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Next Chancellor Briefing set for July 9

Be sure to watch the [livestream](#) of Chancellor Schmidt's next briefing at **5 p.m. July 9**. Find links to all videos and summaries on the [Chancellor Briefings](#) page. Remaining summer briefings are scheduled for **5 p.m. July 23 and Aug. 6**.

Roosevelt Avenue update

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Steam outage continues through July 9

The planned steam outage that began July 3 **will continue through 4 p.m. July 9** to accommodate a fuel conversion project in the university's heating plant. As a result, no potable hot water will be available during the outage except in Chancellor's, Thomas and Murray halls, all hall directors' apartments, Zorn Arena, Brewer Hall, Human Sciences and Services, McIntyre Library, Hibbard Hall, Nursing Building, Crest Wellness Center, Ade Olson Addition, Haas Fine

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On July 3, **Dr. Marcela Depiante**, associate professor of Spanish in the department of languages, presented a paper titled “On silent PLACE in a variety of Spanish” at the [50th Linguistics Symposium on Romance Languages](#) (LSRL 50) organized by the University of Texas at

Austin. LSRL 50 originally was scheduled to take place April 9-11 in Austin, Texas, but was canceled due to COVID-19 and was rescheduled and moved online to July 1-3 and July 6-8.

Dr. Dorothy Ka-Ying Chan, assistant professor of English, has had [three new poems](#) published in *Diode Poetry Journal*, Vol. 3, No. 2. Chan also had her poem "[Because You Fall Too Fast Too Hard](#)" published in the June 14 issue of *Flypaper Lit* and currently is featured in an [interview](#) in *The Boiler Journal* as part of their "Under Pressure" series.

Rob Mattison, videographer in Learning and Technology Services, had his artwork featured on the cover of the June 24 issue of Volume One. [View the cover here](#).

Jeremy Miner, director of grants and contracts, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, had an article titled "Earning Benefit of the Doubt Points: Developing Compelling Budget Justifications" published in the National Council of University Research Administrator's "[Sponsored Research Administration: A Guide to Effective Strategies and Recommended Practices](#)." Following is the full citation: Miner, Jeremy T., "Earning Benefit of the Doubt Points: Developing Compelling Budget Justifications." *Sponsored Research Administration: A Guide to Effective Strategies and Recommended Practices*, edited by Marc Schiffman, NCURA, 2020, p. 2520: 137-145.

Congratulations to our [2020 retiree and service recognition recipients](#)! While our in-person recognition reception had to be canceled due to the pandemic, our colleagues deserve to be recognized. This year, 170 employees have reached milestone years of service, from five to 50 years (in five-year increments). New this year, we also are recognizing eight employees of our service partners, Sodexo and Barnes & Noble, for their service to UW-Eau Claire. We also wish to celebrate our retirees. These 56 individuals have contributed a combined total of 1197 years of service to UW-Eau Claire. This year, 38 of these employees have been awarded emeriti status, which represents 20 or more years of service. Please be sure to send an email, a virtual hug or fist bump to congratulate your co-workers, friends and fellow Blugolds!

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In memoriam

Condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Esther Lazcano. Lazcano, associate professor emerita of foreign languages, passed away June 13 in San Antonio, Texas. She was a member of the UW-Eau Claire foreign languages faculty from 1964 until her retirement in 1996. The Lazcano family asks that memorial gifts be directed to the Esther and Antonio Lazcano Scholarship through the UW-Eau Claire Foundation.

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Dr. Eric Kasper, director of UW-Eau Claire's Center for Constitutional Studies and associate professor of political science, was interviewed on BYU Radio July 2 for the story "[Campaign Music, Tear Gas, What It Means to Be American.](#)"

Dr. Thomas Kemp, professor and chair of the economics department, was quoted in the July 1 Leader-Telegram story "[Jamf seeks spot on Nasdaq.](#)" The story also mentioned UW-Eau Claire alumnus and Jamf founder, **Zach Halmstad**.

Jodi Thesing-Ritter, executive director for equity, diversity and inclusion, was interviewed for the July 1 WEAU story "[UW-Eau Claire launches new diversity training for students.](#)" Student **Iman Dikko** also was quoted in the story.

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Campus news and features

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Incident report e-form introduced

A new [incident report e-form](#) has been created for use in reporting injuries that are not work related. This form should be used for occurrences of property damage, dangerous situations or incidents that could have caused an injury or property damage if conditions had been slightly different — also known as a "near miss." For work-related injuries, employees are to complete the workers' compensation injury report forms instead. Questions? Contact Diane Hunter, environmental health and safety manager, at hunterd@uwec.edu.

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Dr. Stephen Drucker, professor of chemistry, has been awarded a \$334,554 grant from the National Science Foundation's Research in Undergraduate Institutions (RUI) program for his three-year project, titled "RUI: Spectroscopic and Computational Studies of Cyclic Enone Molecules in Electronic Excited States." [View award page](#).

B.J. Hollars, associate professor of English, had his story "[Rides of passage](#)" published in the July 10 Leader-Telegram.

Dr. Ming-Li Hsieh, assistant professor of criminal justice, had her article, titled "[When Women Work at the Iron Cage: Gendered Perceptions on Workplace Justice](#)" published in *Women and Criminal Justice*.

Katelyn Reckin, a UW-Eau Claire economics major, placed second out of nine student participants in the statewide [Wisys Quick Pitch competition](#) for her project, titled "Characterizing the Allocation, Issuance and Usage of Benefits Offered Through the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and Senior Assistance Farmers Market Fruit and Vegetable Programs in Wisconsin." Reckin was accepted to compete in the statewide final event after earning first

place in the UW-Eau Claire competition among five students. **Dr. Eric Jamelske**, professor of economics, is the faculty mentor for this research project.

Patti See, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's gender and sexuality studies, had her essay, titled "[The 100 Year-Old Birdman Of Chippewa Falls](#)," featured on "Wisconsin Life" July 9.

Dr. Dale Taylor, professor emeritus of music and theatre arts, presented "Introducing Brain Influences Into Music Therapy Practice" during the 2020 World Congress of Music Therapy July 7, which was hosted online by the University of Pretoria, South Africa.

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Robin Miller, associate professor and librarian, has been appointed head of discovery and assessment for McIntyre Library.

Joe Picconatto, who has served as general manager of UW-Eau Claire's (Barnes & Noble) University Bookstore for the past 15 years, has retired from his role on campus. His last day will be July 17. Picconatto's replacement is **Heather (Lee) Hanaman**, who began July 6. Kristin Schumacher, University Centers director, offers her reflections: "Joe has successfully transformed the UWEC textbook rental program over the last 15 years to what it is today. He has consistently stepped forward by serving our campus with pride and integrity in his work. On behalf of UW-Eau Claire, I'd like to take the opportunity to say thank you to Joe for his years of service and dedication to our campus community, along with a special welcome to Heather!" UW-Eau Claire would like to thank Joe for his years of service and dedication to our campus community and wish him the best of luck!

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Dennis Beale, a major gifts officer for the UW-Eau Claire Foundation, was interviewed for the July 13 WQOW story "["Hometown Conversations: Helping teens use their voice for change."](#)

Quincy Chapman, director of Housing and Residence Life, was quoted in the July 10 Leader-Telegram article "["UW-EC readies dorms for students amid pandemic"](#)" and the July 9 WQOW story "["UWEC takes steps toward protecting health of on-campus students."](#)

Dr. Patricia Cleary, associate professor of chemistry, was quoted in the July 10 Chicago Tribune article "["Chicago air is dirtier in July than smog-choked Los Angeles. More bad air is forecast."](#)

Staci Heidtke, associate director of Career Services, was quoted in the July 8 Volume One article "["9 Top Tips for Job Hunters."](#)

Dr. Eric Kasper, director of UW-Eau Claire's Center for Constitutional Studies and associate professor of political science, was quoted in the July 9 Leader-Telegram article "["Prof: Ruling holds no president's above the law"](#)" and the July 7 WQOW story "["Supreme Court ruling impacts Electoral College."](#)

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Luke Kempen, director of the Small Business Development Center at UW-Eau Claire, was quoted in the July 11 Leader-Telegram article "["PPP helps Chippewa Valley businesses stay afloat during pandemic"](#)" and the July 10 WQOW story "["Eau Claire businesses named by Treasury for PPP loans as deadline for program is extended."](#)

Greg Kocken, archivist in McIntyre Library, was quoted in the July 8 Volume One article "["Some of the Oldest Books in the Valley."](#)

Dr. Donald Mash, chancellor emeritus, co-authored the July 9 Appleton Post-Crescent article "["In 1918, the University of Wisconsin's expertise and the 'Wisconsin Idea' proved crucial in fighting a pandemic."](#)

International student **Emerson Ngu** and **Colleen Marchwick**, director of UW-Eau Claire's Center for International Education, were interviewed for the July 9 WEAU story "["UW-Eau Claire international student reacts to ICE policy."](#)

Alice Ridge, professor emerita of communication and journalism, and **Dr. John Ridge**, professor emeritus of foundations and library science, were quoted in the July 8 Wausau Pilot & Review article "[Trippin' on the Yellowstone Trail.](#)"

Dr. Katherine Schneider, senior psychologist emerita, Counseling Services; and **Greg Kocken**, special collections librarian and archivist, McIntyre Library, were quoted in the July 8 Chippewa Valley Post article "[Virtual exhibit at UW-EC shows impact of Americans with Disabilities Act on 30th anniversary of its passage.](#)"

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LTS fall reopening technology updates

As faculty, staff and students return to campus, Learning and Technology Services is offering updated information on a few key items:

- **Webcams and headsets** continue to be in great demand, though global supplies are still not stable. In order to better support the needs of campus, LTS will continue to centrally purchase and distribute these items for campus departments at no cost. To request webcams and headsets, please email itsconsulting@uwec.edu with the needed quantities.
- **Zoom** soon will be available for all campus users. LTS is in the process of purchasing a Zoom site license that we hope to have in place before the start of fall semester. LTS will provide additional information about this service in a future Blugold FYI.
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Fall 'Thursdays from the U' series to be presented online

UW-Eau Claire – Barron County's fall 2020 "Thursdays from the U" series will be presented online from **12:30-1:30 p.m. each Thursday**, meaning you can participate safely from the comfort of your own home or wherever you are! The series will kick off **Sept. 3** with a presentation by Wanda McFaggan, who will discuss the history of the St. Croix Ojibwe in northwest Wisconsin. [Learn more about the fall series](#).

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UW-Eau Claire student and Blugold Beginnings counselor **Olu Famule** was interviewed for the July 14 WQOW story "[Blugold Beginnings adapts to virtual summer camps.](#)"

Dr. Lauren Likkel, professor emeritus of physics and astronomy, had her article, titled "[Rare comet graces the evening sky,](#)" published in the July 18 Leader-Telegram.

Dr. Justin Patchin, professor of criminal justice and co-director of the Cyberbullying Research Center, was quoted in the July 15 WDSU News, New Orleans, story "[Louisiana high school students top in alcohol use, cyberbullying](#)" and was interviewed for the July 15 WQOW story "[Teen sexting may be rising during COVID-19 pandemic.](#)"

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Important announcements

UW-Eau Claire updates regarding COVID-19

A running account of information regarding COVID-19 and its impact on the campus and community continues to be maintained on the [COVID-19 Updates page](#). Check the link regularly to find resources and updates, including emails sent to faculty, staff and students, regarding UW-Eau Claire's response to the pandemic.

Campus construction update

- **Stowe water feature:** The south side of the water feature will be closed from **July 28-Aug. 7** to allow for the removal and replacement of cracked concrete.
- **Roosevelt Avenue:** At various times this week, Roosevelt Avenue will be limited to one lane during the pouring and replacement of concrete.

Questions? Contact Andrew Nord, facilities construction project manager, at 715-836-2211 or nordar@uwec.edu.

2020-21 faculty/staff parking permit sales begin Aug. 4

Check your UW-Eau Claire email this week for information about faculty/staff parking permit options, details and purchasing instructions. Permit sales will begin at **8 a.m. Aug. 4**. Questions? Call Blugold Central at 715-836-3000.

LTS fall reopening technology updates

As faculty, staff and students return to campus, Learning and Technology Services is offering updated information on a few key items:

- **Webcams and headsets** continue to be in great demand, though global supplies are still not stable. In order to better support the needs of campus, LTS will continue to centrally purchase and distribute these items for campus departments at no cost. To request webcams and headsets, please email itsconsulting@uwec.edu with the needed quantities.
- **Zoom** soon will be available for all campus users. LTS is in the process of purchasing a Zoom site license that we hope to have in place before the start of fall semester. LTS will provide additional information about this service in a future Blugold FYI.
- Learn more on the [LTS Remote Services website](#).

Call for faculty/staff mentors for Blugold Beginnings learning community

The Blugold Beginnings program seeks faculty and staff to serve as college coaches to the incoming class of [Blugold Beginnings Learning Community](#) students. Each faculty/staff

volunteer will be matched with a first-year student to provide ongoing support throughout the academic year. [Learn more about the college coach volunteer opportunity.](#)

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Awards and achievements

Congratulations to the faculty and staff completers of the EDI Tier 3 professional development program. The following individual completed 10 or more Tier 2 sessions and a project within her scope of duties to help improve EDI on campus: **Caitlin Lee**, Affirmative Action, "Hmong Women Summit - Creating Inclusion in Leadership." [Learn more about the EDI professional development program.](#)

Karen Loeb, professor emerita of English, read her poem "The Barred Owls Have a Party" for the [Snapshots series](#) curated by Eau Claire's new writer-in-residence and Blugold alumnus **Ken Szymanski**. Loeb's poem, which appeared online July 17, is paired with music by Peter Phippen and photographs by Jim Ivory.

Dr. Katherine Schneider, senior psychologist emerita in Counseling Services, recently was featured on PBS's "[American Portrait: A National Storytelling Project](#)," where she read her original poem, "Now is the time ..." written in honor of the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Patti See, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's gender and sexuality studies, had her article "[Get your blue mind on](#)" published in the July 16 Leader-Telegram.

Dr. Sarah Vitale, assistant professor of geology, and **Dr. J. Brian Mahoney**, professor of geology, have been awarded a Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin grant for \$61,763 for FY21, which is funded through the UW System. Their proposal, titled "Mitigating Eutrophication Events: Phosphorus Contamination in Surface Water and Groundwater," is a collaboration with Holly Dolliver (UW-River Falls) and Anna Baker (USGS Upper Midwest Water Science Center).

Three UW-Eau Claire faculty members have been honored for their skill and dedication in mentoring student scholarly projects. A total of 65 individuals were nominated by students and alumni for these new mentoring awards, which will be presented annually through the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. **Dr. Anjela Wong**, associate professor of education studies, and **Dr. Wufeng Tian**, assistant professor of mathematics at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County, received the Emerging Mentor in Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Award. **Dr. Mary Beth Leibham**, professor of psychology, received the Excellence in Mentoring Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Award. [Learn more about the mentors and their awards.](#)

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In memoriam

Condolences to the family and friends of Dr. William Haag. Haag, who served as a senior lecturer in UW-Eau Claire's chemistry department from 2001-2011, passed away June 19 in Eau Claire. Memorials may be directed to [Camp Hope](#) in Stevens Point or to [Feed My People Food Bank](#) in Eau Claire. [View full obituary.](#)

In the news

Dr. Warren Anderson, vice chancellor for equity, diversity and inclusion and student affairs, was interviewed for the July 27 WQOW feature "[Hometown Conversations: UWEC on Racist Incidents and Moving Forward.](#)"

Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, professor of history, was quoted in the July 24 Volume One article "['Conversations in Color': New Radio Series Continues Race Discussion.](#)"

B.J. Hollars, UW-Eau Claire associate professor of English, was quoted in the July 20 Volume One article "[Young artists unite: Midwest Artist Academy will offer place for teens to be creative together.](#)"

Dr. Paula Kleintjes Neff, professor and chair of biology department, was quoted in the July 23 WQOW story "[Entomologist: We might have more gnats this summer.](#)"

Dr. Karen Mumford, associate professor and Watershed Institute director, was quoted in the July 23 WQOW story "[UW-Eau Claire to offer new public health major.](#)"

Dr. Justin Patchin, professor of criminal justice and co-director, Cyberbullying Research Center, had his research cited in the July 21 MSN article "[Former PGA Tour star Len Mattiace's anti-bullying campaign goal is for kindness, inclusion.](#)"

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

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New employees, position updates and retirements

Dr. Michael Walsh is a new assistant professor in the materials science and engineering department. Welcome, Dr. Walsh!

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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