

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.
"Mixed Metaphors," by Mat
Johnson, Little Theater

10:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.
Fiction Workshops

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

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

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

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
Reading: Special Guests Katie
Farris and Ilya Kaminsky, Little
Theater

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

6:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Dinner, Bread Loaf Inn

8:00 p.m.
Reading: Amina Gautier and
Tomás Q. Morín, Little Theater

9:00 p.m.
Reading: Administrative Staff
Scholars, night two of two, Little
Theater, followed by Barn Pub

Craft Classes Commence

After two days of intense anticipation, the first craft classes kick off today at 2:30 p.m. These sessions provide Faculty, Fellows, and Guests the opportunity to explore a topic of interest in an intimate setting. To ensure hands-on experience, classes are limited to 25 participants, except as noted.

Sign-up sheets will be available via Google Forms and go out to Bread Loafers' personal emails. The Craft Class Sign-up mail for week two classes will go out at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, August 18. For those of you who signed up for a class today, here is a reminder of the locations, and please note some class locations have changed:

"Satisfy Me!," with Christopher Castellani," - Barn 101

"Wait For a Second!," with Lauren Francis-Sharma - Barn 206

"Hold Your Tongue: Silence in Dialogue,"
with Courtney Zoffness - Barn 102

"Form as Praxis/Form as Plastic," with Adrienne Chung - Barn 205

"Epistolary Poems: Writing as Intimate Address," with Chanda Feldman -
Barn 204

Fiction Workshop Locations

Amina Gautier - Barn 101

Danielle Evans - Barn 102

Mat Johnson- Barn 203

Victor LaValle - Barn 204

Christopher Castellani - Barn 205

Carter Sickels - Barn 206

Paul Yoon - Barn Observatory

Claire Messud - Library Upstairs (Back end of building)

Laura van den Berg - Library Upstairs (Front end of building)

Stacey D'Erasmus - Blue Parlor



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Planning Ahead - Carpooling

A carpool list will be posted near the Dining Room door on Sunday, August 17. If you are willing to take passengers along when you leave the mountain next week, please note your information on the list (name, email, destination, and number of spots available in your car). If you are looking for a ride, please get in touch by sending an email.

Jessica's Vital Transit

A schedule of Jessica's Vital Transit departure taxis will be posted near the Front Desk of the Bread Loaf Inn toward the end of the conference.

If you have any questions in the meantime or still need to make your departure taxi arrangements, please contact Jessica's Vital Transit at (802) 349-8833 by Tuesday, August 19.

Departure times will be early and somewhat inflexible because of the large number of people who need to leave. Due to the number of travelers, we cannot post individual travel requests in *The Crumb*.

If taking the train/bus from Middlebury, arrange a ride with the Front Desk. Jessica's Vital Transit does not provide transportation to/from Middlebury.

Reminder: Be Tender, Don't Misgender

Bread Loaf is a conference for people of all genders and gender experiences. We encourage all Bread Loafers to wear their nametags and to refrain from assuming which pronouns other Bread Loafers use.

If you have questions about this or have experienced any form of discrimination or marginalization here on the mountain, remember that Lauren Francis-Sharma, our diversity liaison, is available to hear you and advocate for you. You can contact her at lfrancissharma@middlebury.edu.

Staff Scholar Reading Part II: Tonight!

They stunned us last night, and this evening they're at it again. The second batch of Bread Loaf Staff Scholars will read their work tonight at 9:00 p.m. in the Little Theater. Come out and cheer for the hard-working writers who help keep Bread Loaf humming along! Tonight's readers will include:

Angela Siew
Danielle Harms
Dane Slutzky
Nathan Blum
Coryn Brown
Jon Sargent
Jason Lamb
Aaron Banks
Meriel O'Connell
Annie Reid



Friendly Reminder: Since the sun is out and the birds are chirping, we encourage you to take your meals outdoors. There are several picnic tables near the Little Theater.

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Barn Social and Barn Pub

Beer and wine are available most evenings in the Barn. The Barn Social runs from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., while the Barn Pub gets hopping at 9:00 p.m. Free soda, coffee, and water are also available. Complimentary beer and wine will be available during the dance on Sunday.

Missing a Guest Meeting?

If you find yourself unable to make a meeting, please send a quick email to blwc@middlebury.edu with "guest meeting" as the subject line, or come see Jason Lamb in the Back Office.

Nervous Ticks

Ticks and mosquitoes love Vermont as much as we do. Please remember to check yourself for ticks if you've been going on walks through the woods or fields!

Phones Off

Please (*please!*) remember to turn off your phone when you attend readings and lectures.

Start Your Warmups!

The Writers' Cramp Race, a friendly 2.75 mile competition, takes off on Monday at 9:00 a.m. Keep an eye out for more details in tomorrow's *Crumb*.

I Just Can't Help My Shelf

Did you know the Davison Library has issues of *The Common*, *Georgia Review*, *New England Review*, the *Paris Review*, and *Poetry* along with many other periodicals for browsing? Pull up a comfy chair and enjoy. (There are even some complimentary issues that you can take home with you!)

To Slam or Not to Slam (It's Not Really a Question)

Satisfying as it may be to give a door a good slam, sound carries and your neighbors may be napping. Please be mindful and ease doors shut.

Blue Parlor's Debut a Wild Success

The 2025 Blue Parlor Readings in the Barn Tent launched on Friday afternoon with a lineup of courageous, talented writers unafraid to take the plunge. Depths were plumbed, spirits were raised—and these writers accomplished it all in under three minutes apiece!

We know you're curious about what goes down at the Blue Parlor readings. What makes it blue, after all? Join us today, Saturday, at 1:15 p.m. in the Barn Tent to find out! Today's roster: Hana Widerman, Milly Itzhak, Elise Liu, Jacqui Devaney, Jessica Rizzolo, Lauren Myers-Hinkle, Daniel D'Angelo, Catherine Weiss, Matthew Zipf, Jenna Klorfein, Maggie Frank-Hsu, Charlotte Fryar, Angie McCullagh, Jennifer Shaw, and Susan Holcomb.

Join us in giving a hearty round of applause to those who kicked off Blue Parlor yesterday: Samantha Murphey, Ann Stout, Craig Chen, Kristine Chung Salcedo, Bryan Price, LiAnne Yu, Kivel Carson, Billy Lezra, Laura Schmitt, Sara Nasser, Julia Tagliere, Ide Thompson, Maria Brandt, Steve Grover, WS Gong, and Sam Bovard.

Check back tomorrow for Sunday's lineup for the LGBTQ+ reading.

But enough about BP. Let's talk about you. You weren't sure if you wanted to read, but now you've seen the flushed, giddy faces of the Bluebarians, and you know: You must read (You must!). Good news: more chances await. The next email to sign up will go out on Sunday, August 17 at 7:30 p.m.

The early bird gets the mic! See you soon (maybe today? maybe tomorrow?) in the Blue Parlor Barn Tent.

Hopes, dreams, apprehensions? Contact Danielle Harms or Tobi Kassim: daniellemharms@gmail.com, tobi.kassim@gmail.com

Readings and Lecture Audio Online

Enjoy any readings or lectures you missed—or relive memories of ones you attended—by listening to the audio recordings. These are published daily at middlebury.edu/blwc. Check your email for a direct link.



GUESTS

Please extend a warm welcome to **Yuka Igarashi!** Safe travels to **Jin Auh, Emily Everett, and Lauren Groff.**

WEATHER

Clear and sunny
High: 79° Low: 58°

Faculty Flashback!



Laura van den Berg with younger sister and older brother + Paul Yoon and baby Oscar

COMMUNITY ITEMS

Working Parent Writers

Interested in meeting up and sharing what's it's like being a writer parent and commiserating with others in your position? Let's have an unofficial meetup tomorrow, Sunday the 17th, in the Barn during Barn Pub hours from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. If you have questions, feel free to seek out Katie Coleman.

Teed's Corner:

A Culinary Rekdal-Riddle

Thou Toasteth me until I burn
(Though this behavior some doth spurn)-

Others drown me in vessels white
(and claim it as a great delight!)

A mice, a moose, all like to nibble...
Some crumbs perhaps I do see dribble!

Find me silhouetted on a plate,
perhaps after dinner you have ate...

Others crowd me within sleeves - O!
Such riddle! are you deceived?

By Teed Rurchi

Tiny Horoscopes

Midnight snacks



ARIES

Hot Cheetos



LIBRA

Grilled cheese



TAURUS

Camembert



SCORPIO

Raw oysters



GEMINI

Pepsi



SAG.

Lucky Charms
(only the
marshmallows)



CANCER

Cookie dough
ice cream



CAP.

Wasabi chex
mix



LEO

Twizzlers



AQU.

Cheddar pop-
corn



VIRGO

Dark chocolate
with sea salt



PISCES

Guacamole

OVERHEARD

"It's like Chipotle, we're just like whatever and we make some more."

"I look forward to your misery."

"If it blinks, it tinks."

"Which inn is the Bread Loaf Inn?"

"I hate going to sleep."

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