com) and [tobi.kassim@gmail.com](mailto:tobi.kassim@gmail.com)

## COMMUNITY ITEMS

### AAPI Meetup

This is for all participants, staff, fellows, faculty, and guests who identify as AAPI. On Thursday, August 22, we're meeting at 1:45 p.m. on the Barn porch. We'll socialize and at 2:15 p.m., a photographer will take our group photo. Short on time? Arrive at 2:10 so you won't miss the photo! Please pass the word. Rain location: Barn Tent. Questions? contact Yvonne Liu [yvonneliuwriter@gmail.com](mailto:yvonneliuwriter@gmail.com) or DM her on X or IG [@yvonneliuwriter](https://www.instagram.com/yvonneliuwriter). *Editors' Note: This is in addition to the AAPI lunch meetup on Wednesday, August 21, advertised in yesterday's Crumb.*

### Boston Area Bread Loafers

Are you a Boston area Bread Loafer? Let's continue the magic from the mountain at home. If you're interested, let's meet in person at the Barn Social on Monday at 5:15. Please also send an email to Katie Coleman ([katiehurlbut@gmail.com](mailto:katiehurlbut@gmail.com)) with your contact details (area of the city, phone number), and I will work on setting up a group email/chat so we can plan to connect.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Please Don't Litter in the Little Theater!

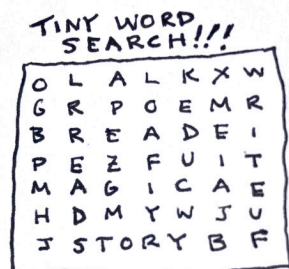
Somebody—many somebodies, in fact—have been leaving trash in the Little Theater. Please do not be one of these somebodies. Take your coffee cups, candy wrappers, Kleenexes, etc. with you when you leave, and throw them away in the appropriate receptacle.

### Counselor on Campus

For mental health matters, please contact our counselor, Antonia Losano, at [alosano@middlebury.edu](mailto:aosano@middlebury.edu) to make an appointment. Antonia will be available on the Bread Loaf campus daily between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. and will be able to arrange a meeting place that will work best for you. Faculty and participants are also welcome to contact the director, assistant director, administrative director, or coordinator (Jennifer Grotz, Lauren Francis-Sharma, Noreen Cargill, or Jason Lamb) for a referral.

### Where There's Smoke...

Many windows are open across campus, to let in the lovely summer breeze. Smokers, please keep your distance from campus buildings, so smoke does not waft inside.



FIND:  
Bread read poem  
loaf write story  
magic



## Let's Dance... Toniiiiiiiiight!

Tonight at 9:15 p.m., you're greatly encouraged to come to the Barn Tent and show off your sweet, sweet dance moves! We'll provide the DJ and the free drinks. Speaking of drinks: A few friendly reminders!

- Complementary beer and wine will be served during the dance. Only one alcoholic beverage can be served to an individual at a time.
- Participants who look young will be carded, so be sure to bring your valid ID.
- A cordoned perimeter around the Barn and Barn Tent will let you know where the drinking of booze is permitted; please do not try to take your drink out of that designated area.
- If you have a special bottle of Pappy Van Winkle or homemade mezcal in your room, great! Leave it there. Bringing your own alcohol to the event is a no-go.

*\*Jazz hands\**

## Frost Farm Picnic Just Around the Corner

On Monday, August 19, lunch will be served as a picnic at Frost Farm rather than in the dining room. A beloved tradition at the conferences, the picnic takes place at Frost Farm, about 1.5 miles from the Bread Loaf Inn, and is followed by a tour of Frost's summer cabin nearby. Usually unavailable to the public, the cabin is unlocked and made available for this special event. The picnic will begin at 12:30 p.m. on Monday. Jennifer Grotz will say a few words about the cabin and share a Robert Frost poem at 1:30 p.m. While many may want to make the walk down to the Frost Farm, transportation will also be available. Those who would like a ride should gather in front of the Bread Loaf Inn at 12:15 p.m.

To reach the Frost Farm, either take the marked path in the woods behind the Barn or turn right from the Inn porch and walk .7 miles down Route 125. Turn right onto Frost Road, just before the Robert Frost Wayside; the farm is roughly .8 miles up the road. Those walking should plan to leave at noon.

Please note: If the weather prevents us from holding this event, we'll post new information on the front door of the Dining Room by 11:00 a.m. on Monday.



**OVERHEARD**

“It’s the curse of the buffet.”

“I mean she’s sold a lot of copies so I feel like I should respect her as a person.”

“The less criminal it became, the worse the pizza got.”

“I’m not a morning person, afternoon person, or night person. I’m not a person.”

*Overheard anything interesting? Email us at blcrumb@gmail.com!*



**Faculty Flashback!**



Helen Schulman (and a friend)

**Tiny Horoscopes**

*Houseplants*



ARIES

Jade plant



LIBRA

Fiddle-leaf fig



TAURUS

Aloe vera



SCORPIO

Devil’s ivy



GEMINI

Ponytail palm



SAG.

Christmas cactus



CANCER

Peace lily



CAP.

Asparagus fern



LEO

Swiss cheese plant



AQU.

Air plant



VIRGO

African violet



PISCES

Bonsai juniper

**From the Workshops...**

*Here’s a taste (a delicious crumb, if you will) of the feast of literature being discussed in workshop.*

**Repast**

We bake gnocchi with Roma and onion and feta scattered on top.

We pour glasses of wine from Clos Pegase. I wash down

dishes behind you, you feed the cat, I light candles standing in contoured sticks

we received for our wedding. I remember there’s something

I wanted to tell my mother. I’m going to call my mother,

I say, forgetting—

*by Matthew Kelsey (from Sally Keith’s workshop)*