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Love UW-Eau Claire and have an idea about how we can make it even better? [Submit your Fast Fix ideas](#) and a team will follow up with appropriate units. Ideas submitted with solutions are highly encouraged!

Campus construction updates

Check out the latest [construction update](#) for progress on university facilities projects, and get more in-depth details about the [final phases of the Garfield Avenue redevelopment project](#).

Chancellor Schmidt kicks off 'Thursdays @ the U' series

Chancellor James Schmidt will discuss the integration of UW-Eau Claire and UW-Eau Claire – Barron County from **noon-1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6**, in Ritzinger Hall Room 234 at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County. [His presentation](#) will kick off UW-Eau Claire – Barron County's "Thursdays @ the U" lecture and performance series for the fall semester. An open house for students, faculty and staff will follow.

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Tommy G. Thompson Center research, speaker grants

The Tommy G. Thompson Center on Public Leadership at UW-Madison offers two grant programs that fund (1) UW System faculty research and (2) speaker presentations by UW System student organizations, faculty, administrators, programs, centers, institutes or departments. The research and speaker presentations must advance public leadership and help leaders to address pressing policy changes. See more information about the [speaker grants](#) and [faculty research grants](#) programs.

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Dr. Christopher Davis, associate professor of mathematics, and co-authors **Dr. Carolyn Otto**, associate professor of mathematics, Dr. Taylor Martin (Sam Houston State University) and Dr. JungHwan Park (Georgia Institute of Technology) had their paper, titled "[Every genus one algebraically slice knot is 1-solvable](#)," accepted for publication in the *Transactions of the American Mathematical Society*.

Dr. Kaishan Kong, assistant professor of Chinese, recently had a book chapter on engaging guest speakers in a culture class published. The citation is as follows: Kong, K. (2018). Different voices: Guest speakers as pedagogy in a culture class. In Jean Francois, E. (Ed), *Transnational perspectives on innovation in teaching and learning technologies* (pp. 262-284). Boston, MA: Brill-Sense.

Dr. David Lewis, professor of chemistry, attended the 256th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society Aug. 19-23 in Boston, Massachusetts, with students **Holly Huther**, **Jenna Zinser** and **Isabelle Henrich**. The following papers and posters were presented: Huther, H.A.; Zinser, J.M.; Lewis, D.E., "Synthesis of fluorescent 4-amino-1,8-naphthalimide derivative," Poster CHED 292; Henrich, I.; Lewis, D.E., "Baeyer-Villiger oxidation: Discoverers, discovery and development," Oral HIST 6. Selected for Sci-Mix highlights poster session; and Lewis, D.E., "1859-1860: Magic years in the development of the Structural Theory of Organic Chemistry," HIST 33.

Dr. Kong Pheng Pha, assistant professor of critical Hmong studies and women's, gender, and sexuality studies, has had a book review of Mai Neng Moua's "The Bride Price: A Hmong Wedding Story" published in the [Journal of Southeast Asian American Education and Advancement](#). The full citation is as follows: Pha, Kong Pheng. (2018). Book Review: Mai N. Moua (2017). *The Bride Price: A Hmong Wedding Story*. Minnesota Historical Society Press. 240 pp. ISBN: 978-1681340364. *Journal of Southeast Asian American Education and Advancement*, Vol. 13, Iss. 1, Article 7.

Dr. Jerry Worley, professor of education studies, recently had his third book on social studies methods published. The book, titled "Low Hanging Fruit: Ripe Pickings for the Deep Tracks of Social Education," published through XanEdu Press, Boston. The book contains more than 300 methods and was co-authored with Blugold graduate and fellow teacher Logan Roshell.

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Registration open for university staff professional development conference

Our university staff colleagues at UW-Green Bay have invited UW-Eau Claire and UW-Eau Claire – Barron County university staff to attend their fall professional development conference, "The Joy of Work – How to Make Your Work Environment Sizzle!" The conference will be **Friday, Sept. 28**, at the Tundra Lodge in Green Bay. Questions? Contact Teri Ternes at ternest@uwgb.edu. [Learn more](#) and **register by Sept. 7**.

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Feeling especially thankful for another Blugold? Maybe a colleague who made your day, a student employee who went that extra mile or a supervisor who's been extra supportive? Everyone loves to know they're appreciated, and you can now send a note via Thank a Blugold. [Learn more here](#) and spread the positivity!

2018-19 guaranteed parking permits available

A few guaranteed faculty/staff parking permits, for use in the Phillips or Nursing lots, are still available for purchase. If you are interested in purchasing a permit, please contact Blugold Central at blugoldcentral@uwec.edu or 715-836-3000 by **Thursday, Sept. 13**.

New UW-Eau Claire – Barron County website

As of July 1, UW-Eau Claire – Barron County became a branch campus of UW-Eau Claire as part of a UW System-wide restructuring of all the former UW Colleges. UW-Eau Claire – Barron County now has a new website that reflects its identity as a part of the UW-Eau Claire family. [Visit the new UW-Eau Claire – Barron County website](#) to learn more about our branch campus.

Blugold Makerspace now open; grand opening set for Sept. 21

The Blugold Makerspace has opened on the lower level of McIntyre Library, and while it's still under construction, most services and equipment are available to students, faculty and staff. **SAVE THE DATE** for the Blugold Makerspace grand opening from **noon-4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21**, which will include refreshments, a visiting alumnus speaker, a workshop and open makerspace. The makerspace is open **Mondays noon-4 p.m., Tuesdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Wednesdays 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and Thursdays 11 a.m.-5 p.m.** [Learn more on the Blugold Makerspace webpage](#).

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Jan Larson, professor and chair of the communication and journalism department, received a teaching award from the Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication at its annual conference Aug. 6-9 in Washington, D.C. Larson earned first-place honors for her entry, "Immersion Reporting," in the Best Practices in Teaching Diversity in Journalism and Mass Communication 2018 competition sponsored by the AEJMC Elected Standing Committee on Teaching. [Winning entries](#) were published and also can be found online.

Dr. Jim Phillips, professor of chemistry, attended the American Chemical Society National Meeting in August, and in addition to his ongoing work with the Physical Chemistry Examination Committee, he presented a research talk titled "Structural & Energetic Properties of H₃N–MX₃R complexes: Computations and Low-Temperature IR Spectra." He also chaired a session for the symposium in which that paper was presented.

Patti See, distinguished student services coordinator, Academic Skills Center, and senior lecturer in women's, gender and sexuality studies, recently had the following essays published: "[Washtub: A Family Story](#)," in *Months to Years Literary Journal*, summer 2018, 37-40; and "[UW-Stout Alum Andy Ducett & His Eaux Claires Art Installations](#)," in Volume One Magazine, June 27, 2018, 20-21.

Dr. Ryan Weichelt, associate professor of geography anthropology, was elected co-chair of the International Political Science Association Research Council 15, Cultural and Political Geography, at the 2018 IPSA Conference, held July 21-25, in Brisbane, Australia. Weichelt also convened a panel on electoral geography and presented a paper titled "[The 2016 U.S. Presidential Election and Trump's Populist Rhetoric: Wisconsin's Electoral Geography as a Case Study](#)."

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ES 385 Human Diversity Forum to begin Sept. 20

The College of Education and Human Sciences invites faculty, staff and students to join the ES 385 Human Diversity Forum to examine the cultural contributions of racial, ethnic, cultural, gender and economic groups. Dr. David Shih, English, will present the first forum session, "The Story of Affirmative Action," at **5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20**, in the Woodland Theater in Davies Center. [See the full ES 385 Human Diversity Forum schedule.](#)

Register now for EDI Tier 2 fall programs

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. [Fall programs are now available for viewing and registration.](#) Additional sessions are being planned and will be posted soon.

Funding available for WWHEL leadership conference

The annual Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Leadership fall conference, "Creative Leadership," will be held Oct. 18-19 at Carthage College in Kenosha. Support is available for 15 UW-Eau Claire faculty or staff to attend at no cost. If you are interested, please contact Faith Pawelski, WWHEL institutional representative, at pawelsfa@uwec.edu by **Friday, Sept. 14**.

CETL's fall professional development opportunities

Check out [CETL's homepage](#) for opportunities open to all faculty and staff that focus on teaching, learning and inclusion. This week's highlight is "Faculty Fridays Open Write." Need to start or finish an article? Looking for a quiet space to write on a weekly basis? This program offers uninterrupted work time and a space to receive support from the Center for Writing Excellence director and assistant director, Jonathan Rylander and Andrew Suralski. "Faculty Fridays" will be from **9-11 a.m. Sept. 14, 21 and 28; and Oct. 5, 12 and 19** in CETL. Contact CETL@uwec.edu to register.

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Long-awaited celebration: Pablo Center at the Confluence opens Sept. 22

The new [Pablo Center at the Confluence](#), a state-of-the-art learning and performance space for UW-Eau Claire students, faculty and staff as well as community arts groups, will open **Saturday, Sept. 22**, in downtown Eau Claire. The [Grand Opening Celebration](#) from **noon-5:30 p.m.** is free and open to the public, and an evening ticketed event, "[Cabinet of Curiosities](#)," will follow at **7:30 p.m.** Featured during the opening events will be the [premiere of two music compositions by Dr. Chia-Yu Hsu](#), internationally celebrated composer and a UW-Eau Claire associate professor of music.

K. Brewer Doran to serve as UW-Eau Claire College of Business dean

Dr. K. Brewer Doran, who has had broad experience serving as the business college dean for several institutions, has been named dean of the College of Business at UW-Eau Claire. She will begin her new role on a part-time basis starting Oct. 1 and join UW-Eau Claire full time on Nov. 1. [Learn more](#).

Election season reminder: Review UW System campaign activities guidelines, Board of Regents policy

The fall election season is in full swing, and faculty and staff are asked to review the [UW System's "Guidance on Political Campaign Activities"](#) and the UW System Board of Regents "[Commitment to Academic Freedom and Freedom of Expression](#)" policy.

Campuswide emergency notification system test Sept. 20

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Financial system to be offline during PeopleSoft upgrade

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Important travel information related to SFS shutdown

Travel expense reimbursement reports (TERs) **must be submitted as soon as possible** to be approved before the Oct. 5 shutdown of UW System's shared financial system (see related item directly above). **No TERs can be created or approved from Oct. 5-10.** Any TERs not approved before the shutdown will be returned to you to be resubmitted after the update. TERs must be submitted within 90 days of the last day of travel. Cash advances for any travel before Oct. 29 also need to be fully approved before **6 p.m. Oct. 4.** Cash advance requests will be DELETED from the system during the update. Questions? Contact the ASK Center at 715-836-3131 or askcenter@uwec.edu.

Get the shot, not the flu!

Flu shot clinics will be offered **Friday, Sept. 21; Tuesday, Sept. 25; Wednesday, Oct. 3;** and **Wednesday, Oct. 17,** at a variety of times and locations on campus. [See the 2018 schedule](#) on the Student Health Service homepage. The cost is \$25 for faculty and staff, and free for students. Payment with cash or check is due at the time of injection. Questions? Call Student Health Service at 715-836-5360.

Share your student's college search experience with Admissions

If you have a family member who is in the college search process, Admissions would like to hear

about your experience. [Please complete this survey](#) to help us consider best practices. Thank you for taking the time to share!

Feedback sessions on Liberal Education Core rubrics

The [University Liberal Education Committee](#) is reviewing the [Liberal Education Core rubrics](#). This academic year ULEC will focus on the learning outcomes for the Liberal Education Core's "Knowledge" goal: K1, K2, K3 and K4. Faculty and staff are invited to offer in-person feedback to ULEC during the following sessions: **Monday, Sept. 24, 2:30-3:30 p.m.** in the Council Oak Room (Davies 260) and **Friday, Sept. 28, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** in CETL (OL 1142).

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Dr. Kevin Hansen, assistant professor of health care administration in the department of management and marketing, is the recipient of the 2018 Chuck Tomkovick Teaching Excellence Award. Hansen received a plaque and \$500 award at the department's fall meeting Aug. 24. [Learn more.](#)

Gretchen Hutterli, assistant dean of the College of Business, will retire Sept. 28 after serving the university for more than 35 years. Please join the College of Business faculty and staff at a reception in her honor on Friday, Sept. 28, from 3-5:30 p.m. on the Davies Center Terrace. (In case of rain, the reception will be moved to the Dulany Inn, Davies Center.)

Gretchen Hutterli, assistant dean of the College of Business, **Dr. Robert Erffmeyer**, professor of management, and **Cynthia Hofacker**, senior lecturer in business communication, were recognized with 2018 College of Business Employee Recognition Awards. Each received an award and \$500 at a collegewide meeting Aug. 29. [Learn more.](#)

Dr. David Lewis, professor of chemistry, presented a keynote address to the Fifth All-Russia Conference on Organic Chemistry Sept. 10-14 in Vladikavkaz, Russia, and was a guest at the meeting of department heads of organic chemistry in Russian universities Sept. 7-9.

Dr. Martina Lindseth, professor of German in the department of languages, and **Anneli Williams**, a 2017 UW-Eau Claire graduate and Fulbright research grant recipient, had their article "[Gauging language gain during study abroad through writing samples](#)" published in *German as a Foreign Language*, 2/2018, pages 1-16.

Dr. Jamie Lyman Gingerich, associate professor of biology, **Dr. Derek Gingerich**, associate professor of biology, **Christina Chan-Weiher**, associate lecturer in biology, and UW-Eau Claire students **Hannah Anderson** and **Katelin Viesselmann** had their article, "[A Team-Based Approach to Course Development Involving Undergraduate Researchers](#)," published in CourseSource.

Dr. aBa Mbirika, associate professor of mathematics, has written an autobiographical essay, which is featured in [Love Wisconsin](#).

Dr. Justin Patchin, professor of criminal justice, will present "Cyberbullying: A Growing Concern for Communities" as the keynote speaker for the Women's Giving Circle's fall educational event on Monday, Sept. 24, at Grace Lutheran Communities in Altoona. [Learn more.](#)

Rob Reid, senior lecturer in education studies, recently had his latest book, "[200+ Original and Adapted Story Program Activities](#)," published by ALA Editions. It is Reid's 20th book and his 13th with ALA Editions. The book is a collection of original and adapted children's songs, fingerplays, movement activities, library raps, spoonerisms, and participation stories Rob has created over the years designed for teachers, librarians and parents.

Dr. Stephanie Turner, associate professor of English, has had her review of the book "Speculative Taxidermy: Natural History, Animal Surfaces, and Art in the Anthropocene" published as "[Artists Unsettling Anthropocentrism](#)," in the fall 2018 issue of the journal *Humanimalia: A Journal of Human/Animal Interface Studies*.

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Upcoming ORSP Faculty/Academic Staff Forum presentations

Dr. John Stewart, music and theatre arts, will present "[Programming Repertoire for the 21st Century Music Student: A Need for Diversity](#)" **Wednesday, Sept. 19**, and Dr. Amanda Seeley, nursing, will present "[Care Management Interventions and Outcomes for Children with Medical Complexity](#)" **Wednesday, Sept. 26**. Both events will be held from **12:10-12:50 p.m.** in CETL (OL1142) as part of the [Faculty/Academic Staff Forum fall 2018 series](#) presented by the [Office of Research and Sponsored Programs](#).

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Unravel your travel!

A new 9.2 Shared Financial System (SFS) expense module, which will affect all UW-Eau Claire travelers, is slated to launch **Wednesday, Oct. 10**. The new version is very different from the current 9.1 version. Please plan to attend one of the following training sessions to learn how to navigate this new interface: **Tuesday, Sept. 18, 11 a.m.-noon or 1-2 p.m.**; and **Wednesday, Sept. 19, 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.** All training sessions will be held in the Menominee Room (320F) of Davies Center.

CETL to offer information session on UW System opportunity for faculty

Wisconsin Teaching Fellows and Scholars session: Jamie Tester and Sheril Gilbertstadt, UW-Eau Claire's Wisconsin Teaching Fellow and Scholar, will share their experiences completing a scholarship of teaching and learning project and collaborating with faculty from around the state from **noon-12:45 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24**, in CETL (OL 1142).

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Have content for an upcoming edition? Send it via the [Blugold FYI submission form](#). Interested in the latest news stories on the UW-Eau Claire website? Check them out [here](#)!

Important Announcements

Annual benefits enrollment begins Oct. 1

The annual benefits enrollment period, which runs from **Oct. 1-26**, allows eligible university employees to enroll in or make changes to select benefit plans for the upcoming year (see the [ABE website](#) for 2019 benefits changes). The **Benefits and Resource Fair** will be from **10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2**, in the Ojibwe Ballroom of Davies Center. This year, thanks to support from the UW-Eau Claire Foundation, flu vaccinations will be offered during the fair at a discounted price of \$10 (by cash or check) to the first 120 people.

UW legal counsel seeks feedback

UW System legal counsel would like your feedback. In June the Board of Regents adopted a resolution about employee personnel files and reference checks — documenting sexual harassment allegations and investigations in personnel files; maintaining personnel files and conducting reference checks; and exchanging personnel files among all UW institutions and state of Wisconsin agencies. Give feedback at these links: [Feedback on UPS OP HR 13 Personnel Files Revisions](#) and [Feedback on UPS OP TC 1 Recruitment Revisions](#).

Consider alternate parking Sept. 27

The annual [Career Conference](#), organized by the Advising, Retention and Career Center, is scheduled for **Thursday, Sept. 27**, with nearly 130 employers coming to campus to meet with students. The employers will be parking in the HSS and Water Street lots, so if you are able to find alternate parking that day, can carpool or take the bus, it will open up parking for the employers visiting campus. A no-cost alternative would be to [park at The Priory and take the shuttle to and from campus](#).

Apply for CSII network 2018-19 faculty, student research stipends and speaker awards

The Center for the Study of Institutions and Innovation at UW-Stout will award research stipends and speaker awards during the 2018-19 academic year to students, faculty and staff at institutions participating in the CSII campus network, including UW-Eau Claire. Learn more about applying for CSII [faculty research stipends](#), [student research stipends](#) and [speaker awards](#).

Nominate a student for Blugold of the Month!

Know a UW-Eau Claire student who goes above and beyond or has outstanding achievements through academics, leadership, community involvement or service? Nominate them for Blugold of the Month! Students selected as Blugold of the Month are featured on social media and receive a 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 using the online form](#).

Election season reminder: Review UW System campaign activities guidelines, Board of Regents policy

The fall election season is in full swing, and faculty and staff are asked to review the [UW System's "Guidance on Political Campaign Activities"](#) and the UW System Board of Regents ["Commitment to Academic Freedom and Freedom of Expression"](#) policy.

Financial system to be offline during PeopleSoft upgrade

The UW System's shared financial system, SFS, will be upgraded in October from PeopleSoft version 9.1 to version 9.2. To find out more about the project and what will be changing, [see the project website](#). **The upgrade will result in a shutdown of UW-Eau Claire's financial platform from Friday, Oct. 5, through Wednesday, Oct. 10.** What does this mean for you? Processes in accounting, procurement and expenses will experience potentially significant delays in processing during the shutdown and the following week. If a department has a financial transaction that must be completed before Oct. 15, the transaction must be delivered to the appropriate area by **Thursday, Sept. 27**. Questions? Contact the ASK Center at 715-836-3131 or askcenter@uwec.edu. [Learn more](#).

Important travel information related to SFS shutdown

Travel expense reimbursement reports (TERs) **must be submitted as soon as possible** to be approved before the Oct. 5 shutdown of UW System's shared financial system (see related item directly above). **No TERs can be created or approved from Oct. 5-10.** Any TERs not approved before the shutdown will be returned to you to be resubmitted after the update. TERs must be submitted within 90 days of the last day of travel. Cash advances for any travel before Oct. 29 also need to be fully approved before **6 p.m. Oct. 4**. Cash advance requests will be DELETED from the system during the update. Questions? Contact the ASK Center at 715-836-3131 or askcenter@uwec.edu.

Foxconn 'Smart Cities — Smart Futures' competition

Foxconn and its partners invite students, faculty and staff at Wisconsin universities, colleges and technical schools to participate in the "Smart Cities — Smart Futures" competition. The first

round of proposals may be submitted starting **Monday, Oct. 1**, for projects to improve and enhance living and working environments; promote attractive streetscapes, transportation networks and living spaces; and improve sustainability. [Learn more about the competition's themes, categories and timeline.](#)

Get the shot, not the flu!

Due to a temporary flu vaccine outage in Student Health Service, **a flu shot clinic initially scheduled for today has been canceled.** Additional clinics will be offered **Wednesday, Oct. 3, Tuesday, Oct. 9, Tuesday, Oct. 16, and Wednesday, Oct. 17**, at a variety of times and campus locations. [See the 2018 schedule](#) on the Student Health Service homepage. The cost is \$25 (paid with cash or check) for faculty and staff, and free for students. Questions? Call Student Health Service at 715-836-5360.

Feedback sessions on Liberal Education Core rubrics

The [University Liberal Education Committee](#) is reviewing the [Liberal Education Core rubrics](#). This academic year ULEC will focus on the learning outcomes for the Liberal Education Core's "Knowledge" goal: K1, K2, K3 and K4. Faculty and staff are invited to offer in-person feedback to ULEC during the following session: **Friday, Sept. 28, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** in CETL (OL 1142).

Call for nominations: Regents Teaching Excellence Awards

Nominations are open for two teaching excellence awards from the UW System Board of Regents that honor both individuals and departments. [Nominate yourself, a colleague or your department.](#) Please submit your nominations to cetl@uwec.edu by **Saturday, Sept. 29.**

Call for proposals: International Fellows Program 2018-19

Globalize your research! Funded through the Blugold Commitment, the International Fellows Program capitalizes on the strength and success of high-impact academic experiences and is dedicated to supporting international student-faculty collaborative research/creative activity and research service-learning. Applications are due to department chairs/program directors/supervisors by **Wednesday, Oct. 24.** This deadline is meant to target projects planned for Summer 2019 or Winterim 2020. [Review all program details, requirements and application materials.](#)

Public surplus sale this week

Join us for our next surplus sale from **3-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27**, 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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Dr. Wil Denson, professor emeritus of music and theatre arts, had his film script, titled "Going Long," advance to the semifinals (roughly the top 2 percent of the competition) in the drama feature screenplay category of the [2018 Austin Film Festival Script Competition](#) Sept. 14.

Dr. Harry Jol, professor of geography and anthropology, and co-principal investigator Dr. Michal Artzy (University of Haifa, Israel) received a Binational Science Foundation grant for their project, titled "A Palaeo-Hydrological Approach to Understanding the Complex Coastal Evolution of an Ancient Maritime Trade City: The Tel Akko Multi-Disciplinary Case Study, Israel."

Jan Larson, professor and chair of the communication and journalism department, will lead an interactive book discussion series titled "The Elements of Journalism," focused on the industry-standard book of the same name. The first meeting of the series is set for **6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3**, in the Eau Claire Room of the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library in Eau Claire. [Learn more and register.](#)

Dr. Jessica S. Miller, professor of French in the department of languages, had her article "Bridging the gap between pronunciation research and proficiency-based teaching" published in the Proceedings of the Ninth Annual Pronunciation in Second Language Learning and Teaching Conference, 2018, pages 111-119.

Dr. Dale B. Taylor, professor emeritus of music and theatre arts, gave two presentations Sept. 17 and 18 at West Virginia University. His topics were "Music Plasticity, Motor Memory and the Musician's Brain" and "The Neurological Bases for Effective Use of Music Re-instruction."

Dean Linda Young of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences presented at the Administrators of Nursing Education in Wisconsin (ANEW) Legislative Breakfast Sept. 14 in Altoona. Her presentation, "Nursing Faculty Shortage: Policy Solutions," focused on the difficulty of recruiting and retaining nurse educators and its impact on the nursing workforce in Wisconsin. More than 40 people were in attendance. Legislators and candidates spoke during a question-and-answer session. **Dr. Lorraine Smith**, clinical instructor in nursing, provided a testimonial, and students **Kristin Brunsell** and **Kari Stinson** also participated.

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Supervisory Management Certificate Program available to employees

Have you been a supervisor at the university for more than a year? Have you completed Blugold Excellence in Supervision and aim to further your skills and abilities in supervision or management? UW-Eau Claire and UW-Eau Claire – Barron County employees may now attend Continuing Education's [Supervisory Management Certificate Program](#) at no cost to them or their department. For more information, please contact Brandon Cedarblade in Continuing Education at cedarbbs@uwec.edu or 715-836-5179, or Karen Callaway in Human Resources at callawakl@uwec.edu or 715-836-4202.

Authors Celebration set for Oct. 1

The [2018 Authors Celebration](#), recognizing UW-Eau Claire faculty and staff who have recently brought scholarly work to publication or performance, will be from **4:30-6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1**, in the Ojibwe Ballroom of Davies Center.

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