The Milstein Center at Barnard College
Creating Permeable Teaching and Learning Spaces

Date Completed
Fall 2018
Size
128,000 GSF

The Milstein Center serves as a crossroads for the campus, the community, and the city. It is an interdisciplinary place where students and faculty can learn by doing, engage in robust dialogues, and visualize ideas. Within this centrally located building, all disciplines have equal access to a variety of academic centers including the Center for Engaged Pedagogy, Digital Humanities, Empirical Center, Movement Sciences Lab, Slate Media Center, and Computational Science Center.

The suite of centers within the Milstein Center provides students and faculty with powerful digital technologies to craft robust solutions to classroom problems, and encourages all disciplines to utilize data science in classroom instruction and research. Permeable learning spaces further support collaboration and transparency between these various fields. Students and staff can check out a book from the library, watch a dance performance analysis in the Movements Science Lab, or visualize data in the Computational Science Center.

More than just a library, the Milstein Center is a 12-story building with glass partitions, double height spaces, and communicating stairs that promote visual connections and spontaneous interactions. Since its opening in Fall 2018, it has quickly become an active hub for Barnard students and staff, and the local academic community.

“The Milstein Center is more than a wonderful new building. It is a game changer for Barnard... and it will help Barnard become even more extraordinary.”

Sian Beilock
President, Barnard College

Program:
• Interdisciplinary workspace for four academic departments
• A new home of the distinguished Athena Center for Leadership Studies and the Barnard Center for Research on Women
• A range of teaching labs and flexible learning spaces, including centers for pedagogy, empirical reasoning, digital humanities, design, and media, as well as a movement lab
• Expanded conference facilities
• 40,000 GSF library

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