



**Nov. 7, 2017**

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### **Adjustable desk purchase options [From Purchasing]**

Interested in purchasing a standing or sit-to-stand desk? Desks must be purchased through two contracted vendors, Badger State Industries or Staples at Shop@UW. Please note that purchase of these items from other vendors requires a contract waiver from the Department of

Administration prior to purchase. If the models available through BSI or Shop@UW do not meet your needs, please email [purchasing@uwec.edu](mailto:purchasing@uwec.edu) or 715-836-5171 for assistance.

### **Apply to teach in Harlaxton, England, in summer 2019 [From Center for International Education]**

UW-Eau Claire can nominate faculty to teach a course during the five-week Harlaxton summer program from late May through June. [View application and compensation details](#). Questions? Contact the CIE at [inted@uwec.edu](mailto:inted@uwec.edu) or 715-836-4411. Applications are due **Wednesday, Nov. 8.**

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### **Public surplus sale this week [From Surplus Store]**

Join us for our next surplus sale from **3-6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9**, in the Central Stores warehouse on upper campus. For more information, visit the [Surplus Store](#) website. Questions? Email [surplusstore@uwec.edu](mailto:surplusstore@uwec.edu) or call 715-836-5555.

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## **Awards and Achievements**

**Dr. Michael Axelrod**, director of the Human Development Center and professor of psychology, recently was named chair of the Ethics and Professional Standards Committee of the Wisconsin School Psychology Association.

**Dr. Jennifer Johs-Artisensi**, professor of management and marketing, was [interviewed by WQOW TV Oct. 18](#) about the Affordable Care Act and the potential impact of President Trump's decision to end cost-sharing reduction payments.

**Dr. Harry Jol**, Richard Freund (University of Hartford), Philip Reeder (Duquesne University) and UWEC students **James Erickson, Thomas Wavrin, Alexander Kleinschmidt** and **Jackelyn Seamans** presented their paper titled "Geoarchaeological investigations at a Holocaust site (Ponar), Lithuania: Subsurface imaging in search for a processing trench and burial pit?" at the 2017 Geological Society of America Joint 52nd Northeastern Annual Section and 51st North-Central Annual Section Meeting March 19-21 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**Dr. Kaishan Kong**, assistant professor of Chinese, was invited to present at the 2017 STARTALK Fall Conference Nov. 3-4 in Portland, Oregon. She presented at the Reflective Focus Panel on Culture and Culturally Authentic Resources and gave an application workshop titled "Beyond Food, Family and Festivals: Teaching Culture in a Transformative Way." STARTALK is a project funded by the National Security Agency and administered by the National Foreign Language Center at the University of Maryland.

**Dr. Paula Lentz**, associate professor of business communication, attended the Association for Business Communication's 82nd Annual International Conference Oct. 18-21 in Dublin, Ireland. Lentz chaired the Academic Environment Committee.

**Dr. Dale Taylor**, professor emeritus of music and theatre arts, spoke on "Development and Implementation of Advance Music Planning" during the "remarks from a board member" section of the Nov. 1, 2017, meeting of the Wisconsin Board on Aging and Long Term Care Nov. 1 in Madison. He currently serves as board secretary.

**Dr. Matt Waters**, professor and chair of languages/professor of history, gave an invited lecture titled "Greater Glory: Darius I and Divinity in Achaemenid Royal Ideology" Oct. 4 at UCLA. The lecture was sponsored by the Pourdavoud Center for Iranian Studies and UCLA humanities. Waters also has been appointed to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Louis J. Kolb Foundation at the University of Pennsylvania Museum.

**Dr. Evan Weiher**, professor of biology, was an invited speaker at the Program in Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign on Oct. 18. The title of his presentation was "Scale and Context in Ecological Community Assembly."

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## Professional Development

### **Introducing Blugold Dialogues [From Office of Multicultural Affairs]**

Faculty, staff and students are invited to join the Office of Multicultural Affairs for its first Blugold Dialogue at noon **Monday, Nov. 13**, in the OMA Resource Room, Centennial Hall 1108.

**Dr. Sandibel Borges**, assistant professor of women's studies, will present "Intersectionality: Effective strategies for ensuring the success of multiple and marginalized identities." Under the newly implemented EDI Division, Blugold Dialogues is a series of conversations designed to give participants the opportunity to discuss and contribute to creating a more equitable, diverse and inclusive campus community. [Learn more.](#)

### **Conducting Student/Faculty Research in Economics Using Interdisciplinary Student Teams and International/Community Partners: The Case of Climate Change and Childhood Obesity [From ORSP]**

This [research presentation](#) by **Dr. Eric Jamelske**, professor of economics, will be from **12:10-**

**12:50 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8**, in CETL (OL1142). It will conclude the [Faculty/Academic Staff Forum fall 2017 series](#) presented by the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

**Safe Space Training to be offered [From Gender & Sexuality Resource Center]**

Are you interested in helping to make UW-Eau Claire inclusive, welcoming and safe for all Blugolds, regardless of sexual orientation and/or gender identity/expression? The Gender & Sexuality Resource Center will host a [Safe Space Training](#) session from 5-7 p.m. **Monday, Nov. 13**, in the Menominee Room (320F) of Davies Center. The training is open to all faculty, staff and community members. Questions? Email [safespace@uwec.edu](mailto:safespace@uwec.edu). [Learn more about the program.](#)

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**ORSP announcements [From Office of Research and Sponsored Programs]**

- The Council on Undergraduate Research will offer the [Creative Inquiry in the Arts and Humanities Institute Nov. 10-12](#) at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania. Contact ORSP at [orsp@uwec.edu](mailto:orsp@uwec.edu) for more information.
- Please review upcoming deadlines for [internal grants](#) and [UW System](#) grants.

**CETL's fall development opportunities [From Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning]**

[Check out CETL's homepage](#) for a listing of all opportunities for faculty and staff, including book groups and sessions that focus on different teaching, learning and inclusivity topics. This week's highlight is the next session of the Inclusive Pedagogy discussion group facilitated by **Dr. Jeff Goodman**, associate professor of psychology. Join us from **3-4:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10**, in CETL (OL 1142) to learn more about creating inclusive pedagogy and learning environments to accommodate students of diverse backgrounds. All are welcome to join anytime! Email [CETL@uwec.edu](mailto:CETL@uwec.edu) if interested.

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**Reuse, recycle, RECLAIM! [From Surplus Store]**

[Head to the Surplus Store](#) **Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.** for the biweekly department reclaim event for faculty and staff. Come by to reclaim university furniture and office supplies free of charge. The Surplus Store will deliver items within three days. Items to be available this week will be posted soon on the [Surplus Store website](#). Questions? Email [surplusstore@uwec.edu](mailto:surplusstore@uwec.edu) or call 715-836-5555 for more information.

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**Dr. Raj Aroskar**, professor of accounting and finance; **Dr. Nancy Hanson-Rasmussen**, assistant professor of management and marketing; **Dr. Paula Lentz**, associate professor of business communication; and **Dr. Jean Pratt**, professor of information systems, attended the 2017 AACSB Diversity and Inclusion Summit Nov. 9 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Dr. Erica Benson**, professor of English, and UW-Eau Claire alumna Anneli Williams presented "Crossing the Line: Effect of Boundary Representation in Perceptual Dialectology" at the New Ways of Analyzing Variation Conference Nov. 2-5 in Madison.

**Dr. Jeffery Crowell**, professor of music, had his article, "[Practicing — How to utilize your time](#)," published in the Nov. 6 issue of School Band and Orchestra.

**Jessica Franson**, distance learning coordinator, College of Business; and **Julia Lehman Caldwell**, lead instructional design specialist, MBA program, co-presented a two-part session titled "Academic Integrity: It Starts with Us" at the 29th Annual WCET Meeting Oct. 26 in Denver, Colorado.

**Dr. Elizabeth Glogowski**, associate professor of materials science, was one of four researchers featured by the American Chemical Society Petroleum Research Fund on the organization's website. The story, titled "[Designing 'Smart' Polymer Self-Assembling Systems by Tuning Polymer Functionality and Architecture](#)," also highlights current UWEC undergraduate researchers **Elizabeth Laskowski** and **Maria Brandel**, and UWEC alumni **Brianna Shoulak**, **Charles Lindberg** and **Phillip Conor**.

The department of languages had another strong showing at the Wisconsin Association for Language Teachers Annual Conference Nov. 2-4 in Appleton. At the American Association of Teachers of German-Wisconsin Chapter business meeting, **Dr. Martina Lindseth**, professor of German, received the Distinguished German Educator Award, the chapter's highest honor. At the conference, **Dr. Anne Hlas**, professor of Spanish, with Trisha Koch (Middleton High School) and Pamela Larson (Eau Claire North High School) presented "Punto com: Celebrating 10 years with 10 favorite websites." **Dr. Paul Hoff**, professor of Spanish, presented "Caprichos y caprichosos: ¿Qué diría Goya de nuestra sociedad?" on the continuing relevance of Goya's prints. **Dr. Josh Brown**, associate professor of German, with undergraduate research assistants **Tristan Devick** and **Connor Zielinski**, presented "Inclusive pedagogy in the L2 classroom." **Lindseth**, with a panel of system educators, presented on the UW System placement tests.

**Dr. Tess Onwueme**, University Professor of Global Letters in the English department, will be featured on Wisconsin Public Television's "Wisconsin Life" program at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19. One of the best-known and most prolific women playwrights of African descent, Onwueme has received prestigious international awards that place her among a select group of world-class writers. [View full story](#).

**Dr. Brent Opall**, assistant professor of management and marketing, was awarded the Junior Faculty Scholarship by the Midwest Academy of Management at its annual meeting Oct. 19-21 in Chicago, Illinois. As part of the scholarship Opall was presented with a \$500 check at the awards and recognition luncheon Oct. 20.

UW-Eau Claire students **Jackelyn Seamans**, **Thomas Wavrin**, **James Erickson** and **Alexander Kleinschmidt**, along with **Dr. Harry Jol**, professor of geography and anthropology, Richard Freund (University of Hartford) and Philip Reeder (Duquesne University) presented a paper titled: "Discovering a Holocaust era escape tunnel: GPR investigation at Ponar, Lithuania" at the

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University Printing Services locations in Davies Center and Schofield Hall will have changes to their regular business hours and delivery times this week. [View the Thanksgiving week schedule](#).

### **Eau Claire Transit Thanksgiving week schedule changes [From Blugold Central-Parking and Transportation]**

Eau Claire Transit will operate on a reduced service schedule this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Buses on routes 9 and 19 (which serve campus) will run on a normal schedule today, Nov. 22, with service ending at 5:15 p.m. There will be no service on routes 9 and 19 on Nov. 23, Thanksgiving Day, and Nov. 24.

### **Nominate a student for Blugold of the Month! [From Dean of Students Office]**

Students with outstanding academic, leadership, community involvement or service achievements will be considered for Blugold of the Month. Students who receive the Blugold of the Month honor are featured on social media and receive a \$100 gift card to the University Bookstore as well as a free meal for themselves and three friends at The Dulany Inn in Davies Center. Nominate a student at [uwec.ly/blugoldofthemonth](http://uwec.ly/blugoldofthemonth).

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English graduate students **Samantha Foss, Jamie Utphall** and **Amanda Zastrow** presented their panel "Women Writing the New West" at the annual Midwest Modern Language Association in

Cincinnati, Ohio, on Nov. 10. They would like to thank **Dr. Blake Westerlund**, assistant professor of English, for all of his support.

**Dr. Derek Gingerich**, associate professor of biology, was a co-author on the following published article: Majee, M., Wu, S., Salaita, L., Gingerich, D., Dirk, LMA, Chappell J., Hunt A.G., Vierstra, R. Downie, A.B. (2017) "A misannotated locus positively influencing Arabidopsis seed germination is deconvoluted using multiple methods, including surrogate splicing." *Plant Gene*. 10:74-85.

Former biology undergraduates **Heather A. Hintz**, **Courtney Weihing** and **Rachel Bayer**; **Dr. David Lonzarich**, professor of biology, and **Dr. Winnifred Bryant**, associate professor of biology, co-authored the article "[Cultured Fish Epithelial Cells are a Source of Alarm Substance](#)," published online Nov. 11 in *MethodsX*.

**Dr. Daniel Janik**, associate professor of biology, co-authored the following published article: Janik, D. and Alvarez Brereton, M. (2017). "Naloxone's effect on activity-induced phase shifts of circadian rhythms." *International Journal of Biology* 9:10-16.

**Dr. Jennifer L. Johs-Artisensi**, professor of health care administration, had her article, "[Operationalizing person-centered care practices in long-term care: recommendations from a 'Resident for a Day' experience](#)," published in the *Patient Experience Journal*, Volume 4 (2017), Issue 3. An article about Johs-Artisensi's research findings was published Nov. 13 in [McKnight's Long-Term Care News](#).

**Dr. David Jones**, interim director of the University Honors Program and professor of English, presented "Forum on Diversity I: Justice as Social Responsibility: Examining Civic, Environmental, and Social Issues in an Online Honors Course" at the National Collegiate Honors Conference Nov. 8-12 in Atlanta, Georgia. In addition, the NCHC monograph publication, "Occupy Honors Education: Please Join Our Monograph's Conversation on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice in Honors," featured a chapter, titled "From Good Intentions to Educational Equity in an Honors Program: Occupying Honors through Inclusive Excellence," authored by Jones. At the conference, he also participated in a panel with other contributors to unveil the print publication.

Former biology undergraduate **Matthew McLean** and **Dr. David Lonzarich**, professor of biology, co-authored the following published article: McLean, Matthew J., and David G. Lonzarich (2017). [An Investigation of Lepidophagy \(Scale Eating\) in Cyprinodon Pupfishes on San Salvador Island, Bahamas](#), *Copeia* 105:626-629.

UW-Eau Claire alumnus **Sean Morrison** (University of Waterloo); Anthony Zamperoni (University of Waterloo); Cesar Garcia (Indiana University Northwest); **Dr. Harry Jol**, professor of geography and anthropology; John Johnston (University of Waterloo); and Kenneth Lepper (University of North Dakota); presented a paper titled "Quantifying natural lake level fluctuations for the Ipperwash Strandplain, Lake Huron: Examining the connection between the Upper and Lower Great Lakes" at the Geological Society of America Joint 52nd Northeastern

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**Dr. Paula Kleintjes Neff**, professor of biology; **Christina Locke**, former biology undergraduate; and Eric Lee-Mäder co-authored the article "[Assessing a farmland set-aside conservation program for an endangered butterfly: USDA State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement \(SAFE\) for the Karner Blue Butterfly](#)," published online Nov. 7 in the *Journal of Insect Conservation*.

**Dr. Karen O'Day**, professor of art history, presented the paper "Caniniform Ornaments of Greater Central America and Mesoamerica" at the conference Chacmool at 50: The Past, Present, and Future of Archaeology, held Nov. 8-12 at the University of Calgary.

**Dr. Jim Phillips**, professor of chemistry, together with recent UW-Eau Claire graduates **Sam Danforth**, **Nick Hora**, **John Lanska** and **Anna Waller**, had an invited manuscript, titled "Structural and Energetic Properties of Haloacetonitrile – BCl<sub>3</sub> Complexes: Computations and Matrix-IR Spectroscopy" accepted for publication in the *Journal of Physical Chemistry A*. This is Phillips' 20th research publication from his tenure at UW-Eau Claire. Hora currently is the assistant coach for the Blugold swimming and diving teams.

**Chancellor James Schmidt** was interviewed for the Nov. 14 episode of the Dynasty Leadership Podcast, "[How to Restructure Like a Pro](#)." The podcast is produced by Todd Eberhardt, a 1989 UW-Eau Claire marketing graduate and founder of Dynasty Leadership.

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### **All-campus workshop: "Diversity Conversations on Campus" [From CETL]**

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### **Free Covey professional development opportunity for students, faculty and staff**

Dr. Stephen Covey's "7 Habits of Highly Effective People" will enhance your ability to balance priorities, manage your time, improve your interpersonal communication, increase creative collaboration and apply universal principles for achieving a balanced life. The entire cost of the workshop is covered by the Chancellor's Office and includes two full days of training (7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) The next offering is planned for **Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 23 and 24, 2018**. [Learn more](#) and [register](#).

### **WWHEL post-conference sharing event**

In October, UW-Eau Claire faculty and staff attended the WWHEL (Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Leadership) fall annual conference at Milwaukee Area Technical College. Join conference participants for breakfast and conversation about "Celebrating Diversity: Moving the Needle from Tolerance to Inclusion." The breakfast event will be from **8-9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 30**, in the Ho-Chunk Room on the third floor of Davies Center. Everyone is welcome.

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Faculty and staff from UW-Barron County will be on campus this week to meet UW-Eau Claire faculty and staff, and get to know UW-Eau Claire better. Chancellor James Schmidt will host a special campuswide open forum from **12:30-1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30**, in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center. The open forum will be a chance for members of the campus communities to ask questions and learn the latest about the restructuring now underway. UW-Barron County will be joined with UW-Eau Claire on July 1, 2018.

### **Confluence Arts Center construction update**

Work continues on the construction of the Confluence Arts Center in downtown Eau Claire. [See the general contractor's November update](#) on the project.

### **ORSP seeks faculty fellow applicants [From ORSP]**

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs seeks applications for the position of faculty fellow for the 2017-18 academic year. The application deadline is **Friday, Dec. 1**. [Learn more](#).

### **Meet the November Blugold of the Month [From Dean of Students Office]**

Claire Arneson, a physics and mathematics major, has been chosen as the November Blugold of the Month! [Learn more about Claire](#) and her accomplishments. To nominate students for future months, visit [uwec.ly/blugoldofthemoth](http://uwec.ly/blugoldofthemoth). Students with outstanding academic, leadership, community involvement or service achievements will be considered. Those named Blugold of the Month will be featured on social media and will receive a \$100 gift card to the University Bookstore as well a free meal for themselves and three friends at The Dulany Inn in Davies Center.

### **Student org to offer free babysitting Dec. 1 [From Lutheran Student Association]**

The Lutheran Student Association will "help" with your holiday shopping by [caring for your children \(ages 3-10\) from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1](#), while you go out! Bring them to the Ecumenical Religious Center (next to Hibbard Hall) for a few hours of dinner, games and cookie baking. The service is FREE, but please register so we can plan accordingly. We are not equipped for diaper changing; all children must be toilet trained. Send children's names, ages, parent contact info and any dietary restrictions to Kristin Brunsell at [brunsekm@uwec.edu](mailto:brunsekm@uwec.edu) by **Thursday, Nov. 30**.

### **Faculty, staff invited to 'Back Our Blugolds!' [From Chancellor's Office]**

A meaningful part of many students' Blugold experience is showcasing their talents during our athletics and performing arts events. For students, it makes a huge difference to see faculty and staff in the stands or in the audience. With that in mind, faculty and staff can participate in "Back Our Blugolds," which allows each UW-Eau Claire employee and a guest to attend all home regular season athletics events for free, by presenting a Blugold card at the door. Employees also may attend most music concerts, theater performances and dance recitals at a special employee rate. Please consider participating in "Back Our Blugolds" to demonstrate university community appreciation and support for our students' efforts. Go Blugolds!

### **Student competition: Undergraduate research stories [From ORSP]**

Epigeum Learning Solutions, a department of Oxford University Press, is developing an online course program titled "Research as a Transferable Skill," with an anticipated publication date of August 2018. The program will include animations and brief video interviews showcasing the experiences of real students and faculty involved in undergraduate research. Epigeum is seeking a number of **students or recent graduates** to share their stories, with a chance to appear as a featured personality in the published program. [Learn more about the program and submission details](#). The submission deadline is **Thursday, Nov. 30**.

### **McIntyre Library fundraiser to benefit Hmong Mutual Assistance Association [From McIntyre Library]**

The McIntyre Library Staff Association has kicked off its 23rd annual holiday giving project to raise money for the Hmong Mutual Assistance Association. Funds are used to purchase rice for the organization's rice pantry. Last year, the event raised enough money to purchase nearly 4,400 pounds of rice for the HMAA. [View more information](#), including details on how to donate. Donations will be accepted **through Sunday, Dec. 31**.

### **Seeking workshop proposals for Senior Americans Day [From Continuing Education]**

UW-Eau Claire Continuing Education is accepting workshop proposals for Senior Americans Day, set for June 5, 2018. Past topics have included local history, hobbies, food and entertainment, cultural diversity, health and wellness, and creativity — but proposals on any subject are welcome. This is a volunteer opportunity. The submission deadline is **Friday, Dec. 1**. [Learn more](#).

### **LTS Continuous Improvement Services offers process mapping [From LTS]**

Workloads increasing? Not enough staff? Looking for ways to provide better service? LTS Continuous Improvement Services can help. Best of all there is no charge! This LTS team has helped dozens of areas become more efficient while reducing workloads and providing better service through process mapping. Interested? [Learn more online](#) or by contacting Brad Patton at [pattonbw@uwec.edu](mailto:pattonbw@uwec.edu) or 715-836-3821.

### **Dec. 13 ASK Us Anything session canceled [From ASK Center]**

The Dec. 13 ASK Us Anything session has been canceled. Questions: Please contact the ASK Center at 36-3131.

### **Save the date: CETL's end-of-semester celebration [From CETL]**

All faculty and staff are invited to join colleagues to celebrate another successful semester. The event, which will include refreshments, will be from **3:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20**, in CETL (OL 1142). The event is sponsored by LTS, McIntyre Library, ORSP and CETL.

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## **Awards and Achievements**

**Dr. Ruth Cronje**, professor of English, is the primary academic partner in a \$1 million grant awarded by the Wisconsin Partnership Program for a project titled "Connecting Clinics, Campuses, and Communities to Advance Health Equity." The UWEC-Marshfield Clinic Community Connections Team partnership, which was co-created with UWEC faculty members **Dr. Norah Airth-Kindree**, associate professor of nursing; **Dr. Leah Olson-McBride**, associate professor and chair of social work; and **Dr. Julie Anderson**, associate professor of biology and director, Health Careers Center, will use the award to expand the program to two new rural Wisconsin communities and investigate the impact of the program on patient health.

Three faculty members from the department of languages presented at the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages annual convention Nov. 17-19 in Nashville, Tennessee. **Dr. Anne Hlas**, professor of Spanish, presented "CHAT – Four Techniques to Encourage Interpersonal Communication"; **Dr. Martina Lindseth**, professor of German, gave two presentations: "Connecting Classrooms and Study Abroad" and "Personalizing Instruction for

Intermediate High-Advanced Low learners"; and **Dr. Kaishan Kong**, assistant professor of Chinese, presented "Learning Chinese Through Cross-Cultural Peer Scaffolding."

**Dr. Harry Jol**, professor of geography and anthropology, presented a paper titled "Subsurface imaging of the coastal landscape: Mapping environmental change" as an invited speaker at the Third Xiamen Symposium on Marine Environmental Sciences Jan. 9-11 in Xiamen, China.

**Dr. David Lewis**, professor of chemistry, has had his article "[Independent Discoveries: The Wolff-Kishner Reduction](#)" published in the "Name Reaction Biography" column of the online supplement to the Georg Thieme suite of journals. Lewis also has been contracted to write the inaugural volume in a new Elsevier series, "Organic Name Reactions. Biographies, Discovery and Development." The title of his volume will be "The Wolff-Kishner Reduction and Related Reactions" and is due for release in 2018. This will be Lewis' fourth book since coming to UW-Eau Claire in 1997.

**Jon Loomis**, associate professor of English, had his poem "At the Lake House" read by Garrison Keillor on The Writer's Almanac Nov. 25. [Listen to and view the poem.](#)

**Dr. J. Brian Mahoney**, professor of geology, along with UW-Eau Claire students **Adam Wiest**, **Carly Mueller**, **Derek Lindquist** and **Melissa Hachenmueller**, and **Dr. Laurel McEllistrem**, analytical scientist in materials science and engineering, presented "[Comprehensive Environmental Baseline Studies: The First Step in Reasonable and Responsible Mining Regulations](#)" at the Geological Society of America annual meeting Oct. 24 in Seattle, Washington. Following is the complete citation: Wiest, A.C.\*, Mahoney, J. B., Mueller, C.A.\*, Lindquist, D.B.\*, Hachenmueller, M.A.\*, Sellwood, S.M., and McEllistrem, L.J., 2017, Comprehensive Environmental Baseline Studies: The First Step in Reasonable and Responsible Mining Regulations; Geological Society of America Abstracts with Programs, Vol. 49, No. 6, doi: 10.1130/abs/2017AM-298883. \*denotes student author.

**Dr. Emilia Oswalt**, senior lecturer in the department of languages, presented "Collaboration and Motivation" as a panelist during a discussion titled "3 Keys to Growing Enrollments and Diversifying Language Offerings" at the 49th Annual Convention of the ASEES: Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Nov. 9-12 in Chicago, Illinois.

**Molly Patterson**, assistant professor of English, had her new book, "Rebellion," reviewed in The New York Times Book Review Nov. 22. [Read the review.](#)

**Patti See**, distinguished student services coordinator, Academic Skills Center/senior lecturer, women's studies, had her essay "[Tonight at Dad's](#)" published in the "Local Lit" column of the Nov. 15 Volume One. This short piece was adapted from See's blog, [Our Long Goodbye: One Family's Experiences with Alzheimer's](#), which has been read in more than 100 countries.

**Megan Streuli**, medical assistant in Student Health Service, received an adult immunization grant of \$3,150 from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (funded by the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention). The grant supports developing, planning and implementing events and activities that raise awareness about adult immunizations for college students.

**Dr. Dale Taylor**, professor emeritus of music and theatre arts, received a special award for his contribution to the field of music therapy and his exemplary legacy of service at the 2017 American Music Therapy Association Conference Nov. 16-19 in St. Louis, Missouri. He also co-presented two sessions, "AMTA and Music & Memory: Maximizing our Shared Vision" and "Resources to Mindfully Empower the Music Therapist and Non-Music Therapist Alike" at the conference.

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## Professional Development

### **WWHEL post-conference sharing event**

In October, UW-Eau Claire faculty and staff attended the WWHEL (Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Leadership) fall annual conference at Milwaukee Area Technical College. Join conference participants for breakfast and conversation about "Celebrating Diversity: Moving the Needle from Tolerance to Inclusion." The breakfast event will be from **8-9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 30**, in the Ho-Chunk Room on the third floor of Davies Center. Everyone is welcome.

### **All-campus workshop: 'Diversity Conversations on Campus [From CETL]**

All faculty and staff are invited to an all-campus workshop, "Diversity Conversations on Campus," from **9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16**. Guest speaker Lee Mun Wah will facilitate this seminar, where participants will have the opportunity to practice talking to someone who is different from them in a compassionate and honest way. Participants will learn how to notice the impact and intent of our communications, ways to respond compassionately and openly about diversity issues, and how to listen mindfully and with awareness. Visit [uwec.edu/cetl](http://uwec.edu/cetl) for more information and email [CETL@uwec.edu](mailto:CETL@uwec.edu) to register.

### **Free Covey professional development opportunity for students, faculty and staff**

Dr. Stephen Covey's "7 Habits of Highly Effective People" will enhance your ability to balance priorities, manage your time, improve your interpersonal communication, increase creative collaboration and apply universal principles for achieving a balanced life. The entire cost of the workshop is covered by the Chancellor's Office and includes two full days of training (7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) The next offering is planned for **Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 23 and 24, 2018**. [Learn more](#) and [register](#).

### **Scholarship available for university staff [From University Staff Council]**

Are you taking a spring class? Apply for a \$250 scholarship for university staff. The application deadline is **Friday, Dec. 8**. [Learn more](#).

**Blugold Excellence in Supervision series [From ASK Center-Human Resources]**

Learn about employee hiring, performance management and employee engagement. Attend each monthly two-hour session to obtain the Blugold Excellence in Supervision certificate.

**December sessions:** "Emotional Intelligence" — [1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13](#) and [1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18](#). Questions? Contact Karen Callaway at [callawkl@uwec.edu](mailto:callawkl@uwec.edu) or 715-836-4202.

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