



Feb. 6, 2018

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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](#).

Missed the on-campus Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration? Video now available

While UW-Eau Claire's Jan. 31 on-campus [Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration](#) was streamed via Facebook Live, due to technical difficulties the video was not available on Facebook following the event. The event was recorded, however, and [the video is now viewable online](#).

Campus construction update [From Facilities Management]

[Read an overview](#) of work completed since Dec. 1 and expected in the next 30 days on the UW-Eau Claire Garfield Avenue redevelopment, Karlgaard Towers renovation, Confluence Arts Center and new residence hall projects.

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Dr. Mohammad Alasagheirin, assistant professor of nursing, recently had two papers accepted for publication. The citations are as follows: Alasagheirin, M.H., and Clark, M.K. (2018). "Skeletal growth, body composition and metabolic risk among north Sudanese immigrant children." *Public Health Nursing*. DOI:10.1111/phn.12386; and Alasagheirin, M.H., and Clark, M.K. (2017). "Physical activity characteristics of Sudanese immigrant children." *International Journal of Nursing & Clinical Practices*, Vol. 4, 247.

Dr. Jack Bushnell, professor of English, had his nature essay, "Writing on Water," which appeared in *Tampa Review*, listed among the "Notable Essays and Literary Nonfiction" of the year in the recently published "The Best American Essays 2017," (NY: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt). This is the second time Bushnell's work has been honored in this way. His essay "The Swallows of Selborne," published in *Gettysburg Review*, was listed among the "Notable Essays" of the year in "The Best American Essays 2011."

Ami Christensen, Intensive English Program coordinator and lecturer in the department of languages, was a contributor and co-editor of 543-page curriculum for the U.S. Department of State. Full citation: Bodensteiner et al. (2017). [Lower Mekong Initiative: Professional Communication Skills for Leaders](#). (2017). English Language Programs. Department of State: United States of America: americanenglish.state.gov.

Dr. David Leaman, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, was the recipient of the first Martin Luther King Jr. Social Justice Leadership Award presented by UW-Eau Claire's Division of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. The award was announced Jan. 31 during the university's on-campus Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. [View the award presentation at the 14:10 mark of the event video.](#)

Dr. Ming-Li Hsieh, assistant professor of criminal justice, has had her article, titled "[What Legally Prescribed Functions Tell Us: Role Differences Between Adult and Juvenile Probation Officers](#)" published in the *Federal Probation Journal*.

Human Resources congratulates **Kelly Micolich**, Children's Nature Academy; **Sabrina Marion**, Children's Nature Academy; **Jackie Kriesel**, ASK Center; **Barb Hanson**, ASK Center; **Veronica Pettigrew**, Housing and Residence Life; and **Jillian Anderson**, ASK Center; for completing the

Excellence in Supervision certification program. Their commitment to professional development demonstrates a desire to grow and develop themselves and others.

Dr. Jason Spraitz, associate professor of criminal justice, wrote a chapter titled "Institutional Sexual Abuse" for the first edition of the recently published book "[Contemporary Issues in Victimology: Identifying Patterns and Trends](#)."

UW-Eau Claire's **Upward Bound program**, under the direction of **Kimamo Wahome** since 1994, will receive a UW System Board of Regents Diversity Award Feb. 9. Wahome will accept the award during the regents' meeting in Madison. [Learn more about this recognition](#) for Upward Bound at UW-Eau Claire.

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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 the Successful Teaching Practices series (dates TBD). Faculty are invited to share their teaching techniques and brainstorm new ideas on enhancing student learning. 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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Campuswide emergency notification system test Feb. 15 [From Emergency Response Team]
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Blugold Spotlight: Arthur Grothe [From Integrated Marketing and Communications]

Enjoy the latest [Blugold Spotlight video featuring Arthur Grothe](#), assistant professor of music and theatre arts.

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Nominate a student for Blugold of the Month! [From Student Affairs]

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 for 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.

Summer orientation assistant positions open [From ARCC - Orientation and New Student Programs]

Orientation and New Student Programs is looking for energetic, engaged students who would be interested in working on campus this summer, assisting with the orientation and registration process for our new class of students. The position is full time for the month of June, with additional hours throughout the summer and school year. For full position and application information, please direct students to [Handshake](#) to apply. Applications are due **Wednesday, Feb. 21**.

Shredding service updates [From Purchasing]

Shredding services are up for rebid at the beginning of the upcoming fiscal year. If your area does not have a bin for shredding services and would like to be included as a service location, please contact Purchasing at purchasing@uwec.edu by **Friday, Feb. 16**.

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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.

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Public surplus sale this week [From Surplus Store]

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

Check out the [February Employee Wellness Newsletter](#) to find fun facts and information about a variety of wellness options, local events and discounted exercise facilities!

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Dr. Christina Berchini, assistant professor of English, was interviewed by Inside Higher Education regarding the use of racist language in the classroom. [View Feb. 12 article.](#)

Dr. Harry Jol, professor of geography, Walter Loope (U.S. Geological Survey), and UW-Eau Claire students **Jackelyn Seamans**, **Madeline Hynek** and **Alexander Kleinschmidt** presented their paper, titled "Ground penetrating radar imaging of a Lake Superior Holocene barrier: New insights from Lonesome Point, Michigan," at the 2017 Geological Society of America Joint 52nd Northeastern Annual Section and 51st North-Central Annual Section Meeting March 19-21, 2017, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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In Memoriam

Condolences to the family and friends of Thomas Lilly. Lilly, UW-Eau Claire professor emeritus of art, passed away Jan. 27 in Eau Claire. He was a member of the art faculty from 1967-96. [View full obituary.](#)

Condolences to the family and friends of Dr. John Thurston. Thurston, UW-Eau Claire professor emeritus of psychology, passed away Feb. 9 in Altoona. He was a member of the psychology faculty from 1958-87. [View full obituary.](#)

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Integrating Global Education in Your Classroom [From Council on Internationalization and Global Engagement/CETL]

Come learn how your colleagues are bringing the world to their UW-Eau Claire classrooms during the [Global Engagement Speaker series](#), presented by CIGE and CETL. The first of the four sessions, "Inclusion and Active Learning in a Global Classroom," will be presented by **Dr. Kranti Dugar** and **Dr. Longzhou Dong**, management and marketing, **today (Feb. 13) from 12:10-12:50 p.m.** Questions? Email Shanti Freitas at freitasb@uwec.edu.

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Barriers and Facilitators of Twitter as a Pedagogical #Strategy in the College Classroom [From ORSP]

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Covey's '7 Habits' training to be offered

Dr. Stephen Covey's "7 Habits of Highly Effective People" will help you balance priorities, manage time, improve interpersonal communication, increase creative collaboration and apply principles for achieving a balanced life. Interested faculty and staff are invited to attend the free two-day, on-campus workshop that fits their calendar. A light breakfast, beverages and afternoon refreshments will be provided. The next session will be **Monday and Tuesday, March 19 and 20**. [View more details](#), including registration deadlines.

Leadership Fellows program seeks applicants, nominations [From Student Affairs]

Faculty and staff are invited to apply or nominate a colleague to be a part of the Leadership Fellows 2018-19 cohort. Benefits of the Leadership Fellows program include learning about campus, connecting with colleagues from different departments, working with a mentor, participating in professional development, and developing and leading a group and individual project. Participants receive a \$1,000 stipend. The nominations deadline: **Monday, March 5**; application deadline: **Friday, March 30**. [Learn more](#).

Supporting bereaved college students and emerging adults [From Continuing Education]

Many college students and emerging adults face their first significant loss just as they are striving for independence. Learn effective strategies for supporting this population through this Hospice Foundation of America [webinar](#) and in-person presentation by **Dr. Lisa Quinn-Lee**, associate professor of social work. The program will be from **8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday, April**

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Call for CERCA abstracts [From ORSP]

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs invites abstract submissions by **March 9** for the sixth annual Celebration of Excellence in Research and Creative Activity (CERCA), set for April 30-May 4. [Learn more.](#)

Human Resources announces changes in Payroll and Benefits team [From ASK Center - Human Resources]

Human Resources has announced the following changes to staff responsibilities within the Payroll and Benefits team: Joanne Huse – timesheet and approvals for university staff and student employees; Jeannine Buch – faculty, academic staff and limited (FASLI) payroll and absences; Sue Weber – all benefits; Laura S. Roach – student hire requests, unemployment and benefit applications; and Patty Johnson – faculty, academic staff and limited contracts. Diane Willer will oversee all payroll and benefits processes. Questions? Call the ASK Center at 715-836-3131.

Biometric screenings, Wellness Fair, set for March 1 [From ASK Center - Human Resources]

The first biometric screening opportunity of 2018 will take place from **11 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, March 1, in the Ojibwe Ballroom of Davies Center.** The annual **Wellness Fair** will be underway at the same time and location. To sign up for a screening, log into your portal at wellwisconsin.staywell.com. [Learn more.](#)

Call for readers: 12th annual International Poetry Reading [From International Poetry Reading organizers]

Organizers of the 12th annual International Poetry Reading are seeking readers for the event, which is set for 7-9 p.m. **Tuesday, May 1,** in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center. If you can read in a language other than modern, standard English, please consider participating. Interested students, staff and faculty should send an email to IPR organizers at internationalpoetryreading@gmail.com by **Friday, March 16.** Write "Poetry Reading" in the subject line, followed by the language you'd like to read in (for example, "Poetry Reading-Arabic"). Questions? Email internationalpoetryreading@gmail.com or visit the [IPR Facebook page](#).

Have an idea for a Continuing Education program? [From Continuing Education]

Continuing Education's goal is to enrich the community through relevant and meaningful classes and programs. If you have an idea for a class, CE staff would love to hear about it and help bring it to the right audiences. Offering more than 150 programs per year, CE strives to provide broad, interesting, creative classes in a wide variety of lecture and hands-on formats. View the [CE website](#) and [program proposal form](#).

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Funded through the Blugold Commitment, the Faculty-Led International Immersion Experiences program provides administrative and funding support to help deepen student intercultural competence through global engagement. Programs are at least 14 days during Winterim or summer term, and must connect directly to R2 global learning outcomes. Applications are due to department chairs/program directors/supervisors by **March 28**. [Review all program details, requirements and application materials](#).

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Interested in the latest news stories on the UW-Eau Claire website? Check them out [here](#)!

Important Announcements

Reminder: Employee Appreciation Luncheon tomorrow [From UW-Eau Claire Foundation]

Join colleagues and friends for lunch from **11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28**, in the Ojibwe Ballroom of Davies Center to both be appreciated and show your appreciation for others who have had a positive impact on our campus. If you haven't had a chance to RSVP but plan to attend, please email Deb Lang at langda@uwec.edu.

Blugold Spotlight: Dr. April Bleske-Rechek [From Integrated Marketing and Communications]

Enjoy the latest [Blugold Spotlight video featuring Dr. April Bleske-Rechek](#), professor of psychology.

Provost's Honors Symposium seeks nominations [From University Honors Program]

Faculty and staff are invited to nominate outstanding student research, scholarship or creative activity by **Wednesday, Feb. 28**, for presentation at the eighth annual Provost's Honors Symposium on **Friday, May 4**. This is a professional-style conference where selected students from any major on campus have the chance to present their top-level work. Visit the [Provost's Honors Symposium website](#) for updates and [submit a nomination via eform](#). For more information, contact Pam Golden (goldenp@uwec.edu) or Dr. David Jones (jonesm@uwec.edu) in the University Honors Program.

Financial planning workshop set for Feb. 28 [From ASK Center - Human Resources]

Joe Bonjorino, director of institutional retirement for TIAA, will give a financial foundations presentation from **11 a.m.-noon Wednesday, Feb. 28**, in the Council Oak Room (260) of Davies Center. Topics will include budgeting tips, investing basics, lifecycle funds and online web tools. [Learn more](#) and [register](#) online.

Biometric screenings, Wellness Fair, set for March 1 [From ASK Center - Human Resources]

The first biometric screening opportunity of 2018 will take place from **11 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, March 1, in the Ojibwe Ballroom of Davies Center**. The annual **Wellness Fair** will be underway

at the same time and location. To sign up for a screening, log into your portal at wellwisconsin.staywell.com. [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.

CERCA abstracts due March 9 [From ORSP]

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs invites abstract submissions by **March 9** for the sixth annual Celebration of Excellence in Research and Creative Activity (CERCA), set for April 30-May 4. [Learn more](#).

Readers sought: 12th annual International Poetry Reading [From International Poetry Reading organizers]

Organizers of the 12th annual International Poetry Reading are seeking readers for the event, which is set for 7-9 p.m. **Tuesday, May 1**, in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center. If you can read in a language other than modern, standard English, please consider participating. Interested students, staff and faculty should send an email to IPR organizers at internationalpoetryreading@gmail.com by **Friday, March 16**. Write "Poetry Reading" in the subject line, followed by the language you'd like to read in (for example, "Poetry Reading-Arabic"). Questions? Email internationalpoetryreading@gmail.com or visit the [IPR Facebook page](#).

Apply to teach in Harlaxton, England [From Center for International Education]

UW-Eau Claire can nominate faculty to teach a course during the fall 2019 or spring 2020 semesters in Harlaxton, England. [View application and compensation details](#). Questions? Contact the CIE at CIE@uwec.edu or 715-836-4411. Applications are due **Friday, March 16**.

Call for proposals: Domestic intercultural immersions in 2018-19

The goal of the Domestic Intercultural Immersion Experiences program is to engage students firsthand with various cultures, populations and environments within the U.S. to deepen their understanding and intercultural competence. Programs (for-credit or non-credit) must be at least five days in duration and connect directly to R1 learning outcomes. Current UW-Eau Claire faculty or academic staff with .5 FTE or greater appointments may submit proposals.

Applications are due to department chairs/program directors/supervisors by **Wednesday, March 28**. [Learn more about the program and application process](#).

Call for proposals: 2018-19 Faculty-Led International Immersion Experiences — extended deadline! [From Academic Affairs]

Funded through the Blugold Commitment, the Faculty-Led International Immersion Experiences program provides administrative and funding support to help deepen student intercultural competence through global engagement. Programs are at least 14 days during Winterim or summer term, and must connect directly to R2 global learning outcomes. Applications are due

to department chairs/program directors/supervisors by **March 28**. [Review all program details, requirements and application materials.](#)

Call for nominations: University Staff Scholarship for Undergraduate Students [From University Staff Funding Committee]

University staff (active or retired) have an opportunity to nominate a student for the University Staff Student Scholarship for the 2018-19 academic year. This scholarship is an opportunity for university staff to help ease the financial burden of college for a student. Once all nominations are in, one nominee will be chosen to receive \$300 for fall semester and \$300 for spring semester. The deadline for nominations is **April 2**. [Learn more, including details on nominating a student.](#)

Have an idea for a Continuing Education program? [From Continuing Education]

Continuing Education's goal is to enrich the community through relevant and meaningful classes and programs. If you have an idea for a class, CE staff would love to hear about it and help bring it to the right audiences. Offering more than 150 programs per year, CE strives to provide broad, interesting, creative classes in a wide variety of lecture and hands-on formats. View the [CE website](#) and [program proposal form](#).

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, March 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.

Proposed curricular changes in College of Business [From College of Business]

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students. The article, titled "[Teaching tourism in Jamaica: developing students' critical consciousness and intercultural competence](#)," recently was published in *Intercultural Education*, issue 29.1, January 2018.

Dr. Christina Berchini, assistant professor of English, had her article, titled "[The N-Word and Language as Property](#)," published in *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*.

Dr. Josh Brown, associate professor of German in the department of languages, gave the invited lecture "Multilingualism in 19th Century Pennsylvania" as part of the celebration events for the 10th anniversary of the Center for Language Science at The Pennsylvania State University.

Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, professor of history, was an invited presenter and panelist during the conference "Preventing Conflict Today: Learning from WWI," Feb. 23 at Chatham House, The Royal Institute of International Affairs, in London, England. [Learn more](#) and [view the panel discussion video](#).

Max Garland, professor emeritus of English, recently was recognized as a 2018 Wisconsin Academy Fellows Award winner. The award, given by the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters, honors educators, researchers, mentors, artists, and civic or business leaders from throughout Wisconsin who have made substantial contributions to the state's cultural life and welfare. [Learn more](#).

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Culture Core Conference set for March 3 [From Hmong Student Association]

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Integrating Global Education in Your Classroom [From CIGE/CETL]

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