

March 5, 2019

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Title and Total Compensation Project update

The Title and Total Compensation (TTC) Project aims to modernize the UW System's title, pay and benefits programs. Its goal is to develop new systems that will help UW institutions attract and retain the best people. The result of this project will be clear, consistent and relevant job titles and descriptions; market-informed pay and benefits structures; and a framework for career development. The review of the draft standard job descriptions by subject matter experts continued through the end of February. Project teams now are in the process of reviewing and revising standard job descriptions and drafting new job descriptions based on subject matter expert feedback. [Learn more about the TTC Project](#).

Wintermission program coming to Eau Claire

Eau Claire recently was selected as one of three U.S. cities to participate in [Wintermission](#), a joint program between the 80 Cities organization and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The initiative is aimed at improving urban life during long winters by reducing social isolation and increasing recreation opportunities. Members of the campus community interested in providing feedback about winter in Eau Claire are encouraged to [visit the working group's survey](#), which includes an overview of the project timeline. Wintermission Eau Claire's steering team involves leadership from the city, county, Visit Eau Claire, WEDC and Jake Wrasse, government and community relations specialist in the Chancellor's Office.

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and 4 (Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement) of the argument. At the beginning and end of each criterion subsection (indicated by letters), you'll find a link to a short Qualtrics survey that will ask for feedback. Thank you for your support of the HLC reaffirmation of accreditation process.

Spring 2019 planned steam, electrical outages announced

This spring's planned **steam outage** will occur from **6 p.m. Saturday, May 25, through noon Monday, June 3**. 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, June 2**. 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.](#)

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Free exploratory classes in French, German and Spanish to be offered to area children

Beginning April 4, UW-Eau Claire foreign language education students will teach free exploratory language classes in beginning French (grades 1-3), beginning German (grades 1-3) and beginning Spanish (grades 5K-5) to area children. The [registration deadline is Monday, March 11](#). [Learn more.](#)

Looking for a carpool?

UW-Eau Claire is proud to partner with Zimride to offer faculty and staff a stress-free and cost-saving way to get to work. You can either join an existing carpool or set up a new one with this private ride-matching network. Get started by setting up a profile, posting a ride and finding your matches. If you share the same destination, you might as well share the same ride, too. [Learn more.](#)

Public surplus sale this week

Join us for our next surplus sale from **3-6 p.m. Thursday, March 7**, 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. Anne Cummings Hlas, professor of Spanish in the department of languages, was the keynote speaker at the [FLESFEST 2019](#) conference in Milwaukee. Her presentation was titled "Creativity in the World Language Classroom: Practical, Powerful, Essential!" In addition, she presented the workshop "Making Creativity Work in Your Classroom" with UW-Eau Claire alumna **Cammy Rathsack** and student **Hannah Apold**.

Dr. Harry Jol, professor of geography and anthropology, was a co-author with Katherine Schide (ETH-Zürich), Paul Jewell (University of Utah), Charles Oviatt (Kansas State University) and Christopher Larsen (University of Alaska Fairbanks) on a paper titled "[Transgressive-phase barriers as indicators of basin-wide lake-level changes in late Pleistocene Lake Bonneville, Utah, USA](#)," which was published in the journal *Geomorphology*, Vol. 318: pages 390-403.

Dr. Kaishan Kong, assistant professor of Chinese in the department of languages, earned a second-place prize in the Cengage Learning Award for Innovative Excellence in the Teaching of Chinese as a Foreign Language competition for her project, titled "Interactive corrective feedback & language gains between peers in Chinese speaking class." It was awarded by the Chinese Language Teachers Association (CLTA), a national professional organization devoted exclusively to the study of Chinese language, culture and pedagogy.

In honor of the late **Vicki Lord Larson**, a founding member of Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Leadership, the Eau Claire chapter of WWHEL has made a donation to the Blugold Emergency Support Fund. Throughout her career, Vicki Lord Larson supported the advancement of women and minorities in Wisconsin higher education, and this important work has inspired our chapter to make a gift in her name. WWHEL provides opportunities for networking, information sharing, support and encouragement for women faculty and staff to pursue leadership positions. [Learn more about WWHEL](#) online or by contacting Jackie Lee, Faith Pawelski, Patti See or Jenni Sterling of the UW-Eau Claire chapter.

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In Memoriam

Condolences to the family and friends of Corinne Charlson. Charlson, a UW-Eau Claire alumna and longtime UW-Eau Claire staff member who retired in 2013 at the age of 84, passed away Feb. 25 in California. A memorial service will be held in Eau Claire early this summer.

Professional Development

CIGE Workshop: Global Engagement and Spaces of Practice

What does a university do to demonstrate how it distinctly embeds global learning in its curriculum? Join the Council on Internationalization and Global Engagement (CIGE) **Thursday, March 7**, from 9:30-11:45 a.m. in Centennial 3314 and 2-3:15 p.m. in Centennial 3714 to actively discuss with UNC Greensboro representatives how they provide students a learning environment that delivers the necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes to engage effectively in the diverse world community. See how faculty and staff have assisted in advancing global engagement at UNCG. [Learn more](#).

Explore 2019 UW System Faculty College

Faculty College is an annual summer retreat for UW System educators. The 2019 Faculty College will be from May 28-31 at UW-Platteville Richland. [Learn more](#) about Faculty College and **apply by Thursday, March 7**.

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Interested in hearing about the 10 exponential technologies that are changing our world? Ryan Weber, co-founder of Great North Labs, will present "Intro to Exponential Technology and Leadership" from **6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, March 7**, at CoLAB, 312 S. Barstow St., Eau Claire. In this presentation co-sponsored by UW-Eau Claire's Dennis L. Heyde Entrepreneurship Program, Weber will discuss the opportunity an entrepreneur has to tackle and solve a problem by utilizing these disruptive technologies. The event is open to all who are interested. [Learn more and register.](#)

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Dr. Tamara Johnson leaving for Adler University; search for vice chancellor launched

Dr. Tamara Johnson, vice chancellor for EDI and student affairs, has announced she has accepted a position as vice president for diversity and inclusion at Adler University in Chicago. She will continue to serve UW-Eau Claire through June 7. After June 7, Chancellor James Schmidt will oversee the EDI and Student Affairs division until a national vice chancellor search

is completed. [Read more](#) about accomplishments achieved under Dr. Johnson's leadership and the formation of a search committee for a new vice chancellor.

Title and Total Compensation Project key updates

(1) The Advisory Council for the TTC Project is transitioning to systemwide joint governance, **effective March 1**. The reconfiguration incorporates representation from all UW stakeholder institutions, which supports the project goals of (a) enhancing communication; (b) broadening outreach efforts; (c) better supporting institutions' project teams; (d) deepening interest in and awareness of the project by UW employees; and (e) providing change management leadership for institutions and employees. **(2)** UW-Madison and UW System Administration drafted a strategic communication plan that will structure outreach and communication efforts identifying target audiences and specific communication goals, objectives and tactics aimed at increasing awareness and understanding of the TTC project. **(3)** A methodology has been developed to aggregate, prioritize and incorporate subject matter expert feedback for standard job descriptions. [See all details of the TTC Project](#).

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Readers sought: 13th annual International Poetry Reading

Organizers of the 13th annual International Poetry Reading are seeking readers for the event, which is set for **7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 24**, in the Ojibwe 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 22**. 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.

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Reuse, recycle, RECLAIM!

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Dr. Crispin Pierce, professor of environmental health, and his student researchers will present findings from their frac sand mining research at 2:15 p.m. Friday, March 15, at the Chippewa Falls Public Library.

Congratulations to the faculty/staff completers of the EDI Tier 2 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: **Katy Rand**, Activities, Involvement and Leadership office, "Diverse Voices Book Challenge"; **Sherrie Miles**, biology, "EDI in All Administrative Support Collaboration Meetings"; and **Kelly Austin**, CETL, "EDI Professional Development Program Administrative Support."

Chancellor James Schmidt and **Nikki Andrews**, Blugold Central director, were quoted in the March University Business article "[Straightening Efficiency Kinks.](#)"

Dr. Ryan Weichelt, associate professor of geography and anthropology, was interviewed March 6 on the topic "Women in Wisconsin Politics" on the Wisconsin Public Radio program "Central Time." [Learn more and listen.](#)

Several Blugolds are contributors to the "Atlas of the 2016 Elections," named by the *Library Journal* as one of the [Best Reference Books of 2018](#). **Dr. Ryan Weichelt**, associate professor of geography and anthropology, was a co-editor of the Atlas as well as contributor. Further contributions included works by **Katie Weichelt**, the current FYE program coordinator, and **Sam Loftsgarrden**, a 2016 UW-Eau Claire geography graduate.

Dr. Ryan Weichelt, associate professor of geography and anthropology, had his article, "[As Number Of Wisconsin's Women Legislators Stalls, Partisan Mix Shifts — Redistricting, Incumbency And Political Trends Compound Barriers To Participation,](#)" published Feb. 14 on the Wiscontext website.

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Campus News and Features

Snow removal heroes go above and beyond: Clearing campus with care

March is finally here and spring may be around the corner, but Blugold grounds crews likely have a bit more snow duty ahead of them. Let's take a look at just how involved it really is to make this campus navigable amid a record-breaking snow season. [Full story.](#)

Tragedy and triumph: Blugold alumnus selected to showcase work in prestigious Italian art exhibit

UW-Eau Claire art graduate Eric Lee has been invited to show his artwork in a prestigious six-month exhibit run by the European Cultural Centre in partnership with the world-renowned Venice Biennale in Italy. That he would have this honor was not something Lee could have foreseen just months ago — nor could he have accepted the invitation if not for the support of the Eau Claire arts community. [Full story](#).

Governor Evers announces support for UW-Eau Claire Science and Health Sciences Building
Gov. Tony Evers announced March 7 the inclusion of \$109 million for UW-Eau Claire's proposed new Science and Health Sciences Building in his 2019-21 state capital budget during a press conference in the university's Phillips Science Hall. [Full story](#) and related [Chancellor's Blog post](#).

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- **Virtual reality in the library:** Think you can't go anywhere during the break? Think again! Join Makerspace expert Brad Gehrke in the Living Room on McIntyre Library's first floor to explore Google Earth with the HTC Vive virtual reality equipment. [Take a look at some of the applications we have available](#) and how you can use this space.

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Blugold FYI: March 19, 2019

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

Please note: Blugold FYI will not be published during spring break. The next issue will be shared on **Tuesday, April 2**.

Important Announcements

Nominate colleagues for 2019 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 **Friday, April 5**.

Spring break parking information

During UW-Eau Claire's spring break, March 25-29, parking permits are not required in R or B parking stalls. All other parking regulations will be enforced. [Learn more](#).

Purchasing: End of FY19 deadline notice

Please watch for a campuswide email within the next few weeks that will contain detailed information concerning end of FY19 deadlines for purchase requisitions and other purchasing activities. Below is a snapshot of some upcoming dates to keep in mind:

- Public bid (RFBs and RFPs/\$50,000 and above) requests: **Monday, April 8**.
- BSI furniture orders: **Friday, April 19**.
- Simplified bid requisitions (\$5,000-\$49,999): **Monday, April 22**.
- Purchase requisitions up to \$5,000 or contract purchases: **Monday, May 6**.

Call for nominations: University Staff Student Scholarship

All university staff, current and retired, are encouraged to nominate a student of their choice for the University Staff Student Scholarship for the 2019-20 academic year. The nomination deadline is **Monday, April 8**. [Learn more and link to the nomination form](#).

Help McIntyre Library test video streaming services

Throughout March, McIntyre Library will be trialing five streaming video services. This trial period allows you to preview full length films — both documentaries and feature films. You can access the databases using [this guide](#). (**Note:** To access the “Feature Films for Education” service, this week’s username is **000001** and the password is **ocean**.) McIntyre Library values your feedback. Your responses to the library’s video trial survey will help inform subscription decisions to support instruction.

Printing Services spring break information

The University Printing Services walk-up counter in Davies 105 will be closed during spring break, March 25-29, and no order delivery or pickup service will be offered in Davies Center. During spring break, Printing Services will be open for walk-up business and order pickup in Schofield 18 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Regular Printing Services operations will resume in Davies 105 on Monday, April 1. Questions? Contact Printing Services at 715-836-5621 printingservices@uwec.edu.

Readers sought: 13th annual International Poetry Reading

Organizers of the 13th annual International Poetry Reading are [seeking readers for the event](#), which is set for **7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 24**, in the Ojibwe 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 22**. 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.

Senior Americans Day set for June 4

- **Registration opens Wednesday, March 20.** Please pass this along to anyone who is 55 and better! The cost of the event is \$40, and each attendee has a chance to attend breakout sessions, enjoy lunch, listen to a keynote speaker and walk through exhibitor booths. [Learn more](#).
- **Sign up to volunteer.** Volunteers receive free entry to the event as well as complimentary breakfast and lunch. Depending on seating availability, volunteers also may have the opportunity to sit in on one or more workshops. If you cannot stay for the entire day (7 a.m.-4 p.m.), consider signing up for one or two time slots. Interested? Please [sign up here](#) or contact Alyssa Layton at laytonam7049@uwec.edu.

Updating your profile on the university website

Faculty and staff can access the Profiles app in Athena, UW-Eau Claire’s web content management system, to make changes to their own profiles. To start, navigate to

athena.apps.uwec.edu, log in with your UW-Eau Claire username and password, and select the "Profiles" icon from the available app links. Then, in another browser tab, open the Athena Content Hub's "[Athena Profiles" section](#) and follow the specific instructions to make updates.

Public surplus sale this week

Join us for our next surplus sale from **3-6 p.m. Thursday, March 21**, 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 Arts and Sciences

- [View proposed curricular changes.](#)

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Awards and Achievements

Dr. Harry Jol, professor of geography and anthropology, recently was interviewed by German Public Radio about UW-Eau Claire's geoarchaeological Holocaust research in Lithuania. (See UW-Eau Claire stories from [2016](#) and [2017](#).) The broadcast was titled "Massengräber des Zweiten Weltkrieges in Litauen entdeckt" ("Mass Graves of World War II Discovered in Lithuania").

Dr. Harry Jol, professor of geography and anthropology, and co-authors **Luke Burds** (UW-Eau Claire alumnus, now graduate student at MNSU), **Joseph Beck** (UW-Eau Claire student), **Richard Mataitis** (UW-Eau Claire alumnus, now graduate student at MNSU), Richard Freund (University of Hartford), Alastair McClymont (Advisian/Worley Parson) and Paul Bauman (Advisian/Worley Parsons) had their paper, titled "Holocaust Archaeology: Using ground penetrating radar to locate a Jewish mass grave in Kaunas, Lithuania," published in the Proceedings of the 16th International Conference on Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR 2018). Burds also presented his paper at the conference in Rapperswil, Switzerland, in June 2018.

Dr. David Jones, professor of English and interim director, University Honors Program, recently received a Fulbright Program award to serve as a lecturer in Okinawa, Japan, during the spring 2020 semester. The project, sponsored by the Japan-U.S. Educational Commission, is in the fields of American literature and cultural studies, and is titled "'What a Wonderful World': Legacies of the American Century in Life Writing, Rock 'n' Roll Music and Popular Culture."

Karen Loeb, professor emerita of English and Eau Claire's writer-in-residence, will host a "Writers Read" open-mic tribute to Beat Generation poet and publisher Lawrence Ferlinghetti at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 21, at the L.E. Phillips Public Library in Eau Claire. The event is a tribute to Ferlinghetti in honor of his 100th birthday. Sign-up starts at 5:30 p.m. and listeners are welcome. [Learn more.](#)

Ellen Mahaffy, associate professor of communication and journalism, had her photographic piece, titled "Queers Hate Techies," selected to be part of the Seventh Annual Society of Photographic Education's International Combined Caucus Exhibition, which was juried by Christina Vassallo, the executive director of SPACES in Cleveland, Ohio. Mahaffy's work was exhibited at the Cleveland Convention Gallery March 7-9 and was included in the catalog published in conjunction with the exhibition.

Dr. Justin Patchin, professor of criminal justice, was invited to present a keynote address titled "Real Conflict in a Virtual Playground" at the Better Internet Conference March 11 at the Singapore Institute of Technology.

Chancellor James Schmidt and **Brittany Nielsen**, campus director for UW-Eau Claire – Barron County, were among the guests on Wisconsin Public Radio's "The West Side" March 18 to discuss Gov. Evers' proposed changes to the UW System. [View show's archive page to learn more and listen.](#)

Dr. Jessica Sertling Miller, professor of French in the department of languages, had her review of the textbook "La traduction: un pont de départ" by K. Lappin-Fortin published in the current issue of *The French Review*, 92(3), page 194.

Dr. Crispin Pierce, professor of environmental public health, was quoted in the March 15 Chippewa Herald story, "[UW-Eau Claire students present air quality findings near Chippewa County frac sand sites, encourage further monitoring.](#)" The story also appeared March 16 in the Eau Claire [Leader-Telegram](#).

Dr. Matt Waters, professor of languages and history, had his article, "Cyrus Rising: Reflections on Word Choice, Ancient and Modern," published in "Cyrus the Great: Life and Lore," edited by R. Shayegan, 2019, Boston: Harvard University Press, pages 26-45. He also gave an invited lecture, "Assyria's Revenge: The Achaemenid Persian Empire. Assyrian Ideological Continuity in Persian Guise," Feb. 21 at the University of Colorado.

Several Blugolds are contributors to the "Atlas of the 2016 Elections," named by the *Library Journal* as one of the [Best Reference Books of 2018](#). **Dr. Ryan Weichert**, associate professor of geography and anthropology, was a co-editor of the Atlas as well as contributor. Further contributions included works by **Dr. Katie Weichert**, the current FYE program coordinator, and **Sam Loftsgarrden**, a 2018 UW-Eau Claire geography graduate.

[Submit item for Awards and Achievements](#)

Campus News and Features

China immersion allows Blugolds to connect with Hmong history, identity

During Winterim, several Blugolds were part of an immersion where they learned about and experienced the rich history and culture of Hmong people and other minorities living in Southwest China. [Full story](#).

'Engaged with UW-Eau Claire' features Matt Krische and Ryan Moertel

Matt Krische '06 and Ryan Moertel '12 are Blugold grads featured this month in the "Engaged with UW-Eau Claire" alumni video series. Both returned to the Chippewa Valley after attending law school and now are partners in their own criminal defense law practice in downtown Eau Claire. [Learn more and watch the video](#).

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. April 3 in Davies Center. [Full story](#).

[Read more campus news and features](#)

Professional Development

Explore 2019 UW System Faculty College

Faculty College is an annual summer retreat for UW System educators. The 2019 Faculty College will be from May 28-31 at UW-Platteville Richland. UW System has extended the submission deadline to **Friday, March 22**, and additional seats are open. [Learn more and apply](#).

Workshop on supporting trans* students offered at UW-Green Bay

The Wisconsin College Personnel Association (WCPA) Professional Development Institute, a drive-in workshop on supporting trans* students on campus, is set for **Friday, April 5**, at UW-Green Bay. [Learn more and register](#). If you would like to carpool with others from UW-Eau Claire, please contact Jackie Lee at leejacqu@uwec.edu.

McIntyre Library offerings

All students, faculty and staff are welcome to participate in the following:

- **'Maker breaks' during spring break:** On campus during spring break? Join McIntyre Library staff for open houses in the Blugold Makerspace in Room 109 on the lower level the library. Come in for a project, or just walk through to see what the space offers as a creative outlet. "Maker breaks" will be offered from **11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, Thursday, March 28, and Friday, March 29**.
- **Virtual reality in the library:** Think you can't go anywhere during the break? Think again! Join Makerspace expert Brad Gehrke in the Living Room on McIntyre Library's first floor to explore Google Earth with the HTC Vive virtual reality equipment. [Take a look at some of the applications we have available](#) and how you can use this space.

Software training workshops offered

LTS Training is offering free software workshops this semester for PowerPoint posters (CERCA-sized posters), infographics, Sway, Qualtrics, Illustrator, InDesign and Photoshop. To see dates, times and registration links, please visit the [training registration site](#). Looking for other university-supported software training options? Contact LTS Training (VLL 1132) at training@uwec.edu or 715-836-5157.

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 time frames. All sessions will be held in Room 1128 of Vicki Lord Larson Hall (formerly Old Library). Click on the following links to register: [Tuesday, April 23](#), 3-4:30 p.m.; and [Wednesday, May 22](#), 10-11:30 a.m.

EDI professional development opportunities

Spring semester EDI professional development opportunities include in-person training sessions and workshops on specialized topics, such as inclusive pedagogy, implicit and unconscious bias, racism and institutional racism, gender and sexual orientation. [Visit the Tier 2 EDI programming registration site](#) to sign up for spring sessions and workshops that interest you.

- **Upcoming:** Blugold Dialogue: Fat is a Social Justice Issue, Too: [March 20, 4-5 p.m.](#); Learning about an Interfaith Worldview of Pluralism and Engagement Reading Group Series ("Sacred Ground" by Eboo Patel): [March 21, April 4, April 18, and May 2, 12-12:50 p.m.](#); and Teachers, Equity, Academic Excellence, Community and Hope: A Message for Those Who Dare to Teach: [March 21, 5-6:15 p.m.](#)
- **New:** Native American Religion: [April 8, 2-3 p.m.](#); Resolving Generational Conflicts: Understanding and Navigating Generational Differences at Work: [April 25, 8-10 a.m.](#); and UndocuBlugold Training: An Introduction to Undocumented College Students: [May 14, 2:30-4 p.m.](#)

Upcoming ORSP Faculty/Academic Staff Forum presentations

Dr. Robert Lodge, assistant professor of geology, will present "[The Geology of Wisconsin's Sulfide Mineral Resources: What have we Learned? What do we NEED to Know?](#)" on **Wednesday, March 20**, and **Dr. Joe Wildenberg**, Mayo Clinic Health System, will present "[Intelligent Medical Imaging: How Artificial Intelligence is Augmenting Physicians to Improve Care](#)" on April 3. Both events will be held from **12:10-12:50 p.m.** in CETL (VLL 1142) as part of the [Faculty/Academic Staff Forum spring 2019 series](#) presented by the [Office of Research and Sponsored Programs](#).

CETL's spring professional development opportunities

Check out [CETL's homepage](#) for opportunities open to all faculty and staff that focus on teaching, learning and inclusion. The following are EDI Tier 2 opportunities:

- **Advanced Inclusive Pedagogy Group.** This project-based group is designed for those who have attended the Inclusive Pedagogy group in the past, those who are ready to incorporate inclusive pedagogy principles into their teaching or workplace, or those interested in developing a research project using these principles. This group will meet every two weeks from **3-4:30 p.m. in CETL**. The remaining sessions are **March 22, April 5, April 19 and May 3**. [Learn more and register](#).
- **Successful Teaching Practices: Using Roles for Group Work as an Inclusive Teaching Strategy.** April 3, 2-3:30 p.m. [Learn more and register](#).
- **Successful Teaching Practices: Linguistic and Cultural Differences in the Classroom.** April 17, noon-12:50 p.m. [Learn more and register](#).
- **Successful Teaching Practices: Collaborating Together to Handle Difficult Situations in the Classroom.** April 22, 3-4:30 p.m. [Learn more and register](#).

McIntyre Library to host book discussion

McIntyre Library will host a book discussion of Dan Egan's "The Death and Life of the Great Lakes" at **noon Wednesday, May 1**, in the CETL lobby (VLL 1142). If you would like a copy of the book, please email Eric Jennings at jenninge@uwec.edu to sign up and receive a book, available to the first 15 people.

Request a midterm student evaluation

Faculty and instructional academic staff are invited to set up a midterm student evaluation through **March 22**. Upon request, a CETL representative will visit your class to collect confidential feedback from students. The process can take place during the first or last 20 minutes of class. CETL summarizes the data, schedules a meeting with the professor and offers options if change is desired. [Learn more](#).

Reduced tuition offered for 'Growing Up Transgender' program

UW-Eau Claire Continuing Education will hold its "Growing Up Transgender" program in Eau Claire on **Friday, May 17**. The program is taught by Chris Jorgenson, director of UW-Eau Claire's Gender and Sexuality Resource Center, and Dr. Alex Hall, a physician at UW-Stout. The course fee will be discounted by \$50 for UW System employees who use the promo code UWSYSTEM when registering. [Learn more and register](#).

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 Scott Janke in Continuing Education at janke@uwec.edu or 715-836-5179, or Karen Callaway in Human Resources at callawakl@uwec.edu or 715-836-4202.

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Meeting Notices

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