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Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend open forums and participate in Q&A sessions with finalists for the Center for International Education director position. The remaining forums are as follows: **Eric Leise**: Tuesday, March 6 (today), 3-3:50 p.m., 1804 Centennial Hall; **Taya Carothers**: Friday, March 9, 3-3:50 p.m., 1920 Centennial Hall; **Dr. Witold Wolny**: Monday, March 12, 2:30-3:20 p.m., 1804 Centennial Hall. [Each candidate's vita and letter of application](#) are posted online. The committee welcomes feedback through a [Qualtrics survey](#) **before noon on Tuesday, March 13**.

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Campus construction update [From Facilities Management]

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

CERCA abstracts due March 9 [From ORSP]

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

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Reuse, recycle, RECLAIM! [From Surplus Store]

[Head to the Surplus Store](#) **Wednesday, March 7, 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 for on-campus use 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 or call 715-836-5555 for more information.

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Awards and Achievements

Dr. Jack Bushnell, professor of English, had his second play, "[Seal Skin](#)," performed as a professional staged reading Feb. 26 at the Playwrights' Center in Minneapolis. The cast included Peter Christian Hansen as Ben, Jane Froiland as Jillian, and Shelby Richardson as Rima.

Dr. Kranti Dugar, assistant professor of marketing, presented the paper "To Renounce or not to Renounce, That Is the Question: An Exploratory Sequential Scale Development Study of Consumers' Perceptions of Voluntary Deconsumption" Feb. 24 at the 2018 AMA Winter Academic Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Jessica Gardner, lecturer in management and marketing, gave a presentation on the importance of understanding customer needs in the sales process Feb. 21 at the 2018 Sales Conference hosted by the Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Rita Gross, professor emerita of philosophy and religious studies, who passed away in November 2015, will have her book, "Buddhism Beyond Gender," posthumously published by Shambhala Publications on March 27. It recently was [reviewed by the Buddhist magazine Lion's Roar](#).

Dr. Harry Jol, professor of geography; UWEC students **Alexander Kleinschmidt**, **Jackelyn Seamans**, **James Erickson** and **Thomas Wavrin**; Philip Reeder (Duquesne University); Vadim Altskan (U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum); Melanice Wallace (NOVA); and Iris Samson (WQED Pittsburgh – moderator) were part of a special premiere and panel discussion on the PBS NOVA release "Holocaust Escape Tunnel" 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.

Jerry Kollross, senior lecturer in management and marketing, gave the keynote address, "A Personal Sales Journey," at the 2018 Sales Conference hosted by the Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce on Feb. 21. Kollross also led a breakout session on SPIN questioning techniques at the same conference.

Dr. David Lewis, professor of chemistry, has been selected for inclusion in the 2018 edition of "Marquis Who's Who in the World."

Dr. Tom Sather, assistant professor of communication sciences and disorders, received the Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Association's [2018 Outstanding Service Award](#) for his contributions on the board of the Chippewa Valley Aphasia Group and the Aphasia Access Board. He also serves as the chairperson for the DSPS Speech and Hearing Examination Board for the state of Wisconsin.

Dr. Jason Spraitz, associate professor of criminal justice; Kendra Bowen (Texas Christian University); and UWEC alumna **Louisa Strange** had their manuscript "[Proposing a Behavioral Taxonomy of Priest Sexual Grooming](#)" published in the *International Journal for Crime, Justice, & Social Democracy*. The article details eight tactics abusive clergy use to groom their victims. Funding was provided in part by the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

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

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 next session, "Education and Multiculturalism: Key Issues and Challenges" will be presented by **Dr. Eric Torres**, education studies, from **12:10-12:50 p.m. Tuesday, March 6 (today)**, in CETL (OL 1142). Questions? Email Shanti Freitas at freitasb@uwec.edu.

Giving Voice to Our Values: Increasing Confidence in Confronting Unethical Behavior [From ORSP]

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Evaluating mentored student research [From ORSP]

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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](#).

Save the date: OPID Spring Conference on Teaching & Learning [From CETL]

The UW System's OPID Spring Conference on Teaching & Learning, "The Joy of Teaching in an Age of Digital Learning," is set for Thursday and Friday, **April 12 and 13**, at UW-Madison's Memorial Union. The conference will feature presentations on high-impact practices such as undergraduate research, community engagement, intensive writing and study abroad, as well as inclusive excellence, online pedagogy and assessment by some of the most innovative educators in the UW System. Dr. Michael Wesch will deliver the keynote address about integrating digital technology into the classroom. [Learn more and register](#).

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 17**, at UW-Eau Claire (building and room to be determined). **Note:** UW System faculty and staff will receive a 10 percent discount on this program. [Learn more and register](#).

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Reminder: Complete required online training

Please remember that all UW-Eau Claire employees are required to complete the following online training programs:

- Intersections: Preventing Harassment and Sexual Violence
- Diversity: Inclusion in the Modern Workplace
- Data Security and Privacy

Access the training modules at <https://el.lawroom.com/shib/uwec/>. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Teresa O'Halloran at ohallote@uwec.edu or Sally Eckwright at eckwrisj@uwec.edu.

Nominate colleagues for 2018 faculty/staff Excellence Awards

The university administration and Excellence Awards committees encourage faculty, staff and students to nominate deserving colleagues for Excellence Awards to be presented at the fall academic year opening meeting/Blugold Breakfast. The UW-Eau Claire Foundation presents \$1,500 to each of the five award recipients. [Nomination forms are available online](#) and must be submitted by **April 9**.

Printing Services spring break schedule [From Printing Services]

During spring break, **March 19-23**, Printing Services will have modified operations, as follows:

- The walk-up counter in Davies 105 will be closed.
- There will be no department order pickup or delivery.
- The Schofield 18 Printing Services office will be open for walk-up business from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Orders needed before Printing Services resumes normal operations on Monday, March 26, can be dropped off and picked up in Schofield 18 during the scheduled hours of operation.

Printing Services staff members apologize in advance for any inconvenience these changes may cause.

Spring 2018 planned steam and electrical outages announced [From Facilities Management]

This spring's planned **steam outage** will occur from **6 p.m. Saturday, May 19, through 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 29**. There will be no potable hot water during the steam outage — except in [designated locations](#) that have electrical or natural gas backup hot water generation equipment. This spring's planned **electrical outage** will begin at **7 a.m. Sunday, May 20**. Each building is expected to be without power for 1½-2 hours. Facilities staff will coordinate the specific inspection schedule with assigned building coordinators. [View details about the steam and electrical outages](#).

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

Nominate a student for Blugold of the Month! Students with outstanding academic, leadership, community involvement or service achievements will be considered. 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.

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Dr. Anne Cummings Hlas, professor of Spanish in the department of languages, had her article, titled "[Grand challenges and great potential in foreign language teaching and learning](#)," published in the March 6 issue of Foreign Language Annals, 2018; 1-9.

Dr. Harry Jol, professor of geography; UW-Eau Claire students **Luke Burds, Joseph Beck and Richard Mataitis**; Richard Freund (University of Hartford); Paul Bauman and Alastair McClymont (Advisian/Worley Parsons); and Gintautas Zabiela (Klaipeda University) presented their paper, "Holocaust Geoarchaeology I: Trying to locate a mass burial at Fort VII, Kaunas, Lithuania," at the 19th annual Batchelder Conference for Archaeology and Biblical Studies, Nov. 9-12 at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

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Film and panel discussion: 'Love Is a Verb'

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Important Announcements

Jill Markgraf named McIntyre Library director

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Blugold Spotlight: Dr. aBa Mbirika [From Integrated Marketing and Communications]

Enjoy the latest [Blugold Spotlight video featuring Dr. aBa Mbirika](#), associate professor of mathematics.

Reminder: Complete required online training

Please remember that all UW-Eau Claire employees are required to complete the following online training programs:

- Intersections: Preventing Harassment and Sexual Violence
- Diversity: Inclusion in the Modern Workplace
- Data Security and Privacy

Access the training modules at <https://el.lawroom.com/shib/uwec/>. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Teresa O'Halloran at ohallote@uwec.edu or Sally Eckwright at eckwrisj@uwec.edu.

Learn more about new UW-Eau Claire website redesign

The newly redesigned UW-Eau Claire website has launched, with topmost content and navigation geared toward prospective students and other information organized by audience under a new navigational structure. [Learn more about the website redesign](#), including what's new, where to find what you need, and what to expect going forward.

Free exploratory classes in French, German and Spanish to be offered to area children [From department of languages]

Beginning April 5, UW-Eau Claire foreign language education majors and minors will teach free exploratory language classes in beginning French (grades 1-2), beginning German (grades 1-5) and beginning Spanish (grades 1-5) to area children. The registration deadline is **Friday, March 30**. [Learn more](#).

Preparing for HLC reaffirmation visit in 2019-2020 [From Higher Learning Commission workgroup]

Every 10 years, all member institutions of the Higher Learning Commission are required to complete a comprehensive evaluation to reaffirm that they are meeting the standards for accreditation. UW-Eau Claire's reaffirmation will occur during the 2019-20 academic year. Learn more about the process of crafting the assurance argument and about the role of the campus community in preparing for the reaffirmation visit by reading "[HLC Update 1: Introduction to Reaffirmation](#)" and "[Frequently Asked Questions — HLC Reaffirmation and Visit](#)" on the [HLC Reaffirmation page](#) on Blugold Insider.

Nominate colleagues for 2018 faculty/staff Excellence Awards

The university administration and Excellence Awards committees encourage faculty, staff and students to nominate deserving colleagues for Excellence Awards to be presented at the fall academic year opening meeting/Blugold Breakfast. The UW-Eau Claire Foundation presents \$1,500 to each of the five award recipients. [Nomination forms are available online](#) and must be submitted by **Monday, April 9**.

Student research coaching available [From McIntyre Library]

This time of the semester, students may need extra help with their research for class. Librarians in the Research Center at McIntyre Library offer 15-, 30- or 60-minute sessions for groups or individuals. Students can sign up for an appointment using the library's [online scheduling system](#) or simply drop in to the Research Center.

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Women's History Month continues [From Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies]

[View a sampling of Women's History Month events](#) sponsored by the Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies program and additional events in the university's [master calendar](#).

National TRIO Day events set for April 3

UW-Eau Claire will recognize National TRIO Day with a program and awards ceremony from 3:30-5:30 p.m. **Tuesday, April 3**, in Davies Center. [Learn more](#).

Traveling internationally? Remember CISI insurance [From Center for International Education]

All students traveling internationally for a university-sponsored activity or club are required to sign up for Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) insurance. Faculty and staff traveling internationally on university business are encouraged to purchase CISI insurance as well. Questions? Stop into the CIE in Schofield 3 or contact Jackson Schmidtke at schmidjh@uwec.edu or 715-836-4411.

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 immersions — 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 **Wednesday, 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 **Monday, April 2**. [Learn more, including details on nominating a student.](#)

Purchasing deadline reminders [From ASK Center - Purchasing]

Purchasing deadlines for fiscal year 2018 are approaching. Please be sure to have your requisitions in by the deadlines. Additionally, blanket purchase orders will need to be submitted via e-form for fiscal year 2019. See the [purchasing deadlines](#) document and the [blanket purchase order instructions](#) for more information.

Purchasing training available [From ASK Center - Purchasing]

Learn the basics of purchasing goods and services for use at UW-Eau Claire. Find out where and how to purchase common items (office supplies, batteries, furniture, software, computers, etc.). Learn about contract and noncontract purchasing, methods of payment, e-forms, helpful websites and expected timeframes. Bring your questions — special topics will be addressed as requested! Register for either upcoming session by following the appropriate link: [1-2 p.m. April 12](#) or [1-2 p.m. May 16](#). Both sessions will take place in Old Library Room 1128.

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](#).

Public surplus sale this week [From Surplus Store]

Join us for our next surplus sale from **3-6 p.m. Thursday, March 29**, 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.

McIntyre Library and CIGE to host backgammon tournament [From McIntyre Library/CIGE]

McIntyre Library and the Council on Internationalization and Global Engagement will host the fourth annual Eau Claire backgammon tournament **Saturday, April 7**, beginning at 1 p.m. The tournament, which is free and open to UW-Eau Claire students, faculty, staff and all residents of the Chippewa Valley, is for beginners and experienced players alike. **Register by April 4** by emailing Hans Kishel in McIntyre Library at kishelhf@uwec.edu. [Learn more.](#)

Join in the fun: Senior Americans Day [From Continuing Education]

Faculty and staff are invited to attend, volunteer for or sponsor Senior Americans Day on **Tuesday, June 5**. This fun-filled, all-day event in Davies Center focuses on the positive aspects of aging and includes breakout sessions, lunch and a keynote speaker. If interested in attending, [register online](#) or call 715-836-3636. To volunteer or be an event sponsor, call Continuing Education at 715-836-3636.

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Awards and Achievements

ORSP summary of grant awards: The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs has published a [summary of grant awards](#) received by faculty and staff from July 1, 2017, through March 6, 2018.

Dr. Richard Boyum (emeritus), Counseling Services, gave a workshop titled "Road Maps to Increase Self-Awareness" for the administrative staff of the YMCA of Western North Carolina March 16 in Asheville, North Carolina.

Dr. Analisa DeGrave, professor of Spanish in the department of languages, had her interview with Helen Alfaro, Yova Briones and Tannia Rizo Lazo of La Casa de los Colores published as "[Education and Outreach through Ludo-Pedagogy and Experiential Learning. Bridging Feminist and Diversity Movements in Today's Nicaragua: An Interview with Helen Alfaro, Yova Briones, and Tannia Rizo Lazo of La Casa de los Colores](#)" in the peer-reviewed journal *Feminist Teacher*, Vol. 26, Nos. 2-3, 2018, pages 213-232. Members of la Casa de los Colores also gave an invited lecture about Nicaragua's feminist and sexual diversity movements to UW-Eau Claire students participating in the faculty-led immersion course "Women's Lives and Experiences in Nicaragua."

Dr. Peter Hart-Brinson, associate professor of sociology, presented a paper titled "Metaphors in Sociology: A Typology" March 25 at the 81st annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society in Minneapolis.

Dr. Paul Hoff, professor of Spanish in the department of languages, presented the workshop "La comunidad en el arte y la poesía" at the Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages March 8-10 in Milwaukee.

Dr. Jianjun Ji, professor of sociology; UWEC students **Saffron O'Brien, Ciara Riley** and **Zoya Lefler**; and Pian Shi (Michigan State University) presented their paper, titled "Chinese Elderly: Psychological Wellbeing and Social Supporting Resources," at the 81st annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society March 22-25 in Minneapolis.

Dr. Harry Jol, professor of geography, gave an invited daylong short workshop titled "Ground penetrating radar for the earth sciences" 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.

Dr. Kaishan Kong, assistant professor of Chinese in the department of languages, presented a 60-minute session titled "Cross-Cultural Scaffolding in Class" at the Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages March 9 in Milwaukee. She shared her teaching practice of engaging international students in Chinese language classes, and discussed strengths and challenges in the Collaborative Language Program.

Andrea Magliocco, Jamie Uthall and **Amanda Zastrow**, graduate students in the English department, under the direction of their faculty advisors, **Dr. Stephanie Farrar** and **Dr. Jenny Shaddock**, presented a panel presentation at "Bodies of Resistance," UW-Madison's second annual Gender and Women's Studies Symposium, March 2-3.

Dr. Jessica Sertling Miller, professor of French in the department of languages, gave two presentations, "Connecting the Dots to L2 Proficiency with an Assessment Template" and "Developing a Database of Integrated Performance Assessments," at the Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages March 8-10 in Milwaukee.

Dr. Linda Young, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, presented at Wisconsin Nurses Association's 2018 Nurses Day on March 1 at the Capitol in Madison. Her presentation on the nurse faculty shortage in Wisconsin and possible solutions was recorded by Wisconsin Eye and is [posted online](#).

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Professional Development

Athena system training for web contributors

UW-Eau Claire's Athena system houses all stories, page content, images and documents that are fed to the new web content management system, Drupal. Athena training is now available for faculty, staff and students who work on department or unit websites. NOTE: Those who register may not send substitutes to the training in their place, as permissions needed for the training are set up in advance based on registrants' usernames. [Register for an upcoming "Athena Basics" session.](#)

Equity, diversity and inclusion Tier 2 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. New EDI professional development opportunities are being added on an ongoing basis. [Review and register for spring semester Tier 2 EDI programs.](#)

Understanding Algebras Made from Polyhedra and Multi-Dimensional Polytopes [From ORSP]

This [research presentation](#) by **Dr. Colleen Duffy**, associate professor of mathematics, will be from **12:10-12:50 p.m. Wednesday, March 28**, in CETL (OL1142). It is part of the [Faculty/Academic Staff Forum spring 2018 series](#) presented by the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

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Leadership Fellows program seeks applicants [From Student Affairs]

Faculty and staff are invited to apply 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. Application deadline: **Friday, March 30.** [Learn more.](#)

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

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