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Simon's Rock Leads in Global Climate Education Initiative

GREAT BARRINGTON, MA-- As our planet continues to heat up, Bard College at Simon's Rock is joining more than 300 universities, high schools, and other organizations around the world to focus on a critical question. What can we do this year to help solve climate change while creating jobs and promoting access to clean energy for everyone?

On Sunday, March 27- Thursday, March 31, Simon's Rock hosted an open dialogue on the topic of "Climate Solutions and Justice" in Massachusetts. The complete list of in-person and remote events hosted by Simon's Rock can be [found here](#). Members of the public can attend remote events via the links in the brochure.

This was one of many similar events held across the planet in late March, as part of the WorldWide Teach-in on Climate and Justice sponsored by Bard College in New York. Worldwide, from Austria to Alabama, Kyrgyzstan to Kentucky, Colombia to Colorado, and Malawi to Minnesota, students, teachers, and community members will discuss steps that can really help move the needle on solving climate change, while creating much-needed jobs and income. Members of the public can find events around the world and [register here](#).

Here in Great Barrington, MA, the discussion featured Simon's Rock faculty, speaking on topics ranging from climate change and indigenous peoples, how artistic disciplines engage with the climate, strategies for local climate action, thermodynamics, and mathematical models for understanding climate-based scenarios, and more.

"It's energizing to be part of a worldwide event bringing awareness and momentum to the climate justice movement," said Dr. Jennifer Browdy, head of the Languages and Literature Division at Simon's Rock. "It's going to take input from all of us, in all the academic disciplines and fields of endeavor, to bring our Earth back into balance. If we work together, we can make it happen!"

Dr. Eban Goodstein, economist and Director of the Solve Climate project at Bard College urges climate-concerned teachers at the college, university, and high school levels to kick off Earth Month by having students attend the Teach-in-- either live or recorded-- and then engage students in this critical dialog.

“You don’t have to be an expert on climate to talk with your students,” said Goodstein. “Every subject contributes to understanding climate solutions. Whether you are teaching art, literature, business, philosophy, or any other discipline, you can use the Teach-in to #MakeClimateAClass at Simon’s Rock.”

Dr. Amanda Landi is a lead organizer of the event for Simon’s Rock. “We have ten years to solve climate, and we can get a lot done in this decade. But only if we focus the world on climate solutions and a just transition,” said Landi. “We are proud to be a lead college for this global climate education project. Please join us for this important conversation.

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.

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