



CONFERENCE CENTER

CENTER FOR ADVANCEMENT OF PUBLIC ACTION

New 15,000-SF Center serves as gathering place for students, faculty and professionals to discuss issues and brainstorm solutions on the world's most pressing problems. The Center consists of three components, a symposium building, residences for fellows and visitors and a flexible, multi-use space referred to as the Lens.

AD's services included acoustics and AV and IT infrastructure design. Sound isolation expertise was addressed throughout the Center and the symposium building with conference space for 75 people and 2 lecture rooms for 30-35 people each was AD's primary area of focus. Acoustic design achieved natural acoustic environment to support unamplified speech and effective interface with AV systems. AV systems and IT infrastructure accommodated heightened connectivity with participants beyond the Center's walls with streaming video. AV design included a projection / control and recording booth for archiving discussions.

CLIENT

Bennington College

LOCATION

Bennington, VT

PROJECT TYPE

New Construction

COMPLETE

2011

COST

\$80 M

SQUARE FOOTAGE

15,000

ARCHITECT

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SCOPE

Acoustics
Audio
Video
Infrastructure
IT & Telecom



**ACOUSTIC
DISTINCTIONS**

DESIGN IN HARMONY



LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

COMMONS BUILDING

35,000 SF renovation of Bennington College's Commons building of the existing 3-story building. The building houses dining halls, a full service kitchen, a bakery, classrooms, lounges, a lecture hall, locker rooms, a bookstore, a café, and offices

AD provided acoustic consulting services relating to room acoustics, sound isolation and noise control for the 450-seat dining area, common areas, and back of house facilities. The challenge of the project was the implementation of appropriate noise levels and room control within the context of an older wood and masonry building, where space and structure prove a significant limitation. The end result is a practical application of common sense acoustical guidance which will serve the Bennington campus well for the foreseeable future.

CLIENT

Bennington College

LOCATION

Bennington, VT

PROJECT TYPE

Renovation

COMPLETE

2018

SEAT

450

SQUARE FOOTAGE

35,000

ARCHITECT

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SCOPE

Acoustics