

Blugold FYI: Aug. 6, 2019

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Please note: This week's Blugold FYI will be the last of the 2019 summer session. Blugold FYI will be published again on **Aug. 27**, the first Tuesday of the 2019-20 academic year.

2019-20 academic year begins Aug. 26

- View [opening of academic year calendar](#) for full details.
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New campus vending machines to accept credit, Blugold cards by Aug. 15

After nearly 50 years, UW-Eau Claire has a new vending contract, with Canteen. Most of July was spent removing old machines and installing new ones across campus. Currently, purchases from the machines can be made with cash but not with credit or Blugold cards. However, all of the machines will be calibrated to accept credit and Blugold card payments no later than **Aug 15**. If you experience problems using a credit card or Blugold card in a new vending machine after Aug. 15, please email dcvending@uwec.edu. Vending refunds continue to be handled at the [Service Center in Davies Center](#).

Updating your profile on the university website

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Printing Services to be closed Aug. 8

Both University Printing Services locations (Schofield 18 and Davies 105) will be **closed on Thursday, Aug. 8**, to allow staff members to attend a retreat. Deliveries and pickups will not be available that day. Normal summer hours will resume at both locations on Friday, Aug. 9.

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McIntyre Library to host summer conference

McIntyre Library will host its fourth annual [McIntyre Library Summer Conference](#) from **9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7**. Four fun sessions will be offered, covering a wide range of interests. The conference is open to all UW-Eau Claire and UW-Eau Claire – Barron County employees. To register, contact Trista Anderson at tomantn@uwec.edu or 715-836-3715.

Call for resources for new faculty

CETL is collecting resources for new faculty and instructional academic staff who will be on campus in August for Teaching Academy, an educator orientation. If your department or unit has promotional materials relating to services, programs and events that could benefit our incoming educators, you may send printed copies to CETL in VLL 1142. Questions? Contact CETL at 715-836-2385.

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Public surplus sale this week

Join us for our next surplus sale from **3-6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8**, 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.

Final summer concert set for Aug. 19

The final concert of the "Sunset Sounds" summer series will be from **8-10 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19**, on the campus mall (rain site: The Cabin, Davies Center). The concert will feature Asparagus, comprising UW-Eau Claire students C.J. Springett, Jack Matuseski, Dionigi Aluni and Zach Netten, followed by TeawhYB, an alternative R&B/hip-hop artist. [Learn more](#).

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Awards and Achievements

UW-Eau Claire students **Samuel Schneider, Joseph Beck, Madeline Fuerstenberg** and **Chloe Kofman** presented a paper titled "Locating the former Synagogue of Seduva" at the 20th Annual Batchelder Conference for Archaeology and Biblical Studies Nov. 9-10, 2018, at the University of Nebraska Omaha. The students were mentored by co-authors **Dr. Harry Jol**, professor of geography and anthropology, Jon Seligman (Israel Antiquities Authority), Milda Jakulytė-Vasil (The Lost Shtetl Project) and Rumunas Šmigelskas (Lithuania Institute of History).

Dr. Eric Kasper, associate professor of political science and director of the Center for Constitutional Studies, and **Dr. Troy Kozma**, associate professor of philosophy, UW-Eau Claire – Barron County, wrote an article, "[No Arts, No Letters, No Society, and Which Is Worst of All, Zombies: The Walking Dead and Hobbesian Politics](#)," that was published in the *Journal of Popular Culture*, Vol. 52, issue 3.

Dr. Kong Pheng Pha, assistant professor of critical Hmong studies and women's, gender and sexuality studies, had his article, "[Minnesota is Open to Everything': Queer Hmong and the Politics of Community Formation in the Diaspora](#)," published in *Minnesota History*, Vol. 66, No. 6, Summer 2019, pages 255-263.

Patti See, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's gender and sexuality studies, had her article, "[Miss ShopKo](#)," published in the July 26 Leader-Telegram. See interviewed Diane Gruhlke, a 1991 UW-Eau Claire business administration graduate, who was the Chippewa Falls ShopKo store manager until it closed in June.

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In the News

Dr. Patricia Cleary, associate professor of chemistry, and UW-Eau Claire student Josie Radtke were quoted in the Aug. 5 Leader-Telegram story "[NSF grant to help UW-Eau Claire researchers contribute to ozone solutions](#)."

Christopher Jorgenson, director of the Gender & Sexuality Resource Center, was interviewed for the July 30 WQOW-TV story "'[Rainbow Floor](#)' opens at UWEC for LGBTQ+ students" and the Aug. 2 Wisconsin Public Radio story "[UW-Eau Claire Housing Offers Rainbow Floor For LGBTQ Students](#)."

Dr. Katherine Schneider, senior psychologist emerita in Counseling Services, was a guest on Wisconsin Public Radio's "The West Side" July 29. The show focused on the resources available to people with disabilities who live in western Wisconsin. [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 24 Volume One story "[UWEC Program Welcomes Students Who've Experienced Homelessness and Foster Care.](#)"

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- [Clearing the air: NSF grant to help UW-Eau Claire researchers contribute to ozone solutions](#)

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Professional Development

EDI professional development: Summer NCORE sharing session added

A new summer EDI professional development opportunity, [National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education 2019 — Sharing Session](#), will be held **Wednesday, Aug. 14**. Visit the [Tier 2 EDI programming registration site](#) to sign up for this and other sessions that interest you. The fall schedule is under construction, with some sessions open for registration. Stay tuned for the final fall schedule announcement coming later this summer.

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Summer learning opportunities from Human Resources

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- "Performance Management at UW-Eau Claire": **Wednesday, Aug. 28, 12:30-4:30 p.m.**, Phillips 387.

[Register online](#) by following the appropriate links and [learn more](#).

Fall semester opening week workshops from CETL

- "Anxiety in the Classroom": **Monday, Aug. 26, 9:30 a.m.-noon**. Join Dr. Mary Beth Leibham to learn about anxiety, how it manifests in the classroom, and how to find balance between supporting students who have anxiety and encouraging them to thrive in the classroom. An EDI Tier 2 workshop. [Register](#).
- "Student Engagement Lightning Rounds": **Monday, Aug. 26, 1-3:30 p.m.** Join colleagues for sharing of engaging activities used to start class, wrap up a lesson, or have students practice concepts. [Register](#).

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LTS offers summer software workshops

LTS Training is offering free software workshops this summer for Publisher, Photoshop, Wix, Sway, Excel, Qualtrics, Office 365 and Mail Merge. 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.

Schedule a consultation with CETL this summer

CETL staff are available throughout the summer for individual consultations relating to curricular changes, student engagement, student evaluations or any of your teaching needs. Email CETL@uwec.edu to schedule a consultation.

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University Honors Program update

Dr. David Jones, interim University Honors Program director, has returned to his faculty duties in English. Dr. Darrell Newton, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, will oversee the program while the search for a permanent director continues. During the transition, Honors Program manager Pam Golden, along with Honors faculty fellows Drs. Matt Evans and Kris Knutson, will help ensure that the program continues to run smoothly. The search and screen committee will bring qualified candidates to campus, with a proposed start date of January for a new director. We thank Dr. Jones for his exceptional leadership over the years. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Honors Program at honors@uwec.edu or 36-2136.

Title and Total Compensation Project update

Job titles and job descriptions have been updated based on the work currently performed at

the UW System and common market titles. Employees will be able to see updated job titles and job descriptions during conversations with their managers Dec. 1, 2019, through Feb. 15, 2020. Some insights from the Employee Benefits Preferences Survey conducted last fall include:

- Initial attraction to work at the UW System = the mission, type of work and health care benefits UW System offers.
- Retention of employees = retirement benefits, time off/leave and flexible work arrangements.
- The top four most valued components of the overall total compensation offerings are (1) pay; (2) health care benefits; (3) a stable work environment/job security; and (4) retirement benefits.

These employee benefits preferences results represent typical market trends, according to Mercer Consulting. More information will be posted this fall on the [UW System project website](#).

2019-20 faculty/staff parking permits on sale

Campus parking permits may be purchased through the [UW-Eau Claire Parking Portal](#). Select "Login," enter your campus username and password, and select "Order Permits." To avoid a parking citation, please display your 2019-20 "G" permits now and faculty/staff "F" permits by Aug. 31. Questions? Call Blugold Central at 715-836-3000.

Printing Services updates

To help serve the campus community more effectively and optimize resources, Printing Services is consolidating its Davies Center Printing Express with its Schofield production area. On **Wednesday, Aug. 28**, the Printing Services walk-up counter in Davies 105 will move to Schofield 18. The Davies 105 location will become an order drop-off and pickup area only. Davies 105 will be closed from noon Wednesday, Aug. 28, through Friday, Aug. 30. When the office re-opens on Tuesday, Sept. 3, in its new role, Davies 105 hours will be weekdays from 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. At **1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28**, the new Schofield 18 walk-up counter will open for business, including order drop-offs and pickups. For the remainder of that week and during the first week of classes, the Schofield walk-up counter will be open from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays. Beginning Sept. 9, walk-up hours will be 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fridays. Thank you for your continued support!

UW-Eau Claire mobile application discontinued

The university's mobile application has been discontinued. LTS staff have compiled a list of useful links that previously were contained within the app. [Learn more](#).

Center for Academic Preparation offers program for young children

UW-Eau Claire's [Center for Academic Preparation](#) (CAP) has openings for fall semester. CAP is a program that prepares typical and atypical learners for preschool and kindergarten. It is the center's goal to teach children skills necessary to be successful in school and home settings. For more information, contact Dr. Kevin Klatt at klattkp@uwec.edu or 715-579-9998.

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Call for presenters: 'Meals with Honors'

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Reuse, recycle, RECLAIM!

Head to the [Surplus Store](#) **Wednesday, Aug. 28, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.** for the biweekly department reclaim event for faculty and staff. Come by to reclaim university furniture and office supplies for on-campus use free of charge. The Surplus Store will deliver items within three days. Items to be available this week will be posted soon on the [Surplus Store website](#). Questions? Email surplusstore@uwec.edu or call 715-836-5555 for more information.

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Mari Bodensteiner, lecturer in the department of languages, was invited to Washington, D.C., to facilitate a weeklong orientation for 200-plus educators preparing to serve overseas in a variety of educational contexts for the next 10 months. Her workshop was titled "Teachers Working Together: A Successful Community of Practice." During the panel Bodensteiner discussed strategies to overcome cultural barriers and her experience working in local communities across Southeast Asia.

Dr. Stephen Drucker, professor of chemistry, and his research students **Anna Sessions '18; Michael McDonnell '18**, now a graduate student at University of California, Berkeley; and **Drew Christianson '18**, now a graduate student at the University of Virginia; had their article, titled "[Triplet and Singlet \(\$n,\pi^*\$ \) Excited States of 4H-Pyran-4-one Characterized by Cavity Ringdown Spectroscopy and Quantum-Chemical Calculations](#)," published in the *Journal of Physical Chemistry A*, Vol. 123, No. 29, pages 6269-6280, June 2019.

UW-Eau Claire students **Nick Fruit, Keith Jorgensen, Emily Helwig, Katie George** and **Colten Schmidt**, along with their faculty mentor, **Dr. Mike Axelrod**, professor of psychology/director, Human Development Center, presented their research on pre-professionals' beliefs about myths in child and adolescent psychology at the 2019 American Psychological Association Convention Aug. 8-11 in Chicago. [Learn more](#).

Dr. Peter Hart-Brinson, associate professor of sociology, presented his paper, titled "When Does Sociological Science Become Sociological Myth? Poetic and Conceptual Metaphors in the Discipline," at the 114th American Sociology Association meeting Aug. 12 in New York City.

B.J. Hollars, associate professor of English, had his article, titled "[Road closed, world opened](#)," published in the Aug. 9 Leader-Telegram.

Jeremy Miner, director of grants and contracts in ORSP, and co-author Kelly Ball had their book, titled "[Proposal Planning & Writing](#)," sixth edition, published by Greenwood, 2019. The book is a comprehensive reference source for grant seekers.

Dr. Tarique Niazi, professor of sociology, presented his paper, titled "'The Development of the Productive Forces' Theory and Fossil Capitalism: What Would Marx Do?" at the 114th American Sociology Association meeting Aug. 12 in New York City.

Patti See, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's gender and sexuality studies, had her article, titled "[Living on Summer Time](#)," about spending over 40 years on Lake Hallie, published in the Aug. 16 issue of the Leader-Telegram.

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In the News

Ben Bechle, assistant director of Housing and Residence Life, and **Chris Jorgenson**, director of the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center, were interviewed for the Aug. 11 Leader-Telegram article "[UW-EC to debut 'Rainbow Floor' in student housing](#)."

Dr. April Bleske-Rechek, professor of psychology, was quoted in the Aug. 6 BBC article "[The surprising benefits of being blinded by love](#)."

Dr. Abby Hemmerich, associate professor/online graduate program coordinator, communication sciences and disorders; and **Cassie Randolph**, a student in the online communication sciences and disorders graduate program, were quoted in the Aug. 10 Leader-Telegram article "[Online student, television star visits UW-EC](#)."

Dr. Eric Kasper, associate professor of political science and director, Center for Constitutional Studies, was interviewed for the Aug. 8 Leader-Telegram article "[Partisan divide threatens federal action on guns](#)."

Maris Krekelberg, a UW-Eau Claire student in **Patti See's** Women's Gender and Sexualities Studies 210 class, was featured in the article "[Looking beyond the mirror at the Lewis House](#)." See's WGSS 210 final project asks students to do a feminist act or make a feminist creative project, and then either option is linked to a research paper. Krekelberg created and donated her project to a women's shelter in Burnsville, Minnesota.

Jan Larson, professor and chair of the communication and journalism department, was interviewed for the July 10 Chippewa Valley Post article "[Leader-Telegram turnover continues with O'Brien's departure](#)."

Brian Moen, graphic designer in Integrated Marketing and Communication, was interviewed for the Aug. 7 Leader-Telegram article "[Shouting Matches members enjoy tuneful 'conversation'](#)."

LaRue Pierce, dean of students, was featured in the Aug. 7 Volume One article "[UW-Eau Claire Hires New Dean of Students](#)."

Chancellor James Schmidt was interviewed for the Aug. 22 Leader-Telegram opinion piece, titled "[Chancellor: Sonnentag project advancing](#)."

Chancellor James Schmidt was interviewed for the Aug. 19 WEAU-TV story "[The Stowe Family Arch is installed at UW-Eau Claire as one of the final pieces to the Garfield Avenue Redevelopment Project](#)."

UW-Eau Claire students **Brandon Wegner** and **Quinn Wilson**, and staff members **Christopher Jorgenson**, Gender and Sexuality Resource Center director, and **Kallie Friede**, GSRC associate student services coordinator, were interviewed for the Aug. 21 Volume One story "[UWEC Offers Gender- and Sexuality-Inclusive Community Housing](#)."

Dr. Ryan Weichelt, associate professor of geography, was interviewed for the Aug. 13 WEAU-TV story "[Local professor speaks on Trump's immigration plan](#)."

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Campus News and Features

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- [Blugold Welcome schedule set](#)
- [International research helps criminal justice majors prepare for future success](#)

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Professional Development

Sabbatical information session set for Aug. 28

Dr. Karen Havholm, assistant vice chancellor for research, will give a presentation on the sabbatical process and timeline from **noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28**, in CETL (VLL 1142). [Learn more about the Faculty Sabbatical Program](#).

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