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Welcome to spring semester! Check out the important UW-Eau Claire employee info in this week's **Blugold FYI**. Have content for an upcoming edition? Send it via the [Blugold FYI submission form](#).

Important Announcements

Chancellor's Opening Spring Forum today [From Chancellor's Office]

UW-Eau Claire and UW-Barron County faculty, staff and students are invited to join Chancellor Schmidt in person or online from **3-4:30 p.m. today** in Centennial Hall 1614 or online at <http://uwec.ly/live> for a midyear look at what we've accomplished and what lies ahead. Online viewers may email questions to Corry Mahnke at mahnkecm@uwec.edu.

On-campus Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration set for tomorrow [From Office of Multicultural Affairs and Black Student Alliance]

UW-Eau Claire will host a campus-community celebration of the vision and legacy of civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at **5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31**, in Schofield Auditorium. The event also will include the presentation of the university's first Martin Luther King Jr. Social Justice Leadership Award to Dr. David Leaman, dean of UW-Eau Claire's College of Arts and Sciences. [Learn more](#).

'Blugold Spotlight': New video series unveiled [From Integrated Marketing and Communications]

We are excited to unveil a new video series in the first Blugold FYI of 2018. The link below will take you to our first "Blugold Spotlight." Every other week we will share a two-minute video profile featuring an outstanding member of our UW-Eau Claire team. [Today we turn the spotlight on Dr. David Jones](#).

Library director finalist presentations continue [From Library Director Search and Screen Committee]

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend finalist presentations and participate in Q&A sessions for the library director position. The remaining forum, with finalist [Tim Gritten](#), will be **Wednesday, Feb. 7**, from 8:30-9:40 a.m., followed by a meet-and-greet from 9:40-10 a.m. in the second-floor breezeway (Library 2022). The library position description can be found on [UW-Eau Claire's employment website](#).

Scholarship dollars available for UW-Eau Claire students [From UW-Eau Claire Foundation]

Scholarship dollars through the UW-Eau Claire Foundation are now available for students. Unfortunately, many Blugolds don't know where or how to apply for these scholarships and money is left unawarded. If you know deserving students, please encourage them to visit uwec.ly/scholarshipinfo for scholarship criteria and availability.

Seeking nominees for Campus Ambassador positions [From Admissions]

Personable, enthusiastic, genuine, knowledgeable about campus, and dedicated to UW-Eau Claire — these are just a few qualities we are looking for in our Campus Ambassadors (yes, those students in the blue and gold striped shirts). They are a group of 70 active volunteer student leaders selected from faculty, staff and student nominations. Please consider nominating students who strike you as standout individuals by the end of the day on **Thursday, Feb. 22**. (You may submit the form more than once for multiple nominees.) [Learn more](#).

Learn about the Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Program [From ASK Center - Human Resources]

The [Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Program](#) is a supplemental retirement savings plan offered to UW System employees. Through the WDC plan, you can invest a portion of your income for retirement either on a pre-tax or post-tax (Roth) basis or a combination of both. Participation in the plan is voluntary. A WDC representative will be at UW-Eau Claire on **Monday, March 5**, for group presentations and individual meetings. [View available meeting times and locations](#). To schedule an appointment or register for a group meeting, [visit the WDC website](#). Learn more through the [WDC's annual retirement plan account checkup](#) tool.

Call for proposals: International events and programs [From Council on Internationalization and Global Engagement]

In an effort to support department-level global engagement, proposals are sought by the first of each month to bring distinguished scholars, artists, speakers, ensembles and events to campus on topics related to international issues, understandings and celebrations. [Learn more and submit proposals here](#). Questions? Visit the [CIGE website](#) or contact Eric Torres, CIGE chair, at torresed@uwec.edu.

Call for proposals: Department-to-department programs [From Council on Internationalization and Global Engagement]

In an effort to support department-level global engagement, proposals are sought to help departments build relationships with peer departments elsewhere in the world. [Learn more and submit proposals here](#). Questions? Visit the [CIGE website](#) or contact Dr. Eric Torres, CIGE chair, at torresed@uwec.edu, or Dr. Paul Kaldjian at kaldjian@uwec.edu.

LTS offers data scanning services [From LTS]

Data scanning is a service brought to you by the LTS Help Desk and LTS Security for university-owned machines. The first step in securing your computer is knowing what kind of information is currently stored on it. Our service will help you find any sensitive data that exists on your computer, such as Social Security numbers, important passwords, credit card numbers and more. Simply bring your computer to the Help Desk (Old Library 1106) and request that your machine be scanned using this free service. Questions? Contact the Help Desk at helpdesk@uwec.edu or 715-836-5711.

Share your student's college search experience with Admissions! [From Admissions]

If you have a family member who is in the college search process, Admissions would like to hear about your experience. Each semester we'll send out this [survey](#) to collect information to help us consider best practices. Thank you for taking the time to share!

Faculty/staff invited to present at 'Meals with Honors' event [From University Honors Program]

Faculty and academic staff are invited to present during the Honors Program's "Meals with Honors" program this spring. Presentations are attended by 15-20 Honors students, are accompanied by food and most often occur around mealtimes. Presentations can introduce, explore or discuss topics. If you are interested, please complete a [Qualtrics survey](#), giving us the information needed to schedule your presentation.

Guidelines for handling fluorescent lightbulbs [From Surplus Store]

As part of UW-Eau Claire's efforts to become environmentally sustainable, please take a moment to [review guidelines](#) on how to properly handle and dispose of fluorescent lightbulbs. Questions? Call 715-836-5555 or email surplusstore@uwec.edu.

Printing Services can shred your documents [From Printing Services]

Did you know that University Printing Services can do your end-of-year (or anytime) shredding? Clips must be removed, but staples can remain. A standard paper box takes about 30 minutes to shred, so the cost to your department would be about \$8 per box (based on a \$16-per-hour rate). Payment can be made through any funding string (account number). Email printingservices@uwec.edu or call 715-836-5621 to arrange for pickup. Drop-off at our Schofield 18 location also is acceptable; however, please email or call first.

Be well at work! [From ASK Center - Human Resources + Recreation and Sport Facilities]

- Check out the [January Employee Wellness Newsletter](#) to find useful information about what to eat for a stronger immune system, how to become more stress resilient, how to make New Year's resolutions stick and more!
- Sign up for the free [Couch to 5K Challenge](#) to prepare for the [Shamrock Shuffle 5K Run/Walk](#) on March 10.

Smile! Professional portraits offered on Wednesdays [From LTS Photo]

The Learning and Technology Services photo department offers free, walk-in professional portrait sessions for faculty and staff from **11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wednesdays throughout the semester**. The photo studio is on the garden level of Schofield Hall. Enter door S59 and the studio is at the end of the hallway. Questions? Call 715-836-6005.

Public surplus sale this week [From Surplus Store]

Join us for our next surplus sale from **3-6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1**, in the Central Stores warehouse on upper campus. For more information, visit the [Surplus Store website](#) or [Facebook page](#). Questions? Email surplusstore@uwec.edu or call 715-836-5555.

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Awards and Achievements

UW-Eau Claire's **College of Business** has had its accreditation reaffirmed by AACSB International — The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The College of Business was first accredited by AACSB International in 1980. Since then, the college has undergone a continuous improvement review (CIR) of its undergraduate business and MBA programs every five years. [Full story](#).

Dr. Wil Denson, professor emeritus of music and theatre arts, has had his new book, "Life Upon the Wicked Stage: Director's Cut" published. The book traces 34 years (1965-1998) of summer theater in Eau Claire: 126 productions, 1,224 performances, 500-plus company members, 300,000 theatergoers. A [reading and book-signing event](#) is set for 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at the Volume One Gallery, 205 N. Dewey St., Eau Claire. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the reading or by contacting Dr. Denson at densonwt@uwec.edu.

Dr. Selika Duckworth-Lawton, professor of history, was featured in Volume One's "Women in the Lead" series in December 2017. Duckworth-Lawton was recognized for her extensive leadership in the Eau Claire community, including her service in the areas of crisis management and reduction of racial bias within community agencies and schools. [View article](#).

Dr. Lyle Ford, professor and chair of the physics and astronomy department, presented "Teaching a Conceptual Physics Class with Lab as an Online Course" as part of the UW System Virtual Showcase April 4, 2017. [View Ford's presentation description and access a recording of the session](#).

CETL congratulates **Sheril Gilberstadt**, lecturer of accounting and finance, and **Jamie Tester**, assistant professor of social work, who have been chosen as UW-Eau Claire's Teaching Scholar and Fellow, respectively, for the 2018-19 Wisconsin Teaching Fellows and Scholars Program. Gilberstadt and Tester will collaborate with other UW System faculty as they each complete a scholarship of teaching and learning project. [Learn more](#).

Dr. Jerry Hoepner, associate professor of communication sciences and disorders, was invited to give two presentations at the International Conference of Speech Pathology Clinical Practice Dec. 1-3, 2017, in Busan, South Korea. Both presentations were on "Implementing self-regulatory and executive function interventions within everyday contexts." One was an opening plenary lecture and the second was a poster discussion on the same topic. The second session gave attendees the opportunity to have deeper conversations and ask follow-up questions related to the large group lecture.

Dr. David Jones, professor of English and interim director, University Honors Program, recently had the following articles published: "A 'Little Bit Married While Black: A Personal and Political Meditation on Marriage, Single Adulthood, and Relationship Literacy." *Gender Forum*, 64 (2017): 52-73; "From Good Intentions to Educational Equity in an Honors Program: Occupying Honors Through Inclusive Excellence." *Occupy Honors Education: National Collegiate Honors Council Monograph Series*. Lisa Coleman, ed. Lincoln, NE: National Collegiate Honors Council, 2017: 33-80; and "Identities without Borders: June Jordan, Audre Lorde, Alice Walker, and the Legacy of Post-Civil Rights Black Feminism." *Critical Insights: Social Justice*. Robert Hauhart and Jeff Birkenstein, eds. Ipswich, MA: Salem Press, 2017: 3-19.

Dr. David Lewis, professor of chemistry, has been selected as a member of the 2018 cohort of recipients of the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award. In addition, Lewis recently learned that he has been selected to receive the American Chemical Society's 2018 [HIST Award for Outstanding Achievement in the History of Chemistry](#). The award will be presented to Lewis at the award symposium in his honor at the National ACS Meeting in August in Boston.

Dr. James Oberly, professor of history and department chair, has had his article, titled "[Love at First Sight and an Arrangement for Life: Investigating and Interpreting a 1910 Hungarian Migrant Marriage](#)," published in the inaugural issue of the *Journal of Austrian-American History*, Vol. 1, No. 1, 2017, 69-97. [Learn more](#).

Dr. Kaia Simon, assistant professor of English and director of the Writing Program, presented her paper titled "Revising and Relocating the Good Hmong Daughter" at the Modern Language Association Convention Jan. 4-7 in New York City.

Angie Sterling-Orth, clinical associate professor of communication sciences and disorders, recently had the following guide published: Sterling-Orth, A., Schraeder, T., and Courtrade, G., 2017. "Guide to clinical supervision," Verona, WI: Cognitive Press.

Kimera Way, UW-Eau Claire Foundation president and executive director of university advancement, was featured in Volume One's "Women in the Lead" series in December 2017. Way was recognized for her leadership at UW-Eau Claire and within the Eau Claire community, including her roles in large-scale projects such as the Confluence Project, the proposed Sonnentag Event and Recreation Complex, and Blugold Radio. [View article](#).

Using soft X-rays, **Dr. Scott Whitfield**, UW-Eau Claire alumnus **Cory Nook** (currently in graduate school) and Dr. Ralf Wehlitz (UW-Madison/Synchrotron Radiation Center) investigated the dynamics of the photoionization process in the valence region of atomic Barium. This [research](#) has been published in the *Journal of Physics B: Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics*, Vol. 50, 214004, Nov. 2017.

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Professional Development

Equity, diversity and inclusion programming

Tier 2 EDI programming provides participants with the conceptual framework, opportunities for self-reflection and group discussion, and skill-building experience necessary for being an effective advocate for equity and diversity. [Professional development opportunities](#) will be available throughout the spring semester. The following programs will be offered in February (note that several programs are part of a multiweek series): "[Learning about an Interfaith Worldview of Pluralism and Engagement](#)" reading group series (four-week series beginning Feb. 5), noon-1 p.m., CETL (OL 1142); "[Microaggressions](#)," Feb. 6, 2:30-4:30 p.m., CETL (OL 1142); "[The Hate You Give](#)" reading group series (four-week series beginning Feb. 12), noon-1 p.m., CETL (OL 1142); "[13th](#)" film and discussion, Feb. 20, 2-4 p.m., Woodland Theater (Room 328), Davies Center; "[The Student Experience Training Series: African American](#)," Feb. 22, 10-11 a.m., CETL (OL 1142); and "[Power of Perception](#)," Feb. 26, noon-1 p.m., CETL (OL 1142).

Faculty, staff, students invited to join 'One Book, One Community' event [From McIntyre Library]

McIntyre Library and the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library have teamed up to host a reading program titled "One Book, One Community." The program will feature a handful of events in which participants will read and discuss J.D. Vance's "Hillbilly Elegy." UW-Eau Claire faculty, staff and students are invited to read the book and join the discussion at **noon Monday, April 9, in CETL (OL 1142). McIntyre Library will give copies of the book to the first 15 registrants.** To register, contact Eric Jennings at jenninge@uwec.edu. [Learn more](#).

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

Check out [CETL's home page](#) for opportunities open to all faculty and staff that focus on teaching, learning and inclusion. This week's highlight is [CETL's Certificate Program](#). Geared toward early career educators, this group will discuss different teaching and learning topics and pair up colleagues to observe each other's classes and learn each other's techniques. If interested, email CETL@uwec.edu.

On-campus learning opportunities offered in 2018 [From ASK Center - Human Resources]

Human Resources is offering a variety of learning opportunities for all employees in 2018. Go to the [Human Resources SharePoint site](#) for details and registration information for Excellence in Supervision, Excellence in Leadership, Blugold Service Excellence and other courses being offered. Questions? Contact Karen Callaway at callawkl@uwec.edu or 715-836-4202.

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Meeting Notices

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Also see archived 2017 Blugold FYI issues from [August](#), [September](#), [October](#), [November](#) and [December](#).

Blugold FYI compiles many bits of information and announcements about the business of working at UW-Eau Claire into one single email for your convenience. Reply to give us your feedback, or [head to the form to submit items](#) for a future issue.

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