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**Simon's Rock Faculty in Social Studies and Literature Felix Kaputu to Host
28th Annual W.E.B. Du Bois Event Celebration at Bard College at Simon's Rock**

GREAT BARRINGTON, MA— Bard College at Simon's Rock presents the 28th annual W.E.B. DuBois Memorial Event entitled "Farewell to the Rock, but Not to the Dream: W.E.B. Du Bois and the Future of Early College Education" led by Simon's Rock Professor Felix Kaputu on February 25th at 6:30 p.m.

Historically presented as a lecture, the Great Barrington community is invited to enjoy an evening of celebrating an enduring educational legacy and farewell to a longstanding community on the Simon's Rock campus.

As Bard College at Simon's Rock transitions to a new location, we reflect on Du Bois' firm belief in the power of education to transform lives. Through DuBois' legacy, we reaffirm our commitment to fostering young minds who will carry forward their dreams of justice, learning, and an unbreakable connection between history and progress.

Felix U. Kaputu is an accomplished international scholar. Kaputu's academic career spans decades and continents, beginning in 1988. His research has continually evolved, addressing key global issues such as the comparative power of imagery, gender, and cultural studies, cultural management, identity construction in a global context, community development, and the artistry of writing. His current research adopts an interdisciplinary approach, combining education, community development, and Black/Africana Studies, with a focus on African diasporas, memory, and continuity. Anthropological, psychological, and literary perspectives within the human rights framework enrich his work.

Kaputu has received numerous awards and fellowships throughout his career, including a Fulbright Scholarship at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Other awards facilitated his studies and research in Japan, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Poland. The Open Society, the Flemish Academic Fund, and the Dutch Academy Awards supported his fieldwork in Africa.

His pedagogical innovations incorporate modern technologies to enhance classroom communication, ensuring that his teaching remains as impactful as his research.

The lecture will take place in the McConnell Theater and is free and open to the public.

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.

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