

## Blugold FYI: Jan. 28, 2020

Welcome to 2020! Check out the important UW-Eau Claire employee info in this week's **Blugold FYI**.

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## Important announcements

### New and improved campus job search website launches

A revamped UW-Eau Claire Job Search website now makes it easier to search for campus employment openings and to share position details when recruiting new colleagues. [Learn more](#).

### ORSP Executive Director candidate open forums

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend open campus forums with the candidates for the ORSP Executive 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. Please submit your feedback for all candidates by **3 p.m. Feb. 3**.

- **Lance Barton**, Jan. 27, 1-1:45 p.m., Centennial Hall Room 1704.
- **Catherine Chan**, Jan. 29, 1-1:45 p.m., Centennial Hall Room 1704.
- **Elizabeth Buchanan**, Jan. 30, 1-1:45 p.m., Centennial Hall Room 1704.
- **Gilles Muller**, Jan. 31, 1-1:45 p.m., Centennial Hall Room 1704.

### Purchasing announcement: tax exemption updates

Due to changes to state tax exemption requirements that took effect on Jan. 1, departments will need to re-establish their tax-exempt status with marketplace providers such as Amazon. Questions? Contact Purchasing at [purchasing@uwec.edu](mailto:purchasing@uwec.edu) or 715-836-5171.

### Travel updates

- **The U.S. State Department** has issued a Level 4 "Do not travel" warning for Hubei province, China, due to the novel coronavirus first identified in Wuhan, China.
- **Mileage reimbursement** for personal car use beginning Jan. 1 is \$0.575 per mile. Reimbursement for mileage prior to Jan. 1, 2020, is \$0.58 per mile.
- **REAL ID** is for real! Beginning Oct. 1, a "REAL ID" form of ID will be required to fly within the United States.
- Each month UW Fox World Travel provides a report of **unused UW-Eau Claire airfare**. These tickets are first available to the traveler or department that purchased the ticket and then are open to any campus employee for business use. Restrictions apply, including name-change fees,

expiration dates and other specific airline restrictions. Contact the Firstsource Support Team to learn about available tickets and how to access them.

- A [new popup](#) has been added to **expense reimbursement reports** reminding alternates to create the report under the name and ID of the traveler to be reimbursed.

For travel and reimbursement assistance, contact the [Firstsource Support Team](#) in the ASK Center at 715-836-3131.

### **Eau Claire police ask for caution in navigating roundabout**

In response to complaints of drivers not yielding to traffic in the roundabout at the intersection of State Street and Lexington Boulevard, the Eau Claire Police Department has asked us to share navigation information for the roundabout with the campus community. [Read the department's guidance for safe driving in a roundabout.](#)

### **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** for presentation at the 10th Annual Provost's Honors Symposium on **May 1**. 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](#).

### **Blugold camps and clinics: Call for summer 2020 programs**

Have a great idea for a summer camp or clinic in 2020? Want to recruit future Blugolds to your program? Camps and conferences staff are here to bring your vision to life! We provide logistical support and experience, including information on compliance, housing, dining and more. Visit the [Blugold Camps and Clinics](#) website and contact camps and conferences manager Kyran Hamill at [hamillkj@uwec.edu](mailto:hamillkj@uwec.edu) to learn more.

### **Culture Fest participation interest meetings**

Culture Fest (formerly International Folk Fair) is rapidly approaching! Renamed Culture Fest to honor and celebrate cultures within America, the free event will be from **noon-4 p.m. April 19**. If your cultural organization is interested in participating, please attend one of two upcoming interest meetings: **noon-1 p.m. Feb. 11**, or **5-6 p.m. Feb. 12**. Both meetings will be in the Council Oak Room of Davies Center. Questions? Contact Andrea Magliocco at [maglioae@uwec.edu](mailto:maglioae@uwec.edu).

### **Call for proposals: 2020 University Staff Professional Development Day**

Faculty and staff are invited to submit workshop proposals for presentation at the University Staff Professional Development Day on **June 4** in Centennial Hall. The Professional Development Committee invites presentations on a wide variety of topics, including, but not limited to, work-life balance, wellness and nutrition, and life tools and tips. Faculty and staff also are welcome to nominate a presenter, including information on the individual's previous

presentation experience. [Learn more](#) and/or [submit a proposal](#) by **Feb. 3**. Questions? Email the committee at [LIST.USC.PRODEV](mailto:LIST.USC.PRODEV).

### **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 remaining trip this academic year will run **March 20-29**. [Learn more and access registration information](#).

### **UW System changes travel services providers, conducts employee survey**

The UW System Board of Regents recently approved contracts for travel management services for the UW System. Beginning **July 1**, our travel management services will be handled by three separate providers, based on the unique services required. Our existing contract with Fox World Travel will expire on **June 30**. As part of this transition, UW System Travel Management Services wants your input to help increase clarity of guidelines, maximize compliance with policies and make it easier to book travel. Please take 5-10 minutes to complete this survey by **Feb. 7**. [Start the Travel Policy Survey](#).

### **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 is **Feb. 4** for submission to department chairs/directors. [Learn more](#).

### **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 **Feb. 7**. [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 **Feb. 7**. [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 **Feb. 7**. [Review all program details, requirements and application materials](#).

### **Proposed curricular changes in College of Business**

- [View proposed curricular changes](#).

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

Head to the [Surplus Store](#) **Jan. 29 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.** for the biweekly department reclaim event for faculty and staff. Come by to reclaim university furniture and office supplies for on-campus use free of charge. The Surplus Store will deliver items within three days. Items to be available this week will be posted soon on the [Surplus Store website](#). Questions? Email [surplusstore@uwec.edu](mailto:surplusstore@uwec.edu) or call 715-836-5555 for more information.

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## **Awards and achievements**

**Dr. Wil Denson**, professor emeritus of music and theatre arts, had his play, titled "[K.K.I.S. Radio Mendocino](#)," selected for the ShowOff! 2020 International Playwriting Festival. Denson's play placed third among seven finalists, which were selected for full production from more than 175 plays of drama, comedy and intrigue entered by playwrights in the U.S. and around the world. "K.K.I.S. Radio Mendocino" was produced at the Camino Real Playhouse in San Juan Capistrano, California, with performance dates from Jan. 10-19.

**B.J. Hollars**, associate professor of English, had his column "[From Eau Claire to internment camp](#)," published in the Jan. 3 Leader-Telegram and his column "[Tools of the trade](#)" published in the Jan. 24 Leader-Telegram.

**Patti See**, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's gender and sexuality studies, had her column "[Share your spare](#)," about living kidney donation, published in the Dec. 20, 2019, Leader-Telegram. Her column "[It's OK, boomers](#)," about five generations interacting at work, was published in the Jan. 10 Leader-Telegram.

**Dr. Kaishan Kong**, assistant professor of Chinese, co-authored a paper titled "A case study of engaging and reflective teaching practices in a Chinese bilingual summer camp," which appeared in Vol. 25, No. 1 of *Learning Languages*, a peer-reviewed journal published by the National Network for Early Language Learning.

**Caitlin Mai Chong Lee**, an equal opportunity specialist in the Affirmative Action office, received a Beloved Community Leadership Award during Eau Claire's Martin Luther King Jr. Remembrance event Jan. 20. The award honors people who have, through personal and professional leadership, advanced the ideas of racial reconciliation, excellence, inclusion and opportunity for all. Among her many accomplishments, Lee was recognized for her role in leading the Hmong Women Summit at UW-Eau Claire.

**Dr. Lauren Likkel**, professor of physics and astronomy, had her article titled "[The star Betelgeuse stuns observers by getting dimmer](#)" published in the Jan. 18 Leader-Telegram.

**Dr. Jessica Sertling Miller**, professor of French in the department of languages, passed the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) tester certification process, a rigorous training and certification program offered by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). ACTFL OPI certification is a highly valued professional credential that is recognized nationally and internationally. It demonstrates an understanding of the principles and concepts of oral proficiency testing, including the ability to apply theory to practice and to elicit and rate oral proficiency interviews with a high degree of reliability.

**Anders Shafer**, professor emeritus of art, currently has his painting titled "Last Year of Stanley Spencer" on display in "Art Unearthed: Wisconsin Triennial 2019," a juried exhibition on view through Feb. 16 at the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art.

**Dr. Rita Sperstad**, professor emerita of nursing, and Dr. Shelley-Rae Pehler, professor of nursing, along with UW-Eau Claire nursing alumni Steve Ackerson, Kristin Brunsell, Emily Gyrog and Hannah Sisto, had their article, "[Student Voices During Action Research Impact Outcomes in Nursing Quality Improvement Project](#)," published in the January 2020 issue of the Journal of Nursing Education.

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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**

**Dr. Ali Abootalebi**, professor of political science, was interviewed for the Jan. 8 WQOW-TV article "[UWEC political expert says tensions will likely rise between US and Iran.](#)" Abootalebi also was quoted in the Jan. 3 Leader-Telegram article "[Wisconsin legislators, professor respond to Iran general's death](#)" and the Jan. 3 WEAU-TV story "[The state of U.S.-Iran relations.](#)"

**Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton**, professor of history, was quoted in the Jan. 19 Up North News article "[Why MLK Day Has Had to Change With the Times](#)" and in the Jan. 15 Leader-Telegram article "[UW-EC group discusses 'How To Be An Antiracist.'](#)" Ducksworth-Lawton also was interviewed on Wisconsin Public Radio's "The West Side" Jan. 13 for a show titled "[Voter Access and Education](#)" and on Jan. 20 for the following: Wisconsin Public Radio's "The Morning Show" story "[How UW-Eau Claire Responded to Racism,](#)" the WEAU-TV story "[Chippewa Valley honors Martin Luther King Jr.](#)" and the WQOW-TV story "[UWEC students partake in community service on MLK Day in light of recent campus racism.](#)"

**Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton**, professor of history; **Cindy Albert**, associate director of CETL; and **Dr. Angie Stombaugh**, director of CETL, were interviewed for the Jan. 11 Leader-Telegram article "[UW-EC book groups aim to improve race relations.](#)"

**Dr. Matt Evans**, professor of physics, was quoted in the Jan. 4 Leader-Telegram article "[UW-EC distance running class helps students achieve fitness goals.](#)"

**Dr. Pam Guthman**, clinical assistant professor of nursing, was interviewed on Wisconsin Public Radio's "The Morning Show" Jan. 2 for a show titled "[Racism Declared A Public Health Crisis in Wisconsin.](#)"

**Dr. Pam Guthman**, clinical assistant professor of nursing, and **Dr. Crispin Pierce**, professor of environmental public health in the Watershed Institute, were quoted in the Jan. 4 Leader-Telegram article "[Locals addressing racism through public health.](#)"

**Dr. Matt Jewell**, associate professor of materials science, was quoted on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered" Jan. 13 for a story titled "[Foxconn Promised Wisconsin 'Innovation Centers,' But Hasn't Yet Delivered.](#)" He also was quoted in the story "[Foxconn's Promises Slow To Materialize In Wisconsin](#)" Jan. 14 on Northern Public Radio WNIU/WNIJ and 47 other sources.

**Ivar Lunde**, professor emeritus of music, was quoted in the Dec. 25, 2019, Leader-Telegram article "[Lunde creates music and sound effects for feature film in his own studio](#)" and the Jan. 19 Leader-Telegram article "[Phippen shines light on flute recordings he found in a tote box.](#)"

**Dr. aBa Mbirika**, associate professor of mathematics was interviewed on the Jan. 8 episode of the "[My Favorite Theorem](#)" podcast.

**Dr. Justin Patchin**, professor of criminal justice, has been interviewed and quoted extensively about his cyberbullying research team's newest article, "[It's Time to Teach Safe Sexting,](#)"

published this month in the Journal of Adolescent Health. Following are links to a sampling of the media coverage: "[Cyberbullying experts propose new strategies to address teen sexting](#)," Leader-Telegram, Jan. 22; "[Safe-sexting advice could help keep teens safe online](#)," Reuters UK and 20 other sources, Jan. 15; "[It's 2020: Time to Teach Teens 'Safe' Sexting](#)," Newswise Jan. 15; "[How to teach your teenagers to SEXT safely](#)," DailyMail.com and two other sources, Jan. 15; "[Indian-origin researcher tells teens how to do 'safe' sexting](#)," India New England News and two other sources, Jan. 15; "[Scientists give 10 tips to help teenagers to SEXT safely](#)," LongRoom News, Jan. 15; "[It's 2020: Time To Teach Teens 'Safe' Sexting](#)," Scienmag.com and 22 other sources, Jan. 15; [How to Sext Safely, According to Cyberbullying Experts](#), Vice-India, Jan. 24; [Instead of Abstinence, Teach Your Child about Safe "Sexting" To Get Results](#), The Community Voice-Kansas, Jan. 23; [Is It Time to Teach Teens 'Safe' Sexting?](#), PsychCentral, Jan. 20; and [Researchers say it's time to teach safe sexting](#), WEAU 13 News, Jan. 20.

**Dr. Justin Patchin**, professor of criminal justice, was quoted in the article "[Why more young Americans are cyber-bullying themselves](#)," which was published in the Jan. 11 issue of The Economist.

**Chancellor James Schmidt** was quoted in the Jan. 19 Up North News article "[Doing Better Begins With Looking Inside](#)" and the Jan. 20 Leader-Telegram article "[Hundreds gather to remember Martin Luther King.](#)"

**Jake Wrasse**, government and community relations specialist in the Chancellor's Office, was quoted in the Jan. 3 Chippewa Valley Family article "[Wintermission Eau Claire Wants to Adjust Our Attitudes About the Season.](#)"

**Kim Wudi**, Blugold women's volleyball head coach; **Youssra Bentaalla**, UW-Eau Claire student; **Jan Larson**, professor and chair of communication and journalism; and **Dr. Warren Anderson**, vice chancellor for EDI and Student Affairs, were quoted in the Dec. 25 Leader-Telegram article "[UW-EC task force to focus on immediate action in three areas.](#)"

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

- [Blugold follows her own path on way to earning nursing degree](#)
- [Blugolds discover new opportunities with geospatial analysis and technology degree](#)
- [UW MBA Consortium program among top online programs in the nation](#)
- ['Ask a Scientist' series resumes Feb. 13 with new focus](#)

- [Cyberbullying experts propose new strategies to address teen sexting](#)
- [Successful, sustainable farming to be focus of 'Thursdays at the U'](#)
- [The Jig's Up Ice Fishing Contest set for Feb. 8](#)
- [Special Forum presentation Feb. 27: Ibram X. Kendi](#)
- [Cabaret 2020: 'Game Over,' a gamer's fantasy tale](#)

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

### CETL spring professional development

Check out [CETL's homepage](#) for opportunities open to all faculty and staff that focus on teaching, learning and inclusion. [Faculty Fridays Open Write](#): Fridays from 9-11 a.m., Feb.-May 15. Need to start or finish an article? Looking for a quiet space to write on a weekly basis? This program offers uninterrupted work time and a space to receive support from the Center for Writing Excellence director and assistant director, Dr. Jonathan Rylander and Andrew Suralski, respectively. [Small Teaching Reading Group Series](#): Fridays from 1-2 p.m., Feb. 14, Feb. 28, March 13, April 10 and April 24. Join facilitators Dr. Mary Beth Leibham and Dr. Tom Sather to learn how to employ cognitive theory in the classroom every day. In “Small Teaching,” James Lang presents a strategy for improving student learning with a series of modest but powerful changes that make a big difference — many of which can be put into practice in a single class period. [Request a midterm student evaluation](#): Faculty and instructional academic staff are invited to set up a midterm student evaluation from March 9-20. Upon request, a CETL representative will visit your class to collect confidential feedback from students. The process can take place during the first or last 20 minutes of class. CETL summarizes the data, schedules a meeting with the professor and offers options if change is desired.

### EDI spring 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. [Microaggressions](#): Feb. 13, 9-11 a.m.; [Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Classroom](#): Feb. 18, 10 a.m.-noon; [Microaggressions 2.0: Responding to Microaggressions](#): March 4, 1-3 p.m.; [Operationalizing EDI in Supervision](#): March 11, 9-11 a.m.; [Effects of Socioeconomic Background](#)

[on Students' University Experience](#): April 6, 1-2:30 p.m.; [Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Classroom](#): April 7, 1-3 p.m.; [Eliminating Non-Inclusive Language toward Native Americans](#): April 9, 1-2 p.m.; and [UWEC Black Student Success: Diverse Perspectives and Practical Approaches](#): April 13, 2-3 p.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](mailto:jankese@uwec.edu) or 715-836-3365, or Karen Callaway in Human Resources at [callawkl@uwec.edu](mailto:callawkl@uwec.edu) or 715-836-4202.

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## **Meeting notices**

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