

2023 Schedule of Events

Friday, October 27

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Registration in the Campus Center

Stop by the Information Desk to pick up your nametags, the program and other information for the weekend.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Academic Classes to Visit (see complete list at Registration)

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Family Portraits

Sign up to have your family portrait captured by a professional photographer. Dress up, dress down, just be yourselves. Check at Registration to see if there are any slots available.

11 a.m. to Noon

Campus Tour: Architecture of the College

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Noon to 2 p.m.

Lunch On Your Own — see suggestions at Registration

12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Bryn Mawr and Beyond

As the culminating event for the Career and Civic Engagement Center's Beyond Bryn Mawr Summer Internship Program, this networking session provides the opportunity for students to share their internship experiences with the Bryn Mawr community. Family members and alumnae/i are invited to talk one-on-one with the students to get their perspective on their summer internships. Discover the depth and breadth of internship opportunities.

2 to 3 p.m. (two concurrent sessions)

Faculty Talks

The faculty talks are modeled after the popular TED talks. In this session, you have an opportunity to hear from two of our faculty, presenting for 20 minutes each, with ample time for questions and answers.

Session 1

Jiny Lan's Critical Art on Crisis and Dystopic Autocracies

Qinna Shen, Associate Professor and Chair of German

Professor Shen will examine the Chinese German feminist artist Jiny Lan's paintings that visualize political and social crises caused by authoritarian regimes, including the Covid-19 pandemic, the Russian war in Ukraine, and the murder of Mahsa Amini in Iran.

Multiracial Households Living in Between

Nora Taplin-Kaguru, Assistant Professor of Sociology

In this study, Professor Taplin-Kaguru, Bianca Carrizal '24, and their collaborators examine how people who are multiracial or belong to multiracial households navigate the lasting effects of racial segregation while existing in a medial racial space as well as how this experience shapes people's hopes and aspirations for their own lives and their children's futures. Through investigating how multiracial individuals and households approach finding a place to live and what impacts their decisions, they are hoping to enrich our knowledge of what it means to navigate these complex identities and relationships in the current social, political, and economic/housing climate of the United States.

Session 2

The First Paid Family Leave in the U.S and Its Impact on Mothers' and Fathers' Health

June Kim, Assistant Professor of Economics

Not surprisingly, California was the first mover by mandating paid family leave for the first time in the U.S. history. Both mothers and fathers are eligible for it. It is partially paid leave, instead of fully paid leave. Did it improve mothers' health? What about fathers' health? Professor Kim explores some unintended consequences that this policy has introduced.

Geology and Colonialism: Using Minerals to Confront our Social Legacies

Selby Heath, Associate Professor of Geology

The science of Geology expanded rapidly in the late 19th century, in large part because of Western geologists' expanding access to colonized land. The minerals and data sets extracted under these social conditions continue to underlie our science. What do we do with these legacies, and how can we prevent replicating colonial resource extraction in the future?

2 to 3 p.m.

Wellness & Welcome: Resources for Equity and Belonging

Join A.T. Ortíz, the Associate Dean of Equity, Inclusion and Community Life, and learn about the Impact Center for Community, Equity and Understanding, the resource center on campus that focuses on anti-racism, wellness, welcome, and belonging for all students, especially those who know the experience of marginalization first-hand.

3:15 to 4:15 p.m.

Global Learning at Bryn Mawr

At Bryn Mawr, global learning extends through curricular, experiential, and community engagement. In this session, Tracy Weber, Director of Global Education and Alice Lesnick, Associate Dean for Global Engagement, will highlight signature opportunities, frameworks, and partnerships available.

3:15 to 4:15 p.m.

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Exploring the Molecular Structure of Life by Taking Snapshots of Enzymes in Action

Yan Kung, Associate Professor of Chemistry

Life is made possible by enzymes, huge biological molecules that perform countless complex chemical reactions within the blink of an eye, and understanding how they work often requires studying their three-dimensional structures. In this talk, the link between enzyme structure and function will be explored, focusing on work performed with students at Bryn Mawr, in order to shed light on how enzyme structures are determined and the biological secrets they can reveal.

The Politics of Gender and Work in the Long 19th Century

Anita Kurimay, Associate Professor of History and Director of Gender and Sexuality Studies

Professor Kurimay will explore how working opportunities changed for women and men during the 19th and early 20th century.

3:15 to 4:15 p.m.

Alumnae/i DEIA Resource Group One Book Discussion - *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together*, by Heather McGhee

Join Associate Dean A.T. Ortíz of the Impact Center for an engaging conversation centered around diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-racism as we delve into narratives of the U.S. economy and explore the potential of “the Solidarity Dividend,” the benefits we gain when people come together across race to accomplish what we cannot do on our own.

4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Welcome and Reception with President Cassidy

Mingle with the President, Dean Karlene Burrell-McRae, faculty, senior staff, and members of the Dean’s office.

5 to 7 p.m.

Dinner in the Dining Halls

Join students for dinner in Erdman or New Dorm Dining Hall, compliments of Dining Services and Alumnae/i Relations and Development. The meal is free; however, tickets are required.

5:30 to 7 p.m.

Shabbat Dinner

Join Rabbinic Intern Stephanie Breitsman for a Shabbat dinner in the Student Life and Wellness Building. Kosher food will be available. Space is limited, advance registration is required.

7 to 8:30 p.m.

The S’more, The Merrier

Enjoy s'mores and fun with members of the athletic teams as we prepare for Saturday's competitions. Show your school spirit by wearing your BMC gear!

7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Art Club Mixer

Join the Art Club for a hands-on sampling of the crafts taught during our Community Art Nights, which are held weekly in Arnecliffe Studio.

7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Shakespeare Performance Troupe

Enjoy a revue of Shakespeare scenes acted and directed by SPT's members!

7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

A Clown Cabaret: An Open Rehearsal

Join the Bi-College Theater Program and members of the Performance Ensemble class for an open rehearsal of this cabaret show. This collaboratively created show is based on the students' semester-long dive into clown and physical theater work under the guidance of visiting faculty member and director Emmanuelle Delpech.

8 to 9:15 p.m.

Student Ensembles Concert at Haverford College

Enjoy a concert on Friday night that showcases some of our bi-college musical talent with The Bi-College Chamber Singers, Chamber Groups from the Bi-College Orchestra, and Haverford College a Cappella Groups at Haverford College; part II will take place at Bryn Mawr Saturday night.

Saturday, October 28

8 a.m.

Head of the Schuylkill Regatta

Enjoy the legendary tradition of Philadelphia rowing and cheer on the Bryn Mawr Owls crew team as they compete in this storied regatta.

9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Registration and Coffee in the Campus Center

Stop by to pick up your nametag and registration packet.

10 to 11 a.m.

The First-Year Experience

Join Associate Dean Mary Beth Horvath, New Student Programs Coordinator Missy MacPherson, and Customs people Charlee Thacker '26 and Mackenzie Keesor '25 as they talk about experiences of and resources for the first-year students.

10 to 11 a.m.

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Destress by Designing Your Life

Katie Krimmel, Associate Dean for the Career & Civic Engagement Center, and Becky Ross, Senior Associate Director for Alumnae/i Career Services, will present a workshop, primarily for alumnae/i, offering a deep dive into a few tools from the book *Designing Your Life*. Copies of the book will be available for the first 25 participants.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Family Portraits

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10:00 a.m.

Alumnae/i and Students Lacrosse Game

Join alumnae/i Owls and current student athletes for a friendly competition. Spectators are welcome.

10:30 a.m.

Round-Robin Tennis Tournament

Join current students, faculty, staff and current alumnae/i in a friendly round-robin tournament. Spectators are welcome.

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11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Continuity and Evolution: A Dialogue between President Kim Cassidy and Dean Karlene Burrell-McRae.

12:15 to 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

Join students for lunch in Erdman Dining Hall. Free to parents, family members, and alumnae/i; however, tickets are required. If you registered in advance, your tickets are in your registration packet. Otherwise, please ask for tickets at Registration.

1 to 3:00 p.m

Field Hockey vs McDaniel College

Applebee Field

1 to 3:00 p.m

GSSWSR Alumnae/i Reception and Gathering

Join fellow GSSWSR alumnae/i for a lecture and reception. A free CEU credit will be offered, advance registration for credit is required.

1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Exploring Academically Beyond the First Year

Exploring academic interests is optimal and an intentional experience at a liberal arts college. How does one navigate identifying their interests and creating the best roadmap? Selecting a major is an important part of that academic journey. How and when do students consider a major? How do they navigate the third and fourth years? What is the process for choosing a major? Do they need a minor? Join Tonja Nixon, Assistant Dean for the Upper Class Experiences, Lisa Watkins, Senior Lecturer in Chemistry, and Gargi Nigam '25 as they engage in conversation about the academic journey after the first year of college.

1:30 to 2:30pm

360 Program: Snapshots from the Field

Interdisciplinary and interactive, 360° builds on Bryn Mawr's strong institutional history of learning experiences beyond the traditional classroom, placed within a rigorous academic framework. 360° participants hone their arguments and insights through writing and research, develop strategies for teamwork that push the limits of their talents and creativity, and work with professors and scholars to promote big-picture thinking. Students participate in a cluster of multiple courses in a single semester to focus on common problems, themes, and experiences for the purposes of research and scholarship. Join participants from this semester's 360° to learn more about their deep dives on these interdisciplinary topics and their experiences beyond the classroom.

Students and faculty from **Energy Afterlives** are examining the afterlives of coal, oil, and nuclear energy through the lenses of the arts, political science, and earth science, and will have just returned from field work in Southeast Alaska.

Transplants explores the ways plants and people shaped one another in the Old World and New Worlds across millennia. Students and faculty in this 3-course cluster (Biology, Comparative Literature, and French and Francophone Studies) are building field notes skills, exploring graphic narratives, and diving into shared universes by exploring how connections between worlds were established, refracted, and changed over the course of their histories.

Nicaragua: Places and Names (Geology, Linguistics) focuses on the rich geologic and linguistic history and present of Nicaragua to explore the ongoing interconnectedness between landscape and language. Ask students and faculty about their indigenous language study during their visits to significant geologic sites in Ometepe, Nicaragua.

1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Campus Tour: Black at Bryn Mawr

Student guides on this walking tour bring to light the previously hidden stories and experiences of African-American students, staff and faculty of the College.

1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Paint Like Picasso!

Join Residential Life & Student Engagement staff to paint a pumpkin or a canvas lantern as a take-home souvenir. Stay as short or long as your artistic self desires!

2 to 3 p.m.

DESSERTAPALOOZA

Taste an assortment of sweet treats from multiple food trucks as you enjoy the field hockey game.

2:30 to 3:45 p.m.

Tapestry BIPOC Tea and Treats

Join fellow self-identifying BIPOC alumnae/i and current students who identify as part of the BIPOC Community for a celebration of culture and identity through tea, coffee and treats. Connect with former Alliance of Multicultural Organizations (AMOs) and learn about some new ones newly incorporated into The Impact Center for Community, Equity, and Understanding and Inclusion (formerly the Pensby Center).

3 to 4 p.m.

Campus Tour: Traditions at Bryn Mawr

Our Traditions Mistresses will show you the spaces and places on campus used for the major traditions of the College.

4 to 5:30 p.m.

Reception and Alumnae/i Awards Ceremony

Celebrate the 2023-2024 Alumnae/i Award Winners as they are honored for their volunteer service and dedication to the College. The reception will feature appetizers and cocktails.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

GOLDen Hour with the Senior Class

Celebrate the end of GOLD Month with other Graduates of the Last Decade (classes of 2014-2023) and current seniors with a hot chocolate and mulled cider mixer.

5:30 p.m.

Dinner on Your Own

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Night Market

Night Market is an opportunity for our multicultural student groups to share their culture. Sample some treats, enjoy the music, and play some carnival games!

8 to 9:15 p.m.

Student Ensembles Concert

The Bryn Mawr and Haverford College Orchestra and the Bryn Mawr College a cappella groups present a special performance showcasing their fall repertoire.