

Blugold FYI: Dec. 3, 2019

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Important announcements

Honors Program Director candidate open forums

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend open campus forums with the candidates for the Honors Program Director position. Each candidate's presentation will be videotaped, and a link to the recording will be shared after each forum. Please follow [this link](#) to view each candidate's CV and forum video, and to access a feedback survey for each individual.

- **Alexander Hirsch**, Tuesday, Dec. 3, 11:15 a.m.-noon, Menominee Room (320F), Davies Center.
- **Heather Fielding**. Forum held Nov. 25. [View forum recording](#).
- **Eric Hoffman**. Forum held Nov. 19. [View forum recording](#).

McNair Scholars Research Symposium continues today

The annual McNair Scholars Research Symposium continues **today, Dec. 3**, from 4-6 p.m. in Room 2304 of Centennial Hall. Presentations are open to the public. [Learn more and view a full schedule](#).

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.

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Check out the November/December wellness newsletter!

The [November/December wellness newsletter](#) highlights Dr. Tomomi Kakegawa, professor of Japanese; healthful recipes from Mayo Clinic; fitness opportunities on campus; and a number of community events.

Cookies with Colleagues

Employee Wellness invites all interested faculty and staff to join colleagues in decorating sugar cookies between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Dec. 11**. Drop in when you are able. [Learn more](#).

Tickets available for Holiday Concert

Tickets are still available for the 6 p.m. performance of UW-Eau Claire's Holiday Concert, set for **Sunday, Dec. 8**, at the Pablo Center. The event showcases the musical talents of hundreds of students and features performances by Women's Chorus, Symphonic Choir, The Singing Statesmen, Concert Choir, Novum Voce, Women's Concert Chorale, University Symphony Orchestra, Wind Symphony and BASSically Brass. [Learn more and purchase tickets](#).

Proposals due TODAY for 2020 Senior Americans Day workshops

Share your knowledge and volunteer your time! UW-Eau Claire Continuing Education currently is accepting workshop proposals for Senior Americans Day, planned for **Tuesday, June 2, 2020**, in Davies Center. Each session will be 50 minutes long. Proposals with the best chance of being accepted will include tools, tips and handouts that area seniors will find interesting and informative. This year we are expecting 550 attendees! [Learn more](#) and [submit a proposal](#) by **today, Dec. 3**.

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Reuse, recycle, RECLAIM!

Head to the [Surplus Store](#) **Wednesday, Dec. 4, 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

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Mari Bodensteiner, lecturer in the department of languages, gave a presentation titled “Creating Communicative Grammar Activities to Engage Your Learners” at the Minnesota English Learner Education Conference in St. Paul, Minnesota, on Nov. 23.

Chancellor James Schmidt has been appointed as a member of the NCAA Division III Presidents Council. His term begins in January 2020. [Learn more.](#)

Dr. Ryan Weichelt, associate professor of geography and anthropology, was invited to participate in the 70th anniversary celebration of the International Political Science Association at Sorbonne University in Paris, France, on Nov. 22. Dr. Weichelt is a co-chair of Research Council 15 (Cultural and Political Geography) for IPSA.

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New employees, position updates and retirements

Kris Lorentz, senior financial specialist for University Centers administration, will be retiring after many years of exemplary service to the students and staff in the W.R. Davies Student Center. Please stop by to wish her well before she leaves us on **Friday, Dec. 6.**

Roberta Christensen has joined the University Centers leadership team as the assistant director of business and finance. She will have oversight of auxiliary partner contracts, cash management, Davies Service Center and budget functions for University Centers. Please welcome Roberta to campus!

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.

Alex Schultz has joined Facilities as an inventory control coordinator responsible for managing supply store and material store inventory in addition to receiving all university freight shipments.

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Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, professor of history; **Chancellor James Schmidt**; **Dr. Stephanie Farrar**, assistant professor of English; and **Dr. Audrey Robinson**, director of the Academic Skills Center, were interviewed for the Nov. 26 Leader-Telegram story "[UW-EC faculty hold forum to discuss racist incident, ways to improve.](#)"

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Chancellor James Schmidt was interviewed for the Nov. 28 Wisconsin Examiner story "[Racist social media incident investigation is complete.](#)"

Janet Carson, emerita professor of art, was featured in the Nov. 29 Leader-Telegram story "[Carson remembered as icon in area art scene, donated paintings for art center.](#)" **Anders Shafer**, emeritus professor of art, and **Karen Horan**, emerita adjunct assistant professor of art, were quoted.

Dr. Wendy Makoons Geniusz, associate professor of Ojibwe in the department of languages, was among the guests on Wisconsin Public Radio's "The West Side" Dec. 2 to discuss Native American heritage and local efforts to preserve and expand understanding of First Nations people. [Learn more and listen.](#)

Dr. Todd Wellnitz, professor of biology, and students **Meghan Valliancourt** and **Monica Dickson** were quoted in the Dec. 2 Wisconsin Public Radio story "[UW-Eau Claire Researchers Find Microplastics In Boundary Waters Wilderness Area.](#)"

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Professional development

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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.; NEW: [Blugold Dialogue: Honest Discussion on Race](#): Dec. 11, 4-5 p.m.; [Microaggressions Part 2](#): Jan. 8, 2-3:30 p.m.; [Microaggressions](#): Jan. 22, 10 a.m.- noon; [Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Classroom](#): Jan. 22, 2-3:30 p.m.; [13th Film and Discussion](#): Jan. 27, 12-2 p.m.; [Operationalizing EDI](#) (scheduled at UW-Barron County campus): Jan. 29, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; and [Confronting Problematic Behaviors](#): Jan. 31, 9-10:30 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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Higher Learning Commission update

The Higher Learning Commission site visit team has submitted their report to the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission. While the outcome is not official until HLC notifies UW-Eau Claire of final action, the report from the team was highly positive. UW-Eau Claire met all criteria and sub-criteria with no concerns. Thanks to everyone who supported the reaffirmation of accreditation process. You can review the site team's report on the [HLC Reaffirmation Sharepoint site](#).

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Eau Claire Transit survey: Your participation is appreciated!

The city of Eau Claire is updating its five-year transit development plan and has developed a survey to help create a system that works for all riders. Your experiences and views may help determine which services Eau Claire can provide to the community, including UW-Eau Claire students, faculty and staff. Your participation in this survey is voluntary but greatly appreciated. Let's improve transit together! [Take the Eau Claire Transit survey](#).

UW System update on Administrative Transformation Program

The UW System recently launched a redesign of human resources, finance and research administration systems and services through the Administrative Transformation Program. [Read the latest update](#) on the multi-year endeavor, which is underway for all UW campuses.

Faculty/staff opportunity: Civil Rights Pilgrimage

Students, faculty, staff and community members are welcome to participate in the 2020 Civil Rights Pilgrimage, a unique opportunity to travel the path of the civil rights movement and walk through pivotal places and stories in our history. The trips this academic year run **Jan. 10-20** and **March 20-29**. [Learn more and access registration information](#).

New snack and beverage vendor on campus

Canteen is the new snack and beverage vendor at UW-Eau Claire this academic year. In addition to using cash, you now can swipe or tap various credit cards and your Blugold Card to purchase products in vending machines. If you are using a Blugold Card, be sure to swipe the card as the tap option is still not available. Need a refund? Visit the Service Center in Davies Center.

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](#).

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CETL Summer Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Grant Program offered

CETL's Summer Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Grant Program, funded through [Blugold Commitment](#) differential tuition, supports educator/student collaborative projects for development and assessment of new curriculum (courses or other educational experiences). Development of the curriculum will occur during the summer in collaboration with 1-2 students and the implementation and assessment will occur during the following academic year. Awards include an educator stipend (\$2,300), up to two student stipends (\$2,300 each) and up to \$600 for materials. The application is due **Wednesday, Feb. 12**, to department chairs/directors. [Learn more](#).

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Proposed curricular changes in College of Arts and Sciences

- [View proposed curricular changes](#).

Public surplus sale this week

Join us for our next surplus sale from **3-6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12**, in the Central Stores warehouse on upper campus. For more information, visit the [Surplus Store website](#) or [Facebook page](#). Questions? Email surplusstore@uwec.edu or call 715-836-5555.

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Awards and achievements

Dr. Christopher Davis, associate professor of mathematics, recently had two articles published. "[Concordance to links with an unknotted component](#)" is a collaboration with JungHwan Park of Georgia Tech and appears in the *Mathematical Proceedings of the Cambridge Philosophical Society*. The article "[Topological concordance of knots in homology spheres and the solvable filtration](#)" appears in the *Mathematical Proceedings of the Journal of Topology*.

The department of languages was well represented at this year's convention of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, held Nov. 22-24 in Washington, D.C. Following are the UW-Eau Claire faculty participants and their presentation titles: **Dr. Anne Hlas**, professor of Spanish, presented "Teacher's Toolbox: Designing Tasks for Interaction" and co-led

the ACTFL Teacher Development SIG Social Gathering and Business Meeting. **Dr. Martina Lindseth**, professor of German, co-presented a session titled "Before the Wall Fell, Part I: Stories on Life and Youth Culture in the GDR" along with Bettina Hoening (Courtland High School) and Anja Moore (Hickory High School). **Dr. Kaishan Kong**, assistant professor of Chinese, presented "Using Extempore and FlipGrid to Create Speaking Projects in Chinese Class" and co-led the ACTFL Teaching and Learning of Culture Special Interest Group Business Meeting.

Dr. Erna Kelly, professor emerita of English, had her poem, "Colorado," published in the 2019 Ariel Anthology, an annual print magazine. Copies can be purchased through Amazon or by emailing arielanthology@gmail.com. Her poem, "[Weathering](#)," was published in the December 2019 Issue of Halfway Down the Stairs, an online literary quarterly.

Dr. David Lewis, professor of chemistry, presented "What Made Mendeleev Unique?" at the NSF-sponsored joint colloquium with the American Chemical Society Nov. 20. The colloquium, titled "Perspectives in Chemistry: 150 Years of the Periodic Table," was held at the National Academy of Sciences Building in Washington, D.C., and was livestreamed.

Dr. Bob Nowlan, professor of English, produced and hosted his 750th consecutive weekly "Insurgence" show Nov. 28 on WHYS, Eau Claire Community Radio, found at 96.3 FM and online at whysradio.org. "Insurgence" broadcasts Thursdays from 10 p.m.-midnight and features progressive music of protest, struggle, resistance, rebellion, revolt and transformation; classic post-punk and new wave; and contemporary indie rock, pop, folk, folk rock and electronica, especially from the British Isles, and in particular, Scotland and England. "Insurgence" has run every Thursday on WHYS since July 21, 2005.

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: **Dr. Shelley-Rae Pehler**, nursing, "Increasing Nursing Students' Understanding About The LGBTQ+ Community." [Learn more about the EDI professional development program.](#)

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. Last spring the chapter held a fundraising event for students at Eau Claire's Lakeshore Elementary School, and last month they presented a check for \$1,100 to the school. **DeeAnne Peterson**, lecturer in accounting and finance, has been the chapter's faculty advisor for the past four years. [Learn more.](#)

Patti See, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's gender and sexuality studies, had her article, titled "[Spirit of Christmas, Chippewa County Style](#)," published in the Nov. 30 Leader-Telegram.

Dr. Jessica Sertling Miller, professor of French in the department of languages, had her review of the textbook "Grammaire Progressive du Français" published in *The French Review*, 93(2), 240-241.

Dr. David Shih, associate professor of English, had his op-ed piece, titled "[Another Thing the Book Burning at Georgia Southern Reveals](#)," published Nov. 25 by Inside Higher Ed.

Dr. Wufeng Tian, assistant professor of mathematics at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County, and students **Yuchi Dong**, **Sicheng Mo** and **Hannah LeMoine**, who has now transferred to UW-Eau Claire, have earned a national award from the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges. Their project focused on finding financial benefits to converting a home to more sustainable energy sources like solar and wind. [Learn more](#).

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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 will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at Hope United Methodist Church in Eau Claire.

[View full obituary](#).

Condolences to Sheila Pederson, senior graphic artist in Integrated Marketing and Communications, and Dr. Jane Pederson, professor emerita of history, whose mother, Laila Pederson, passed away Dec. 5. [View full obituary](#).

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New employees, position updates and retirements

Sarah Tweedale has joined the Foundation staff as a special projects coordinator. She will work to identify opportunities for increased communication and connection between the university and its various constituent groups with particular focus on stewardship and storytelling.

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UW-Eau Claire alumnus **Michael Andrew; Nobu Yasuda**, professor of music; and **Arthur Grothe**, associate professor of theatre arts; were guests on Wisconsin Public Radio's "Spectrum West" Dec. 5 to discuss recent and upcoming holiday performances. [Learn more and listen.](#)

Bob Baca, professor of music and director of jazz studies, and UW-Eau Claire alumni **Michael Andrew** and **Quentin Volk** were quoted in the Dec. 4 Leader-Telegram article "[UW-EC jazz ensembles joined by special guests.](#)"

Arthur Grothe, associate professor of theatre arts, and UW-Eau Claire students **Ben Qualley** and **Frank Rineck** were quoted in the Dec. 9 Leader Telegram article "['Wait' of the world: Beckett's play needs to be fun as well as tragic, director says.](#)"

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Student **Collin Miller** was featured in the Dec. 9 SwimSwam.com story "[UW-Eau Claire's Collin Miller breaks NCAA Division III record in 100 IM.](#)"

Students **Megan Vaillancourt** and **Reed Kostelny** and **Dr. Todd Wellnitz**, professor of biology, were interviewed for the WCCO CBS Minnesota story "['I Was Shocked': UW-Eau Claire Researchers Discover Microplastics In BWCA.](#)"

Jake Wrasse, government and community relations specialist in the Chancellor's Office, was quoted in the Nov. 27 Volume One article "[A Path to Winter Happiness,](#)" about the Wintermission Eau Claire project.

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Campus news and features

- [Chancellor names rapid action task force, authorizes athletics program review](#)

- [Political scientists to discuss impeachment inquiry Dec. 9](#)
- [Nursing professor's work supports declaration that racism is a public health crisis in Wisconsin](#)
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Blugold FYI: Dec. 17, 2019

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

Note: This week’s Blugold FYI is the last issue of the 2019 fall semester. Blugold FYI will be published again **Jan. 28, 2020**, the week before the start of the 2020 spring semester.

- **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

UW System Presidential Search Committee seeks public input

The UW System Presidential Search Committee invites faculty, staff and students, along with members of the public, to provide input on the presidential search through an [online comment webpage](#). The page invites university stakeholders and the public to describe the characteristics, skills and experience sought in candidates as well as key challenges and opportunities facing the UW System. [Learn more](#).

End-of-semester celebration set for tomorrow

All faculty and staff are invited to join colleagues to celebrate another successful semester. The event, which will include refreshments, will be from **3:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18**, in McIntyre Library's second-floor breezeway (2022). The event is sponsored by Academic Affairs.

Wisconsin DHS, CDC, UW System tracking adenovirus cases

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and UW System to track cases of adenoviruses. So far, cases have been reported at UW-La Crosse, UW Oshkosh and UW-Madison. [Learn more about the best ways to prevent the spread of adenoviruses](#).

Unused airfare available

Each month Fox World Travel provides to campus a report of unused airline tickets. These tickets are first available to the traveler or department that purchased the ticket and then is open to any campus employee. Restrictions do apply, including name-change fees, expiration dates and other specific airline restrictions. Contact the Firstsource Support Team of the ASK Center at 715-836-3131 to learn about available tickets and how to access them.

Travel 2020 updates

Several travel-related updates are in the works at UW System and are described in the monthly UW TravelWise Newsletter. The December newsletter features articles about the new travel agencies campuses will work with starting July 1, 2020; a new TravelWise website; e-reimbursement module updates; a new hotel option in Whitewater; the Real ID deadline; and a tip on how to adjust your expense report if you have a fixed budget. You can [subscribe to the newsletter](#), view archived newsletters on the [UW TravelWise website](#) or contact the Firstsource Support Team of the ASK Center at 715-836-3131 for the latest information.

Faculty/staff opportunity: Civil Rights Pilgrimage

Students, faculty, staff and community members are welcome to participate in the 2020 Civil Rights Pilgrimage, a unique opportunity to travel the path of the civil rights movement and walk

through pivotal places and stories in our history. The trips this academic year run **Jan. 10-20** and **March 20-29**. [Learn more and access registration information.](#)

McIntyre Library hosts 25th annual fundraiser

McIntyre Library is hosting its 25th annual fundraiser to support the Eau Claire Area Hmong Mutual Assistance Association rice pantry. Donations will be collected through **Tuesday, Dec. 31**. For more information and ways to donate, please see the McIntyre Library [news article](#).

Davies Center end-of-year hours announced

[View Davies Center's opening and closing hours from Dec. 16-29.](#)

Staples holiday delivery update

Please note: There will be no campus deliveries from Staples on Thursday, Dec. 26.

CETL Summer Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Grant Program offered

CETL's Summer Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Grant Program, funded through [Blugold Commitment](#) differential tuition, supports educator/student collaborative projects for development and assessment of new curriculum (courses or other educational experiences). Development of the curriculum will occur during the summer in collaboration with 1-2 students and the implementation and assessment will occur during the following academic year. Awards include an educator stipend (\$2,300), up to two student stipends (\$2,300 each) and up to \$600 for materials. The application due date has changed to **Tuesday, Feb. 4**, for submission to department chairs/directors. [Learn more.](#)

Call for nominations: 10th Annual Provost's Honors Symposium for Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity

Faculty and staff are invited to nominate outstanding student research, scholarship or creative activity by **Feb. 28, 2020**, for presentation at the 10th Annual Provost's Honors Symposium on **May 1, 2020**. This is a professional-style conference where selected students from any major on campus have the chance to present their top-level work. Visit the [Provost's Honors Symposium website](#) for updates and to submit a [nomination via e-form](#). For more information, contact [Pam Golden](#) in [University Honors](#).

Call for proposals: 2020-21 FLIIE, DII, IFP programs

- **Faculty-Led International Immersion Experiences Program:** The application cycle for the 2020-21 Faculty-Led International Immersion Experiences Program is now open. The goals of the program, funded through the Blugold Commitment, are to defray student costs to help increase access to global learning and to provide administrative support to faculty/staff leaders. Current UW-Eau Claire faculty or academic staff members with .5 FTE or greater appointments may submit proposals. Applications are due to department chairs/program directors/supervisors by **Friday, Feb. 7, 2020**. [Learn more and find links to application materials.](#)
- **Domestic Intercultural Immersion Experiences Program:** The goal of the Domestic Intercultural Immersion Experiences program is to engage students firsthand with various cultures, populations and environments within the U.S. to deepen their understanding and

intercultural competence. Programs (for-credit or non-credit) must be at least five days in duration and connect directly to R1 learning outcomes. Current UW-Eau Claire faculty or academic staff with .5 FTE or greater appointments may submit proposals. Applications are due to department chairs/program directors/supervisors by **Friday, Feb. 7, 2020**. [Learn more about the philosophy behind DIIs and how to apply.](#)

- **International Fellows Program:** 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. This deadline is meant to target projects planned for Winterim 2021 or later. Applications are due to department chairs/program directors/supervisors by **Friday, Feb. 7, 2020**. [Review all program details, requirements and application materials.](#)

Proposed curricular changes in College of Arts and Sciences

- [View proposed curricular changes](#) (Comprehensive Major: Chemistry, A.C.S., Biochemistry Emphasis; and Minor: Chemistry, Liberal Arts).
- [View proposed curricular changes](#) (Comprehensive Major: Geospatial Analysis and Technology, Liberal Arts; and Minor: Public Health, Liberal Arts).

Reuse, recycle, RECLAIM!

Head to the [Surplus Store](#) **Wednesday, Dec. 18, 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

Dr. Terry Allen, professor emeritus of theatre arts, had his poetry chapbook "[Monsters in the Rain](#)" published in 2019 by Kelsay Books. Copies can be purchased through Amazon or through Kelsay Books.

Dr. April Bleske Recheck, professor of psychology, has been selected by the psychology division of the Council on Undergraduate Research to receive the organization's annual Mid-Career Mentoring Award. Bleske-Recheck will receive the award at the CUR Biennial Conference in June 2020 at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. [Learn more.](#)

Dr. Josh Brown, associate professor of German and linguistics in the department of languages, gave an invited lecture, "Heritage Language Shift in Amish Appalachia," Dec. 16 for the faculty of languages at Uppsala University in Sweden.

Dr. Michael Carney, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, and UW-Eau Claire alumnus **Dr. Nick Robertson**, associate professor of chemistry at Northland College, recently had an article, "[Synthesis and material properties of elastomeric high molecular weight polycycloacetals derived from diglycerol and meso-erythritol](#)," published in the *Journal of Applied Polymer Science*.

Dr. Marcela Depiante, associate professor of Spanish in the department of languages, gave an invited talk, "Stressed Prepositions in Spanish," Dec. 12 at the Gogo Elebiduna/The Bilingual Mind Research Group in the department of linguistics and Basque studies at the University of the Basque Country, Spain, where she currently is a visiting scholar.

B.J. Hollars, associate professor of English, had his column, "[Man vs. Winter](#)," published in the Dec. 13 Leader-Telegram.

Dr. Jessica Sertling Miller, professor of French in the department of languages, gave an invited presentation on her experience using H5P, a teaching and learning HTML5 platform, for the monthly webinar of the International Association for Language Learning Technology on Dec. 12.

Dr. Kyle Whipple, assistant professor of education studies, had his article "[Support Among Friends](#)" published in the Dec. 11 issue of Volume One.

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New employees, position updates and retirements

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

Dennis Beale, major gifts officer for the UW-Eau Claire Foundation, was featured in the Dec. 11 Volume One article "[Using Pain as Propane: UWEC's Dennis Beale works to inspire young black men in college, the community](#)."

Dr. Winnifred Bryant, professor of biology; **Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton**, professor of history; **Dr. Kong Pheng Pha**, assistant professor of critical Hmong studies and women's, gender and sexuality studies; and **Chancellor James Schmidt**; and students **Kayde Langer**, **Salem Adkins**,

Eleni Seyoum, Sophia Flood Elyafi, Lewis Balom and **Dylan Broome** were quoted in the Dec. 14 Leader-Telegram article "[In wake of racist messages, feelings of anxiety, alienation persist for UW-EC students and professors of color.](#)"

Dr. Michael Fine, professor of political science; **Dr. Geoff Peterson**, professor and chair of political science; and **Dr. Eric Kasper**, associate professor of political science and director of the Center of Constitutional Studies; were quoted in the Dec. 13 Chippewa Valley Post article "[UW-EC political scientists uncertain how impeachment process will play out,](#)" which was written by **Dr. David Gordon**, professor emeritus of communication and journalism.

Khong Meng Her, associate student services coordinator in Blugold Beginnings, recently was featured on the Love Wisconsin website. [View Part 1](#) of his story.

Dr. Thomas Kemp, professor and chair of the economics department, was quoted in the Dec. 13 Leader-Telegram article "[Neighbors express concern about latest landfill expansion proposal.](#)"

Dr. Geoff Peterson, professor and chair of political science; **Dr. Eric Kasper**, associate professor of political science and director of the Center of Constitutional Studies; and UW-Eau Claire students **Zach Janssen** and **MaKenna Goretski** were quoted in the Dec. 7 Leader-Telegram article "[Impeachment inquiry brings UW-EC political science lessons to life.](#)"

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

- [Winter commencement set for Dec. 21 at UW-Eau Claire](#)
- [Eight to receive UW-Eau Claire alumni awards](#)
- [Esports creating new opportunities, connections at UW-Eau Claire](#)
- [Dr. April Bleske-Rechek to receive national award for research mentoring](#)
- [Blugold student teacher contributes to national holiday display](#)

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

Professional development

New Professional Development Portal

The Campus Learning Coordination Committee has announced a new [Professional Development Portal](#) on the university website. This portal is a one-stop location where employees can easily search and register for upcoming professional development programs. Feedback and/or questions about the portal can be sent to humanresources@uwec.edu.

CETL January professional development

The following CETL-sponsored programs are planned for January (program titles link to details and registration): [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. **Individual Consultations:** CETL staff are available throughout January 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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