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Important announcements

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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](#).

Applications due today: CETL Summer Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Program

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 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 **today, Feb. 4**, for submission to department chairs/directors. [Learn more about the SoTL program](#).

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.](#)

Public surplus sale this week

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

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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Awards and achievements

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. Ann Aschenbrenner**, nursing, "Incorporating the Impact of Aging Into the Clinical Setting"; **Rachel Iaquina**, Housing and Residence Life, "Supporting RAs in Facilitating EDI Heritage Month Programming"; **Linda Pratt**, Housing and Residence Life, "Supporting RAs in Facilitating EDI Heritage Month Programming"; **Dr. Charlotte Sortedahl**, nursing, "Reflection Paper: Integrating Social Justice into a Healthcare Issue"; and **Cindy Yang**, Counseling Services, "Counseling Services Drop-In Session." [Learn more about the EDI professional development program.](#)

Dr. Heather Ann Moody, assistant professor of American Indian studies, had her article, titled "[Wisconsin Act 31 Compliance: Reflecting on Two Decades of American Indian Content in the Classroom](#)," published in the Reports from the Field section of a special issue of the *Journal of American Indian Education*, University of Minnesota Press, 2019, Vol. 58, No. 3.

Dr. Tarique Niazi, professor of sociology, had his [book review](#) of David Thorpe's "'One Planet' Cities: Sustaining Humanity Within Planetary Limits" published in the Jan. 27 issue of the journal *Global Policy*.

Congratulations to the following faculty members and their student collaborators who have received awards from the [Vicki Lord Larson and James Larson Tenure-Track Time Reassignment Collaborative Research Program](#): **Dr. Tom Sather**, assistant professor of communication sciences and disorders, and student collaborator **Hannah Kay Yingst**; **Dr. Shanise Walker**, assistant professor of mathematics, and student collaborators **Jonah Amundsen** and **Heather Baranek**; **Dr. Bradley Carter**, assistant professor of biology, and student collaborator **Brianna Hameister**; **Dr. Nora Mitchell**, assistant professor of biology, and a not-yet-identified student collaborator; and **Dr. Dalete Mota**, associate professor of nursing, and student collaborator **Jordan Crary**. [Learn more about the collaborative research program](#).

Patti See, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's gender and sexuality studies, had her column "[February: The Cruellest Month](#)" published in the Jan. 31 Leader-Telegram.

Jodi Thesing-Ritter, executive director for diversity and inclusion, and UW-Eau Claire alumni and former Civil Rights Pilgrimage student coordinators **Janna Caspersen**, **Nicholas Walkowiak**, **Jacie Jones** and **Cecelia Lewis** recently had a chapter titled "The Ten-year Anniversary of the Civil Rights Pilgrimage: An Experiential Exploration into History, Diversity, Equality and Equity" published in the book "[Dark Tourism and Pilgrimage](#)." The chapter features research conducted over 10 years of building and improving the UW-Eau Claire Civil Rights Pilgrimage.

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In memoriam

Condolences to the family and friends of Diane Willer. Willer, an information specialist in Human Resources at UW-Eau Claire, passed away Jan. 27 in Eau Claire. [View full obituary](#).

New employees, position updates and retirements

Matt Haller has joined Facilities as an inventory control coordinator responsible for managing the Surplus Store, including the online auction. He supervises a staff of students handling moves, technology for sales, and coordination of sales and online auctions.

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 news!

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In the news

Blugold women's basketball head coach **Tonja Englund**, athletic director **Dan Schumacher**, men's basketball coach **Matt Siverling** and **Chancellor James Schmidt** were quoted in the Feb. 1 Leader-Telegram article "[What impact can the Sonnentag have on UW-Eau Claire basketball?](#)"

Dr. Joel Friederich, associate professor of English at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County, and UW-Eau Claire student **Gary Garvin** were guests on Wisconsin Public Radio's "Central Time" Jan. 29 to [discuss their recent documentary](#) on the experience of Somali immigrants in Barron County.

Dr. Chia-Yu Hsu, associate professor of music, had her composition, titled "Twelve Signs," featured in the Jan. 25 Interlude article "[Chinese New Year and Chiayu's 'Rat.'](#)"

Dr. Jianjun Ji, professor of sociology, and **Dr. Wufeng Tian**, assistant professor of mathematics, UW-Eau Claire – Barron County, were quoted in the Jan. 29 Leader-Telegram article "[Local professors say some friends, family quarantined in China virus outbreak.](#)"

Dr. Eric Kasper, associate professor of political science and director of the Center for Constitutional Studies, was interviewed about the ongoing impeachment trial on Wisconsin Public Radio's "[Central Time](#)" Jan. 27, in the Jan. 26 Associated Press article "[In divided America, some voters tuning out impeachment trial](#)" and in the Jan. 27 Detroit News article "[Detroit TV stations split on how to handle Trump trial.](#)"

Dr. Heather Ann Moody, assistant professor of American Indian studies, was interviewed for and quoted in the Jan. 30 Appleton Post-Crescent article "[Wisconsin law says kids must be taught Native American issues, but teachers say they don't know how](#)," regarding Act 31 and the requirement of students to understand American Indian issues.

Mike Rindo, assistant chancellor for facilities and university relations, was quoted in the Jan. 24 Leader-Telegram article "[City to take up scooters](#)," the Jan. 24 Leader-Telegram article "[City may give to event center](#)," the Jan. 27 Leader-Telegram article "[Businesses urge city contribution to planned event center](#)" and the Jan. 28 WEAU-TV story "[City of Eau Claire agrees to join Sonnentag project.](#)"

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Campus news and features

- [UW-Eau Claire – Barron County student teams win top prizes in Foxconn-sponsored competition](#)
- [On-campus Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration set for Feb. 5](#)
- [Artists Series welcomes 'Brave New Voices' performer Austin Dean Ashford Feb. 11](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire to celebrate Black History Month throughout February](#)
- [Retiring professor helped build nationally recognized business programs at UW-Eau Claire](#)
- [Viennese Ball ticket sales begin Feb. 3](#)
- [Blugold leads St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin's legal team](#)
- [Larson Tenure-Track Time Reassignment Collaborative Research Program awardees announced](#)
- ['Midwest Queeritivities' to encourage constructive dialogue](#)
- [Environmental and social justice focus of immersion in Guatemala](#)

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Professional development

'Advancing Mental Health Care in Our Communities' symposium

Interested faculty and staff are encouraged to attend "Advancing Mental Health Care in Our Communities," a symposium hosted by Mayo Clinic Health System and UW-Eau Claire. The free event will be held **March 5** at the Mayo Clinic Health System Luther Campus, 1221 Whipple St., Eau Claire, beginning with lunch from **11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** Educational sessions will follow from **12:30-5 p.m.** Dr. Jennifer Muehlenkamp, UW-Eau Claire professor of psychology, and Dr. Lisa Quinn-Lee, UW-Eau Claire associate professor of social work, will be among the presenters. The registration deadline is **Feb. 27**. [Register and learn more about the symposium.](#)

WiSys webinar series offered

The next online session of the WiSys Grant Writing Webinar Series, titled "Searching for Non-Federal Grant Funding," will be **Feb. 6** from 2-2:45 p.m. Led by Jeremy Miner, ORSP director of grants and contracts, and Deborah Lundin, WiSys pre-award manager for Sponsored Programs, webinars are offered in February, March and April. [Register for the Feb. 6 webinar](#) and [learn more about the WiSys series.](#)

Office of Research and Sponsored Programs announcements:

- Applications for University Research and Creative Activity (URCA) are due to deans (or equivalent) by **today, Feb. 4**. This program is specifically designed to encourage faculty and academic staff to engage in research, scholarship and creative activities. [Learn more about URCA](#).
- Biomedical Innovation Grant-Mayo Collaborative Research Program proposals are due to ORSP by **today, Feb. 4**. Funding is expected to enhance professional experience and exposure of UW-Eau Claire faculty and provide meaningful scholarly experiences for students, resulting in scholarly dissemination through professional presentations and/or peer-reviewed publication. [Learn more about the biomedical research program](#).
- Vicki Lord Larson and James Larson Mayo Collaborative Research Program proposals are due to ORSP by **today, Feb. 4**. Funding is expected to enhance professional experience and exposure of UW-Eau Claire faculty and provide meaningful scholarly experiences for students, resulting in scholarly dissemination through professional presentations and/or peer-reviewed publication. [Learn more about the Larson research program](#).
- Applications for Summer Research Experiences for Undergraduates are due to department chairs by **Feb. 12**. This program is intended to facilitate undergraduate research, scholarship and creative activities — including community-based projects. [Learn more about the summer REU program](#).

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. 14-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. **Free online course: Teaching and Learning in the Diverse Classroom (EDI Tier 2)**: Feb. 17- March 23 (register by Feb. 13). Join this five-week, instructor-paced online course from Cornell University to explore strategies for inclusive course design, student-centered pedagogical practices, facilitating learning across differences, and change efforts that support student engagement, achievement and belongingness. Come with a course of your own in mind and design for inclusion. Email CETL@uwec.edu to register. [Writing Across the Curriculum and High-Impact Practices](#): Feb. 28, 11 a.m.-noon. How might our campus engage writing across the curriculum? How are we already doing so in our classes and in collaborations with students? How is writing tied to high-impact practices? Join this discussion to share ideas and learn more about emerging trends in the field of writing across the curriculum. Facilitated by the Center for Writing Excellence. [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. February sessions: [Microaggressions](#): Feb. 13, 9-11 a.m.; [Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Classroom](#): **rescheduled** to Feb. 25, 10 a.m.-noon; [Reading Group: Two-Faced Racism](#): Feb 20 and 27, March 5 and 12, 3:15-4:15 p.m.; [What the Hmong: An Introduction of the American Hmong Experience](#): Feb. 27, 9-10:30 a.m.; [The Story of Affirmative Action](#): Feb. 27, 5-6:15 p.m.; [The Forum: Ibram X. Kendi - How to be an Antiracist](#) (participant must purchase a ticket to attend): Feb. 27, 7:30-9 p.m.

EDI tip: add religious holidays and academic calendar events to Outlook

[Use this tool](#) to automatically add religious holidays and academic calendar events to your Outlook calendar.

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

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Enjoy the latest "[Blugold Spotlight](#)," which features Dr. Ryan Weichelt, a Blugold graduate, associate professor of geography and director of UW-Eau Claire's First Year Experience program.

Assistant Director for Orientation open forums

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend open campus forums with the candidates for the **Assistant Director for Orientation in the Advising, Retention and Career Center** 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. Please [submit your feedback](#) for all candidates by **3 p.m. Feb. 17**.

- **Sarah Snyder**, Feb. 11, 2-3 p.m., Room 1204, Centennial Hall.
- **Jackie Lee**, Feb. 13, 10-11 a.m., Woodland Theater, Davies Center.
- **Taylor Dahlby**, Feb. 13, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Room 1415, Centennial Hall.

Campus parking to be limited during Career Conference

The 2020 Spring Career Conference is **tomorrow, Feb. 12**, bringing employers to campus to recruit talented Blugold students for internships and professional jobs. These guests of the university will arrive between 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. and have been invited to park in the HSS and Haas lots. Please plan accordingly, and thank you for your flexibility and understanding.

Election season reminder: Review UW System campaign activities guidelines, Board of Regents policy

The fall election season is in full swing, and faculty and staff are asked to review the [UW System's "Guidance on Political Campaign Activities"](#) and the UW System Board of Regents "[Commitment to Academic Freedom and Freedom of Expression](#)" policy.

Campuswide emergency notification system test set for Feb. 20

UW-Eau Claire will conduct a campuswide test of Omnilert, the university's emergency

notification system, at approximately **10 a.m. Feb. 20**. [Learn more about the test](#) and how to sign up for Omnilert.

Consider completing Historic Randall Park survey

UW-Eau Claire has been serving as the anchor institution in Eau Claire for the Robert Wood Johnson Invest Health Initiative that aims to improve the social determinants of health through the built environment. Eau Claire was one of 50 cities nationally, and the only one in Wisconsin, to qualify for the grant to participate in the initiative. The health initiative is primarily focused on the Historic Randall Park Neighborhood, where many of our students live in rental housing. As part of the ongoing effort to improve housing and other aspects of the built environment in the neighborhood, the Historic Randall Park Neighborhood Association is conducting a survey. Please consider taking a few minutes to [complete the survey](#), which will help guide future development in Historic Randall Park.

Nominate colleagues for 2020 faculty/staff excellence awards

The university administration and excellence awards committees encourage faculty, staff and students to nominate deserving colleagues for excellence awards to be presented at the fall academic year opening meeting/Blugold Breakfast. The UW-Eau Claire Foundation presents \$1,500 to each of the five award recipients. [Nomination forms are available online](#). The submission deadline is **March 30**.

Call for work: 63rd Juried Student Art Show

Know a student who has a talent for creating visual art? Encourage them to submit their work for consideration for UW-Eau Claire's 63rd Juried Student Art Show! The Foster Gallery is now accepting student submissions for the show, as well as entries for the Poster Competition. All UW-Eau Claire and UW-Eau Claire – Barron County students currently enrolled for the 2019-20 academic year, including December graduates, are eligible to submit, regardless of major. The submission deadline is **Feb. 19**. [Learn more and link to submission instructions](#).

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CERCA set for April 27-May

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Proposed curricular changes in College of Arts and Sciences

- [View proposed curricular changes](#) (Associate of Arts and Sciences degree).
- [View proposed curricular changes](#) (Multiple changes in majors/minors/certificates in the following areas: art, French, German, music, neuroscience, psychology and recording arts).

Reuse, recycle, RECLAIM!

Head to the [Surplus Store](#) **Wednesday, Feb. 12, 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

B.J. Hollars, associate professor of English, had his new essay, "[Risks can make the best memories, and other lessons from traveling the Oregon Trail with my son](#)," published in the Feb. 7 edition of The Washington Post.

Paul Kosower, professor emeritus of music, presented an organ recital of French music on Sept. 29, 2019, in Gantner Concert Hall of the Haas Fine Arts Center and on Oct. 6 at Spooner High School. In addition, he presented a cello concert and master class at the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis on Oct. 24 and in Gantner Concert Hall on Oct. 25. Guest pianist Kuang-Hao Huang from Chicago performed with Kosower.

Dr. David Shih, associate professor of English, [received UW-Eau Claire's 2020 Martin Luther King Social Justice Leadership Award](#) Feb. 5 during the university's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. Shih was recognized for his leadership in promoting equity, diversity and inclusion on campus and in the greater Chippewa Valley.

Two student teams, mentored by **Dr. Wufeng Tian**, assistant professor of mathematics at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County, [recently advanced to the finalist round of competition in the Foxconn Technology Group's Smart Cities – Smart Futures Competition](#), held Dec. 19 at Carroll University in Waukesha. The B.E.S.T. stop sign team earning a grand prize and a \$5,500 award included students Haoyu Xu, Gabrielle Hull, Yexuan Sun and Haiyuan Yu. The E-Home team that earned a top-10 finish among the finalists and a prize of \$3,000 included students Kylie Van Dyke, Sicheng Mo, Yuchi Dong, Linze Li, and Jinghao Zhou. Tian is currently working with the WiSys and two senior engineering design teams from UW-Platteville on developing the [B.E.S.T. stop sign prototype product](#).

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New employees, position updates and retirements

Rachel Brogelman has joined the University Centers team as the office manager/financial specialist senior. Rachel will be the first friendly face you see as you enter the administrative offices on the second floor of Davies Center (behind the University Bookstore). She will be working with budgets, financials and the IRR (textbook rental program).

Sherrie Miles, CAP, PM, will join Learning and Technology Services (LTS) as a process improvement coordinator-project manager. She will be responsible for providing process

mapping and other business process management improvement techniques. This position also will also provide operations support and assistance in SharePoint.

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 news!

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In the news

Dr. Kristina Beuning, greenhouse and animal care manager in the biology department, was quoted in the Feb. 9 Leader-Telegram article "[A midwinter getaway.](#)"

Tim Boehnen, director of risk management and safety, was quoted in the Feb. 1 Leader-Telegram article "[UW-Eau Claire prepares for coronavirus as students return.](#)"

Charles Bolden, UW-Eau Claire's new baseball coach, was featured in the Feb. 5 Leader-Telegram article "[College baseball: UW-Eau Claire introduces Bolden as head coach.](#)" **Dan Schumacher**, director of athletics, and **Chancellor James Schmidt** also were quoted in the article.

Kate Hinnant, associate professor in McIntyre Library, was featured in the Feb. 5 Chippewa Valley Post article "['Disinformation' not new, but may thrive in a 'post-truth' society, UW-EC expert says.](#)"

Dr. Eric Kasper, associate professor of political science and director of the Center for Constitutional Studies, was interviewed for the Feb. 5 WQOW-TV story "[Iowa Caucus chaos could put extra importance on Wisconsin's primary.](#)"

Luke Kempen, director of the Small Business Development Center at UW-Eau Claire, was quoted in the Feb. 6 WEAU-TV story "[Wisconsin Restaurant Initiative seeks to help rural restaurants thrive.](#)"

Chancellor James Schmidt; **Dr. Warren Anderson**, vice chancellor for equity, diversity and inclusion and student affairs; and EDI Rapid Action Task Force members **Jan Larson** and **Kim Wudi** were featured in the Feb. 5 WEAU-TV story "[Task force recommendations after UWEC racial incidents.](#)" **Schmidt** and **Larson** also were quoted in the Feb. 5 Wisconsin Public Radio story "[UW-Eau Claire Diversity Task Force Makes Recommendations Following Racist Incidents](#)"; and **Larson**, **Anderson** and **Schmidt** were quoted in the Feb. 5 Leader-Telegram article "['Restorative justice' considered for UW-EC students involved in racist messages.](#)"

Dan Schumacher, director of athletics, was interviewed for the Feb. 8 WEAU-TV story "[Lake Wissota holds fishing fundraiser for UW-Eau Claire.](#)"

Dr. Alex Smith, professor and chair of the math department, and UW-Eau Claire student **Christine Zielinski** were interviewed for the Feb. 4 WEAU-TV story "[UW System making sure math adds up for everyone.](#)"

Michael Thomas, student services coordinator in the Office of Multicultural Affairs, was interviewed for the Feb. 5 WEAU-TV story "[UW-Eau Claire hosts MLK event as part of Black History Month.](#)"

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Campus news and features

- ['Ask a Scientist' kicks off spring series with infectious disease expert](#)
- [Dr. David Shih receives 2020 MLK Social Justice Leadership Award](#)
- ['One Read Eau Claire' monthly book discussion series kicks off Feb. 8](#)
- ['Thursdays at the U' welcomes science fiction and fantasy author Kelly McCullough](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire remains among top U.S. producers of Fulbright students](#)

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Important announcements

New director of University Honors Program

Dr. Heather Fielding, an experienced higher education honors administrator, has been named director of the University Honors Program at UW-Eau Claire. [Learn more](#).

Campuswide emergency notification system test set for Feb. 20

UW-Eau Claire will conduct a campuswide test of Omnilert, the university's emergency notification system, at approximately **10 a.m. Feb. 20**. [Learn more about the test](#) and how to sign up for Omnilert.

EDI Rapid Action Task Force forum recordings available online

Recordings of the Feb. 10 campus forums led by the EDI Rapid Action Task Force are now available for viewing. View the [noon session](#) geared toward students and the [3 p.m. session](#) geared toward faculty and staff. The work of the EDI Rapid Action Task Force, paired with ongoing and new initiatives in the EDISA division will serve as the foundation of EDI efforts in the immediate future. Thanks to all who were able to attend and provide their input at the campus forums.

New Latinx Cultural Center to host open house Feb. 19

A new student cultural space on campus, the Latinx Cultural Center, will [host an open house](#) from **noon-2 p.m. Feb. 19** in the space formerly known as the Hibbard Penthouse. Faculty, staff and students are invited to visit the center and learn about how this new resource can be enjoyed by the campus community.

International Poetry Reading participants sought

Readers are sought for the 14th annual International Poetry Reading at UW-Eau Claire, to be held from **7-9 p.m. April 21** in the Dakota Ballroom (Room 340) of Davies Center. [Learn more about the International Poetry Reading](#) and how to participate.

Check out the February wellness newsletter

The [February wellness newsletter](#) highlights Dr. Dalete Mota, associate professor of nursing; tips on heart health from Mayo Clinic Health System; the spring Employee Wellness Challenge; and a number of wellness events in the community.

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Faculty, staff and guests are invited to enjoy lunch on Fridays at the Riverview Cafe on upper campus. [Every Friday Blugold Dining offers a special price of \\$5](#) to show their appreciation for faculty and staff. This promotion will be available throughout the academic year.

Consider completing Historic Randall Park survey

UW-Eau Claire has been serving as the anchor institution in Eau Claire for the Robert Wood Johnson Invest Health Initiative that aims to improve the social determinants of health through the built environment. Eau Claire was one of 50 cities nationally, and the only one in Wisconsin, to qualify for the grant to participate in the initiative. The health initiative is primarily focused on the Historic Randall Park Neighborhood, where many of our students live in rental housing. As part of the ongoing effort to improve housing and other aspects of the built environment in the neighborhood, the Historic Randall Park Neighborhood Association is conducting a survey. Please consider taking a few minutes to [complete the survey](#), which will help guide future development in Historic Randall Park.

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Call for work: 63rd Juried Student Art Show

Know a student who has a talent for creating visual art? Encourage them to submit their work for consideration for UW-Eau Claire's 63rd Juried Student Art Show! The Foster Gallery is now accepting student submissions for the show, as well as entries for the Poster Competition. All UW-Eau Claire and UW-Eau Claire – Barron County students currently enrolled for the 2019-20 academic year, including December graduates, are eligible to submit, regardless of major. The submission deadline is **Feb. 19**. [Learn more and link to submission instructions](#).

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Students encouraged to apply for Foundation scholarships

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Institutional Review Board protocol update

Faculty and staff who are planning to submit a new, renewed or updated Institutional Review Board (IRB) protocol this spring are required to complete the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) training. [Sign up and learn more about CITI](#).

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 Precollege and Youth Programs](#) website and contact camps and conferences manager Kyran Hamill at hamillkj@uwec.edu to learn more.

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Public surplus sale this week

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Dr. Erica Benson, professor and chair of the English department, had her review, titled "Language perceptions and the city. Review of 'Cityscapes and Perceptual Dialectology: Global Perspectives on Non-Linguists' Knowledge of the Dialect Landscape,'" edited by Jennifer Cramer and Chris Montgomery (De Gruyter Mouton), published in the February 2020 issue (Vol. 95, No. 1) of the journal *American Speech*.

Dr. Frank Fucile, visiting assistant professor in writing, department of English, had his article "[Watching 'Taxi Driver' with John Hinckley](#)" published in the Feb. 13, 2020, issue of the *Bright Lights Film Journal*.

Dr. Dorothy Ka-Ying Chan, assistant professor of English, has had [three new poems](#) published in *Pidgeonholes* literary journal. Chan also had a [book review](#) of Monica Sok's collection, "A Nail the Evening Hangs On," published in Split Lip Magazine.

Dr. Wendy Makoons Geniusz, associate professor of languages, was recently interviewed by The Herbal Highway-KPFA, out of California. She spoke about the book "Plants Have So Much To Give Us, All We Have To Do Is Ask," which she edited and for which she created an Ojibwe Plant Name Glossary. Much of the information she shares in this interview is also information she teaches about in UW-Eau Claire Ojibwe language classes and Ojibwe culture and history classes. [Listen to a recording of the interview and access the podcast version.](#)

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Dr. Eric Kasper, associate professor of political science and director of the Center for Constitutional Studies, was quoted in the Feb. 13 News Vire article "[The weird and wild celebrity coalition backing Bernie Sanders](#)" and the article "[Cardi B, Mark Ruffalo and Ariana Grande among the celebrity coalition backing Bernie Sanders](#)," which appeared in the Feb. 14 issue of The Independent.

UW-Eau Claire student **Kayde Langer** and **Dr. Warren Anderson**, vice chancellor for equity, diversity and inclusion and student affairs, were quoted in the Feb. 10 Leader-Telegram article "[UW-EC students, staff members suggest ways to improve campus climate.](#)"

Aubrienne Neubert, UW-Eau Claire's first head coach of the newly formed women's lacrosse team, was featured in the Feb. 13 Leader-Telegram article "[Women's college lacrosse: UW-Eau Claire introduces Neubert as head coach.](#)"

Dr. Justin Patchin, professor of criminal justice, was quoted in the Feb. 12 WAOW-TV story "[Wisconsin is the 3rd worst state for catfishing](#)" and was interviewed for the Feb. 14 WMTV story "[Sexting: What does Wisconsin state law say about it?](#)"

Dr. Kong Pheng Pha, assistant professor of critical Hmong studies in the women's, gender and sexuality studies department, was interviewed for the Feb. 11 WQOW-TV story "[UW-Eau Claire professor speaks on Trump administration proposal to deport thousands of Hmong residents to Laos](#)" and was quoted in the Feb. 12 Leader-Telegram article "[Trump administration deportation plan sparks fear in Hmong community.](#)"

Nobuyoshi Yasuda, professor of music, was featured in the Feb. 10 SFGATE article "[Six Renowned Conductors to Lead the 2020 NAfME All-National Honor Ensembles](#)" and 93 other media outlets.

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Call for Volunteers: 2020 Senior Americans Day

Continuing Education staff are seeking volunteers for the 32nd annual Senior Americans Day, set for **June 2** in Davies Center. This is a great opportunity for individuals to donate their time to the Chippewa Valley community. Volunteers are needed from 6:45 a.m.-4 p.m., but it is not necessary to volunteer all day. Convenient shift options are available. [Learn more about Senior Americans Day](#) and [sign up to volunteer](#) by **March 10.**

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New York Times online access now available to faculty, staff, students

McIntyre Library and UW-Eau Claire – Barron County Library now provide access to NYTimes.com to all UW-Eau Claire and UW-Eau Claire – Barron County faculty, staff and students through an academic group pass. Individual registration is required. Questions? Email library@uwec.edu. [Learn more and register for New York Times online access.](#)

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Awards and achievements

Dr. Michael Axelrod, director of the Human Development Center and professor of psychology, had his paper "Using brief experimental analysis to increase food consumption for an adult with an eating disorder: A case study" published in the *Advances in Social Sciences Research Journal*. He also had the chapter "Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder and Adolescence" published in the multi-volume Encyclopedia of Child and Adolescent Development.

Mari Bodensteiner, lecturer in the department of languages, has been elected to serve a two-year term on the [Wisconsin Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages \(WITESOL\) board](#).

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: **Tori Follett**, Foundation and University

Advancement, “Hiring and Supporting First-Generation/Low-Income Students as Employees”; **Staci Heidtke**, Advising Retention and Career Center, “Hiring and Supporting First-Generation/Low-Income Students as Employees”; **Steph Regenauer**, Foundation and University Advancement, “Gold for Blugolds Accessibility”; and **Ashley Walton-Beal**, Counseling Services, “Confronting Problematic Behaviors Training.” [Learn more about the EDI professional development program.](#)

Dr. Crispin Pierce, professor of environmental public health, and UW-Eau Claire student co-authors **Ethan Fuhrman**, **Pang Xiong-Yang**, **Jacob Kentnich**, **Peter Husnik**, **Jonathan Dahlen**, **Ruijian Liang** and **John Awad** had their article, titled "[Monitoring of airborne particulates near industrial silica sand mining and processing facilities](#)," published in the *Archives of Environmental & Occupational Health*, 74:4, 185-196, DOI: 10.1080/19338244.2018.1436036. Pierce's team also received a \$25,000 grant from the 11th Hour Foundation for further faculty-student investigation. Three ENPH students are being supported to give public research presentations, install 30 air monitors, and interpret and present health risk assessments to stakeholders.

Patti See, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's gender and sexuality studies, had her column "[Goodbye 617](#)" published in the Feb 21 Leader-Telegram.

Dr. David Shih, associate professor of English, gave a presentation titled "[Critical Race Theory, Whiteness as Property, and Institutional Collective Commitment](#)" at the 2020 Adler University Annual Retreat.

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In memoriam

Condolences to the family and friends of Darryl Balts. Balts, custodian lead in UW-Eau Claire's facilities department, passed away Feb. 14 in Eau Claire. [View full obituary.](#)

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Tonja Englund, Blugold women's basketball head coach, and team member Anna Graaskamp were among the guests on Wisconsin Public Radio's "[The West Side](#)" Feb. 24 to discuss the evolution of women's and girls' sports in western Wisconsin. Learn more and listen to the show.

Dr. Matt Evans, professor of physics and astronomy, was quoted in the Feb. 23 District Administration article "[Helping students improve performance in class](#)."

Lt. Chris Kirchman of the UW-Eau Claire Police was interviewed for the Feb. 17 WEAU-TV story "[Educating the community about sexual assault](#)."

Garrett Larson, competitive sports coordinator in Recreation and Sport Operations, and several UW-Eau Claire students were interviewed for the Feb. 22 WEAU-TV story "[Esports: More than simply playing video games](#)."

Chancellor James Schmidt was quoted in the Feb. 18 Leader-Telegram article "[Jamf pitches in with UW-EC, Mayo Clinic partnership](#)."

Diana Zarate, associate student services coordinator in the Office of Multicultural Affairs, was interviewed for the Feb. 19 WEAU-TV story "[UW-Eau Claire opens Latinx Cultural Center as new student resource](#)."

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Work station evaluations offered

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Training available to students, faculty, staff

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