

## Blugold FYI: April 2, 2019

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### **Blugold Spotlight featuring Dr. Stacey Jackson**

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### **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**.

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### **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](#).

### **Make direct-deposit payroll updates online**

UW-Eau Claire employees may now manage their direct-deposit choices online through the new Human Resource System self-service functionality. Follow these steps for access: 1. Log in to your UW portal. 2. On the Payroll Information tile, click the Update Direct Deposit button. More information can be found on the [Human Resources Blugold Insider site](#).

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### **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!

### **Title and Total Compensation Project key updates**

Collaborative Standard Job Description Review and Revision Teams began their work on March 26. The success of the HR Pilot Review Team earlier this month helped shape the structure and content of the upcoming kick-off training and working meeting. Review teams made up of two UW System and two UW-Madison members will work together to process all of the feedback received from the previous round of Subject Matter Expert review.

Revised DRAFT Standard Job Descriptions will be posted online in late (calendar year) Quarter Three. This is part of an implementation strategy focused around employee engagement. The details of this engagement strategy and socialization process are currently in progress.. [Learn more about the TTC project](#).

### **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](#).

### Public surplus sale this week

Join us for our next surplus sale from **3-6 p.m. Thursday, April 4**, in the Central Stores warehouse on upper campus. For more information, visit the [Surplus Store website](#) or [Facebook page](#). Questions? Email [surplusstore@uwec.edu](mailto:surplusstore@uwec.edu) or call 715-836-5555.

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Congratulations to the **faculty and staff of the department of communication sciences and disorders**, who are the recipients of a 2019 UW System Board of Regents Teaching Excellence Award. Department chair **Dr. Vicki Samelson** will accept the award Friday, April 5, during the Board of Regents meeting at UW-Madison. [Learn more about this honor.](#)

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: **Dr. Nancy Hanson-Rasmussen**, management and marketing, "EDI: Teaching, Research, and Professional Development"; and **Dr. Leah Olson-McBride, Dr. Lisa Quinn-Lee and Jamie Tester Morfoot**, social work, "MILWAUKEE 53206: An examination of the impact of mass incarceration on communities of color in Wisconsin."

**Dr. Norah Airth-Kindree**, associate professor of nursing, and **Dr. Pamela Guthman**, clinical assistant professor of nursing, will present a poster titled "Building Bridges: Preparing the Future PHN Workforce in Emergency Preparedness Using Technology and Clinical Simulations" at the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research Conference April 1 in Cleveland, Ohio. The APTR is the national membership association for medical and health professions institutions and their faculty, advancing prevention and population health education and research.

**Dr. Rachel Merkel**, associate professor of nursing, co-authored a paper with Dr. Cara Gallegos of Boise State University titled "[Current evidence in the diagnosis and treatment of children with celiac disease](#)," which has been accepted for publication in *Gastroenterology Nursing*, 42(3).

**Dr. Ann Recine**, assistant professor of nursing, Louis Recine and UW-Eau Claire student **Tenzin Paldon** had their article, "[How People Forgive: A Systematic Review of Nurse-Authored Qualitative Research](#)," published in the Feb. 27 issue of the *Journal of Holistic Nursing*. The main purpose of the study was to discover how people forgive; particularly, where they get the power and what kind of people are able to forgive. The findings enable nurses to facilitate forgiveness by helping patients find answers to their questions about the forgiveness process.

**Chancellor James Schmidt** and UW-Eau Claire student **Jacob Maurer** were interviewed last fall for the 13th episode of Wisconsin Public Television's "Around the Corner with John McGivern," which features the city of Eau Claire, including UW-Eau Claire. The episode will premier at **6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 3**, at a special screening at Pablo Center at the Confluence. The event is free but tickets are required and can be [reserved online](#).

**Dr. Katherine Schneider**, counselor emerita in Counseling Services, was featured in a March 22 WEAU-TV story highlighting Women's History Month. [View video](#).

**Dr. Kaia Simon**, assistant professor of English and director of the Blugold Seminar writing program, gave two presentations at the Conference on College Composition and Communication March 13-16 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The first, "Gender Code-Switching as Rhetorical Performance," concerned her scholarly research on Hmong women and literacy; and the second, "When Power Moves Both Ways," was part of a roundtable called "Power, Performance, and the Untenured WPA."

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## Campus News and Features

### **Professor emeritus, Blugold alumni team up to form data company**

Dr. Brady Foust, professor emeritus of geography, and two of his former students, Mike Jolitz '05 and Joe Litchfield '04, have reunited more than a decade after their UW-Eau Claire classroom endeavors to form a new company, HazardHub. [Learn more](#).

### **Martin Mogensen Education Lecture to focus on American Indian education and equity**

A Lac du Flambeau Ojibwe Tribal member will present "Indigenous Teaching and Learning Framework: More Than Beads and Feathers" during the 2019 Martin Mogensen Education Lecture at **5 p.m. April 11** in Gantner Concert Hall of the Haas Fine Arts Center. [Learn more](#).

### **Devroy Memorial Forum to feature Washington Post's Tracy Grant**

Grant will present "Journalism in 2019: To Tell the Truth" at **7 p.m. April 18** in UW-Eau Claire's Schofield Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. [Learn more](#).

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## Professional Development

### 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](mailto:leejacqu@uwec.edu).

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teaching at the time of the drill are asked to announce the planned drill and read [“What to do during a campus tornado drill”](#) on the Risk Management and Safety website. Questions? Email [boehnett@uwec.edu](mailto:boehnett@uwec.edu).

### **Davies Center to close early April 12 and 13 for Viennese Ball setup**

Due to setup for the 45th Viennese Ball, the food service venues in Davies Center (The Cabin, Marketplace and Sushi Do) will close at **1 p.m. Friday, April 12**. Also, the entire Davies Center (including US Bank, the Blugold Card Office, Service Center, Printing Services and University Bookstore) will close at **2 p.m. Friday, April 12**, and again at **2 p.m. Saturday, April 13**. Questions or concerns? Please call University Centers administration at 715-836-5904.

### **G parking permit application process opens April 23**

Beginning **Tuesday, April 23**, faculty and staff may submit applications for a G (guaranteed) parking permit for the 2019-20 academic year. Watch your university email account on **April 23** for details and the eform application link. Permits will be assigned in the order eforms are received. Questions? Call Blugold Central at 715-836-3000.

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### **Purchasing: End of FY19 deadline notice**

Please watch for a campuswide email next week 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.**

### **Reuse, recycle, RECLAIM!**

Head to the [Surplus Store](#) **Wednesday, April 10, 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](mailto:surplusstore@uwec.edu) or call 715-836-5555 for more information.

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**Dr. Michael Axelrod**, Human Development Center director and professor of psychology, and **Joe Deegan**, a graduate of UW-Eau Claire's school psychology graduate program, had their book chapter on toilet training and elimination disorders (e.g., bedwetting) publishing in "[Pseudoscience in Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy: A Skeptical Field Guide](#)," edited by Stephen Hupp (2019).

**Dr. Josh Brown**, associate professor of German and linguistics, recently gave three invited lectures: "Language Death or Language Life? The Postvernacularity of Pennsylvania Dutch" at Pennsylvania State University on March 13, "Amish Identities in Changing Contexts" at Elizabethtown College on March 28 and "Recruitment and Retention in University Language Programs" at Southern Connecticut State University on April 5.

Presenters at the [Midwest Sociological Society 2019 Annual Meeting](#) April 17-20 in Chicago will include **Dr. Pam Forman**, professor and chair of sociology, presenting "Transgender Recognition in Elite Cycling: Deconstructing Rachel McKinnon's Triumph within the Current Political Climate"; **Dr. Jianjun Ji**, professor of sociology, presenting "An Analysis on the Life Satisfaction of the Chinese Elderly"; and **Dr. Peter Hart-Brinson**, associate professor of sociology/communication and journalism, presenting "The Libertarian Generation?" [Learn more.](#)

**Dr. Ming-Li Hsieh**, assistant professor of criminal justice, had her article, "[Explaining job satisfaction and commitment among prison officers: The role of organizational justice](#)," published in the *Prison Journal*.

**Dr. Harry Jol**, professor of geography and anthropology, and co-authors **Joseph Beck** (UW-Eau Claire student), **Luke Burds** (UW-Eau Claire alumnus, now graduate student at MNSU), **Richard Mataitis** (UW-Eau Claire alumnus, now graduate student at MNSU), Richard Freund (University of Hartford), Alastair McClymont (Advisian/WorleyParsons) and Paul Bauman (Advisian/WorleyParsons) presented their paper, "Holocaust Archaeology: Ground Penetrating Radar Locating the Nazi Mass Execution Trenches at Fort IX in Kaunas, Lithuania," at the American Association of Geographers 113th Annual Meeting April 10-14, 2018, in New Orleans.

**Dr. Harry Jol**, professor of geography and anthropology; UW-Eau Claire student researchers; and U.S., Canadian and in-country Lithuanian partners had their research results highlighted in the National Public Radio broadcast "[Excavation of Lithuania's Great Synagogue Highlights A 'Painful Page' From History](#)." The Blugold students' research was funded by UW-Eau Claire's International Fellows Program and the University of Hartford, with follow-up student projects funded by UW-Eau Claire's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

Several UW-Eau Claire nursing faculty members and students attended and presented research at the 2019 Annual Research Conference of the Midwest Nursing Research Society March 27-30 in Kansas City, Missouri. The following posters were presented: "Evaluating Community Chronic Disease Prevention Efforts in a Rural Midwest County," based on research conducted by **Dr. Jeanette Olsen**, assistant professor of nursing, and student **Amaris Vesely**; "Human Energy Modalities for Dementia-Associated Symptoms: An Evidence-Based Practice Project," based on research by **Dr. Der-Fa Lu**, associate professor of nursing, **Dr. Norah Airth-Kindree**, associate professor of nursing, and students **Aimee Marx**, **Michael Jaeb**, **Omid Razmpour** and **Madeline Norman**; "Care Coordination Interventions and Outcomes in Children with Medical Complexity," based on research by **Dr. Amanda Seeley**, assistant professor of nursing, **Dr. Shelley-Rae Pehler**, professor of nursing, and student **Alexsandra Wenzel**; and "Application of Outcome-Present State Testing (OPT) Model Across a Baccalaureate Program Level," based on research by **Dr. Diane Marcyjanik**, assistant professor of nursing, **Kathy Sell**, clinical assistant professor of nursing, **Dr. Der-Fa Lu**, associate professor of nursing, and students **Maddeline Brandl** and **Michael Jaeb**.

**Dr. Crispin Pierce**, professor of environmental public health in the Watershed Institute, was interviewed for the March 21 Des Moines Register article "[Wisconsin residents seek answers about health risks near Iowa sand mines](#)." Research by Pierce and UW-Eau Claire students also was referenced in the article.

**Dr. April Pierson**, e-learning consultant for CETL/LTS, presented "Designing PowerPoints with the Assertion-Evidence Approach" at the UW System Learning Technology Development Council Virtual Showcase on April 5. [Learn more](#).

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## Campus News and Features

### **UW-Eau Claire celebrates Hmong Heritage Month**

UW-Eau Claire honors Hmong Heritage Month with activities planned throughout the month of April. [Learn more.](#)

### **Blugold mentors prepare area youth to compete in robotics competition**

Chippewa Valley area middle school students and their UW-Eau Claire Blugold Beginning mentors will compete in a robotics competition and participate in a first-of-its-kind STEAM Demo Day on Saturday, April 13, at DeLong Middle School in Eau Claire. [Learn more.](#)

### **Environmental scientist to discuss benefits of native-plant landscaping during ‘Thursdays at the U’**

Dr. Peter Gallagher, a professor emeritus of plant and environmental science at Louisiana Tech University, will speak at noon April 11 in the Blue Hills Lecture Hall at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County. [Learn more.](#)

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## Professional Development

### **Free Skywarn weather spotter training offered**

Want to help keep our community safe by providing timely and accurate reports of severe weather to the National Weather Service? The following Skywarn weather spotter training sessions will be offered:

- **Tuesday, April 9 (tonight):** 7-9:30 p.m., Commons Room, CVTC Energy Education Center, 4000 Campus Rd., Eau Claire.
- **Tuesday, April 16:** 7-9:30 p.m., Augusta Bridge Creek Fire and Rescue, 745 Industrial Drive, Augusta.

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UW-Eau Claire's Division of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and Student Affairs presents "EDI In Focus," a new video series. Each month the series focuses on a student who best represents a commitment to EDI from the services and programs offered by the division. [Watch this month's video](#) featuring Casey Moua, who is a strong advocate for the Office of Multicultural Affairs. Please contact Dr. Demetrius Smith at [smithdem@uwec.edu](mailto:smithdem@uwec.edu) with questions or comments concerning the "EDI In Focus" series.

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#### **Sustainable Printing Project proposal: Next steps**

Faculty and staff received information April 10 about the proposed campuswide Sustainable Printing Project. Meetings to gather input about the project from deans, directors and chairs are happening this week, with additional meetings to be set in the coming weeks for department and unit faculty and staff. For FAQs about the project and the project announcement by John Haven III, vice chancellor for finance and administration, go to the [Sustainable Printing Project page](#) on Blugold Insider. Also watch the page for future input meeting dates and times, as well as the final maps of printer locations across campus.

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Please watch for a campuswide email by the end of this week 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:

- 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.**

#### **Public surplus sale this week**

Join us for our next surplus sale from **3-6 p.m. Thursday, April 18**, in the Central Stores warehouse on upper campus. For more information, visit the [Surplus Store website](#) or [Facebook page](#). Questions? Email [surplusstore@uwec.edu](mailto:surplusstore@uwec.edu) or call 715-836-5555.

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On April 4, at the annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers, **Dr. Douglas Faulkner**, professor of geography and anthropology, and co-authors — including **Dr. Garry Running**, professor of geography and anthropology, and **Dr. Harry Jol**, professor of geography and anthropology — received the G.K. Gilbert Award for Excellence in Geomorphological Research for a paper published in 2016. This is the highest honor that the Geomorphology Specialty Group of the AAG gives in recognition of a single significant publication in geomorphology during the past three years. Following is the paper's full citation: Faulkner, D.J., Larson, P.H., Jol, H.M., Running, G.L., Loope, H.M. and Goble, R.J. 2016. Autogenic incision and terrace formation resulting from abrupt late-glacial base-level fall, Lower Chippewa River, Wisconsin, USA. *Geomorphology* 266: 75-95.

**Dr. Steven Fink**, associate professor of philosophy and religious studies, will present "Fear and Surveillance: Fox News and Fox Reality Crime Shows' Contribution to the Virtual Internment of Muslims in America" at the 10th annual International Islamophobia Conference –Virtual Internment: Islamophobia, Social Technologies of Surveillance and Unequal Citizenship April 19 at UC Berkeley. [Learn more.](#)

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Alliance v. Mansky and the Constitutionality of Election Day Apparel Bans" with **Dr. Troy Kozma**, associate professor of philosophy, UW-Eau Claire - Barron County. Kasper also authored a paper titled "No Essential Reason to Restrict the Freedom of Speech: Why It Is Time to Knock Out Chaplinsky v. New Hampshire and the Fighting Words Doctrine." [Learn more](#).

**Dr. Matt Meyer**, assistant professor of philosophy and religious studies, will present "[Teaching Thomson Through Technology: How the use of iClickers enhances student understanding of Thomson's famous analogies](#)," at the Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association April 18 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

**Patti See**, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center, presented a 90-minute workshop titled "'No Ideas but in Things': Grit Curriculum for Students in Poor Academic Standing" at the 30th annual Teaching Academic Survival and Success Conference April 8 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Travel was partially funded by an ORSP academic staff professional development grant. See is willing to share her PowerPoint and handouts with anyone who is interested in this topic. Email her at [seepk@uwec.edu](mailto:seepk@uwec.edu) for more information.

**Dr. David Sparkman**, assistant professor of psychology, recently co-authored a paper titled "[Ingroup and outgroup interconnectedness predict and promote political ideology through empathy](#)," which was published in the *Group Processes & Intergroup Relations* journal.

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Want to help keep our community safe by providing timely and accurate reports of severe weather to the National Weather Service? The following Skywarn weather spotter training session will be offered:

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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 Scott Janke in Continuing Education at [jankese@uwec.edu](mailto:jankese@uwec.edu) or 715-836-5179, or Karen Callaway in Human Resources at [callawakl@uwec.edu](mailto:callawakl@uwec.edu) or 715-836-4202.

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UW System job titles and descriptions are being modernized. The goal is to have all UW System titles and job descriptions represent the work commonly done across the system. A new standardized job description format is being implemented that is concise, consistent and aligns with the job framework. While this standardized job description format is simpler, it does not change daily tasks as currently assigned. Many titles used today will not change. New titles are being created in instances where (1) current job titles do not accurately describe the work being performed or (2) current titles do not match those in the market for comparable work. Training is being developed for fall 2019 to engage human resources staff, managers and employees in conversations about the transition to the new, modernized and market-informed job framework. Watch for more information to follow. [Learn more about the TTC project.](#)

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### **Proposed curricular changes in College of Arts and Sciences**

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**Dr. Ruth Cronje**, professor of English, presented "Community Connections Team: Addressing Social Determinants of Health in Rural Wisconsin" at the Toward One Diversity Conference April 12 in Milwaukee.

**Dr. Anne Cummings Hlas**, professor of Spanish in the department of languages, was invited to write an introduction to the topic "Connecting Research to Our Practice" with co-author Dr. Corinne Crane of Duke University. Following is the full citation: Hlas, A.C. & Crane, C. (2019). Connecting research to our practice. *Language Educator*, 14(2), 30-33.

UW-Eau Claire students **Holly Huther** and **Alicia Pollock**, who conduct research with **Dr. David Lewis**, professor of chemistry, presented a poster titled "Solvatochromic Behavior of a Sterically

Hindered 4-Aminonaphthalimide Dye" in the Division of Organic Chemistry session at the Spring National Meeting of the American Chemical Society April 3 in Orlando, Florida.

In December 2018 **Dr. Tom King**, professor emeritus of communication sciences and disorders, and **Debra King**, a retired Continuing Education staff member (both Blugold alumni) each were elected to three-year terms on the Wisconsin Writers Association board of directors. WWA was founded in 1948 by Robert Gard as part of statewide UW-Extension services to help writers throughout Wisconsin develop and showcase their work. Tom and Debbi also are members of St. Croix Writers in Solon Springs and Lake Superior Writers, based in Duluth, Minnesota.

**Dr. David Lewis**, professor of chemistry, gave his invited presentation, "Yevgenii Konstantinovich Zavoiskii and the Battle for EPR," as the opening talk in the symposium "Pioneers of Magnetic Resonance" at the Spring National Meeting of the American Chemical Society, held March 31-April 3 in Orlando, Florida. He also presented a talk titled "Vladimir Vasil'evich Markovnikov: His Rule and Legacy," to the Division of the History of Chemistry. During the meeting he also attended the Region V Councilors' Caucus and the full meeting of the Council as the representative of the central Wisconsin local section of the society.

**Ivar Lunde**, professor emeritus of music, and **Tiit Raid**, professor emeritus of art, have collaborated with flutist Peter Phippen on his newest album, "Seven." [Learn more.](#)

**Dr. Jessica Miller**, professor of French, and **Dr. Martina Lindseth**, professor of German (both within the department of languages), had their article, "Taking Ownership: Making Program Assessment Doable, Sustainable, and Rewarding," published in *The Language Educator*, Vol. 14, issue 2, pages 40-43.

**Dr. Dalete Mota**, associate professor of nursing, presented "Phlebitis: Still a significant problem in Brazil" at the Oncology Nursing Society's 44th Annual Congress April 11-14 in Anaheim, California.

**Dr. Joel Pace**, professor of English, was the featured speaker in the Five College Global Cultures of the 19th Century Lecture Series. His talk on Countee Cullen, John Keats, LGBTQ poetry and "The Black Atlantic" was delivered April 12 at Smith College in Massachusetts. On March 20 Pace led a writing workshop titled "Sad Songs Say So Much: The Healing Power of Poetry and Music of Mourning" for nurses and doctors at Mayo Clinic Health System in Eau Claire. He also was the plenary speaker for UW Stout's Reading Across Campus Program Feb. 27, and he presented a paper at the MLA Conference's "Un(der)represented Voices and Texts in Global Romanticism" panel Jan. 5 in Chicago. On Oct. 30, 2018, Pace delivered the plenary lecture for "Frankenreads: An International Celebration of the 200th Anniversary of Mary Shelley's 'Frankenstein,'" sponsored by the University of St. Thomas, the Keats-Shelley Association of America and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

**Dr. Kirstin Rossi**, assistant professor of special education, and **Dr. Cathy Thorsen**, associate professor and chair of special education, recently co-authored a paper titled "[Validation of a](#)

[reflective practice rubric for evaluating the complexity of teacher candidate digital and written reflections](#)," which was published in *Reflective Practice*.

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: **Tom Sulzer**, Learning and Technology Services, "Awareness of Microaggressions Related to Teams"; and **Dr. Ka Vang**, McNair Program, "Training the Trainer on EDI."

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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](#).

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## Blugold FYI: April 30, 2019

Check out the important UW-Eau Claire employee info in this week's **Blugold FYI**.

- **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](#).
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## Important Announcements

### Blugold Spotlight featuring Dang Yang

Enjoy the latest [Blugold Spotlight video](#), which features Dang Yang, a Blugold graduate and director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

### Director of Admissions candidate open forum today

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend an open forum and Q&A session from **2:15-3 p.m. today (Tuesday, April 30)** with **Betsy Kacizak**, a candidate for the director of Admissions position at UW-Eau Claire. The session will be in the **Dakota (North) Room of Davies Center**. Ms. Kacizak's vita and letter of application can be [found online](#). A video recording and brief feedback survey also will be posted at the link above shortly after the presentation.

### Honors Program Director candidate open forums set for May 7 and 16

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend open forums and Q&A sessions with candidates for the Honors Program director position at UW-Eau Claire. The candidates and their forum/Q&A dates and times are as follows:

- **Rebecca Rozelle-Stone, 11-11:45 a.m. Tuesday, May 7**, Menominee Room (320F), Davies Center.
- **Kirsten Bartels, 11-11:45 a.m. Thursday, May 16**, Council Oak Room (260), Davies Center.

The candidates' vitae and letters of application can be [found online](#). Video recordings of the forums and brief feedback surveys for each candidate also will be posted at the link above shortly after each presentation.

### **Effective immediately: SFS environment page change may affect travel reimbursement reporting through SFS 9.2**

Because of a vulnerability found in SFS, DoIT has changed the link to SFS effective immediately:

- Bad link: [sfs.doit.wisc.edu/support](https://sfs.doit.wisc.edu/support)
- Good link: [www.wisconsin.edu/sfs/sfs-environments](https://www.wisconsin.edu/sfs/sfs-environments)

To access the new SFS Environments page: (1) navigate to the SFS home page; (<https://www.wisconsin.edu/sfs/>); (2) select "SFS Environments Page" (<https://www.wisconsin.edu/sfs/sfs-environments/>) in the left navigation menu. The information and most formatting on the old environments page has been preserved. The old SFS environments page will be unavailable; any hyperlinks that access it directly, including personal browser shortcuts/favorites, must be changed to [www.wisconsin.edu/sfs/sfs-environments](https://www.wisconsin.edu/sfs/sfs-environments).

### **Celebration of Excellence in Research and Creative Activity (CERCA) is this week**

The campus community is invited to attend the seventh annual Celebration of Excellence in Research and Creative Activity (CERCA) Monday-Friday, **April 29-May 3**. [Learn more](#).

### **Save the date: Service Recognition and Retirement Reception set for May 8**

Mark your calendars for the 2019 Service and Retirement Reception to be held from **1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 8**, in the Ojibwe Ballroom of Davies Center. Please come and enjoy a variety of desserts, mingle with friends, and help honor our retirees and [service award recipients](#). Provost Patricia A. Kleine will begin the formal program at 1:15 p.m. Thank you to the UW-Eau Claire Foundation for its support of this event.

### **ASK Center reminders: Year-end financial deadlines**

As the semester winds down, please review [ASK Center year-end financial deadlines](#).

### **Purchasing announcement: Department changes**

Due to staffing changes and a temporary staffing shortage in the Purchasing Department, please be aware that campus will experience delays for purchase order processing times. For best-judgment purchases (under \$5,000), please send requests to [purchasing@uwec.edu](mailto:purchasing@uwec.edu) for temporary credit card limit increases instead of submitting purchase requisitions. This will greatly reduce processing times for POs, and departments will be able to place their supply orders more quickly. As a reminder, [Shop@UW](#) carries many items through multiple vendors, and most purchases should first be attempted on Shop@UW. **Exception:** All software and computer purchases must still go on a purchase requisition. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

### **Call for proposals: International Fellows Program 2019-20**

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 **June 7**, and to Dr. Jeff DeGrave by **June 14**. This deadline is meant to target projects planned for Winterim or Summer 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, May 2**, in the Central Stores warehouse on upper campus. For more information, visit the [Surplus Store website](#) or [Facebook page](#). Questions? Email [surplusstore@uwec.edu](mailto:surplusstore@uwec.edu) or call 715-836-5555.

### **Proposed curricular changes in College of Education and Human Sciences**

- [View proposed curricular changes.](#)

### **Proposed curricular changes in College of Arts and Sciences**

- [View proposed curricular changes.](#)

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## **Awards and Achievements**

**Bob Baca**, professor of music and director of jazz, was honored April 26 as UW-Eau Claire's first Margaret and Jack O'Farrell Director of Jazz. The Margaret and Jack O'Farrell Director of Jazz Fund, established through the UW-Eau Claire Foundation, was made possible through generous annual gifts and an estate endowment from Milton and Pegeen Snoeyenbos in memory of her parents, Jack and Margaret O'Farrell. [Learn more.](#)

UW-Eau Claire faculty members **Dr. Stephen Drucker**, professor of chemistry; **Dr. James Phillips**, professor of chemistry; and **Dr. Ying Ma**, associate professor of materials science and engineering, had their research featured in a recent "virtual issue" of the *Journal of Physical Chemistry B*. The purpose of the issue was to highlight physical chemistry research at primarily undergraduate institutions. This kind of research is rare at PUIs because of the complexity of the field and the infrastructure required to conduct it. The UW-Eau Claire publications accounted for three of the 30 publications highlighted in the issue, from a national sample including several prestigious private institutions. All three projects took advantage of the Blugold Supercomputing Cluster, which was funded through the Blugold Commitment. View the [virtual issue](#) and [associated editorial](#).

**Dr. Lucy Johnson**, assistant professor of digital literacies in the department of English, has been awarded a summer research grant through the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) for her research on supporting digital literacy in the Blugold Seminar. Johnson will work with English education major **Maria Lynch** on this grant project.

**Dr. Kaishan Kong**, assistant professor of Chinese in the department of languages, presented her project, "Technology-enhanced language learning in Chinese class," at the 27th International Conference on Chinese Language Instruction April 27 at Princeton University.

**Dr. David Lewis**, professor of chemistry, has been awarded the Markovnikov Medal by Moscow State University in recognition of his significant contributions to research in the history of organic chemistry and its roots in Russia. [Learn more](#).

**Jill Markgraf**, McIntyre Library director, presented "Small talk is a big deal: Making connections through conversation in professional settings" at the Wisconsin Association of Academic Libraries conference April 18-19 in Eau Claire.

**Dr. Geoff Peterson**, professor of political science and Chippewa Valley Jazz Orchestra co-founder and percussionist, was a guest on Wisconsin Public Radio's "Spectrum West" April 25. Peterson previewed the CVJO's final concert of the season, set for Friday, May 3, at the Pablo Center. The concert, "Trombone-orama," will feature prominent trombonists, including **Dr. Phil Ostrander**, professor of trombone in the department of music and theatre arts. [Listen online](#).

**Dr. Crispin Pierce**, professor of environmental public health in the Watershed Institute, was interviewed April 25 on WDLB Marshfield's "Insight" radio program about his UW-Eau Claire faculty-student research on frac sand mining. [Listen online](#). (Discussion begins at 6:30).

**Steve Ranis**, computer science liaison for Learning and Technology Services, and Blugold computer science students Brad Konsela, Hannah Borreson, Kyle Johnson, Dayne Reuter and Brendan Zember attended and competed at [CypherCon 4](#) April 11-12 in Milwaukee. The students, who are enrolled in UW-Eau Claire's new information security course, participated in activities involving hardware hacking, Internet of Things (IoT) device hacking, lock picking and safe cracking. During the conference's primary competition, "Capture the Con," the Blugold team earned third-place honors out of 65 teams competing. The students are thrilled with this result and thank the computer science department for providing them with this opportunity.

**Dr. Jonathan Rylander**, Center for Writing Excellence director/assistant professor of English; **Andrew Suralski**, Center for Writing Excellence assistant director/ associate lecturer of English; **Ami Christensen**, lecturer in the department of languages; and **Dr. Kaishan Kong**, assistant professor of Chinese in the department of languages, co-presented "Where Writing Centers and Language Departments Meet: Building a Community of Practice for Cross-Cultural Communication" at the UW System OPID Spring Conference on Teaching and Learning April 11 in Madison. At this panel, they shared their collaborative work through the Faculty Writing

Fellows Program and explored intersections among writing center practices, second language acquisition, and education studies.

**Dr. Jessica Sertling Miller**, professor of French in the department of languages, had her article, "Bienvenue à Marly-Gomont," published in "Allons au cinéma: Promoting French through film, Vol. 3," a handbook published by the American Association of Teachers of French, pages 179-186. This publication collects peer-reviewed, in-depth pedagogical material to accompany French-language movies. The theme in Vol. 3 is "Immigration and Identity." Miller's work has appeared in all three volumes.

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## Campus News and Features

### **Artists Series event added: Poet Paul Tran to read on May 2**

Paul Tran is a highly acclaimed young poet, a graduate fellow at Washington University, and an accomplished editor and contributing poet for multiple magazines and anthologies. Tran will read from their work at 7:30 p.m. May 2 in Riverside Theatre of the Haas Fine Arts Center.

[Learn more.](#)

### **Save the date: Reception to recognize CSD department's Teaching Excellence Award**

Please come and enjoy a variety of desserts, mingle with friends and help honor the communication sciences and disorders department on its 2019 UW System Board of Regents Teaching Excellence Award. The reception will be from **4:30-6 p.m. Monday, May 13**, in the lobby of the Human Sciences and Services building on Water Street. Dean Carmen Manning will begin the formal program at 5:15 p.m. [Learn more about the department's award.](#)

### **Souls4Souls shoe drive underway**

McIntyre Library and the Student Office of Sustainability have launched their third annual shoe drive to collect pairs of new or used shoes for Soles4Souls, a nonprofit social enterprise that creates sustainable jobs and provides relief through the distribution of shoes and clothing around the world. Bring your new, gently worn or used shoes of any style or size to the first-floor collection bin in the library through **Friday, May 24**. [Learn more.](#)

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## Professional Development

### **Save the date: University Staff Professional Development Day**

The 2019 University Staff Professional Development Day is set for **Thursday, June 6**, on the

third floor of Davies Center. This year's theme, "EAU, Imagine Your 2020 Vision," brings humor and good health to mind as we focus on organizing our thoughts around the continuous changes on campus and how they impact our future. All are welcome to attend! [Learn more](#).

### **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](mailto: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 link to register: [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.

#### **Space available:**

- Blugold Dialogue: LGBTQIA+ Within the Asian American Pacific Islander Community: [April 30, 4-5 p.m.](#); Operationalizing EDI for Supervisors: [May 2, 10 a.m.-noon](#); Chinese Feminist Movement in China: [May 2, RESCHEDULED to 3-5 p.m.](#); Asian American Pacific Islander Identity Panel Discussion: [May 9, 4-5 p.m.](#); and Human Diversity Expo: [May 9, 5-6:15 p.m.](#);

### **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. Upcoming offerings include:

- Using Assessment to Help Students Find the “Good Stuff” in Liberal Education (part of “Improve Student Learning Using Assessment Series”): [May 9, noon-12:50 p.m.](#)
- Faculty Fridays Open Write: Weekly open writing sessions, [Fridays through May 17, 9-11 a.m.](#) Email [CETL@uwec.edu](mailto:CETL@uwec.edu) to register.

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