

July 3, 2018

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Campus construction update [From Facilities Management]

[Read an overview](#) of work completed since June 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.

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Dr. Eric Kasper, associate professor of political science and director, Center for Constitutional Studies, had his article, titled "[The Possibility of Rejection: The Framers' Constitutional Design for Supreme Court Appointments](#)," published in Vol. 51, No. 3 of the *Creighton Law Review*.

Dr. Karen Mumford, associate professor and chair, and Dr. Jim Boulter, associate professor, Watershed Institute for Collaborative Environmental Studies, presented "Using an Innovative Sustainability Laboratory Experience to Enhance Student Learning" at the 2018 Association of Environmental Studies and Sciences Annual Conference, held June 20-23 in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Kaia Simon, assistant professor of English and director of UW-Eau Claire's Writing Program, was invited to be one of 11 scholars to participate in the [Peter Elbow Symposium for the Study and Teaching of Writing](#), held June 18-21 at UMass Amherst. Simon shared her current work in progress about generation 1.5 Hmong women, literacy and the lasting effects of their experiences as child language brokers.

Dr. José Valero, professor of languages, had his article, titled "[Liberalism and Republicanism in the Spanish Generation of 1808](#)," published in the [Selected Proceedings of the 2017 European Studies Conference](#), edited by Tatyana Novikov and Juliette Parnell, Omaha, Nebraska, 2018.

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Dr. Sean Ford, senior lecturer of English, presented "Whose Story Is It in the End?: Narrative Techniques in Some Contemporary Thai and Western Short Stories" at the National and International Conference at Huachiew Chalermprakiet University, Thailand, on June 22. [See a full version of his paper on page 320 of the conference proceedings](#).

Dr. Abby Hemmerich, associate professor of communication sciences and disorders, is featured in a [Q&A on SpeechPathologyMastersPrograms.com](#), a free online resource to help students seeking information on speech pathology master's degree programs.

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Dr. Karen Havholm, assistant vice chancellor for research, recently collaborated on four presentations at the [Council on Undergraduate Research Biennial Conference](#). Topics included publishing in the CUR journal; scholarship and practice in undergraduate research; mentor support activities; and progress on the scaling up of the undergraduate research outcomes assessment system, EvaluateUR, currently being piloted at UW-Eau Claire.

Dr. Jean Pratt, professor of information systems and interim associate dean of the College of Business, has been named the 2018 Computer Educator of the Year by the International Association for Computer Information Systems. [Learn more](#).

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Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend a Family Picnic celebrating the joining of UW-Eau Claire – Barron County and UW-Eau Claire from **4-7 p.m. today, July 24**. The family-friendly event will feature free food, door prizes, a climbing wall, bounce house, face painting, games and raffles through the UW-Barron County Foundation. [Learn more](#).

Open forum set for Office of Multicultural Affairs director candidate

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend an open forum with **Dang Yang**, a candidate for the Office of Multicultural Affairs director position, from **2-3 p.m. Thursday, July 26**, in the Menominee Room (320F) of Davies Center. [Mr. Yang's CV can be viewed here](#). Learn more about the Office of Multicultural Affairs director position under "Administrative positions" on the [UW-Eau Claire job openings](#) webpage. A [Qualtrics survey](#) for feedback will be available after the forum.

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Dr. Danielle Brake, assistant professor of mathematics, presented "Kinematic Design with Numerical Algebraic Geometry" at the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics Annual Meeting, held July 9-13 in Portland, Oregon. She also brought two students, **Foong Min Wong** and **Dan Hessler**, who each presented their research at the same conference.

Dr. Sean Ford, senior lecturer in English, gave an invited lecture titled "Loss in Spring in a Selection of American Poems" to students and faculty at Phranakhon Rajabhat University July 20 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Dr. Megan Lagunas, assistant professor and Clinical Learning Center director for the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, and **Jan Adams**, Learning Resource Center coordinator for the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, recently presented a webinar titled "Adding ARISE Simulations to the Classroom: One Nursing Program's Experience with Apps, iPads and QR Codes" for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Greater Midwest Region.

Dr. Tarique Niazi, professor of sociology, presented "Neoliberal Development and Social Marginalization: The Struggle of Subnational Communities in Metropolitan Pakistan" at the 2018 International Sociological Association World Congress, held July 15-21 in Toronto, Canada.

Dr. David Shih, associate professor of English, was interviewed on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered" July 19 for the story "[Fresh Facebook Controversy: Zuckerberg Defends Rights Of Holocaust Deniers.](#)"

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In Memoriam

Condolences to Alvin Rolland, an emeritus mathematics faculty member, whose wife, Barbara Rolland, an emerita languages faculty member, passed away July 18 in Altoona. Barbara Rolland was a member of the university's languages faculty from 1960 until her retirement in 1993. [View a full obituary](#) and a [Leader-Telegram life story](#) about Barbara Rolland.

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Vice chancellor candidate open forums announced [From vice chancellor search committees]

Open forums with candidates for the Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management and Vice

Chancellor for Finance and Administration positions will be held **Aug. 3, 7, 8 and 10** in the Chancellors Room (311) of Davies Center. [Visit the Vice Chancellor Searches webpage](#) for (1) open forum times; (2) candidate names and links to resumes before each open forum; (3) links to videos that will be available following each forum; and (4) feedback survey information.

2018-19 academic year begins Aug. 27

- View [opening of academic year calendar](#) for full details.
- Blugold Breakfast: **Aug. 28, 7:15-9:30 a.m.**, Ojibwe Ballroom, Davies Center. Agenda: Chancellor's welcome; Remarks by shared governance leaders; Awards presentation; Chancellor's State of the University address.
- Campus Conversation with the Chancellor, **Aug. 28, 9:30 a.m.**, Marketplace, Davies Center.

2018-19 faculty/staff parking permits available online Aug. 6 [From Blugold Central - Parking + Transportation]

The following types of 2018-19 parking permits for faculty and staff may be [purchased online](#) beginning **Aug. 6**: standard (yearlong) F permits; motorcycle and moped permits; and 30-day F permits. Learn more about the [types of permits](#) available and [permit costs](#).

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Dr. Ganga Vadhavkar, assistant professor in the department of communication and journalism, presented a paper titled "Social Media Audit: Chancellors' Use of Instagram and Twitter in the University of Wisconsin System" July 2 at the 2018 CUR Biennial Conference in Arlington, Virginia.

Dr. Beth Hellwig, who has served as vice chancellor for student affairs at UW-Eau Claire since 2008, will be honored during a retirement reception on **Friday, Aug. 17, from 2:30-4:30 p.m.** in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center. The campus community is invited to attend.

Shawn Seuferer has been named the Firstsource team lead and campus travel manager and will serve in an interim capacity through November. Seuferer has been with UW-Eau Claire for the past seven years in the offices of ORSP, CETL, Foundation and the ASK Center. She will assume many of the responsibilities formerly handled by Jillian Anderson, who has accepted a new position in Continuing Education. The Firstsource Support Team supervisor position is open for applications through Aug. 7.

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