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2022 BLTN Meetings: Register and Mark Your Calendars

We hope you'll join us for one or both of the two remaining school year BLTN meetings. All members of the BLTN community are welcome. If you have agenda suggestions, or you'd like to lead a discussion or presentation, please [be in touch with us](#). Below are the two registration links. When you register for each meeting, you'll receive a personalized link.

- [February 3 Meeting](#)
- [April 7 Meeting](#)

You'll find links to agendas and recordings from previous meetings [here](#).

Spring 2022 Dixie Goswami BLTN Action Grants Available: Deadline Jan. 25, 2022

We are pleased to announce the Spring 2022 Dixie Goswami BLTN Action Grants. All BLTN teachers (current fellows and former BLTNers) are eligible. The following criteria are detailed on [the application form](#):

Bread Loaf teachers (current and former) are eligible to apply for grants between \$250 up to \$2500 to support BLTN-related classroom programs, projects, events, and travel. Specifically, these grants may be used to support expenses related to...

- BLTN exchanges (for example, field trips for students to work with each other, supplies to carry out exchanges, etc.)
- BLTN-related conference presentation travel (registration, transportation, lodging) for Bread Loaf Teacher Network Fellows (current and former) and their students

- BLTN class-related research
- BLTN class-related activities (e.g., publish student writing, conduct a community sharing night, purchase supplies and/or equipment)
- Guest speakers (travel expenses, honoraria)
- BLTN youth stipends for BLTN projects.

Reminder to current awardees: Please submit your reports within one month following the funded event.

Beverly Moss: Watson Visiting Scholar at University of Louisville

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Beverly J. Moss, who will be the Watson Visiting Scholar for Spring Semester at the University of Louisville. Beverly will teach a graduate seminar, Community Literacies/Literacy in Communities, and, of course, mind the BLTN helm from Louisville. Here's the University of Louisville's [official announcement](#).

Fellow Feature: Clara Natanobah in the News

You may know the multi-talented Clara if you've been at Bread Loaf's Vermont or Santa Fe campuses in the last few years, or if you have interacted with Santa Fe Indian School and BLTN NextGen. What you may not know about Clara is that she has a new baby (Congratulations, Clara, and welcome, Lewis!), that she lives in a small community in Alaska, and that a piece of her work has just been picked up by Disney. Read more about Clara in [this piece from the Chilkat Valley News](#).

Bread Loaf Rural Teacher Network Reunion Zoom: January 23, 2022

Calling all BLRTNers: Folk from the BLRTN years are gathering for an hour long Zoom catch-up on Sunday, January 23 at 7 pm. Please [register in advance](#). Is NOT having a Red Lobster still the defining characteristic of a rural community? Which of the BLRTN t-shirts have weathered the years least well? We've had plenty of time to mull these and other big questions. Let's hash it out. Or just see one another and catch up!

BLTN at NCTE 2021: Recordings Available



If you're an NCTE member and weren't able to catch any of the BLTN presentations, you're in luck. On demand, until February 19, you can view Hannah Lipman's "[What does Community Mean to Our Youth?: Disrupting and Re-Envisioning the Classroom](#)"; Rich Gorham (MA '01), Lee Krishnan (MA '07), Jennifer Coreas (MA '18), Sarahi Rogdriguez, Mohsin Tejani (MA '01), and David Wandra's (MA '08, MLitt '13) "[The Bread Loaf](#)

[International Peace Literacy Network: Leveraging Online Spaces to Unite Families and](#)

[Teachers Globally](#)”, and search for any of [Lorena Germán’s \(MA ‘14\) presentations](#). You can also view the slides created by Heather Jones with Kayla Hostettler for “[Building Community through Student Led Writing Events: Students Demonstrate Methods to Create Successful Family Literacy Nights and Cross-Site Gatherings](#)” or view the [remarkable presidential address by Alfredo Celédon Luján](#) (MA ‘87).

BLSE Enrollment Reminders

Here again is the summer enrollment scoop from the Bread Loaf office:

We are looking forward to the summer with imagination and hope. And we are eager to launch an expanded range of options that will increase the accessibility, flexibility, and strength of the Bread Loaf learning experience. For summer 2022, we will be returning to our two main campuses, offering residential programs at [Bread Loaf Vermont](#) (June 28 to August 13) and [Bread Loaf Oxford](#) (June 27 to August 6), both with a broad range of courses complemented by rich co-curricular programs.

We will also be piloting the [BLSE Summer Institute in Global Humanities](#) (July 18 - August 7) at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies in Monterey, CA. The Summer Institute will give you an opportunity to explore global cultures and concepts from an interdisciplinary point of view, using literature and other humanities as a base. Supported by local resources, its aim is to catalyze innovative approaches to globally oriented thinking, writing, teaching, and problem-solving.

The three-week program will be uniquely concentrated and immersive. The academic experience will be structured around small-group, two-unit tutorials and enriched by discussions, roundtables, and field- and food-trips, and shared presentations involving the full community of approximately 50 students and faculty. These explorations will be anchored on critical, creative, and pedagogical projects that you pursue across the session and present in a final symposium. Ideal for students who want to dig into global questions and creative solutions within a closely knit learning community.

We hope you will join us! [Re-enrollment](#) and [financial aid](#) forms are available now. Please apply early. Decisions will be made on a first-come, first-served basis, starting in December. We'll open applications for special scholarships and Bread Loaf Teacher Network fellowships early in the new year; if you're interested, be sure to apply to Student Financial Services for financial aid also. [Dates and fees](#) for all program options are posted on our website.



❄️ The BLTN Staff wish each of you a peaceful, healthy, and joyful holiday season. ❄️

See you in the new year!

*Do you or your students have recent news you would like to share via this monthly newsletter?
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