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**Simon's Rock Celebrates Pride with Annual Pride Week Lecture on March 29**

GREAT BARRINGTON, MA— Simon's Rock will host their annual Pride Week Lecture with guest speaker Dr. Kyle Velte (she/her) on Friday, March 29 at 3:30 p.m. Simon's Rock observes Pride Week every year in late March and early April to honor International Transgender Day of Visibility and to allow students time to celebrate during the academic year.

Kyle Velte is the Associate Dean for Faculty, Professor, and Karelitz Chair in Evidence Law at the University of Kansas School of Law where she teaches Evidence, Torts, Employment Discrimination, and Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Law. She is a nationally recognized expert on sexual orientation and gender identity law and has taught her Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Law class as a Visiting Professor at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law and the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Professor Velte's scholarship examines the intersection of sexuality, gender, and race to provide insight into contemporary legal debates and current normative questions surrounding LGBTQ, gender, and racial civil rights issues. Her articles have appeared in many top law journals, including the Minnesota Law Review, Yale Law & Policy Review, Cardozo Law Review, and Connecticut Law Review. She filed amicus briefs in the United States Supreme Court cases of *United States v. Windsor*, *Obergefell v. Hodges*, *Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission*, *R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Homes, Inc. v. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission*, and *Fulton v. City of Philadelphia*. She has appeared in the media such as USA Today and NPR.

The Pride Week Lecture will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, March 29, in the McConnell Theater at the Daniel Arts Center on the Bard College at Simon's Rock campus. [The event is free and open to the public.](#)

A live stream is also available at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88973375856>

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## About Simon's Rock

[Bard College at Simon's Rock](#) is the only college in the country specifically designed for highly motivated students ready to enter college after the 10th or 11th grade. Simon's Rock offers a challenging program in the liberal arts and sciences, taught exclusively in small seminars by supportive, highly trained faculty, who are leading scholars in their fields. The College grants degrees in more than 35 majors. The Princeton Review's *Best 380 Colleges* rates academics at Simon's Rock higher than Harvard and Princeton.

[Bard Academy at Simon's Rock](#) is the nation's first two-year boarding and day program designed to prepare 9th and 10th graders to start college early. A student entering Bard Academy as a high school freshman will earn an Associate of Arts degree from Bard College at Simon's Rock after only four years and a Bachelor of Arts degree after only six years. The Academy curriculum is designed and taught by students' future college professors who are leading scholars in their fields.

[The Bard Queer Leadership Project](#) (BQLP) is a revolutionary, new Bachelor of Arts degree program designed for, and by, LGBTQIA+ college students to elevate LGBTQIA+ students and college graduates into leadership roles in school and across the workforce while serving as a space for actualizing educational practices designed for students to thrive. The centerpiece of BQLP is a four year dual major B.A. degree combining Queer Leadership with a second academic field.

For more information, visit [simons-rock.edu](https://simons-rock.edu) and [bardacademy.simons-rock.edu](https://bardacademy.simons-rock.edu)

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