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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, **due by Oct. 5**, at these links: [Feedback on UPS OP HR 13 Personnel Files Revisions](#) and [Feedback on UPS OP TC 1 Recruitment Revisions](#).

Fast Fix: Submit your suggestions for campus improvements

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!

October wellness newsletter available

[October's Employee Wellness newsletter](#) is full of healthy lifestyle tips, community and on-campus events, and information on goal setting and youth health. Check it out!

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

The Learning and Technology Services photo department offers free, walk-in professional portrait sessions for faculty and staff from **2-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays 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.

REMINDER: 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. 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.

Reuse, recycle, RECLAIM!

Head to the [Surplus Store](#) **Wednesday, Oct. 3, 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.

Proposed curricular changes in College of Arts and Sciences

- [View proposed curricular changes](#).

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Congratulations to the faculty/staff completers of the EDI Tier 3 professional development program. The following individuals completed 10 or more Tier 2 sessions and a project within their scope of duties to help improve EDI on campus: **Courtney Brost** (Center for International Education), Diversity Abroad Network's Access, Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Roadmap; **Wendy Brousseau** (Counseling Services), Creation of the Invisible Illness Process Group; **Jackie Lee** (Advising, Retention and Career Center), Advising, Retention and Career Center Liaison Program; **Jan Stirm** (English), Fostering Student Engagement in the Classroom; **Angie Swenson-Holzinger** (Advising, Retention and Career Center), Family Privilege Awareness; and **Ashley Walton-Beal** (Counseling Services), Counseling Services Space and Website Survey.

Faculty, students and alumni of the criminal justice program presented research at the 41st Midwestern Criminal Justice Association conference Sept. 27-28 in Chicago. **Dr. Justin Patchin**, professor of criminal justice, presented two papers: "The Role of Race in School Bullying and Cyberbullying" and "The School Bullying, Cyberbullying and Delinquency Nexus." One of his co-authors on both papers was **Dr. Charern Lee** (University of Minnesota-Duluth), a 2011 alum of UW-Eau Claire's criminal justice program. **Dr. Ming-Li Hsieh**, assistant professor of criminal justice, along with criminal justice student **Brady Seidlitz**, presented a poster titled "Right-to-Carry: Would College Campuses Be Safer?" **Dr. Jason Spraitz**, associate professor of criminal justice, presented a paper titled "Making Sense of Grooming Patterns Used by Sexually Abusive Clergy." Spraitz, in his capacity as president of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association, presided over the executive board meeting and general business meeting before passing the gavel to his successor.

Mari Bodensteiner, intensive English program coordinator and lecturer in languages, and **Ami Christensen**, lecturer in languages, recently received the Lower Mekong Initiative (LMI) Regional Grant from the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok to conduct the LMI Women's Leadership Project with 35 participants from Cambodia, Laos PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. The yearlong project brings together individuals who share a passion for issues relating to women and girls and prepares them to present their current work to their peers at the 2019 Women's Leadership Forum in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Dr. Peter Hart-Brinson, associate professor of sociology, will have his new book, "[The Gay Marriage Generation: How the LGBTQ Movement Transformed American Culture](#)," released today (Tuesday, Oct. 2). Published by NYU Press, the book explains how generational change in Americans' attitudes about gay marriage caused the unprecedented shift in public opinion that ultimately led to its nationwide legalization.

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the Faults and Cities: Utilising Geophysics to Support Investigations of Active Faults in Urban Centres Workshop (GNS Science Te Pū Ao) April 17-18 in Lower Hutt, New Zealand.

Dr. Robert Lodge, assistant professor of geology, and undergraduate researchers gave three poster presentations at the Society of Economic Geologists annual meeting Sept. 22-25 in Keystone, Colorado.

Dr. Dale B. Taylor, professor emeritus of music and theatre arts, will be the opening speaker for the Eau Claire portion of the [2018 Wisconsin Science Festival](#). His Oct. 11 presentation, "[The Science of Music in Medicine](#)," will be at 6:30 p.m. in Room 1920 of Centennial Hall. It is sponsored by the Tri-County Medical Society (a division of the Wisconsin Medical Society) and the UW-Eau Claire Music & Memory Club.

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Meeting Notices

[See all meetings and agendas](#)

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- Employees can receive assistance with benefits enrollment during open labs in the Cargill Lab in Schneider Hall on the following dates and times: **1-3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11**, and **Tuesday, Oct. 16**; and **8-9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10**, and **Thursday, Oct. 18**.

Call for applications: Wisconsin Teaching Fellows and Scholars program

CETL is recruiting applicants for the UW System's Wisconsin Teaching Fellows and Scholars program. UWEC will nominate two candidates: one early in their career for the fellow position, and one later in their career for the scholar position. Participants develop a Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) project with support from the program during summer 2019 and the 2019-20 academic year. [View program info and access the application](#) on CETL's website. Complete and submit the application CETL, OL 1142, or by email at cetl@uwec.edu by **Monday, Nov. 5**.

Appreciate a fellow Blugold? Let them know!

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!

Teacher of the Year to speak at 10th annual Schneider Disability Issues Forum

Kathy Nimmer, the 2015 Indiana Teacher of the Year, will present "What Kindergartners and Canines Know: Lessons from a Life with Students and Service Dogs" for UW-Eau Claire's 10th annual Schneider Disability Issues Forum on **Thursday, Oct. 18**. [Learn more.](#)

Interested in teaching abroad?

The [Center for International Education](#) is now accepting applications to teach abroad for the following terms: fall 2020 and spring 2021 in Harlaxton, England; and summer 2019 in Changshu, China. [Learn more](#) online or by contacting CIE at 715-836-4411 or CIE@uwec.edu.

Services for Students with Disabilities honors faculty, staff Oct. 23

The [Services for Students with Disabilities](#) office has a history of giving awards that recognize deserving individuals and departments at UW-Eau Claire who have reached out to students with disabilities in unique, caring and creative ways. A recognition event to honor the award recipients is set for **1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23** in Room 3314 of Centennial Hall. Please join us to hear from our students, honor our colleagues and celebrate Disability Awareness Month!

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Dr. Evan Weiher, professor of biology, co-authored a paper titled "[Plant functional trait change across a warming tundra biome](#)," which was published Sept. 26 in *Nature*, Vol. 562, 57-62 (2018).

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In Memoriam

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Garfield Avenue celebration set for Oct. 18

A celebration of the redesigned Garfield Avenue corridor on the UW-Eau Claire campus will be held at **4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18**. The Blugold Marching Band will perform at 4:50 p.m., followed by comments from James Schmidt, UW-Eau Claire chancellor; Branden Yates, student body president; and Mike Rindo, assistant chancellor for facilities and university relations. [Learn more and join us!](#)

Light pole banners pay tribute to diverse leaders

Visibility is a critical component in the realization of equity, diversity and inclusion. At UW-Eau Claire, we recognize the importance of showcasing the diverse array of individuals who have contributed to our histories — histories carried forward and built upon by our students, faculty and staff. Beginning this year, UW-Eau Claire's campus light pole banners will pay tribute to those lives and names, concomitant with national heritage months. [Learn more.](#)

Hilfiker Symposium to feature debate on free speech, campaign finance laws

The symposium, titled "Free Speech and Campaign Finance: Debating the First Amendment and Citizens United," will be at **7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18**, in Room 100 of Schneider Hall. The event,

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Teacher of the Year to speak at 10th annual Schneider Disability Issues Forum

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Dr. Eric Kasper, associate professor of political science and director of the Center for Constitutional Studies; and **Dr. Quentin Vieregge**, associate professor of English, UW-Eau Claire – Barron County; recently co-authored the book "The United States Constitution in Film: Part of Our National Culture." The book explores how the Constitution is depicted in movies from the early 20th century to the present. [Learn more.](#)

Dr. Sean McAleer, professor of philosophy and religious studies, presented "Confucian li: From Theoretical Role to Substantive Content" at the Rectifying the Name of Confucianism Conference Sept. 28 at Boston University.

Dr. Joel Pace, professor of English, presented a paper on Gothic novels and the Black Atlantic at the North American Society for the Study of Romanticism (NASSR) Conference June 22-25 at Brown University. At this conference, the advisory board approved Dr. Deanna Koretsky & Dr. Pace's proposal for the Race and Empire Caucus, which will have its first panels featured at NASSR 2019. NASSR also officially recognized the Bigger 6 Collective, a group of scholars (including Pace) dedicated to EDI initiatives in Romanticism, including expanding beyond the study of the field's six canonical poets.

Dr. Jessica Sertling Miller, professor of French in the department of languages, organized and hosted the Fourth Annual Wisconsin French Studies Roundtable Oct. 12-13 at UW-Eau Claire, with support from the Office of Research of Sponsored Programs, the Visiting Minority Scholars and Artists Committee and the department of languages. Various events over those two days attracted language students, K-12 teachers and university professors.

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Dr. Blake Westerlund, assistant professor of English, presented a paper on spy fiction titled "Herron's Menagerie: Tracking Traces of Wild Animals in The List" at the Midwest Pop Culture Association Conference, held Oct. 4-7 in Indianapolis, Indiana. In addition, this November Westerlund will take a panel of Blugolds to Streamlines: A Conference Celebrating Language, Literature and Writing. The panel will present on the modern suspense film.

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In Memoriam

Condolences to the family and friends of Henry Lippold. Lippold, professor emeritus of communication and journalism, passed away Oct. 20 in Eau Claire. Lippold was a member of the communication and journalism faculty from 1972-2001. Funeral arrangements are pending with Lenmark-Gomsrud-Linn Funeral & Cremation Services in Eau Claire. [View Leader-Telegram story about Lippold.](#)

Professional Development

New Learning Glass video recording studio available

Do you write on a whiteboard while teaching in the classroom? If so, you may be interested in the new Learning Glass recording studio in Schofield 42. Instructors write on a large piece of glass and the camera records through the glass, so the video records the instructor's face rather than their back. [Learn more about Learning Glass.](#) After a training session, instructors can use the room independently since it is set up to be user-friendly and non-technical. Contact April Pierson at piersoa@uwec.edu to get started.

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Blugold Spotlight: Julie Carr

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Add your voice to the Campus Conversation: Take the online survey

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November wellness newsletter available

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Dr. Tomomi Kakegawa, associate professor of Japanese, and **Dr. Kaishan Kong**, assistant professor of Chinese, along with Dr. Valerie Barske from UW-Stevens Point, participated in a panel discussion at the Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs Annual Meeting Oct. 19 in St. Paul, Minnesota. The panel theme was “SoTL and the Teaching of Asia.” Dr. Kakegawa’s presentation

was titled “Developing and assessing extensive reading program in Japanese,” and Dr. Kong’s presentation was titled “Bridge-building in class: how language and perspectives support learning.”

Cheryl Lochner-Wright, senior study abroad coordinator in the Center for International Education, has been named to the Forum on Education Abroad "Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad" Update Working Group. The forum is the official U.S. Department of Justice standards-setting organization for education abroad. The working group will review and offer recommendations for updating the forum standards, with input from multiple voices and a variety of contexts. Final publication of the revised standards is expected April 2020.

Dr. Matthew Meyer, philosophy and religious studies; **Josh Engle**, Dean of Students Office; and **Dr. Mary Beth Tusing**, **Dr. Michael Axelrod**, **Dr. Melissa Coolong-Chaffin**, **Seth Carreno** and **Matthew Noehring**, school psychology graduate program, were recognized for their commitment to meeting students' disabilities-related needs during the recent Services for Students with Disabilities celebration of Disability Awareness Month. [Learn more](#).

Dr. Kong Pheng Pha, assistant professor of critical Hmong studies and women's, gender and sexuality studies, co-authored (with Dr. Aline Lo of Allegheny College) an article titled "Hmong American Literature and Culture," published in the Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Literature, edited by Josephine Lee, 1-26. Oxford University Press, October 2018. [See article summary](#).

Dr. Katherine Schneider, psychologist emerita in Counseling Services, was featured in the Oct. 16 Volume One story "A Helper with a Happy Heart." [View story](#).

Jodi Thesing-Ritter, executive director for diversity and inclusion, along with student researchers Cecelia Lewis, Jacie Jones and Nicholas Walkowiak, presented "Ten Years of Intercultural Competence Development through the UWEC Civil Rights Pilgrimage" for the Wisconsin College Personnel Association Annual Conference Oct. 5.

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Professional Development

New Learning Glass video recording studio available

Do you write on a whiteboard while teaching in the classroom? If so, you may be interested in the new Learning Glass recording studio in Schofield 42. Instructors write on a large piece of glass and the camera records through the glass, so the video records the instructor's face rather than their back. [Learn more about Learning Glass](#). After a training session, instructors can use the room independently since it is set up to be user-friendly and non-technical. Contact April Pierson at piersoa@uwec.edu to get started.

Upcoming ORSP Faculty/Academic Staff Forum presentations

Dr. Ezra Zeitler, associate professor of geography and anthropology, will present “[Geographies of Landscape, Race and Power Through the Lens of Team Name Mascot Use in Secondary Schools](#)” on **Wednesday, Oct. 31**, and **Dr. Tim Nelson**, UW-Eau Claire alumnus and Mayo Clinic physician-researcher, will present “[Regenerating the Pediatric Heart for Congenital Heart Disease](#)” on **Wednesday, Nov 7**. 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](#).

Supervisory training offered for students, faculty, staff

Looking to sharpen your supervisory knowledge and skills? Take advantage of the following sessions offered for all students, faculty and staff. **October:** “Organizational Behavior,” “Blugold Service Excellence Philosophy” and “Supporting Employee Performance”; **November:** “Legal Alphabet Soup” and “Employee Engagement”; and **December:** “Emotional Intelligence” and “Employee Engagement.” [Full details](#) are available online. Questions? Contact Karen Callaway at 715-836-4202 or callawkl@uwec.edu.

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 callawkl@uwec.edu or 715-836-4202.

ES 385 Human Diversity Forum presentations continue

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. **Abdirizak Bihi**, director of the Somali Education and Social Advocacy Center, Minneapolis, will present “The Somali Community in the Midwest” at **5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1**, in the Woodland Theater of Davies Center. [See the full ES 385 Human Diversity Forum schedule](#).

CETL's fall professional development opportunities

Check out [CETL's homepage](#) for opportunities open to all faculty/staff that focus on teaching, learning and inclusion. **Coming up:** Dr. Leah Olson-McBride and Dr. Lisa Quinn-Lee will present “A Comprehensive Approach to Managing Challenging Situations in and out of the Classroom” from **3-4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5** in CETL (OL 1142). Examples of how they collaborate with and support each other will be shared. [Learn more and register](#).

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. There is still space to register in the following workshops: "[Campus Connect](#)" from **2-4 p.m. Oct. 31** and "[What Is a Writing Center? Increasing Accessibility through a Holistic Approach](#)" from **12-12:50 p.m. Nov. 1**. [See all fall programs now available for viewing and registration.](#)

Software workshops offered

LTS Training is offering the following software workshops for students, faculty and staff this semester: Excel, Qualtrics, Wix, Photoshop, Illustrator, Indesign and iMovie. All workshops are held in OL 1132. For dates, times and registration, please view the [LTS Training registration site](#).

Purchasing training offered

Interested in learning campus procedures for purchasing common items like office supplies, batteries, furniture, software and computers? Sign up for a purchasing training session to learn about contract and non-contract purchasing, methods of payment, e-forms, websites with helpful information and expected timeframes. All sessions will be held in Old Library 1128. Click on the following links to register: [Wednesday, Nov. 7, 10-11:30 a.m.](#); and [Thursday, Nov. 29, 3-4:30 p.m.](#)

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