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Emerald ash borer discovered on campus; ash tree removal, treatment plan continues

[Work continues at UW-Eau Claire on an ash tree removal and treatment plan](#) after emerald ash borer, an invasive pest that kills ash trees, recently was discovered on campus — the first discovery of the pest in Eau Claire County.

Be well at work! [From ASK Center - Human Resources]

Check out the [December Employee Wellness Newsletter](#) to find fun facts and information about holiday stress management, local events and discounted exercise facilities.

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Campus construction update [From Facilities Management]

[Read an overview](#) of work completed since Nov. 1 and expected in the next 30 days on the UW-Eau Claire Garfield Avenue redevelopment and Karlgaard Towers renovation projects.

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UW-Eau Claire students **James Erickson, Jackelyn Seamans, Thomas Wavrin** and **Alexander Kleinschmidt**, along with **Dr. Harry Jol**, professor of geography and anthropology, and Mantas Daubaras (Lithuanian Institute of History) presented a paper titled: "A ground penetrating radar investigation of archaeological sites in Varniai Regional Park, northwestern Lithuania" 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. Mickey Kolis, professor of education studies, along with Blugold alumna **Sarah Olson** and Kolis' son, Benjamin, have had their book, "[Brainball \(Music Edition\): Teaching Inquiry Music as a Team Sport](#)," published. This is Kolis' seventh published book and the third co-authored with a former education student.

Dr. Ying Ma, assistant professor of materials science, co-authored an article, "[The unique chemistry of thiuram polysulfides enables energy dense lithium batteries](#)," published Nov. 8 the *Journal of Materials Chemistry A*.

Rob Mattison of Learning and Technology Services discussed UW-Eau Claire's [GEEKcon](#) event, set for Saturday, Dec. 9, on Wisconsin Public Radio's "[Spectrum West](#)" Nov. 30. Mattison is one of the lead organizers of the event.

Dr. aBa Mbirika, associate professor of mathematics, and his undergraduate research student **Emily Gullerud** delivered a research colloquium talk titled "[An Euler phi function for the Eisenstein integers and some tantalizing applications](#)" as an invited address Nov. 17 at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers, Florida.

Dr. Charlotte Sortedahl, associate professor of nursing, and UW-Eau Claire alumni **Kathryn Sobotzak (BSN, RN)**, **Brooke Farrell (BSN, RN)** and **Nicholas Jaeger (BA, computer science)** have had the following article published in *Nursing Education Perspectives*: Sortedahl, C., Persinger, S., Sobotzak, K., Farrell, B., & Jaeger, N. (2017). Essential professional behaviors of nursing students and new nurses: Hospital nurse leader perspectives survey. *Nursing Education Perspectives*, 38(6): 297-303. doi: 10.1097/01.NEP.0000000000000240. Sobotzak, Farrell and Jaeger worked on this research as undergraduate student research assistants with Sortedahl.

Dr. Sarah Vitale, assistant professor of geology, chaired a topical session titled "Recent Advances in Hydrogeology" at the Geological Society of America Annual Meeting Oct. 22-25 in Seattle, Washington. She also presented a paper, "[Applying the Dissolved Oxygen Alteration Method with Hydraulic Isolation to Measure Water Quality in Individual Fractures in Open Wellbores](#)," at the meeting.

Dr. Ruidong Zhang, professor of information systems, was a coauthor on a paper from a collaborative study conducted in spring 2017 with faculty from Zhejiang University in China and researchers at the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS). The paper, "[Digital Infrastructure: Overcoming the Digital Divide in China and the European Union](#)," has been published by the CEPS. The collaborative project was sponsored by Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale

Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and Emerging Market Sustainability Dialogues (EMSD). GIZ was the coordinator and research arm of the Germany G20 summit. EMSD is a network of change agents and decision-makers committed to jointly developing and implementing solutions for sustainable economic development in emerging economies. In addition, a summarized version of this paper was presented as a policy brief at the Think20 (T20) meeting held in Berlin in June 2017, and published in G20 Insights, a collection of policy recommendations for the G20 summit held in July 2017.

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Did you know that more than 1,800 job titles exist in the UW System? A team is sifting through all of them as they work on a complete redesign of classification and compensation systems. David Miller, director of Human Resources at UW-Eau Claire, represents the four-year campuses on the UW System planning and project team, and also leads UW-Eau Claire's team.

To learn about the study, [visit the Human Resources Sharepoint site](#). To learn more about the history of the project, catch up on progress and read FAQs, please [consult the UW System website](#).

F and S parking unavailable in Phillips lot Jan. 11 [From Blugold Central - Parking and Transportation]

On **Jan. 11, 2018**, UW-Eau Claire will host the Wisconsin Department of Justice Expo in partnership with Marshfield Clinic in Davies Center. **F and S stalls in the Phillips lot will be reserved for event guests** that day. Those holding G, ADA and Admissions permits will be able to access those specific stalls within the lot. A parking attendant will be on staff the morning of the event to help direct vehicles to the appropriate areas. Thank you in advance for welcoming this event to campus. Questions? Call Blugold Central at 715-836-3000.

LTS now offers data scanning services [From LTS]

The LTS Security Team and the Help Desk now provide data scanning services for faculty, staff and students. Bring your device to the Help Desk to find out what type of personal information is stored on it. The scanning process will help individuals better secure their personal information and reduce the risk of it being stolen. Questions? Contact Sarah Brower at browsersm@uwec.edu.

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Dr. Joseph Rohrer, professor of biology, recently had a short paper published on an unexpected Asian weed found on the UW-Eau Claire campus last year. The paper, titled "[Impatiens parviflora DC. \(Balsaminaceae\): First record from Wisconsin and the Great Lakes region of a potentially invasive species](#)," was published in *The Great Lakes Botanist*, 56 (3-4): 204-207.

Dr. Jessica Sertling Miller, professor of French, department of languages, has had a review of the textbook "Adomania" (C. Brillant, S. Erlich, C. Himber) published in the December issue of *The French Review*, 91 (2), 301-302.

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