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Title and Total Compensation Project May/June update

The TTC Project aims to modernize the UW System's title and total compensation structures to help UW institutions attract and retain top talent. Updated job titles and standard job descriptions are on track to be posted online by the end of the 2019 calendar year. The TTC project team will work over the summer to provide a proposed updated job title for each employee. The TTC team thanks the 47% (18,634) of eligible employees who participated in the employee benefits preferences survey. [Learn more about the TTC project](#).

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New Fostering Success program seeks 'welcome basket' items, financial donations

UW-Eau Claire's new Fostering Success program is aimed at providing resources and support for Blugolds who are former foster youth and/or identify as homeless. The idea for the program started with the 2018-19 Leadership Fellows cohort and took shape when a coalition of individuals across campus, including current student Taz Smith, gathered to form an advisory board. The board currently is launching a donation drive to collect "residence hall essentials" for welcome baskets to be given to new Blugolds in need. [Learn more about how to help](#).

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Additional host friends sought for international students

Approximately 60-80 new international students are expected to enroll for the fall 2019 semester at UW-Eau Claire. To support these students, the Center for International Education seeks additional faculty, staff and community members to serve as host friends, providing an international student with a weekend homestay when they arrive in Eau Claire and staying in touch with them throughout their time as a student. Interested individuals are encouraged to apply **before the end of June**. Learn more about the [Host Friend Program](#) and [how to become a host friend](#).

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UW System revises business air travel policy

Several revisions have been made to the UW System policy titled "Purchase and payment of business air travel," which applies to all faculty, staff, students and non-employees traveling for university-sponsored purposes. [See an overview of the policy revisions](#), which took effect **June 21**. To keep up-to-date on UW System travel-related news, [sign up for the TravelWise newsletter](#).

Concur Live Chat now available while booking university travel

Fox World Travel now offers Concur Live Chat support, which provides technical assistance to university employees booking travel arrangements in Concur. Concur Live Chat is available from **8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday**. [Sign in to Concur](#) and locate the Ask Fox Live Chat icon in the Company Notes section. Not yet registered to use the Concur online booking tool? [Complete your profile](#) so you'll be ready to use Concur to book individual airfare, lodging and rental vehicles.

Reminder regarding business use of rental vehicles

Those traveling for university-sponsored purposes are reminded that vehicle rentals are "limited to compact/standard/intermediate vehicle classes unless there are business needs that require larger classes," such as transporting extra passengers or equipment. When a larger vehicle is rented, an explanation must be included on the PT log or travel expense

reimbursement report to justify the higher expense. Refer to [UW System Administrative Policy 425](#) for additional information.

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Printing Services summer hours announced

Summer hours for University Printing Services are as follows:

- Walk-up counter in Davies Center 105: **9 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays.**
- Printing Services' general phone number, 715-836-5621, will be answered from **8 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays.** Schofield and Davies locations will be **closed on Thursday and Friday, July 4 and 5**, for the holiday.

Microsoft SharePoint (Blugold Insider) interface update

As of June 3, all campus SharePoint users will notice a change in the look and feel of the SharePoint lists and libraries layout due to a Microsoft update. To compare the updated to the existing layout, please view our [Knowledge Base article](#). If you have questions about this change, please contact Brad Patton at pattonbw@uwec.edu.

Reuse, recycle, RECLAIM!

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Dr. aBa Mbirika, associate professor of mathematics, was featured in the June 26 Volume One article "[Everything Has a Purpose.](#)"

Dr. Jose Alvergue, assistant professor of English, has been awarded the 2019 Poet's Out Loud Editor's Prize for his manuscript, "scenery," which will be published by Fordham Press in fall 2020. [Learn more.](#)

Roxanne Backowski and **Jenna Vande Zande**, McIntyre Library, are featured in the June 26 Volume One article "[Seeds of Goodwill — UWEC library volunteers are having a good thyme in the garden.](#)"

Dr. Michael Carney, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, presented "Synthesis and material properties of polyacetals derived from glutaraldehyde, diglycerol and meso-erythritol" at the 2019 Green Chemistry Conference June 12 in Washington, D.C. The research is part of a collaborative effort with UW-Eau Claire alumnus **Dr. Nick Robertson** of Northland College.

Dr. Kaishan Kong, assistant professor of Chinese in the department of languages, had her paper, titled "Embracing an integrative approach toward emotion in language teaching and learning," published in *The Modern Language Journal*, 103(2), 539-544, 2019.

Dr. Jim Phillips, professor of chemistry, is featured in the June 26 Leader-Telegram article "[Jim Phillips finds expertise in chemistry helps spur musical creativity.](#)"

Under the supervision of **Dr. Crispin Pierce**, professor of environmental public health, ENPH students **Orion Allgaier**, **Jozee Killoren**, **Aleah Anderson** and **Connor Barnes** presented research at the MREA 2019 Energy Fair, are installing air monitors around the state, helped bring in a \$25,000 external grant and are giving public presentations. [Learn more.](#)

Dr. Kaia Simon, assistant professor and director of the Blugold Seminar Writing Program, had her article, "[Daughters Learning from Fathers: Migrant Family Literacies that Mediate Borders](#)," which originally was published in the spring 2017 issue of *Literacy in Composition Studies*, selected for Parlor Press's 2018 edited collection, "Best of the Journals in Rhetoric and Composition."

Dr. Ryan Weichelt, associate professor of geography and anthropology, had his article, "[The Bygone Era of Marshfield Taverns](#)," published in the May 22 issue of WisContext. He also was a guest on Wisconsin Public Radio's "Central Time" June 26 for a show titled "[Why Are Wisconsin's Rural Taverns Disappearing?](#)"

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- [Jay Dobson named chief of UW-Eau Claire Police Department](#)
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Dr. David Lewis, professor of chemistry, presented the opening keynote lecture at the Kazan sessions of the [Markovnikov Congress](#), organized jointly by Lomonosov Moscow State University and Kazan Federal University in the cities of Moscow (June 21-22) and Kazan (June 23-28), Russia. The Congress was organized as a celebration of the 150th anniversary of the publication of Markovnikov's Rule in 1869. The Congress featured plenary, keynote and invited speakers from every continent except South America and Antarctica.

Dr. Kong Pheng Pha, assistant professor of critical Hmong studies in the women's, gender and sexuality studies department, was a guest on Wisconsin Public Radio's "Central Time" June 28 to discuss the 50-year anniversary of the Stonewall riots. [Learn more and listen.](#)

Angie Swenson-Holzinger, associate director of advising in the Advising, Retention and Career Center, and UW-Eau Claire student **Taz Smith** were interviewed for the July 3 WQOW-TV [story](#) about the university's Fostering Success program.

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In Memoriam

Condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Edward "Milo" M. Pritchett, UW-Eau Claire professor emeritus of special education and a longtime Eau Claire resident, who passed away April 13 in Sacramento, California. Dr. Pritchett was a member of UW-Eau Claire's special education faculty from 1972 to 1996, and he served as the special education department chair for many years. An Aug. 6 memorial service is planned in Eau Claire. Memorial service details will be available [online](#).

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Call for resources for new faculty

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Join McIntyre Library for a summer MAKEation!

The Blugold Makerspace (McIntyre Library, lower level, Room 109) will host a [series of workshops July 22-25](#). Workshops are Intro to Soldering, Book Page Flowers & Paper Crafts, Crochet 101 and Reusable Lunch Bags. Workshops are free for students, staff and faculty; community members are welcome for a workshop fee of \$5. A kit fee for all participants is required for the Intro to Soldering workshop. Find registration info at the link above, and visit uwec.ly/makerspace for more details about the makerspace.

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Dr. David Tschida, associate professor of communication and journalism, presented his paper, "Mni Wiconi (Water is Life), but social media may be a lifeline: Water Protectors and the Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline," at the International Environmental Communication Association's Conference on Communication and the Environment June 20 in Vancouver, Canada.

Dr. Sarah Vitale, assistant professor of geology, had an article, "[Identifying cross-well fracture connections using the dissolved oxygen alteration method](#)," published in the *Journal of Hydrology*, May 2019, Vol. 572, pages 781-789.

Dr. Sarah Vitale, assistant professor of geology, and **Dr. J. Brian Mahoney**, professor of geology, received a state of Wisconsin Groundwater Research and Monitoring grant for \$39,000 for their research proposal titled "Assessment of the source and mobility of phosphorus in the hydrologic system in western Wisconsin." The grant is funded through the UW System.

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In the News

Dr. Eric Kasper, associate professor of political science and director of the Center for Constitutional Studies, was interviewed for the July 5 Texas Public Radio story "[When Running For President, Music Matters: A History Of Campaign Trail Tunes](#)."

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Join the Diverse Voices Book Challenge!

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Campus, Putnam Park tour of invasive plants set for July 24

The Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership and Beaver Creek Reserve will lead a tour of common invasive plants of west-central Wisconsin from **9-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 24**. The [event](#), hosted by the Friends of Putnam Park, is a free driving and walking tour of Putnam Park

and the UW-Eau Claire campus to see 19 terrestrial and many aquatic invasive species. The tour will cover invasive species identification, history and control as well as next steps to slow their spread. Participants will meet in the Phillips parking lot to start. RSVP to 715-539-2766 or licipchris@gmail.com. [Learn more](#).

Chalkfest is coming! Calling all artists and volunteers

Faculty, staff and students are invited to volunteer or participate as artists during Chalkfest 2019, a community event in partnership with Volume One, set for **Saturday, July 27**, on UW-Eau Claire's campus mall. [Learn more](#) and register to become an [artist](#) or [volunteer](#). **Online registration for artists ends at 3:30 p.m. Friday, July 26.** Questions? Email chalkfest@uwec.edu.

McNair Program accepting scholar nominations

The Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program is accepting faculty nominations for eligible scholars to join the fall 2019 cohort. The [eligibility requirements](#) and [nomination form](#) are available online. [Learn more](#).

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Public surplus sale this week

Join us for our next surplus sale from **3-6 p.m. Thursday, July 25**, in the Central Stores

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B.J. Hollars, associate professor of English, had his article about UW-Eau Claire alumna Miriam Carr, titled "[A lifetime spent lifting up others](#)," published in the July 19 Leader-Telegram.

Dr. Damir Kovacevic, assistant professor of political science, recently had his article, "[Gas, Power, and Norms: Competing Logics for the Declining Use of Chemical Warfare](#)," published in *The Nonproliferation Review*, July 2019.

Dr. Cathy Rex, associate professor of English, has had her chapter, "Cross Dressing in Early America: A Course in Transgressive Figures Before 1865," published in the collection "Curricular Innovations: LGBTQ Literatures and the New English Studies," edited by William P. Banks and John Pruitt, Peter Lang Publishing, 2019.

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Dr. Chris Lind, assistant vice chancellor emeritus for research and sponsored programs, was interviewed for the July 20 Leader-Telegram article "[EC man was one of first to 'touch' the moon](#)."

Angie Swenson-Holzinger, associate director of advising in the Advising, Retention and Career Center, and UW-Eau Claire student Taz Smith were interviewed for the July 17 Wisconsin Public Radio story "[UW-Eau Claire Program Focuses On Supporting Students Who Were Homeless, In Foster Care](#)."

Dr. Paul Thomas, professor of physics and astronomy, was interviewed for the July 19 Leader-Telegram article "[Chippewa Valley residents recall thrill of watching first moon landing](#)."

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Title and Total Compensation Project updates

- **People Manager Needs Assessment coming soon:** People managers (those who function as supervisors with responsibility for direct reports) will be asked to complete a survey this summer to gauge the awareness of the Title and Total Compensation Project and attitudes toward its impact/benefits, and to identify concerns or questions. The survey results will inform the structure and framework for communication and training materials for employee-manager meetings in late fall 2019 through winter 2019-20.
- **Advisory Council update:** On July 19, the project team gave a status update to the systemwide Joint Governance Advisory Council. Members were briefed on the latest Board of Regents presentation, previewed the preliminary benefits data and were asked to provide feedback on upcoming project milestones and training materials in development. [More information](#).

Second round of 'Smart Cities-Smart Futures' competition announced

Beginning **Sept. 17**, submissions will be accepted for the second round of the three-year "Smart Cities-Smart Futures" competition sponsored by Foxconn. The goal is to generate new and unconventional concepts from students, faculty and staff of all of Wisconsin's higher education systems for developing smart and connected communities throughout the state. The competition focuses on submission categories such as smart mobility, smart energy, smart health care and robotics. Watch the [competition website](#) for more details to be posted soon.

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Reuse, recycle, RECLAIM!

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Dr. Justin Patchin, professor of criminal justice in the department of political science, and Dr. Sameer Hinduja of Florida Atlantic University, recently had their article, "[The Nature and Extent of Sexting Among a National Sample of Middle and High School Students in the U.S.](#)," published in the *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, July 2019.

Dr. David E. Lewis, professor of chemistry, has published the inaugural volume in the Elsevier series "Organic Name Reactions. Biography, Discovery and Development," for which he will serve as editor. The book, "[The Wolff-Kishner Reduction and Related Reactions. Discovery and Development](#)," will be released July 31. The cover of the book includes original line art portraits of Ludwig Wolff by UW-Eau Claire art & design graduate **Sierra Lomo**, and of Nikolai Matveevich Kizhner by UW-Eau Claire art & design graduate **Matthew Bergs**.

Linda Pophal, lecturer in management and marketing, had her article, "[Know the Perils of the Gig Economy](#)," published by the Society for Human Resource Management on July 18.

Dr. David Soll, assistant professor in the Watershed Institute, had his article, "[A new generation of leaders understands that individual actions won't fix our environmental problems](#)," published in the July 22 issue of MinnPost.

UW-Eau Claire-Barron County students **Yuchi Dong**, **Hannah LeMoine** and **Sicheng Mo**, mentored by **Dr. Wufeng Tian**, assistant professor of mathematics at UW-Eau Claire-Barron County, have coauthored a paper, "Mathematical Analysis of Alternative Power Systems in a Northern Wisconsin Home," that has topped the regional finalist round of a competition

sponsored by the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges and will enter the finalist round for a national award. Challenged to address the problem of how to reduce individual humans' impact on the effects of global warming, the first-year students propose to modify a house from northern Wisconsin by using a hybrid system including solar energy and wind turbine energy to replace the traditional power grid, projecting the immediate and long-term fiscal and environmental impacts based on the sunlight-time and wind speed in the region.

Katie Venit, instructional designer in the College of Business, had her article about organic waste disposal and the impact those methods have on climate change, titled "[Waste Not, Want Not?](#)," published in the July 24 issue of Volume One magazine.

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Kyran Hamill, camps and conferences manager, was interviewed for the "[Chalkfest 2019](#)" preview story on WEAU 13 News.

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