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Kent Gerberich named to interim LTS leadership roles

Kent Gerberich will serve as UW-Eau Claire's interim director of Learning and Technology Services and as interim chief information officer until May 31, 2021. He assumes these new roles following the May 29 retirement of former LTS director Craig Mey. [Learn more](#).

University parking lots affected by Water Street construction project

A city construction project in the 100 block of Water Street has closed the Second Avenue entrance to UW-Eau Claire's Water Street parking lot and closed all access to the university's Haas Fine Arts parking lot. The project began **June 1** and has an anticipated completion date of **Aug. 21**. [Learn more about the city project](#).

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2020-21 FY travel policy now in effect

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, travel is a health and safety concern as well as a fiscal concern for UW-Eau Claire and UW-Eau Claire – Barron County faculty, staff and students. See the [2020-](#)

[21 fiscal year travel policy](#) now in effect. For approval of faculty, staff and/or student travel or attendance at a virtual event, please submit a request through the [Shared Financial System \(SFS\) Travel Authorization module](#). The vice chancellor of the appropriate division will evaluate each travel request. Contact Travel Manager Shawn Seuferer at seufersr@uwec.edu with questions.

Parking announcements

- Campus parking permits are not required in R, RS, S, B, A or F-permit areas or moped/motorcycle parking stalls through Aug. 28, 2020. All other parking regulations will be enforced.
- Faculty and staff will be contacted by email **by Aug. 1** with details about 2020-21 parking options.

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Goodbye to D2L: Deactivation set for June 30

Educators: This is your last chance to export D2L content as the program will be **deactivated on June 30**. Refer to the Convert D2L Courses page in the Course Management section of the [Canvas for Educators](#) course. Questions? Contact Tiffany Lewis in LTS at lewistg@uwec.edu.

McIntyre Library extends due dates on materials until Sept. 15

McIntyre Library has extended the due dates of all items checked out this academic year until **Sept. 15, 2020**. [Learn more](#) about the extended due dates and how to return materials.

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Awards and achievements

Mari Bodensteiner, lecturer in the department of languages, hosted a webinar May 26 on cultivating human connections and community through meaningful dialogue for English language educators in the U.S. The webinar was the second of a three-part series sponsored by the Center for Intercultural Education and Development at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Joel Friederich, associate professor of English at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County, was a featured poet in a virtual reading May 15 by Natural Bridge, the literary journal at the University of Missouri–St. Louis. The [recorded reading](#) is available online. Friederich's poem "The Measure of Abundance in 2081" is being published in this spring's edition of Natural Bridge.

B.J. Hollars, associate professor of English, had his column "[Learn, don't change, who you are](#)" published in the May 30 Leader-Telegram. Hollars also has had the following stories published in the Leader-Telegram over the past few months: "[Take a ride on the slide](#)," May 29; "[Bouncing Through Quarantine](#)," May 8; and "[A Good Dog Knows When To Go](#)," April 17. Hollars received third place in the 2019 Wisconsin Newspaper Association Better Newspaper Contest (Division B) for his columns published as part of the Leader-Telegram's "Sawdust Stories" series.

Dr. Hyoseok (David) Hwang, assistant professor of accounting and finance, had the following article published with co-authors Hyun-Dong Kim and Taeyeon Kim: "[The Blind Power: Power-led CEO Overconfidence and M&A Decision Making](#)," *North American Journal of Economics and Finance*, Vol. 52, April 2020, 101141.

Dr. David Schaffer, associate professor of economics, and Joseph Westenberg had their paper, titled "Time Flexibility, Women's Wages, and the Gender Wage Gap," published in the *Atlantic Economic Journal*, Vol. 47, 217-239, June 2019.

Patti See, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's gender and sexuality studies, had her column "[Let's promote the facts, not fear](#)" published in the May 30 Leader-Telegram.

Several faculty members and students from the UW-Eau Claire **geology department** presented at the virtual Northcentral Geological Society of America meeting May 18-19. Following are the presentation details: **Dr. Kent Syverson**, professor of geology, and **Dr. J. Brian Mahoney**, professor of geology: "[Using the Responsible Mining Initiative at UW-Eau Claire to Prepare More Graduates for Jobs In Mining, Environmental Consulting, and Regulatory Agencies](#)"; **Dr. Robert Lodge**, assistant professor of geology, UW-Eau Claire student **Natalie Brock** and colleagues from other institutions: "[Trace Element Systematics and Chemostratigraphy of Mafic-Dominated Assemblages: Examples from the Archean Superior Province](#)"; **Dr. Robert Lodge**, UW-Eau Claire student **Salvatore Kass** and graduate **Nathaniel McFarland**: "[Origin of Precambrian Garnetiferous Gneisses from the South Boulder River Valley, Tobacco Root Mountains, Montana](#)"; **Dr. Phillip Ihinger**, professor of geology, and UW-Eau Claire graduate **Elliott Draxler**: "[Origin and Evolution of the Sulfide-Rich, Mafic Igneous Intrusion at Eagle Mine, Upper Peninsula, MI](#)"; and **Dr. Scott Clark**, associate professor of geology, and UW-Eau Claire students **Zhi Yee Teh**, **Katrina Kawak**, **Gwen Kieffer**, **Josiah Zheng Hong Lee**, **Jasmine Manislovich**, **Lillian Jean Strehlow** and **Keith Theodore**: "[Temporal Analysis of Waste-Sorting Behaviors of University Students: Measuring the Impact of Intervention Efforts](#)."

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UW System president finalist forum set for today

The UW-Eau Claire campus community is invited to an online forum **today, June 9, at 10:15 a.m.** to meet **Dr. Jim Johnsen**, the finalist for the UW System president position. [Register for the forum](#).

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Visit Blugold View magazine online

In case you missed it during the busy end to the semester, we encourage you to check out the 2020 edition of the [Blugold View online magazine](#). Though born of necessity in these COVID-19 times, this online edition is an excellent way for alumni and friends to stay connected to campus through a collection of student, faculty and staff success stories and important campus updates.

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Ami Christensen, Intensive English Program coordinator and lecturer in languages, conducted a U.S. Department of State American English live teacher development session titled "[Making Reading Fun: Engaging Pre-Reading Activities for ELLs](#)" twice on May 20. The combined reach of both sessions across various platforms was over 540,000. Posted videos of the sessions on Facebook have been viewed over 100,000 times with 48,309 engagements, 9,229 reactions, 10,769 comments and 534 shares. Countries with top viewership were the Philippines, Nepal, Peru and Mexico.

Dr. Jarrod Hyam, associate lecturer in philosophy and religious studies, will have the following works published in the near future: A textbook titled "World Religions: A Critical Focus," published by Kendall Hunt Publications in September 2020; and a chapter titled "Encoded Language As Mystical Revelation Among the Bāuls of West Bengal," published in the forthcoming anthology, "Quietism and Mysticism," by Routledge Publications, 2020. In addition, Hyam has given the following conference presentations: "Mystical Illness Among Nepali and American Traditional Healers" at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, "Religions, Medicines and Healing Unit," November 2019; "Ethnographic Reflections on Embodiment and Lived Tantric Communities" at the International Convention of Asia Scholars, "The Ethnography of Tantra: Detextualising and Decolonising Tantric Traditions," July 2019, Leiden, the Netherlands; and "Embodied Approaches to Transformational Healing" at Presidency University, department of sociology, Kolkata, India.

Patti See, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's gender and sexuality studies, had her story "[Allure of the shake-a-day](#)" published in the June 5 Leader-Telegram.

Dr. Ryan Weichert, associate professor of geography and anthropology, and **Dr. Ezra Zeitler**, associate professor of geography and anthropology/American Indian studies, had their article, titled "[The Hazard Of COVID-19 Heading Up North for Summer](#)," published in the May 22 issue of WisContext. The article focused on COVID-19 and second-home ownership in Wisconsin's Northwoods. See related "In the news" item below.

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Jill Markgraf, McIntyre Library director, was interviewed for the June 4 WQOW-TV story "['More people utilizing library to learn about anti-racism.'](#)"

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Chancellor James Schmidt was quoted in the June 6 Leader-Telegram article "[Eau Claire's presence shrinks on Board of Regents](#)." Schmidt also was quoted in a number of June 5 news stories relating to opening campus for the fall semester: [WBAY](#), [WQOW](#), [Leader-Telegram](#), [KARE 11](#), [Chippewa Herald](#), [WSAW](#) and [KSTP](#).

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New travel services training offered

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Summer 2020 EDI professional development

Faculty and staff are invited to participate in at least one of the virtual professional development opportunities this summer to increase understanding of equity, diversity, and inclusion and help UW-Eau Claire do better as a campus.

- [Reading and Video Clip Dialogue Group: Whiteness, Allyship, and Taking Action](#): July 7, 14, 21, and 28, noon-1 p.m.
- [Microaggressions](#): Aug. 17, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- [Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Classroom](#): Aug. 18, 9-11 a.m.
- [Microaggressions Part 2: Responding to Microaggressions](#): Aug. 19, 1-2:30 p.m.
- EDI Independent Film Viewing Series (available through Aug. 14):
 - [American Heart](#)
 - [Ovarian Psycos](#)
 - [13th](#)
- [1619 Podcast Series](#)
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Chancellor shares fall reopening plans during latest briefing

During his June 11 briefing, Chancellor Schmidt provided [detailed information](#) about the university's plans for the fall 2020 semester. This included announcing a mandatory face-mask requirement and the use of an application where students, faculty and staff must record their temperature and symptoms on a daily basis.

Longtime UW-Eau Claire leader to retire in July after 20 years of service

Mike Rindo, assistant chancellor for facilities and university relations at UW-Eau Claire, will retire in July after serving the university for nearly 20 years. [Learn more about Rindo](#) and his contributions to the university and community.

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UW System ATP virtual status update set for June 17

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University Honors Program seeks course proposals

The University Honors Program seeks proposals for Honors colloquia courses for spring 2021. Faculty and instructional academic staff are invited to propose a course they would love to teach, will excite and challenge a group of highly motivated and high-achieving students, and help them to grow intellectually, personally and professionally. Honors colloquia are most often interdisciplinary; limited to 25 students or fewer; and, specifically designed for the University Honors Program. If you are interested in teaching in Honors during spring 2021, the deadline for priority consideration is **July 15**. Submit an e-form proposal for a [new Honors colloquium](#) or an [existing colloquium](#). Questions? [Learn more about this Honors opportunity](#) or email honors@uwec.edu.

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Printing Services announces year-end billing guidelines

Printing Services will close its fiscal year on **June 23** to make sure printing orders are in the chargeback for 2020. If you need printing charges billed for fiscal year 2020, please place orders soon and select a due date no later than **3 p.m. June 23**. Questions? Contact Printing Services at 715-836-5621 or printingservices@uwec.edu.

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Dr. Jeanette Olsen, assistant professor of nursing; **Dr. Ann Aschenbrenner**, assistant professor of nursing; **Dr. Rachel Merkel**, associate professor of nursing; **Dr. Shelley-Rae Pehler**, professor of nursing; **Linda Sargent**, clinical assistant professor of nursing; and **Dr. Rita Sperstad**, professor emerita of nursing, recently had their article, titled "[A Mixed-Methods Systematic Review of Interventions to Address Incivility in Nursing](#)," published in the *Journal of Nursing Education*, 2020; 59(6):319-326. They conducted a systematic review of incivility intervention studies with nurses or nursing students in academic or health care settings to identify effective educational and administrative strategies to address incivility within the profession.

Dr. Dale Taylor, professor emeritus of music and theatre arts, presented "[Information, Knowledge, Wisdom and the Brain](#)" June 6 during an online forum series sponsored by the Mobilized news network.

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In memoriam

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New employees, position updates and retirements

Dr. Sue Fondrie has joined the UW-Eau Claire faculty as professor and chair of the education studies department. She previously was a faculty member in the department of teaching and learning at UW Oshkosh. Welcome, Dr. Fondrie!

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Dennis Beale, a major gifts officer in the UW-Eau Claire Foundation, was featured in the June 10 Volume One article "[Power of Perception: Virtual Mentoring Geared Toward Black, Biracial Students](#)."

Dr. Matt Evans, professor of physics and astronomy, Was featured in the June 13 Duluth News Tribune article "[Running: Grandma's Marathon enters virtual world.](#)"

UW-Eau Claire's **fall reopening plans** were noted in the following news reports: [UW-EC to require face masks, daily temperature checks in fall](#), Leader-Telegram, June 11; [UWEC prepares to welcome students back for in-person semester](#), WEAU, June 11; and "[UW System Releases Guidelines For Reopening Campuses During Pandemic](#)," Wisconsin Public Radio, June 14.

Mike Rindo, assistant chancellor for facilities and university relations, was featured in the June 12 Leader-Telegram article "[Longtime UW-Eau Claire leader to retire.](#)"

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June 25 Chancellor Briefing to be in Q&A format

Since his last briefing, Chancellor Schmidt has received numerous questions and comments about our safe return to face-to-face instruction this fall. In response, the **June 25 Chancellor Briefing, which will begin at 5 p.m., will be in a Q&A format**, with others involved in fall planning joining the chancellor to answer questions. **Please submit your questions to chancellor@uwec.edu by noon June 24**. Follow this [livestream link](#) to join the session.

Alumna returns to UW-Eau Claire as interim director of university relations

Paula Gilbeck, an award-winning public relations professional with extensive experience in strategic communications and media relations, will join the UW-Eau Claire executive leadership team on June 29, reporting to Chancellor Schmidt. [Learn more about Gilbeck](#).

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McIntyre Library joins CUWL Statement of Solidarity

McIntyre Library joins other UW libraries in issuing a [Council of University of Wisconsin Libraries Statement of Solidarity](#) with Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) communities who are subject to discrimination, systemic oppression and social injustice.

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Join 'Eau These Blugold Nights!'

Tune in to the [UW-Eau Claire Alumni Facebook page](#) on **Wednesdays at 6 p.m.** for the Facebook Live series "Eau These Blugold Nights!" The series, hosted by the UW-Eau Claire Alumni Association, brings Blugolds to you via Facebook Live to share an art, craft, knowledge or talent. On **June 25** the series welcomes Blugold alumni **Adam Condit '05** and **Alicia Condit '06**, owners of Blue Ox Running, and **Emily Wermund '13**, co-leader of the Alive by 715 grassroots fitness movement, for a dive into the work they've done to build a group fitness and running community in the Chippewa Valley.

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Printing Services Announcements

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Addition, Haas Fine Arts (isolated areas) and Phillips Hall. For more information, contact Troy Terhark, Facilities director, at terharta@uwec.edu or 715-836-4218.

LTS Continuous Improvement Services update

- **Help Desk to manage e-form, BPLogix, SharePoint requests:** To manage an increase in demand for new and revised e-forms, LTS asks that all requests relating to e-forms, BPLogix and SharePoint be submitted through the [Help Desk](#).
- **Software update:** As a result of a software update, all e-forms created before summer 2018 must be converted to the new system. The conversion timeline target is February 2021. This conversion will enable us to help you update e-forms, make them more client-friendly and have a consistent look and feel. Once completed, the system will be on the current version and will continue to receive bug fixes and additional functionality from the vendor. If you are the owner of an active e-form, please [complete a brief survey](#) related to the conversion.

Fiscal year-end cutoff dates

The ASK Center accounting office reminds faculty and staff that fiscal year 2019-20 cutoff dates must be observed for the following documents to allow sufficient processing time to meet UW System Shared Financial Systems deadlines:

- Travel expense reports (TERs) must be fully approved by **June 29**.
- All FY20 SFS entries for the month of June must be processed by the morning of **June 30**, which is the June month-end closing date.

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Awards and achievements

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Dr. Krysti Knoche Gupta, assistant professor of chemistry, recently received the Pittcon Undergraduate Analytical Research Program Award (\$10,000) from the Society for Analytical

Chemists of Pittsburgh. The award is funding a project in which students are developing a method to electrochemically analyze previously inaccessible molecules.

Dr. Wufeng Tian, assistant professor of mathematics at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County, had his paper, titled "[A fast ADI algorithm for nonlinear Poisson equation in heterogeneous dielectric media](#)," accepted for publication in the *International Journal of Computing Science and Mathematics* (IJCSM). Tian also co-authored a paper titled "[On the thresholds of vortex visualisation methods](#)," which was published in the *International Journal of Computational Fluid Dynamics*, Vol. 34 (4), pages 267-277. DOI: 10.1080/10618562.2020.1745781.

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Dr. Nicholas Beltz, assistant professor of kinesiology; and **Dr. Lisa Schiller**, associate professor of nursing and director of nursing graduate programs, were quoted in the June 21 Leader-Telegram article "[Health officials offer resources for aging farmers.](#)"

Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, professor of history, was quoted in the June 19 Leader-Telegram article "[Policing, racial history discussed at Juneteenth event.](#)"

Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, professor of history, and **Dr. Patricia Turner**, professor of history, were quoted in the June 19 WQOW story "[Chippewa Valley reflects on history and future of equality for Juneteenth.](#)"

Dr. Pamela Guthman, clinical assistant professor of nursing, was quoted in the June 19 Leader-Telegram article "[Data: People of color are more impacted by COVID-19 in Eau Claire County.](#)"

Dr. Cheryl Jiménez-Frei, assistant professor of history, was quoted in the June 19 WEAU story "[Chippewa Valley celebrates Juneteenth virtually.](#)"

Luke Kempen, director of the Small Business Development Center at UW-Eau Claire, was quoted in the June 19 Leader-Telegram article "[New niche shops open in Eau Claire during pandemic.](#)"

Colleen Marchwick, director of UW-Eau Claire's Center for International Education, was interviewed for the June 18 WQOW story "[UW-Eau Claire cancels 2020 study abroad programs.](#)"

Chancellor James Schmidt was quoted in the June 19 WEAU story "[Local college and university leadership discuss current state of higher education.](#)"

Chancellor James Schmidt; Mike Rindo, assistant chancellor for facilities and university relations; incoming student **Bethany Mennecke**; and student **Isabelle Clark** were quoted in the June 21 Chippewa Valley Post article "[UW-EC plan for fall in-person classes draws mixed reactions.](#)"

Jodi Thesing-Ritter, director of Blugold Beginnings and executive director of equity, diversity and inclusion, was interviewed for the June 16 WEAU story "[COVID-19 forcing summer camps to go virtual.](#)"

Diana Zarate, associate student services coordinator in the Office of Multicultural Affairs, was interviewed for the June 18 WEAU story "[Supreme Court ruling protects Dreamers at UW-Eau Claire.](#)"

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Professional development

SPUR journal available online

The spring 2020 issue of [Scholarship and Practice of Undergraduate Research \(SPUR\)](#), a publication of the Council on Undergraduate Research, now is available online. Faculty and staff are invited to peruse the issue, which includes the article "[Course-Based Research: A Vehicle for Broadening Access to Undergraduate Research in the 21st Century](#)," co-authored by **Dr. Catherine Chan**, executive director of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

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Blugold Giving Challenge underway

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2020-21 FY travel policy now in effect

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Dr. Sanchita Hati, professor of chemistry, and **Dr. Sudeep Bhattacharyay**, associate professor of chemistry, had their paper, titled "[Impact of Thiol–Disulfide Balance on the Binding of Covid-19 Spike Protein with Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme 2 Receptor](#)," published in the June 23 issue of *ACS Omega*.

Patti See, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's gender and sexuality studies, had her story "[Accidental visitors](#)" published in the June 26 Leader-Telegram.

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New employees, position updates and retirements

[Harlie Juedes](#) has joined the Small Business Development Center at UW-Eau Claire as the outreach assistant director to help provide marketing education and consultations for local startups and small businesses.

[Darcy Sromek](#) is the new campus visit coordinator in UW-Eau Claire's Admissions Office.

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Work by **Dr. Dorothy Chan**, assistant professor of English, was referenced in the June 23 Volume One article "[Take Pride in Reading.](#)"

Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, UW-Eau Claire professor of history, was interviewed for the June 23 WEAU story "[Talking to your friends and family about racism.](#)"

Billy Felz, interim executive director of enrollment management, was quoted in the June 22 Post-Crescent article "[With funding down and likely getting worse, federal government must help regional universities, report says.](#)"

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HR summer professional development

- Blugold Excellence in Supervision (online via Microsoft Teams): [July 8](#) and [Aug. 26](#): 12:30-2:30 p.m. (Click date to register.)
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New travel services training offered

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