



# News from Simon's Rock

AUGUST 2020

## Safe Reopening Underway

After an unprecedented Spring semester, Simon's Rock will begin welcoming new and returning students to campus next week. As announced in our [Fall 2020 Reopening Plan](#), classes will begin August 31 with primarily in-person, socially distanced instruction, along with some virtual and hybrid course offerings. With input and thoughtful planning from various groups across Simon's Rock as well as students, local officials, and public health experts, our plan prioritizes the safety of our community and our neighbors while maintaining an engaging educational experience. [Listen to Provost John Weinstein discuss our fall reopening plan with WAMC.](#)



## College-to-Career, A Special Alumni Event with Dr. John Weinstein

Alumni are invited to join us on **Thursday, August 13 at 5:30 p.m. ET** for a conversation with John Weinstein and Manat Wooten. John, who returned to Simon's Rock in his new role of Provost on July 1, will talk with Manat, Director of Student Engagement and Career Development, about **leadership, experience, and his strategic priorities for the College**. John is passionate about creating stronger pathways from early college to real-world work and careers. In this event, exclusive to Simon's Rock alumni, John will reflect on new directions for the College as well as immediate next steps that will take Simon's Rock through the fall semester. An alumni Q&A will follow.



> [Register for this special conversation with our new Provost!](#)

## Simon's Rock Appreciates Your Support

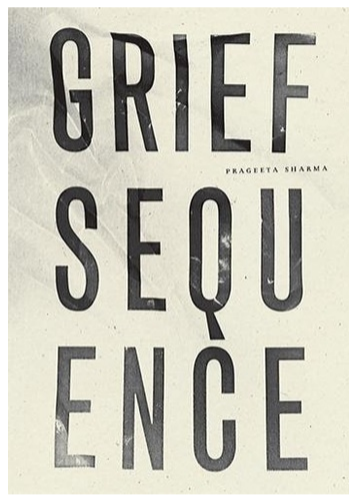
We remain steadfast in our commitment to providing a life-changing educational experience to younger scholars, regardless of financial need. Your donation to the Fund for Simon's Rock makes that work possible, and it's never been more crucial than now. If you have already donated, we thank you and hope you will consider an additional gift of any size. If you have not donated yet, please consider making your gift today. We are grateful for all you do.



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## Prageeta Sharma '89 Authors This Year's Book One Selection

This year's Book One pick is *Grief Sequence* by Simon's Rock alumna Prageeta Sharma '89. In a series of poems exploring the trauma brought by the sudden loss of her spouse, Sharma is hailed by *The New York Times* for "complicat[ing] her narrative away from sentimentality and into reality-fracturing emotionality." A virtual reading and lecture with the author, free and open to the public, is planned for early September. Stay tuned for forthcoming details and registration information.



## Simon's Rock Oral History Project Wants You!

As we near our 55th year, we invite alumni to join the Simon's Rock archivist for a virtual interview, inspired by StoryCorps. Help bring the college's history to life with your story. To schedule a session or for more information, please contact Archivist Erin Donahue at [edonahue@simons-rock.edu](mailto:edonahue@simons-rock.edu).



## Next Alumni Book Club: August 20

The Simon's Rock Alumni Book Club will discuss Lysley Tenorio's *The Son of Good Fortune*, described as "a big hearted debut novel following an undocumented Filipino son as he navigates his relationship with his mother, an uncertain future, and the place he calls home." Tenorio is the recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship, a Whiting Award, a Stegner fellowship, and the Rome Prize from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, as well as residencies from the MacDowell Colony, Yaddo, and the Bogliasco Foundation. His stories have appeared in the *Atlantic*, *Zoetrope: All-Story*, and *Ploughshares*, and have been adapted for the stage by The American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco and the Ma-Yi Theater in New York City.



**Thursday, August 20, 2020**

**8:00 PM Eastern Time**

For more information, please contact [bmikesell@simons-rock.edu](mailto:bmikesell@simons-rock.edu).

## There's Still Time to Refer a New Rocker

We are thrilled to be welcoming nearly 120 new students to Simon's Rock next week. Many are making the journey from as far as Hong Kong, Indonesia, China, Korea, and Japan. While the majority of our students will be on campus for in-person, socially distanced instruction this semester, those unable to return will be taking advantage of our virtual classes. Whether joining us on campus, online, or for a mix of both, we're intent on ensuring all of our students receive the same rich Simon's Rock experience right from the (early) start. If you know a young scholar eager to begin the next step in their education this fall, we will always accommodate a referral from a Simon's Rock alum with an expedited application process. Please contact [admit@simons-rock.edu](mailto:admit@simons-rock.edu) with questions or a referral.

## Monthly Alumni Zoom Meet-Up Thursday, August 20

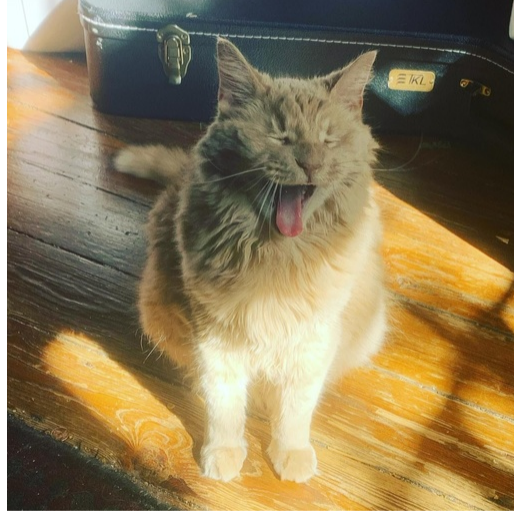
Join us once again with hosts David Segil '00 and Valerie Ferrier '94 for the next Alumni Zoom Meet-Up. Each month, Rockers from all classes are invited to meet up on Zoom to reconnect from the comfort of home. The next gathering is scheduled for Thursday, August 20, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. EDT. Join us and come ready to share your Simon's Rock stories. For more information and the meeting link, contact [advancement@simons-rock.edu](mailto:advancement@simons-rock.edu).



## Pets of Simon's Rock

Meet Mr. Gulliver Katz. His human is Lionel Artom-Ginzburg '88.

Got a cute pet pic you want to share? Send it along with your name, entering class year, your pet's name, and your contact info to Rebecca Wehry, [rwehry@simons-rock.edu](mailto:rwehry@simons-rock.edu).



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