

Blugold FYI: Nov. 5, 2019

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Important announcements

Director of Enrollment Management-Admissions candidates: Submit feedback

Below are the candidates for Director of Enrollment Management-Admissions who recently held open forums on campus, along with links to the recordings of their forums. (Each name links to that candidate's curriculum vitae.) If you were unable to attend the forums, please review each candidate's information and provide feedback via the [Director of Enrollment Management-Admissions Forum Survey](#). The survey will close at **5 p.m. today, Nov. 5**.

- [Andrew Johnson](#): Forum held Oct. 23. [View forum recording](#).
- [Cassie Keefer](#): Forum held Oct. 28. [View forum recording](#).
- [Karen Lucas](#): Forum held Nov. 1. [View forum recording](#).

Join the WiSys APPStart Challenge

Have you ever had an idea for a new mobile app, but it didn't go anywhere because you didn't have the tools and resources to develop it? Join the WiSys APPStart Challenge, which will connect your great ideas with the expertise and resources necessary for commercial launch. The contest is open to all UW-Eau Claire, UW-Green Bay and UW-La Crosse faculty, staff, students and alumni, with the winning finalist receiving a prize package totaling over \$10,000 in cash and services. [Learn more](#) and submit your idea by **Sunday, Nov. 10**.

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Travel reimbursement news

The UW-Eau Claire travel manager receives a monthly report from the UW System Expense Auditing department noting the number of expense reimbursement requests that have been approved and those that have been returned to the traveler for correction. The Firstsource Support Team at UW-Eau Claire uses this information to contact departments and provide travel training specific to the departments' needs. Through the collaborative efforts between Firstsource and participating departments, the percentage of expense reports returned by UW System for revision has dropped to 20%, compared with the UW System all-campus average of 30% for the same time period. Firstsource also offers faculty, staff and students individual assistance in booking travel and navigating the expense reimbursement process. [Learn more online](#) or by calling the Firstsource Support Team at 715-836-3131.

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City returns to alternate side parking Nov. 1-May 1

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Interested in teaching abroad?

The [Center for International Education](#) is currently accepting applications for faculty and academic staff to teach abroad during the following terms: Harlaxton, England: summer 2021, fall 2021, spring 2022; Changshu Institute of Technology, China: summer 2020; Huaquiao University, China: summer 2020; Kansai Gaidai, Japan: fall 2021, spring 2022; and University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC): summer 2021, fall 2021, spring 2022. [Learn more online](#) or by calling the Center for International Education at 715-836-4411.

Reuse, recycle, RECLAIM!

Head to the [Surplus Store](#) **Wednesday, Nov. 6, 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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Awards and achievements

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](#). University staff members who are recognized through Thank a Blugold will be entered into a monthly prize drawing.

Roxanne Backowski, assistant professor and electronic resources librarian in McIntyre Library, presented "Embracing Crisis-tunity: Cross-Departmental Collaborations with Instructional Designers" at the 2019 Electronic Resources Minnesota Conference Oct. 4 in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mari Bodensteiner, lecturer in English, is serving as an Alumni Ambassador for the U.S. Department of State English Language Fellow Program. Bodensteiner was a fellow in Laos from 2015-17 and was selected for this prestigious role based on her distinguished work during her fellowship and the contribution she has made to the TESOL community, both abroad and in the United States post-fellowship. [Learn more](#).

Dr. Josh Brown, associate professor of German, and **Dr. Jessica Miller**, professor of French, both in the department of languages, gave presentations in a panel titled "R & R: How to Recruit & Retain Post-Secondary Students" at the annual conference of the Wisconsin Association for Language Teachers Nov. 1 in Appleton.

Staci Heidtke, associate director of Career Services, presented at the second annual Internship Symposium Oct. 24 in Madison. She presented "Employer engagement: A closer look at Momentum West in Wisconsin" with Steve Jahn, executive director of Momentum West, and Melissa Wilson, director of Career Services at UW-River Falls.

Dr. Anne Cummings Hlas, professor of Spanish in the department of languages, presented a session titled "Designing Tasks for Interaction" at the Wisconsin Association for Language Teachers conference Nov. 2 in Appleton. UW-Eau Claire alumna **Cammy Rathsack '16** received the prestigious Frank M. Grittner Award at the same conference. This award is presented to new members of the language teaching profession who demonstrate excellence in teaching and leadership. In addition, alumna **Cheyne Bonincontri '19** received the Future Language Teacher Award.

Dr. Paul Hoff, professor of Spanish and language education in the department of languages, gave the presentation "Caprichos and Caprichosos in the Age of Trump: The Continuing Relevance of Francisco de Goya's Social Commentary" at the fall conference of the Minnesota Council on the Teaching of Languages and Cultures, held Oct. 25-26 in Plymouth, Minnesota.

Dr. Dorothy Ka-Ying Chan, assistant professor of English, had her poem titled "[Triple Sonnet for Black Hair](#)" published in the November 2019 issue of Poetry magazine. She also was featured on the [Poetry magazine podcast for Nov. 4](#).

Dr. Bob Nowlan, professor of English; **Dr. Paul Kaldjian**, professor and chair of the geography and anthropology department, and his departmental colleagues; **Quincy Chapman**, **Deb Newman** and **Vicki Wenger** of Housing and Residence Life; and **Allyson Wisniewski** and **Brett Schroedel** of Blugold Central were recognized for their commitment to meeting students' disabilities-related needs during the recent Services for Students with Disabilities celebration of Disability Awareness Month. [Learn more](#).

Congratulations to the faculty and 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: **Kayla Peters**, Advising Retention and Career Center, "Fostering Success Donations"; and **Dr. Lisa Quinn-Lee**, social work, "Awake: A Dream From Standing Rock — Video and Discussion." [Learn more about the EDI professional development program](#).

Katie Venit, instructional designer in the College of Business, had her opening letter, titled "[We Are Grasshoppers](#)," published in the Oct. 30 issue of Volume One.

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New employees, position updates and retirements

Dr. Ryan Weichelt, associate professor of geography and anthropology, was named the permanent director of First Year Experience in July 2019 after two years as interim director. Weichelt is responsible for developing research-based classroom-embedded pedagogy for faculty and instructors, to help first-year students integrate into the broader UW-Eau Claire campus.

Have you recently joined UW-Eau Claire as a faculty or staff member? Moved to a different campus department or unit to start a new position? Recently retired? If so, we welcome your submissions for this new section of Blugold FYI!

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In the news

Dr. Thomas Kemp, professor of economics, was quoted in the Oct. 30 WQOW-TV story "[Manufacturing Industry: overall struggling in U.S., Eau Claire seeing growth](#)" and in the Nov. 1 Leader-Telegram article "[Report ranks EC No. 3 in pay for young people.](#)"

Provost Patricia Kleine was quoted in the Oct. 29 WQOW-TV story "[New sports, programs coming to UW-Eau Claire.](#)"

Jill Markgraf, McIntyre Library director, was interviewed for the Oct. 21 WQOW story "[UWEC's McIntyre Library wins Library of the Year.](#)"

Mike Rindo, assistant chancellor for facilities and university relations, was interviewed for the Oct. 29 WQOW-TV story "[UWEC Student Senate passes sustainable construction resolution.](#)"

Chancellor James Schmidt, **Provost Patricia Kleine** and **Dr. Randy Dickerson**, professor of music and Blugold Marching Band director, were quoted in the Oct. 28 Leader-Telegram article "[UW-EC to add majors and faculty plus three new sports.](#)"

Chancellor James Schmidt and **Dan Schumacher**, director of athletics, were quoted in the Oct. 28 Daily Jefferson County Union article "[WIAC: UW-Eau Claire officially brings back baseball, adds men's soccer, women's lacrosse](#)" and the Oct. 28 WEAU-TV story "[UW-Eau Claire officially adds Baseball, Men's Soccer, Women's Lacrosse.](#)"

See more media coverage by visiting the [News + Events page](#) and scrolling down to UW-Eau Claire In the News.

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Campus news and features

- [UW-Eau Claire names new vice chancellor for equity, diversity and inclusion and student affairs](#)
- [Sixth annual Gatsby's Gala a festive party focused on local music, mission](#)
- [Talkin' trash: Professor to discuss sustainable practices during 'Thursdays at the U'](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire celebrates Native American Heritage Month in November](#)
- [Simulation to help nursing students gain public health emergency experience](#)

[Read/view more campus news and features](#)

Professional development

LTS workshops and training

LTS Training is providing free trainings this semester for popular university supported software, including Excel, Qualtrics, iMovie, Audacity and more. To view times, dates and sign-up options, visit the [registration site](#) or the visit the full [Training Services](#) site to see a complete list of supported software and training options.

WWHEL post-conference sharing event set for TODAY, Nov. 5

Several UW-Eau Claire faculty and staff members recently attended the Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Leadership fall conference at Mid-State Technical College in Wisconsin Rapids. Join conference participants from **noon-1:30 p.m. TODAY, Tuesday, Nov. 5**, for lunch, conversation about "centered leadership" and a kickoff to the Holiday Giving Program. The event will be held in the Alumni Room of Davies Center. All are welcome. [RSVP online](#).

Blugold Service Excellence training to be offered

All faculty, staff and student employees are invited to participate in one of four Blugold Service Excellence workshops, to be offered **Thursday, Nov. 7**. These interactive, one-hour sessions introduce participants to the five UW-Eau Claire service excellence standards: approachability, respect, responsiveness, effectiveness and overall well-being. The workshop is designed to enhance participants' knowledge and offer a safe place to practice customer service excellence the Blugold way! For more information, contact Jenni Sterling, administrative training coordinator, at 715-836-5904 or sterlijl@uwec.edu. [Register online](#).

Learn how to incorporate streaming video into your courses

Faculty and instructional staff are invited to come and learn about new streaming services from McIntyre Library, how to find and identify video content and the best methods for integrating videos into Canvas. Sessions will be led by Roxanne Backowski, electronic resources librarian,

and April Pierson, e-learning consultant. The remaining workshop will be held **Wednesday, Nov. 13, from 2-3 p.m.** in McIntyre Library 1033, the library instructional lab. Please [register](#) in advance.

Upcoming ORSP Faculty/Academic Staff Forum presentations

Dr. Analisa DeGrave, professor of languages, will present "['Radio de carne y hueso' \(Radio of Flesh and Bone\) — Community Radio in Post-Coup d'état Honduras: Resisting Repression and Amplifying Voices from the Margins](#)" on Wednesday, Nov. 13, and **Dr. Eric Torres**, associate professor of education studies, will present "['Locally Grown, Globally Engaged: Developing Critical Multicultural and Intercultural Competencies through Undergraduate Research'](#)" on Wednesday, Nov. 20. Both events will be held from 12:10-12:50 p.m. in CETL (VLL 1142) as part of the [Faculty/Academic Staff Forum fall 2019 series](#) presented by the [Office of Research and Sponsored Programs](#).

CETL fall 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: **Successful Teaching Practices Series:** [More than Q&A: Facilitating Discussions in Class](#): Nov. 8, noon-12:50 p.m.; [Cold Calling, Asking for Volunteers and Alternatives for Student Contributions to Class](#): Nov. 18, noon-12:50 p.m.; [Understanding Chinese Learners](#): Nov. 19, 2-3 p.m.; [Accepting Late Work](#): Nov. 25, 3-3:50 p.m.; and [LGBTQ Inclusion in STEM](#) (EDI Tier 2), Nov. 14, 2-3 p.m.

Save the date: CETL January programs

Take a look at the following CETL-sponsored programs planned for January, when schedules often are more flexible: [Transparent Design Promotes Equitable Opportunities for Student Success](#) (EDI Tier 2) with Dr. Mary-Ann Winkelmes, founder of the Transparency in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education Project: Jan. 9, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; and [Small Teaching: Everyday Lessons from the Science of Learning](#) (EDI Tier 2) with Dr. James Lang, author of "Small Teaching": Jan. 16, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

EDI professional development

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 sessions and workshops that interest you. [Identifying and Responding to the Mental Health Needs of UW-Eau Claire Students](#): Nov. 6, 10:30 a.m.-noon; [Refugees & Immigrants in Barron County: The Voices of Despair and Hope](#): Nov. 7, 9-10 a.m.; [Microaggressions Part 2: Responding to Microaggressions](#): Nov. 7, 3-4:30 p.m.; [Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Classroom](#): Nov. 11, 3-4:30 p.m.; [Microaggressions](#): Nov. 18, 10 a.m.-noon; [Trans 101](#): Nov. 19, 10 a.m.-noon; **NEW:** [Dismantling the 'U.S. versus International' Dichotomy: Creating Synergy Between Intercultural and Diversity/Social Justice Approaches](#): Nov. 19, 3-4:30 p.m.; [Campus Connect: Suicide Awareness and Intervention](#): Dec. 3, 9-11 a.m.

Supervisory Management Certificate Program available to employees

UW-Eau Claire and UW-Eau Claire – Barron County employees may attend Continuing Education's Supervisory Management Certificate Program at no cost to them or their department. For details and registration access, please contact Scott Janke in Continuing Education at jankese@uwec.edu or 715-836-3365, or Karen Callaway in Human Resources at callawkl@uwec.edu or 715-836-4202.

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Meeting notices

- [See all meetings and agendas.](#)
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Director of Enrollment Management-Student Success candidate forums

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- [Angela Swenson-Holzinger](#): Tuesday, Nov. 12, 1-2 p.m.
- [Joseph Webb](#): Thursday, Nov. 14, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- [Cortney Alexander-Doyle](#), Friday, Nov. 15, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Honors Program director candidate open forums

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- [Eric Hoffman](#), Tuesday, Nov. 19, 11:15 a.m.-noon, Chancellors Room (311), Davies Center.
- [Heather Fielding](#), Monday, Nov. 25, 11:15 a.m.-noon, Menominee Room (320F), Davies Center.
- [Alexander Hirsch](#), Tuesday, Dec. 3, 11:15 a.m.-noon, Menominee Room (320F), Davies Center.

New voicemail system introduced TODAY

UW-Eau Claire will implement a new campus telephone voicemail system beginning **TODAY, Tuesday, Nov. 12**. The new system will require you to set up your voice mailbox the first time you log in. [View complete instructions](#).

UW System regional procurement center created

UW-Eau Claire, UW-River Falls and UW-Stout, in coordination with the UW System Administration Office of Procurement, have partnered to create the Northwest Regional Procurement Center for Excellence. The three universities and UWSA Office of Procurement will share ownership of the center, with a regional assistant purchasing director reporting to the UWSA director of procurement. [Learn more](#).

Student Athletic Trainers Association to offer babysitting night Nov. 15

The Student Athletic Trainers Association (SATA) will host a free babysitting night for children ages 3 and older from **6:30 -9:15 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15**, in the McPhee/Ade Olson gyms on UW-

Eau Claire's upper campus. Kids will enjoy games, movies and crafts. SATA students are certified first responders, capable of child CPR and first aid. Please fill out the [SATA permission form/waiver](#) and return it by email to Hannah Geisler at geislehe3250@uwec.edu — or bring it to McPhee when you drop off your kids. Donations are welcome. Questions? Email Kate Glynn at glynnko8370@uwec.edu. [Learn more](#).

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Proposed curricular changes in College of Education and Human Sciences

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Dr. Danielle Amethyst Brake, assistant professor of mathematics, has been selected as one of 13 UW System faculty and staff to receive the 2019 Dr. P.B. Poorman Award for Outstanding Achievement on Behalf of LGBTQ+ People. Brake received the award Nov. 7 in Madison. [Learn more.](#)

Dr. Josh Brown, associate professor of German and linguistics in the department of languages, had his article, titled "[The Changing Sociolinguistic Identities of the Beachy Amish-Mennonites](#)" published in Vol. 7, issue 1 of the *Journal of Amish and Plain Anabaptist Studies*.

Dr. Marcela Depiante, associate professor of Spanish, gave an invited presentation titled "Null VPs in Spanish/English Bilinguals" Nov. 7 at the Centre for Research in Language Development throughout the Lifespan (LaDeLi) in the department of language and linguistics at the University

of Essex, United Kingdom. Depiante currently is on sabbatical from UW-Eau Claire and is serving as a visiting fellow at the University of Essex for the month of November.

Dr. Paul J. Hoff, professor of Spanish and language education, presented the session "The UW System World Language Placement Tests" at the fall conference of the Wisconsin Association for Language Teachers, held Oct. 31-Nov. 2 in Appleton. The session co-presenters were Sonya Sedivy (UW Center for Placement Testing), Laura Anderson (UW-Platteville) and Tobias Barske (UW-Stevens Point).

The Gender and Sexuality Resource Center, led by **Christopher Jorgenson**, director, and **Kallie Friede**, associate student services coordinator, recently received the NASPA Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education Region IV-E [Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Award](#). Friede accepted the award on behalf of the GSRC during the Region IV-E conference Nov. 3-5 in Des Moines, Iowa. Region IV-E includes colleges and universities from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin and the Canadian province of Ontario.

Dr. Paula Lentz, professor of business communication, and Kristen Getchell of Babson College won the Association for Business Communication's 2019 Distinguished Book on Business Communication award for their book, "Rhetorical Theory and Praxis in the Business Communication Classroom." The award was presented at the association's annual conference in October.

Jill Markgraf, McIntyre Library director, gave an invited presentation titled "Float the Morale Boat: Boosting Staff Engagement Using What You Have" at the Southwest Wisconsin Association of Libraries Conference Nov. 8 in Fennimore.

Dr. Matthew Meyer, assistant professor of philosophy, had his book, "[Archery and the Human Condition in Lacan, the Greeks, and Nietzsche: The Bow with the Greatest Tension](#)," published through Lexington Press in late October.

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Skye Kujawski, associate student services coordinator in the Office of Multicultural Affairs, was quoted in the Nov. 6 WQOW-TV story "[UW-Eau Claire students learn beading for Native American Heritage Month.](#)"

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Learn how to incorporate streaming video into your courses

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Upcoming ORSP Faculty/Academic Staff Forum presentations

Dr. Analisa DeGrave, professor of languages, will present "['Radio de carne y hueso' \(Radio of Flesh and Bone\) — Community Radio in Post-Coup d'état Honduras: Resisting Repression and Amplifying Voices from the Margins](#)" on Wednesday, Nov. 13, and **Dr. Eric Torres**, associate professor of education studies, will present "['Locally Grown, Globally Engaged: Developing Critical Multicultural and Intercultural Competencies through Undergraduate Research'](#)" on Wednesday, Nov. 20. Both events will be held from 12:10-12:50 p.m. in CETL (VLL 1142) as part of the [Faculty/Academic Staff Forum fall 2019 series](#) presented by the [Office of Research and Sponsored Programs](#).

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Director of Enrollment Management-Student Success candidates: Submit feedback

The following candidates for Director of Enrollment Management-Student Success recently held open forums on campus: **Angela Swenson-Holzinger**, **Joseph Webb** and **Cortney Alexander-Doyle**. Please follow [this link](#) to view each candidate's CV and forum video, and to access a feedback survey for each individual. The survey will close at **noon Wednesday, Nov. 20**.

International Education Week is Nov. 18-22

The [Center for International Education](#) is hosting a variety of events this week in honor of International Education Week. The events, some of which are EDI learning opportunities, will give students, faculty, staff and community members an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. [Learn more](#).

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IMPACT Program seeks faculty-student teams

The Mayo Clinic Health System IMPACT program, in collaboration with UW-Eau Claire, gives undergraduate students the opportunity to engage in novel hypothesis generation to address real-world health questions alongside Mayo Clinic and Mayo Clinic Health System scientists and physicians. This year's IMPACT topic asks student researchers to investigate this question: **What is the mechanistic link between binge alcohol drinking, addiction and the function of the neuroimmune system?** Teams of two to four students work with a faculty mentor to develop a novel hypothesis in preparation for a presentation at the 2020 IMPACT Symposium. Top teams are invited to give oral presentations in addition to a poster presentation. Visit the [Impact Program website](#) for additional details and encourage your students to register a team by **Friday, Nov. 22**. Students on the winning team are awarded a \$1,000 cash prize and a summer internship.

UW System opportunities for educators

- **Equity in the Classroom Conference**
Join instructors from across Wisconsin from **8 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6**, for a day of interactive professional development to explore and strengthen strategies that support equity in your classroom. This is an EDI Tier 2 event that will be streamed to UW-Eau Claire. [Learn more and register by Nov. 25](#).
- **Wisconsin Teaching Fellows & Scholars Program**
UW-Eau Claire will nominate two candidates for this program that offers faculty and instructional academic staff an opportunity to collaborate with other educators from across the UW System and from various disciplines. Participants develop a scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL) project and attend four UW System events during summer 2020 and the 2020-21 academic year. **Apply by Friday, Nov. 22**. [Learn more](#).
- **Faculty College: Equity-Minded Pedagogy**
This faculty and instructional staff development event hosts approximately 100 faculty and instructional academic staff from across the UW System. The revamped retreat, set for **May 26-29, 2020**, will focus on the theme of equity-minded pedagogy. The keynote speaker is internationally known education scholar Dr. Stephen Brookfield. UW-Eau Claire will send a team of six to learn and then provide professional development programs on equity-minded pedagogy for faculty and instructors on our campus. **Apply by Friday, Nov. 22**. [Learn more](#).

Proposed curricular changes in College of Arts and Sciences

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Awards and achievements

Mari Bodensteiner, lecturer in the department of languages, gave a presentation titled "The World Is Your Classroom: Teaching Abroad" at the Wisconsin Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages conference Nov. 16 in Oshkosh. Bodensteiner's presentation centered on her experience teaching in Southeast Asia.

Mari Bodensteiner, lecturer, department of languages; **Ami Christensen**, coordinator, Intensive English Program; and **Dr. Kelly Wonder**, director, McNair Program, each have served as fellows in the English Language Programs of the U.S. Department of State. The three recently received grants and were recognized as outstanding program alumni at the 50th-anniversary celebration of the program. They also participated in a public diplomacy dialogue that focused on how English language programming can address global issues emphasizing countering disinformation, workforce development, and women's and girls' equity issues. [Learn more.](#)

A [retirement celebration](#) honoring **Dr. Karen Havholm**, assistant vice chancellor for research and professor of geology, will be held from **2:30-4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6**, in the Phillips Hall foyer. All are welcome to drop in for conversation and refreshments. A program will begin at 3:45 p.m. in Phillips Hall Room 007, with brief remarks followed by Havholm's presentation, "Reflections on a Career: From Iran to Eau Claire," the final Earth Science Seminar Series presentation of the semester.

Dr. David Jewett, professor of psychology, recently received the 2019 Service Award from Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience, a 500-plus-member national organization focused on neuroscience education and research at the undergraduate level. The award is given to a FUN member or fellow who has made outstanding efforts toward the continuing development of the organization. Jewett served as FUN's treasurer-elect and treasurer for eight years, expending much time and effort to facilitate FUN's financial viability. During his tenure FUN's financial status improved, and he created a structure that future treasurers of the organization can use for years to come. [Learn more.](#)

Dr. Eric Kasper, associate professor of political science and director of the Center for Constitutional Studies, presented a paper, "From Subordinated to a Bedrock Principle: The Supreme Court on Free Speech During the Cold War," at the 30th Anniversary Cold War

Symposium Nov. 8 at the National Churchill Museum at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri. (See related media coverage in In the News below.)

Karen Loeb, professor emerita of English, had her poem "[Her Clandestine Hair](#)" published in the fall 2019 issue of *Bramble*, a refereed poetry journal published by the Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets. Her poem "Morning Glory" was published in the 2019 *Ariel Anthology*, an annual print magazine. Copies can be purchased through Amazon or by emailing arielanthology@gmail.com. Additionally, Loeb's flash fiction piece "Sunflower Paranoia" and her poem "In the Vestibule at Night" were published in the third issue of the [Barstow & Grand](#) literary magazine. She participated in a public reading, along with other included writers, during the recent Chippewa Valley Book Festival. The magazine is print-only and can be found in various locations around Eau Claire, including The Local Store and Dotters Books.

UW-Eau Claire's Zeta Omicron chapter of the Beta Alpha Psi (BAP) international honor society for accounting, finance and information systems has been honored with a Superior Chapter designation by the BAP board of directors. **DeeAnne Peterson**, lecturer in accounting and finance, is the chapter's faculty advisor. [Learn more](#).

Dr. Kong Pheng Pha, assistant professor of critical Hmong studies and women's, gender and sexuality studies, had his article, titled "[The Politics of Vernacular Activism: Hmong Americans Organizing for Social Justice in Minnesota](#)," published in *Amerasia Journal*, Vol. 45, No. 3 (2019): 1-15.

Patti See, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's gender and sexuality studies, had her article "[Cribbage a Family Affair](#)" published in the Nov. 9 *Leader-Telegram*.

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Chris Kirchman will be appointed lieutenant of University Police, effective Sunday, Nov. 24. Kirchman, a UW-Eau Claire alumnus, has served the university for 27 years, the last 13 years as police sergeant. [Learn more](#).

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UW-Eau Claire student **Damiloa Olotu**, treasurer of the African Student Association, was interviewed for the Nov. 16 WQOW-TV story "[UW-Eau Claire celebrates African cultures.](#)"

Mike Rindo, assistant chancellor for facilities and university relations, was quoted in the Nov. 13 Volume One article "[Convention & Event Center: Local Leaders Are Thinking Bigger.](#)"

UW-Eau Claire student **Ricky Schiff** was featured in the Nov. 12 Spectrum News 1 story "[National Guardsman runs for Honor Flight veterans.](#)"

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Consider joining the International Film Committee

The International Film Committee is looking for new members! Committee members recommend policies for UW-Eau Claire's [International Film Society](#) and select films for the program each semester. The time commitment required for this committee is limited. Interested in learning more or joining the committee? Email Joann Martin at martinjo@uwec.edu.

University Staff Council news

Find the latest council activity, view photos of recent employee appreciation drawing winners and apply for a \$250 scholarship on the new [University Staff Council Connection news page](#).

Printing Services Thanksgiving week schedule

Following is the [Printing Services](#) schedule for this week: **Schofield 18 location**: Tuesday, Nov. 26: 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., regular deliveries; Wednesday, Nov. 27: 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., no deliveries; and closed Thursday, Nov. 28, and Friday, Nov. 29. **Davies 105 location**: Tuesday, Nov. 26: 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; and closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27-29.

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Dr. Josh Brown, associate professor of German and linguistics in the department of languages, had his article, "Somali Refugees and Their Urban and Non-urban Linguistic Landscapes," published in *Critical Multilingualism Studies*, 7 (3): 77-92.

B.J. Hollars, associate professor of English, had his story, "[Notes for a future father](#)," published in the Nov. 22 issue of the Leader-Telegram.

Dr. Ming-Li Hsieh, assistant professor of criminal justice, had her article, "[The Contours of Assessment: Considering Aspects that Influence Prediction Performance](#)," published Nov. 22 in the *Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research* journal.

Dr. Dorothy Ka-Ying Chan, assistant professor of English, recently wrote a featured blog, "[What Does Food Have to Do with Poetry?](#)" for Poetry Magazine.

Dr. Damir Kovačević, assistant professor of political science, presented a paper titled "Defining the Limits of Acceptability: Agent Orange and White Phosphorous Use during the Vietnam War" at the [International Studies Association Midwest Annual Conference](#) Nov. 22-23 in St. Louis, Missouri. Kovačević also mentored UW-Eau Claire student **Matthew Tentler**, who presented a paper, "The Inherent Logistical Constraints of Chemical Warfare during WWII," at the same conference. [View conference program](#).

Dr. David Lewis, professor of chemistry, presented a seminar, "3M, Russian-style: Mendeleev, Markovnikov and Menshutkin," to the chemistry and biochemistry department of the University of Minnesota Duluth Nov. 15.

Dr. Der-Fa Lu, associate professor of nursing, and five UW-Eau Claire junior nursing peer mentors, **Jessica Johnson**, **Morgan Karasek**, **Amanda Koenig**, **Elizabeth Moran** and **Alexandra Tupy**, provided hand massages to local community caregivers at the Chippewa Valley Family Caregiving Alliance 17th Annual Caregiver Resource Fair, Dinner and Town Hall, "A Caregivers' Magical Night Out," Nov. 11 at Florian Gardens in Eau Claire. A total of 206 community caregivers and 29 vendors participated in the event. [Learn more](#).

Dr. Kaia Simon, assistant professor of English and director of the Blugold Seminar writing program, presented a paper, "When Child Translators Grow Up: Hmong Women and Literate Mentorship," at the 2019 Feminisms and Rhetorics conference Nov. 13-16 in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

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In Memoriam

Condolences to the family and friends of Janet Carson, professor emerita of art. Carson, a member of UW-Eau Claire's art faculty from 1965-91, passed away Nov. 21 in Eau Claire.

Funeral services are being planned and details will be available, along with an obituary, on the [funeral home website](#).

New employees, position updates and retirements

A [retirement celebration](#) honoring **Dr. Karen Havholm**, assistant vice chancellor for research and professor of geology, will be held from **2:30-4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6**, in the Phillips Hall foyer. All are welcome to drop in for conversation and refreshments. A program will begin at 3:45 p.m. in Phillips Hall Room 007, with brief remarks followed by Havholm's presentation, "Reflections on a Career: From Iran to Eau Claire," the final Earth Science Seminar Series presentation of the semester.

Have you recently joined UW-Eau Claire as a faculty or staff member? Moved to a different campus department or unit to start a new position? Recently retired? If so, we welcome your submissions for this new section of Blugold FYI!

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In the news

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UW-Eau Claire student **Lewis Balom**, president of the Black Male Empowerment group; **Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton**, professor of history; and **Chancellor James Schmidt** were among the guests on Wisconsin Public Radio's "The West Side" Nov. 25 to discuss the impact of and steps forward following a recent series of racist social media posts by members of the Blugold football team. [Learn more and listen](#).

Kate Hinnant, associate professor in McIntyre Library and women's, gender and sexuality studies; **Dr. Bob Nowlan**, professor of English; **Dr. Ryan Jones**, professor of music; **Dr. Cathy Rex**, professor of English and women's, gender and sexuality studies; **Chancellor James Schmidt**; **Dr. Peter Hart-Brinson**, associate professor of sociology and communication and journalism; and **Dr. Kent Syverson**, professor of geology were interviewed for Nov. 24 Spectator story [UW-Eau Claire faculty respond to racist Snapchat messages](#).

Eric Jennings, head of user services and associate professor in McIntyre Library, was interviewed by a reporter from BYU's The Daily Universe for two articles she wrote on modern libraries, one of which used an [article](#) Jennings wrote as the basis for its title. Jennings was

quoted in the following articles, published Nov. 19: "[Modern libraries expanding their role to empower, educate, engage](#)" and "[Libraries expand services, stay on forefront of technology, information sharing.](#)"

A press statement by UW-Eau Claire student body president **Charlie Johnson** was quoted in the Nov. 22 Leader-Telegram story "[UW-EC student president: Racist comments beyond 'a simple joke.'](#)"

UW-Eau Claire students **Samantha Mahoney** and **Alivia Kistler** were interviewed for the Nov. 23 WQOW-TV story "[Local artists find business, community through UW-Eau Claire's Geek Con.](#)"

UW-Eau Claire student **Jazmin Nielsen** was interviewed for the Nov. 24 WQOW-TV story "[Esports gain popularity at UW-Eau Claire.](#)"

UW-Eau Claire student **Michael St. Ores**, president of the Trumpet Club, was interviewed for the Nov. 24 WEAU-TV story "[Students with special needs participate in interactive music experience.](#)"

Dr. Kent Syverson, professor of geology, was quoted in the Nov. 19 Leader-Telegram article "[Hard times for Wisconsin sand.](#)"

Jake Wrasse, government and community relations specialist in the Chancellor's Office, was quoted in the Nov. 19 Leader-Telegram article "[Trail loop gets plowing priority.](#)"

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Professional development

Save the date: CETL January programs

Take a look at the following CETL-sponsored programs planned for January, when schedules often are more flexible: [Transparent Design Promotes Equitable Opportunities for Student Success](#) (EDI Tier 2) with Dr. Mary-Ann Winkelmes, founder of the Transparency in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education Project: Jan. 9, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; and [Small Teaching: Everyday Lessons from the Science of Learning](#) (EDI Tier 2) with Dr. James Lang, author of “Small Teaching”: Jan. 16, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

EDI professional development

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 sessions and workshops that interest you. [Human Diversity Expo](#): Dec. 5, 5-6:15 p.m. Some January offerings are now available.

Supervisory Management Certificate Program available to employees

UW-Eau Claire and UW-Eau Claire – Barron County employees may attend Continuing Education’s Supervisory Management Certificate Program at no cost to them or their department. For details and registration access, please contact Scott Janke in Continuing Education at jankese@uwec.edu or 715-836-3365, or Karen Callaway in Human Resources at callawkl@uwec.edu or 715-836-4202.

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