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Director of Data Management, Analytics and Reporting candidate forums this week

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend this week's virtual campus forums with candidates for the **Director of Data Management, Analytics and Reporting** position. Following is the candidate and forum information:

- **Today, Tuesday, Aug. 4, 10-11 a.m.** — **Dr. Jim Lenio:** [Link to online forum](#).
- **Wednesday, Aug. 5, 9:15-10:15 a.m.** — **Dr. Casey Rozowski:** [Link to online forum](#).

You may [view the candidate information](#) online. The presentations will be recorded and a link will be shared after each forum. The Search and Screen Committee will solicit feedback via email shortly after the completion of each session.

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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 **Aug. 5** we're pleased to feature **Khong Meng Her '15, '19**, assistant director of Blugold Beginnings at UW-Eau Claire. Her's presentation, "Bridging the Gap of Hmong and Western Cultural Norms," describes the work he has done on campus and across the Chippewa Valley as an advocate for Hmong culture and Hmong students.

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October commencement for spring 2020 graduates canceled

Chancellor Schmidt recently announced the difficult decision to cancel the in-person commencement ceremony planned for spring 2020 graduates, instead scheduling a virtual ceremony for all 2020 graduates on Dec. 19. [View Chancellor Schmidt's letter sent to spring 2020 graduates.](#)

Call for nominations for University Staff Council, committees extended to Sept. 1

University staff at UW-Eau Claire and UW-Eau Claire – Barron County have the opportunity to serve on universitywide committees and on the University Staff Council. University staff are asked to consider serving and to complete the [nomination survey](#) by **Sept. 1**.

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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B.J. Hollars, associate professor of English; **Arthur Grothe**, associate professor of theatre arts; **Dr. Chiyu Hsu**, associate professor of music and composition; and community members have founded the Midwest Artist Academy — a pre-college experience for gifted, talented and diverse high school-aged artists from the Midwest and beyond. Next July, 50 students will arrive in Eau Claire for a week dedicated to working closely alongside professors and practitioners in five arts: creative writing, theater, music, visual arts and dance. By week’s end, the academy’s students will host a showcase of their collaborative work at Pablo Center at the Confluence. [Learn more about the Midwest Artist Academy.](#)

Shawn Seuferer, Firstsource Support Team supervisor and UW-Eau Claire travel manager, completed Continuing Education’s Supervisory Management Certificate Program on June 25. Participants are required to complete three core classes and six more days of electives in order to receive the certificate.

Dr. Todd Wellnitz, professor of biology, and collaborators from UW-Madison, UW-Superior and UW-Extension were awarded a \$113,254 grant from Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin to fund their research examining microplastic contamination of Lake Superior and the St. Louis River Estuary. The grant includes academic year and summer support for two UW-Eau Claire undergraduate researchers.

The June 2020 edition of Wisconsin Nurse Quarterly featured an article submitted by **Dr. Linda Young**, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences; **Gail Hanson Brenner**, clinical assistant professor of nursing; and **Jan Adams**, learning resource coordinator. The article, “New Nursing Education and Nurse Faculty Survey Report Released,” highlights results from the recently published “Wisconsin Nursing Education and Nurse Faculty: 2018-2019 Survey Results.” The [survey report](#) is posted on the Wisconsin Center for Nursing website and was written by Young, Hanson Brenner, Adams and nursing department colleagues **Dr. Mohammad Alasagheirin**, assistant professor; **Dr. Ann Aschenbrenner**, assistant professor; **Dr. Diane Marcyjanik**, assistant professor; and **Karen Sohn**, clinical instructor.

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In the news

UW-Eau Claire student **Connor Barnes**; **Dr. Karen Mumford**, director of UW-Eau Claire's Watershed Institute; alumni **Madigan Knuth** and **Aimee Gillespie**; and **Dr. Crispin Pierce**,

professor in Watershed Institute, were quoted in the Aug. 2 Leader-Telegram article "[Blugolds show interest in new public health major.](#)"

Dr. Crystal Del Valle, assistant professor of biology, was quoted in the July 30 WQOW story "[UW-Eau Claire immunologist gives take on COVID vaccine.](#)"

Alex Hintz, a 2019 UW-Eau Claire graduate, and **Jodi Thesing-Ritter**, Blugold Beginnings director and executive director of equity, diversity and inclusion, were quoted in the Aug. 1 Leader-Telegram article "[Blugold works to build cultural competence, understanding of white privilege.](#)"

Dr. Cheryl Jiménez Frei, assistant professor of history, was interviewed for WQOW's "[Hometown Conversations](#)" series July 20, where she discussed the history of monuments and the current controversies and conversations surrounding many monuments today.

Bridget Kelley, UW-Eau Claire student and editor-in-chief of The Spectator; and **Kimera Way**, Foundation president, were interviewed for the July 2 WQOW story "[UWEC starts to adjust to life without athletics.](#)"

Dr. Geoff Peterson, professor and chair of the political science department, was interviewed for the July 30 WQOW story "[Can the president postpone an election?](#)" and was quoted in the July 30 Leader-Telegram article "[UW profs: Despite Trump tweet, election will move forward as scheduled.](#)"

Dr. Louisa Rice, professor and chair of the history department, was a guest on Wisconsin Public Radio's "The Morning Show" July 29 to discuss UW-Eau Claire's new Integrative Health Humanities Certificate Program. [Learn more and listen.](#)

Chancellor James Schmidt wrote the column "[It seems to me: Working together for a successful fall,](#)" which was published in the July 28 Leader-Telegram.

Dan Schumacher, director of athletics, was interviewed for the July 28 WQOW story "[Blugolds react to WIAC decision](#)" and the July 30 WQOW story "[No WIAC sports could impact university enrollment.](#)"

Dan Shumacher, director of athletics; **Kim Wudi**, head volleyball coach; and **Wesley Beschorner** head football coach, were quoted in the July 28 Leader-Telegram article "[Schumacher: Testing guidelines played into WIAC's fall cancellation.](#)"

Dr. Jerry Worley, professor of education studies, and **Dr. Roderick Jones**, assistant professor of special education and inclusive practices, were among the panelists on the first episode of the new livestream series "[Conversations in Color](#)" that aired on Converge Radio, 99.9 FM. The [July 27 show](#) focused on navigating race and racism with children. The series, which will air Monday

nights at 7:30 p.m. is hosted by **Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton**, professor of history, and Ed Hudgins, a Converge Radio host.

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Dr. Corey Hannah has joined the kinesiology department as an assistant professor and will take on the program director position for the new master of science in athletic training program. Dr. Hannah comes to us from the University of Texas at Austin.

John Timmerman is a new power plant operator in the UW-Eau Claire heating plant.

Welcome, Corey and John!

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Chancellor Briefing recap

In case you missed Chancellor Schmidt's Aug. 6 briefing, a [summary](#) of the briefing is available online. Find links to all Chancellor Briefing videos and summaries on the [Chancellor Briefings](#) page.

UW-Eau Claire finalizes plans for safe return to classes for fall

Campus leadership has worked diligently over the last several weeks to create a detailed plan for the return of students, faculty and staff to campus for the fall semester. The [Blugold Flight Plan](#) outlines the ways we will ensure a safe campus.

Signage encourages healthy habits

Employees and students returning to UW-Eau Claire will find more than 1,600 signs placed on doors, floors and other locations on both upper and lower campus encouraging healthy habits such as wearing a mask, washing your hands thoroughly and practicing physical distancing. UW-

Eau Claire's facilities team created [building floor plans](#) detailing the locations of signs and the more than 450 sanitizer locations on campus. In addition, IMC has created a [templated Word document](#) that can be used to create small signs for specific areas.

Student Health Service medical director candidate presentation set for Aug. 17

Please join us from 11 a.m.-noon Aug. 17 for a presentation by Student Health Service medical director candidate Dr. Kim Frodl, who currently serves as a family medicine physician at Mayo Clinic Health System in Eau Claire. Dr. Frodl has been asked to present on the following: Student Health Service offers accessible health care to UW-Eau Claire students at low cost. With the expected higher demand for service from COVID, how can Student Health Service providers continue to meet students' general health care needs in addition to COVID-related concerns, while still maintaining the department budget? Questions? Contact the Dean of Students Office at dos@uwec.edu. [Join the presentation via Microsoft Teams](#).

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LTS implements new process for e-forms

LTS Continuous Improvement Services will be implementing an improved process for the intake of new e-forms, **effective Aug. 10**. To initiate a new e-form, please click [this link](#). In addition to the new intake e-form, there is an e-form expectations document that will assist you as the client through the form-development process. Questions? Contact Beth Kranz at kranzbl@uwec.edu.

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Printing Services to be closed Aug. 14

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Patti See, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's gender and sexuality studies, had her article "[Now — all together](#)" published in the Aug. 8 Leader-Telegram and Aug. 10 The Country Today.

Jess Vriesema, associate lecturer of mathematics, has had the following peer-reviewed paper published: Vriesema, J.W., Koskinen, T.T., and Yelle, R.V. (2020). Electrodynamics in Saturn's thermosphere at low and middle latitudes. *Icarus*, 344, 113390. [View publication online](#).

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In the news

Billy Felz, interim executive director of enrollment management, was quoted in the Aug. 7 WQOW story "[UW-Eau Claire sees slight decrease in incoming student enrollment](#)."

Dr. Thomas Kemp, professor and chair of UW-Eau Claire economics department, was quoted in the Aug. 5 Volume One article "[The Importance of Budgeting During a Recession](#)."

Dr. Pat Kress, Student Health Service director, was quoted in the Aug. 6 Wisconsin Public Radio story "[UW System Ordering Over 350,000 COVID-19 Tests For Students This Fall](#)" and was interviewed for the Aug. 7 WQOW story "[UWEC to test students for COVID-19](#)."

Dr. Justin Patchin, professor of criminal justice and co-director of the Cyberbullying Research Center, was interviewed for the Aug. 6 WQOW story "[How to protect yourself from data mining](#)" and was quoted in the Aug. 8 KLFY story "[Louisiana high school students top in alcohol use, cyberbullying](#)."

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Chancellor James Schmidt was quoted in the Aug. 10 Wisconsin Public Radio story "[Some universities require students, staff to sign COVID-19 pledges](#)" and the Aug. 8 Leader-Telegram article "[UW-EC unveils plans to return to school](#)."

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The campus community is invited to celebrate the retirements of nursing faculty and staff members **Dr. Cheryl Lapp, Dr. Shelley-Rae Pehler, Dr. Ann Recine, Donna Rozar and Cathy**

Wilson by participating in a "drive by, honk and wave" retirement parade from **5-6:30 p.m. Aug. 18** in the Phillips parking lot behind Davies Center.

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Children's Nature Academy accepting applications for fall

UW-Eau Claire's Children's Nature Academy is accepting applications for the fall semester for children in grades K-2 of university faculty and staff. Completed [registration forms](#) may be [emailed](#), dropped off in the Children's Nature Academy office or mailed to Children's Nature Academy, 1190 Priory Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Questions may be directed to Children's Nature Academy director Lisa Coen at 715-836-2178.

CASA office moves

The Center for Awareness of Sexual Assault has moved to Room 311C of Hibbard Hall. CASA provides free 24-hour support to survivors of sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking and intimate-partner violence. To speak to an advocate or obtain more information, please stop by during normal office hours, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, call 715-836-4357 or email casa@uwec.edu.

Library resource-sharing resumes

It may take a little longer than pre-COVID, but resource-sharing among McIntyre Library and other UW System libraries has resumed. Feel free to request books, DVDs and other items through the library. Faculty and staff can pick up UW requests through the same [pickup service](#) used for local requests. You will receive an email to set up your appointment when the item(s) arrive in the library.

EDI training for students developed

UW-Eau Claire is implementing three tiers of personal and professional development for students to improve equity, diversity and inclusion on campus. This program consists of a required online training, workshops specifically designed for students, an inclusive leadership conference and the opportunity to earn a certificate. This aligns with the EDI Rapid Action Task Force recommendation of providing additional training opportunities for students. One component of the program is the new [Bridge to Change Conference](#) that will allow students to explore inclusive leadership while focusing on equity and diversity in the process of completing multiple sessions for the certificate. The conference is open to all students and will be held virtually from **10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 8**. Questions? Contact Katy Rand in Activities, Involvement and Leadership, at randka@uwec.edu.

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Dr. Dorothy Ka-Ying Chan, assistant professor of English, edited and curated [SPORKLET 12](#), the literary magazine of Spork Press. This was the magazine's relaunched issue, which featured 23 poets and began with [Chan's editor's note](#).

Dr. Eric Kasper, associate professor of political science and director of the Center for Constitutional Studies, and **Dr. Troy Kozma**, professor of philosophy and academic chair at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County, co-authored an article titled “A Time for Choosing and a Time for Free Speech: Minnesota Voters Alliance v. Mansky and the Constitutionality of Election Day Apparel Bans,” that recently was published in the Albany Law Review. [View article online](#).

Dr. Matt Seymour, assistant professor of English, is the principal author of the book “[Teaching Literature Using Dialogic Literary Argumentation](#),” which recently was published by Routledge. Following is the full citation: Seymour, M., Thanos, T., Newell, G.E., and Bloome, D. (2020). Teaching Literature Using Dialogic Literary Argumentation. Routledge.

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In the news

Dr. Ali Abootalebi, professor of political science, was quoted in the Aug. 10 WQOW story “[How the Beirut explosion impacts the United States](#)” and the Aug. 13 Essence of Lifestyle article “[The Economies of the Middle East.](#)”

Dr. Warren Anderson, vice chancellor for equity, diversity and inclusion and student affairs, was interviewed for the Aug. 11 KARE 11 story “[UW-Eau Claire asking students to sign pledge before returning to campus](#)” and the Aug. 11 WEAU story “[UW-Eau Claire launches pledge for students.](#)”

Dr. Lauren Likkel, professor emeritus of physics and astronomy, wrote the Aug. 14 Leader-Telegram article “[Sky watching in August 2020.](#)”

Dr. Geoff Peterson, professor and chair of the political science department, was quoted in the Aug. 13 Leader-Telegram article “[Analysts: Pandemic makes election even tougher than usual to predict](#)” and the Aug. 14 Governing.com article “[Wisconsin Elections in COVID-19: Unpredictable, Unprecedented.](#)”

Chancellor James Schmidt was quoted in the Aug. 14 Oshkosh Northwestern article “[Pandemic resurgence forces universities to cancel rescheduled commencement ceremonies.](#)”

Dr. Ganga Vadhavkar, associate professor of communication and journalism, and **Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton**, professor of history, were quoted in the Aug. 12 Leader-Telegram article “[Area educators react to selection of Kamala Harris.](#)”

Dr. Linda Young, dean of UW-Eau Claire College of Nursing and Health Sciences, was quoted in the Aug. 11 WQOW Story “[UW-Eau Claire nursing program makes changes to clinicals for fall semester.](#)”

Dr. Cecelia Zorn, professor emerita of nursing; **Dr. Tom Sather**, associate professor of communication sciences and disorders; and UW-Eau Claire graduate students **Maija Mattson** and **Rachel Hurtado** were quoted in the Aug. 12 Leader-Telegram article “[Locals with aphasia adjusting to life under COVID-19.](#)”

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Dr. Adam Buck earned his doctorate from UW-Milwaukee this past spring. He is happy to join the mathematics department as a visiting assistant professor.

Dr. Beth Crotty recently joined the education studies faculty as an assistant professor. Crotty, who earned her doctorate in STEM education from the University of Minnesota, taught mathematics and science in elementary and secondary-school settings prior to attending graduate school.

Dr. Brian Dandurand is joining the computer science department as a visiting assistant professor with primary duties of teaching computer science as well as mathematics courses. Dandurand was a postdoctoral researcher in mathematical optimization for the last six years (RMIT University in Melbourne Australia from 2014-16 and Argonne National Laboratory from 2017-20). He is looking forward to the change of focus to teaching, and also to stargazing in the Eau Claire area after having been in urban settings for the last several years. His other hobbies include chess, jogging/hiking and study of the Latin language.

Phaul Fishman, instructor of musical theatre in the department of music and theatre arts, has just moved to Eau Claire from Nampa, Idaho, and is beyond thrilled to inspire students in this crazy, uncertain time.

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Dr. Teresa Gonske is joining the mathematics department as a visiting assistant professor. She is excited to begin teaching in her home state after being at the University of Northwestern-St. Paul and the University of Northern Colorado.

Dr. Erich Jauch joins the mathematics faculty as a visiting assistant professor. He completed his doctorate at Iowa State University this last May and is excited to work with the faculty and students of UW-Eau Claire.

Dr. Katrina Rothrock has joined the mathematics department as an assistant professor and will be coordinating the developmental mathematics program. She was previously at the University of Kansas in the Center for STEM Learning and the UKanTeach program.

Dr. Daniel Yee earned his doctorate from UW-Milwaukee in 2017, worked at Bradley University for the past three years and is now excited to join the mathematics department as a visiting assistant professor and teach at UW-Eau Claire.

The campus community is invited to celebrate the retirements of nursing faculty and staff members **Dr. Cheryl Lapp, Dr. Shelley-Rae Pehler, Dr. Ann Recine, Donna Rozar and Cathy Wilson** by participating in a "drive by, honk and wave" retirement parade from **5-6:30 p.m. today, Aug. 18**, in the Phillips parking lot behind Davies Center.

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Blugold FYI: Aug. 25, 2020

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- **Have content for an upcoming edition?** Send it via the [Blugold FYI submission form](#).
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Important announcements

Remember to tune in! Virtual Blugold Breakfast starts soon

The virtual Blugold Breakfast and academic year opening meeting **will begin at 9 a.m.** Please [join the meeting](#) to help honor your colleagues who are receiving Excellence Awards and hear from shared-governance leaders and Chancellor Schmidt, who will provide the annual state-of-the-university message. Thanks to the generous support of the UW-Eau Claire Foundation, we

are offering individual grab-and-go breakfast bags at various locations on the Eau Claire, Barron County and Marshfield campuses. **Breakfast pickup will be from 7:15-9:15 a.m.**

'Landing Gear' pickup begins today

In an effort to help keep the campus community safe during the pandemic, all faculty, staff and students will receive "Landing Gear" consisting of a Blugold Flight Plan water bottle that contains two Blugold masks, a thermometer and instructions on how to stay safe this semester. Pickup will be at the main entrance to Zorn Arena from **8 a.m.-8 p.m. (today) Aug. 25 and Aug. 26, and Sept. 1 and 2.** Students, faculty and staff must present and scan their Blugold ID during pickup. Students who live in the residence halls will receive their gear during check-in through Housing and Residence Life. Landing Gear will be available at the bookstore at UWEC – Barron County every day from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. beginning Aug. 25, and gear will be distributed to Marshfield faculty and students on the first clinical day. Everyone planning to pick up Landing Gear is reminded to wear a mask and practice physical distancing.

Dr. Mary Hoffman named to interim leadership roles in academic affairs

Dr. Mary Hoffman will serve as interim associate vice chancellor for academic affairs and as interim dean of graduate studies until June 30, 2022. She assumes these new roles following the June resignation of former associate vice chancellor Dr. Darrell Newton.

Vice chancellor for finance and administration candidate open forum today

Please join us at **12:30 p.m. today, Aug. 25**, for a virtual open forum by **Karl Spieker**, a candidate for the position of vice chancellor for finance and administration, who has been asked to speak for 20-25 minutes on the following: **The portfolio of the vice chancellor for finance and administration at UW-Eau Claire is extremely broad and very consequential in these uncertain times. Share your vision for Finance and Administration in light of the current COVID-19 crisis, looming state budget cuts and the expected 2025 enrollment challenges. How will you guide Finance and Administration to help the institution thrive?** [Learn more about Karl Spieker](#) and [join the Microsoft Teams meeting](#).

Student Health Service medical director candidate presentation set for Aug. 26

Please join us from **8-9 a.m. Aug. 26** for a virtual presentation by Student Health Service medical director candidate **Dr. Stephanie Sworski**, who currently serves as a family medicine physician at Mayo Clinic Health System in Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls. Dr. Sworski has been asked to present on the following: **Student Health Service offers accessible health care to UW-Eau Claire students at low cost. With the expected higher demand for service from COVID, how can Student Health Service providers continue to meet students' general health care needs in addition to COVID-related concerns, while still maintaining the department budget?** [Join the Microsoft Teams meeting](#).

ASK Center requests feedback

Your valuable feedback is requested to help UW-Eau Claire's Administrative Support and Knowledge (ASK) Center improve its services to you. The mission of the ASK Center is to provide administrative support to faculty, staff and students at UW-Eau Claire. The center strives for

excellent service in all of its actions and treats everyone with respect and courtesy. It delivers innovative solutions that support the goals of faculty, staff and students. Please provide feedback through the [ASK Center Client Satisfaction Survey](#), which will take approximately five minutes to complete and will close **Aug. 28**.

Children's Nature Academy accepting applications for fall

UW-Eau Claire's Children's Nature Academy is accepting applications for the fall semester for children in grades K-2 of university faculty and staff. Completed [registration forms](#) may be [emailed](#), dropped off in the Children's Nature Academy office or mailed to Children's Nature Academy, 1190 Priory Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Questions may be directed to Children's Nature Academy director Lisa Coen at 715-836-2178.

Holiday Concert canceled

This year's Holiday Concert has been canceled to prioritize the safety of UW-Eau Claire student musicians and the Eau Claire community. The UW-Eau Claire Foundation in partnership with the music and theatre arts department will be working on a special gift to share with the campus community as a substitute for the December concert.

COVID-19 guidelines available for student organizations

Advisors should note that COVID-19 [guidelines](#) for student organizations are now available to ensure the organizations are following the appropriate protocols throughout the fall 2020 semester. Most policies supersede those outlined within the Student Organizations and Advisor Handbook. These policies are subject to change based on university and Centers for Disease Control guidelines.

CASA office moves

The Center for Awareness of Sexual Assault has moved to Room 311C of Hibbard Hall. CASA provides free 24-hour support to survivors of sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking and intimate-partner violence. To speak to an advocate or obtain more information, please stop by during normal office hours, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, call 715-836-4357 or email casa@uwec.edu.

Library resource-sharing resumes

It may take a little longer than pre-COVID, but resource-sharing among McIntyre Library and other UW System libraries has resumed. Feel free to request books, DVDs and other items through the library. Faculty and staff can pick up UW requests through the same [pickup service](#) used for local requests. You will receive an email to set up your appointment when the item(s) arrive in the library.

Call for nominations for University Staff Council, committees extended to Sept. 1

University staff at UW-Eau Claire and UW-Eau Claire – Barron County have the opportunity to serve on universitywide committees and on the University Staff Council. University staff are asked to consider serving and to complete the [nomination survey](#) by **Sept. 1**.

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.](#)

EDI training for students developed

UW-Eau Claire is implementing three tiers of personal and professional development for students to improve equity, diversity and inclusion on campus. This program consists of a required online training, workshops specifically designed for students, an inclusive leadership conference and the opportunity to earn a certificate. This aligns with the EDI Rapid Action Task Force recommendation of providing additional training opportunities for students. One component of the program is the new [Bridge to Change Conference](#) that will allow students to explore inclusive leadership while focusing on equity and diversity in the process of completing multiple sessions for the certificate. The conference is open to all students and will be held virtually from **10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 8**. Questions? Contact Katy Rand in Activities, Involvement and Leadership, at randka@uwec.edu.

Looking for a planner?

Printing Services has designed a handy 6-by-9-inch coil-bound blue and gold covered planner. The planners fit into backpacks or bags and are designed to include hourly increments on each page with a notes section at the bottom. The planner dates run from September 2020 through August 2021. The \$7 planners will be available for pickup in Schofield 18 beginning Aug. 27. Order one or more copies in advance and pay when you pick up. Questions? Contact Printing Services at 715-836-5621 or printingservices@uwec.edu.

Foster Gallery exhibitions open during fall semester

To continue its mission of student engagement and education, the Foster Gallery will remain open to UW-Eau Claire students, faculty and staff during fall semester. Each of the three exhibitions this fall will allow for social distancing, making the art gallery a safe educational tool to incorporate into classes. Visit uwec.ly/fostergallery for the exhibition calendar or to download educational resources available at the opening of each new exhibition or email fostergallery@uwec.edu to schedule a class visit.

Who's behind the mask?

Faculty, staff and students can order buttons for **\$1 each** with your picture (and your name, if desired). You will need to send an electronic file of the picture you'd like to use on the button. Contact Printing Services at 715-836-5621 or printingservices@uwec.edu for more information.

Job fair scheduled for on-campus employers

Career Services is hosting the Fall 2020 Part-Time Job Fair virtually on **Sept. 4** to provide on-campus employers and students with a safe recruiting environment. The fair will be held from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. through Handshake. Employers are encouraged to post available part-time fall positions in advance to discuss with students. [Register today.](#)

LTS fall hours announced

The LTS Help Desk has announced its fall hours starting Sept. 2 that include limitations to walk-in services. Hours will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday, with no walk-in support; 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; and 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday. Walk-in support is limited to two clients at a time Monday-Friday. Questions? Email helpdesk@uwec.edu or call 715-836-5711.

2020-21 faculty/staff parking-permit sales underway

Faculty and staff who are interested in purchasing parking permits can find all [UW-Eau Claire parking information](#) online and can purchase permits through the [parking portal](#). Questions? Call Blugold Central at 715-836-3000.

App allows drivers to pay for timed parking on campus

Drivers at UW-Eau Claire can now pay for timed parking with the use of a mobile app. A total of 150 parking meters were removed in June from 10 locations on campus as UW-Eau Claire implements the contactless pay-by-phone app AMP. [Learn more about AMP at UW-Eau Claire](#).

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.

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Awards and achievements

Dr. Kranti Dugar, assistant professor of management and marketing, **Dr. Kate Kim**, assistant professor of management and marketing, and **Jennine Fox**, associate lecturer of management and marketing, presented the initial findings of their paper, titled "OK Google, What Makes An Object Smart? Consumers' Perceptions and Experiences of Smart Objects" as part of the Marketing-Technology Interface Stage at the 2020 American Marketing Association Summer Academic Conference, which was held online on Aug. 18.

B.J. Hollars, associate professor of English, had his story "[A toast for Ray Bradbury's 100th](#)" published in the Aug. 20 Leader-Telegram.

Alison Millis, business manager/analyst in the Facilities division completed Continuing Education's Supervisory Management Certificate Program on June 23. Participants are required to complete three core classes and six more days of electives in order to receive the certificate.

Dr. Phil Ostrander, professor of music and principal trombonist in the Minnesota Opera Orchestra, has been selected to conduct the 2020 Wisconsin Middle Level State Honors Band. Ostrander will lead middle school students from throughout Wisconsin during a two-day virtual experience in October.

Dr. Asha Sen, professor of English, wrote the piece "[“Dearest Ma’ — letters from an immigrant daughter to her mother back home”](#) that was published in the Aug. 18 issue of Volume One.

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In the news

Quincy Chapman, director of Housing and Residence Life, was interviewed for the Aug. 18 WQOW story "[UWEC designates dorm for quarantine and isolation.](#)"

Paula Gilbeck, interim director of university relations, was interviewed for the Aug. 21 WQOW story "[Funding delayed for new UW-Eau Claire science building.](#)"

Dr. Mary Hoffman, interim associate vice chancellor for academic affairs and interim dean of graduate studies, was interviewed for the Aug. 21 WQOW story "[UW-Eau Claire ranked among best colleges in the Midwest.](#)"

Dr. Cheryl Jiménez-Frei, assistant professor of history, was among the panelists on the Aug. 10 edition of the livestream series "Conversations in Color," presented by Uniting Bridges, Converge Radio and the Pablo Center. The show, titled "[Monumental Problems](#)," focused on debates surrounding the removal of monuments and confronting issues of race and racism in the U.S. The series airs Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. and is hosted by **Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton**, professor of history, and Converge Radio host Ed Hudgins.

Mike Knuth, UW-Eau Claire's public information officer and university relations manager in IMC, was interviewed for the Aug. 17 WEAU story "[UWEC preparing for return of students and staff](#)" and the Aug. 21 WEAU story "[COVID-19 exposures reported at Eau Claire bars as college students return to town.](#)"

Jan Larson, professor and chair of the communication and journalism department, and **Chancellor James Schmidt** were quoted in the Aug. 19 Volume One article "[Colleges Cautiously Coming Back Amid Pandemic.](#)" **Mike Knuth**, public information officer/university relations manager in IMC, and **Quincy Chapman**, director of Housing and Residence Life, also were referenced in the article.

Dr. David Leland, associate professor of psychology, was interviewed for the Aug. 18 WQOW story "[UWEC psychology professor explains confirmation bias.](#)"

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