**Spring Semester 2021 Valente Center Undergraduate Roundtable:**

**Black Lives, Black Voices:**

**Intersectional Perspectives on Racial Justice**

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**Time:**  Tuesdays 11am – 1.50pm – through zoom (synchronous)

**Valente Seminar FAQs**

**How does the seminar work?**

All seminar participants – about 12 students and 4 faculty members – meet once a week for a double block to discuss challenging and important books. Everyone will be reading and learning the material together, and all participants take equal responsibility for the discussion. Small groups of students will initiate the discussion a couple of times during the semester by identifying several opening questions on the reading, but—by design—no one will be teaching the course. The goal of the seminar is for all participants, students and faculty alike, to learn from the readings and from each other. There are no exams, but each participant will be expected to write a short paper during the term and a major paper on some aspect of the course subject at its conclusion.

**What qualifications are required to participate?**

* Any Bentley student with a GPA of 3.0 or above can apply.

**What requirements does the course satisfy?**

* Though it is not an Honors course, it can count for Honors credit; it **cannot count** as an Honors capstone course.
* In some cases, the seminar may count toward an LSM concentration with the approval of the LSM Program Director.
* With the permission of the appropriate advisor(s), the final seminar paper can serve as a “first draft” of LSM culminating experience.
* The seminar satisfies no major requirements.

**What are course requirements?**

This counts as a three-credit course. To receive credit for the seminar students must:

* 1. Attend and participate in all seminar meetings.
	2. Participate twice during the semester as part of a team to lead the day’s discussion
	3. Complete a short midterm and final research essay

**Are there any extra benefits?**

The seminar meets Wednesday from 11am to 1.50pm, and the Valente Center provides lunch for all seminar participants. There also may be occasional off-campus events, including dinners and a variety of cultural events. In previous years, Valente fellows have gone to museums, theatrical performances, and the Boston Ballet.

**How do I apply and when will I be notified?**

To apply, send a brief statement—between 400 to 500 words—explaining why you want to participate, as well as a copy of your Degree Works Summary (available on WorkDay), to GA\_ValenteCenter@bentley.edu You can ask any of the participating faculty for more information.

The application deadline is **December 18th** ; notifications of acceptance made ASAP.