Harvest Food Drive  
**Now through Friday, November 17**

The BCC Food Pantry is now accepting donations, which will be used to help the BCC student body and the local community. While the drive will run through November 17, the BCC Food Pantry is open to receive donations throughout the year. Donations currently being accepted are shelf-stable food that can be safely stored at room temperature in a sealed container and convenience food (instant food) which requires little to no preparation, (juice boxes, soups, mac & cheese cups, granola bars, water, individually packaged crackers, fruits, cheese, etc.). We ask that you EXCLUDE sugary drinks (soda, fruit-flavored drinks, energy/sports drinks, sweetened teas, etc.), candy and unhealthy snacks (chips, cookies and other foods high in fat, sodium, sugar, calories). Please do not donate rusty or unlabeled cans, food prepared at home, used or open items and products that have reached or exceeded the expiration date. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Deidra Polite at 718.289.5179 or via email to dedra.polite@bcc.cuny.edu and Yvonne Erazo at 718.289.5903 or via email at yvonne.erazo@bcc.cuny.edu. Bring your donations to Loew Hall [LO], Room 125, Roscoe Brown Student Center [BC], Rooms 302/309/312 or Gould Memorial Library [GM], Room A1. Thank you for your participation!

Military Appreciation Field Day  
**Thursday, November 2, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., on Ohio Field**

The Department of Veteran and Military Resources would like to invite you to a Military Appreciation Day on Ohio Field which involves a variety of service members from different branches and athletic coaches of BCC. This is an opportunity for students to obtain an insight from members who have served and continue serving in the armed force. Representatives from the Marines, Navy, Army, Air Force, National Guard and Lehman College will be present. We will have a variety of activities that allow students to enjoy a game with friends. Light refreshments will be served.

Faculty Lecture Series  
**Thursday, November 2, 2 p.m., in North Hall and Library [NL], Room 314**

The English Department cordially invites you to attend a talk by Professor Shelina Shariff-Zia on her new novel of diaspora and longing, “Nairobi Days.” The talk will include a reading and discussion of the novel, which follows Shaza, a young Muslim woman over two decades and three countries. It is a celebration of Indian and African culture as seen through Shaza’s eyes. As a member of an Indian minority in a small African country, her life is complicated. She lives in a lively house full of relatives, part of a family that emigrated from India. All students, faculty and staff are welcome! Visit https://bcc-cuny.digication.com/english_department_faculty_lecture_series/Shariff for more information on this and future lectures.

TIAA Financial Counseling  
**Monday, November 6, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., in South Hall [SH], Room 112B**

Let TIAA help you make financial decisions that are right for you. No matter where you are in life – just getting started or planning for retirement – a session with Stephen Baumeister can help you create a unique plan for your goals. And it’s at no additional cost as a part of your retirement plan. To schedule an appointment, please visit www.tiaa.org/schedulenow, or contact the Field Support Team at 800.732.8353, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Fall Job Fair  
**Thursday, November 9, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., in Colston Hall [CO], Lower Level**

Employers and recruiters with employment and internship opportunities are being invited to meet with our students for an interaction that could lead to internship and job offers. In order to attend, you must dress in business attire, bring 30 copies of your resume and have a validated BCC ID. For more information, help with preparing your resume, or to RSVP, visit the Office of Career Development and Transfer Services in Loew Hall [LO], Room 328, or call 718.289.5759.

Anxiety Reduction Workshop  
**Thursday, November 9, 12 - 2 p.m., in Roscoe Brown Student Center [BC], Room 211**

Please join us for “Understanding and Reducing Anxiety”, a workshop created and presented by BCC student-peer educators. This workshop is useful for students who experience anxiety and also for students who are pursuing careers in helping professions - psychology, human services, nursing, allied health, recreational therapy, etc. In this workshop, students will learn what anxiety is. Peer educators will discuss treatment and intervention options for anxiety. Students will also learn steps that they can take on their own to cope with and reduce anxiety and stress. Presented by Get PSyCh’D peer program, Office of Personal Counseling and the Social Sciences Department.
**Film: The Bridge**

*Thursday, November 9, 12. - 1:30 p.m., in Colston Hall [CO], Room 203*

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Pick one of the following options and use the questions as a guide:

1. **Family Secrets** - Describe a secret within your family. It could be one that you know a lot about or one that you’ve been trying to understand.

2. **Bioethics and Health Insurance** - Do you think the Lacks family has a right to be compensated for Henrietta's cells? Does the Lacks family deserves health care even though they cannot afford it?

3. **Racial, Class, and Gender Inequity** - What does Henrietta's story tell us about race, class and gender and how these strands of identity impact how we act and are acted upon in the world?


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**Quote of the Week**

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*St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226), Italian Catholic Friar and Preacher.*