

Blugold FYI Archive: September 2020

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Important announcements

Chancellor's address available

The first virtual Blugold Breakfast was a success. Organizers want to thank those who worked hard behind the scenes to make the digital presentation possible and the UW-Eau Claire Foundation for sponsoring the grab-and-go breakfast. If you were not able to join in, the chancellor's [state-of-the university message](#) now is available for listening.

Parking permits now required

Faculty and staff are reminded that the requirement for UW-Eau Claire parking permits started this week. To avoid a parking citation, display the 2020-21 parking permit and familiarize yourself with campus parking regulations. Faculty and staff interested in purchasing parking permits can find information [online](#) and can purchase permits through the [parking portal](#). Questions? Call Blugold Central at 715-836-3000.

'Landing Gear' pickup continues

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 continue at the main entrance to Zorn Arena from **8 a.m.-8 p.m. (today) 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., 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.

Survey responses due today for University Staff Council, committee nominations

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 **today, Sept. 1**.

Join 'Eau These Blugold Nights!'

Tune in to the [UW-Eau Claire Alumni Facebook page](#) the **first Wednesday of the month 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 **Sept. 2** we're pleased to feature Flute Evolution, a trio formed by professor emerita **CeCelia Zorn** ('74), **Nancy Wendt** ('80), and **Kathy Rowland** ('82). Flute Evolution will share music and stories about their friendship and shared history via the Eau Claire community.

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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 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](#).

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Awards and achievements

Dr. Pamela Guthman, assistant professor of nursing, has been elected vice-chair of the Wisconsin Health Professionals for Climate Action.

Dr. Ming-Li Hsieh, assistant professor of criminal justice, had her article, titled “[Collaboration between Law Enforcement Agencies in Combating Cybercrime: Implications of a Taiwanese](#)

[Case Study about ATM Hacking](#),” published in the *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*.

Dorothy Ka-Ying Chan, assistant professor of English, has launched her own literary magazine, [Honey Literary](#), a BIPOC-focused literary journal built by women of color. The magazine’s pillars are access, advocacy and intersectionality.

McIntyre Library was selected as UW-Eau Claire’s nominee for the 2020 UW System Board of Regents Teaching Excellence Program award.

Patti See, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's gender and sexuality studies, had her article “[Call of the firebugs](#)” published in the Aug. 27 Leader-Telegram.

Dr. Charlotte Sortedahl, associate professor and chair of the nursing department, along with three co-authors, including undergraduate nursing student researchers, had their article, titled “The professional behaviors new nurses need: Findings from a national survey of hospital nurse leaders,” published in *Nursing Education Perspectives*. The work was supported through funding from the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs and the Mary C. and Fred Bliss Faculty Development Award. Following is the full citation: Sortedahl, C., Ellefson, S., Fotsch, D., and Daley, K. (2020). The professional behaviors new nurses need: Findings from a national survey of hospital nurse leaders. *Nursing Education Perspectives*. 41(4), 207-214. doi: 10.1097/01.NEP.0000000000000622.

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In the news

Quincy Chapman, UW-Eau Claire director of Housing and Residence Life, and Blugold students were interviewed for the Aug. 26 WQOW story “[UWEC freshmen move-in amid pandemic](#).”

Dr. Selika Duckworth-Lawton, UW-Eau Claire professor of history, co-authored with Melissa Buchholz, Rachel Hughes and Jim Jordan a story for the Aug. 25 Madison.com article “[Melissa Buchholz, Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, Rachel Hughes and Jim Jordan: Trump's economic agenda is hurting Wisconsinites](#).” **Duckworth-Lawton** also was interviewed for the Aug. 26 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram story “[Protest planned Saturday in EC](#),” the Aug. 27 WQOW story “[UWEC professor compares current sports boycotts to actions of the 60s](#),” the Aug. 28 WEAU story “[History professor says Martin Luther King Jr.'s message still relevant today](#)” and the Aug. 29 Leader-Telegram article “[EC protesters decry racial injustice, demand change](#).”

Amy Fink, ECLIPSE program manager, was quoted in the Aug. 28 WQOW story “[Grant helps UWEC program boost childhood literacy](#).”

Dr. Eric Kasper, director of UW-Eau Claire's Center for Constitutional Studies and professor of political science, was interviewed for the Aug. 25 Billboard.com story "[Joe Biden Presidential Campaign 'Flooding the Zone' with Celebrity Backers](#)," which was shared via the Associated Press and published widely.

Mike Knuth, UW-Eau Claire public information officer and associate director of Integrated Marketing and Communications, and UW-Eau Claire students, were interviewed for the Aug. 25 Chippewa Valley Post story "[UW-EC and UW-Stout preparing alternatives for in-person classes next month](#)."

Dr. Kent Syverson, professor of geology, had his book highlighted in the Aug. 27 Leader-Telegram story "[Geologist chronicles Alaskan field work's formidable challenges and rich rewards](#)" that also quoted Blugold alum **Rebecca Ryser**.

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. Joanne Jahnke Wegner is joining the history department as an assistant professor in early American history. She is a UW-Eau Claire alumna and is excited to return to her alma mater and the history department.

John Reichert is the new associate director for advising in the Advising, Retention and Career Center. He has served as interim associate director since February. Reichert is a UW-Eau Claire alumnus who has worked at the university since 2012.

The following new faculty and staff members have joined the College of Nursing and Health Sciences: **Jennifer Sperl**, **Shuba Samuel** and **Jennifer Rock**, clinical assistant professors; **Stephanie Briski** and **Stephanie Hill**, clinical instructors; and **Allison Hannah**, dean's assistant.

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Campus news and features

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- [Chancellor delivers state-of-the-university message](#)
- [Recreation, sport operations closed to community during first semester](#)
- [Grant helps UW-Eau Claire assist at-risk preschoolers](#)
- [Continuing Education announces September program offerings](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire's virtual reading intervention program supports area youth](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire Continuing Education announces COVID-19 protocols](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire ranked in Money magazine's 'Best Colleges for Your Money'](#)
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- **Zoom update:** The purchasing process for a campus Zoom license is complete, but we are waiting for Zoom to issue the license. Collaborate Ultra is currently the only web-conferencing platform that is integrated with Canvas. We recommend that you plan to use Collaborate Ultra in the meantime. We will announce Zoom updates and learning sessions when plans are finalized.
- **Classroom technology practice:** [Schedule](#) a 20-minute appointment to learn technology in the classroom. We will be demonstrating Collaborate Ultra (or Zoom once it is available).
 - College of Business instructors should contact Dave Nesvacil for an appointment at nesvacdp@uwec.edu.
 - College of Nursing instructors should contact Andy Hanson for an appointment at hansonaw@uwec.edu.
- **Microphones and streaming document cameras:** View the [Classroom Technology for the Fall KB article](#) to learn how to request microphones and document cameras that can be streamed or recorded.

- **Virtual sessions:** Join sessions on Canvas, Collaborate Ultra, video creation, iClickers and much more! [View sessions](#).

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Grace Crickette named vice chancellor for finance and administration

Crickette has been vice chancellor for administrative affairs, chief business officer and ethics officer at UW-Whitewater since 2017. She will begin work at UW-Eau Claire on Sept. 21. [Learn more](#).

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Search begins for vice chancellor for enrollment management

Chancellor Schmidt is launching a national search for a vice chancellor for enrollment management and seeks volunteers to serve on a search committee for the position that has been vacant for six months. The committee will meet during September and October. Faculty, staff or students who are interested or know of someone interested in serving on the search committee should submit a nomination **by Sept. 14**. University staff should submit names to usc@uwec.edu; faculty and academic staff may submit names to any of the universitywide nominating committee members, [Liliana LaValle](#), [Kati Schaller](#), [Christy Mulock](#) or [Kati Ritland-Clouse](#); and students should submit names to [Anna Ziebell](#).

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Free Fit4Life training sessions offered

Employee Wellness is offering free Fit4Life training sessions to the first 25 employees to register this fall semester. Masks and physical distancing during training are required. Virtual training is an option. For more information about Fit4Life, visit www.uwec.edu/recreation.

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Order name badge with eForm

To simplify the ordering process, Printing Services now has an eForm that can be used to order name badges. Silver or full-color, two- or three-line badges can all be ordered on the same eForm. To order, go to [eForms Overview](#) on the UW-Eau Claire website, launch eForms, start a new form, select Printing Services, then Name Badge Order Form. Once the order form opens, enter date needed, account information, name badge(s) type, fill in badge information and submit. Name badges will arrive with the yellow job ticket charging them to the account you selected. Cost for the badge(s) will be part of the regular monthly Printing Services chargebacks. The old name badge order form is still available at the bottom of the Printing Services webpage if you prefer to print and complete it manually rather than using the eForm. Questions? Contact Printing Services at printingservices@uwec.edu or 715-836-5621.

New calendars are ready

Printing Services has 2021 calendars printed and ready to be delivered or picked up. They are available in 9-by-12-inch and 12-by-18-inch sizes. Contact Printing Services at printingservices@uwec.edu or 715-836-5621 to have calendars delivered to your office — or stop at the Schofield 18 counter during regular business hours to pick them up.

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Awards and achievements

Dr. José Felipe Alvergue, associate professor of English, has had his third book of poetry, “scenery,” published by Fordham University Press. The book also was the winner of Fordham University Press' Poets Out Loud Editor's Prize. The book is available [here](#).

Dr. Matthew Jewell, associate professor of materials science and engineering, and **Dr. Thomas Kemp**, professor and chair of the economics department, presented the findings of their report, “[Advancing Wisconsin's Green Manufacturing Economy](#),” to the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation’s CleanTech Network forum on Aug. 26.

Dr. Erna Kelly, professor emerita of English, had her essay "[Post-Weeding Meditation](#)" published in *Shorts Magazine*, Vol. 1, summer 2020.

Dr. Bruce Ouderkirk, director of Student Support Services, was awarded a new multiyear student support services grant from the U.S. Department of Education for 2020-25. The award for the initial 2020-21 academic year is \$450,581.

Dr. Crispin Pierce, professor of environmental public health in the Watershed Institute, has been invited to serve as a technical advisor for the National Environmental Health Association. Technical advisors provide subject-matter expertise and counsel to the NEHA president, board, staff, affiliates and membership on the latest developments and educational needs of environmental health professionals.

Dr. Katherine Schneider, psychologist emerita in Counseling Services, has had a new book, titled "[Hope of the Crow: Tales of Occupying Aging](#)," published through Wheatmark just in time for the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The book offers an honest, instructive and hilarious memoir of seven years of aging and advocating told in blogs. The book also is available in an accessible format through bookshare.org.

Dr. Stacy Thompson, professor of English, has had his article "[On the Interpassivity of Collecting](#)" published in the August 2020 issue of the peer-reviewed journal *Psychoanalysis, Culture & Society*, published by Palgrave/Springer.

Dr. Linda Young, dean of UW-Eau Claire's College of Nursing and Health Sciences, was selected as one of the 2020 inductees to the American Academy of Nursing Fellowship, recognizing her for her significant contributions to public health. [Learn more](#).

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In the news

Wesley Beschorner, UW-Eau Claire head football coach, was quoted in the Sept. 3 Leader-Telegram story "[Family connection helps UWEC coach find defensive coordinator](#)."

Dr. Melissa Coolong-Chaffin, associate professor of psychology, and **Dr. Mary Beth Tusing**, associate professor of psychology, along with several UW-Eau Claire students, were quoted in the Aug. 31 Leader-Telegram article "[UW-EC's virtual reading program supports area youth](#)."

Dr. Liz Glogowski, associate professor of materials science and engineering, and several UW-Eau Claire students were interviewed for the Sept. 2 WQOW story "[UW-Eau Claire students return for first day of classes](#)."

Dr. Jarrod Hyam, associate lecturer of philosophy and religious studies, was interviewed for the Sept. 2 OnlineEducation.com article "[From brick and mortar to online learning: The university response to COVID-19.](#)"

Dr. Matthew Jewell, associate professor of materials science and engineering, and **Dr. Thomas Kemp**, professor and chair of the economics department, were interviewed on Wisconsin Public Radio's "[The Morning Show](#)" Sept. 1 to discuss the findings of their recent report, "[Advancing Wisconsin's Green Manufacturing Economy.](#)"

Mike Knuth, public information officer and associate director of Integrated Marketing and Communications, and **Quincy Chapman**, director of Housing and Residence Life, were quoted in the Sept. 3 WEAU story "[Quarantine dorm in use at UWEC.](#)" Knuth also was quoted in the Sept. 3 Leader-Telegram story "[15 UW-EC students in COVID-19 quarantine or isolation.](#)"

Dr. Mary Beth Leibham, professor of psychology, was quoted in the Aug. 31 WQOW story "[How to cope with back-to-school anxiety.](#)"

Dr. Geoffrey Peterson, professor and chair of the political science department, was interviewed for the Aug. 31 WQOW story "[Political science professor: Impact of in-person versus virtual campaigning.](#)"

UW-Eau Claire was featured in the Aug. 31 Leader-Telegram editorial "[Our View: UW-EC recognition underlines benefits to community.](#)"

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

Several new faculty and staff members have joined the College of Business. Accounting and finance: **Chip Kochendorfer**, lecturer, accounting; **Brad Dobson**, lecturer, finance; and **Dr. Xinruo (Emma) Wang**, assistant professor, finance. Business communication: **Dr. Nici Ploeger-Lyons**, associate professor. Information systems: **Dr. Ezgi Akar**, assistant professor. Management and marketing: **Dr. Trond Bergestuen**, assistant professor, marketing; **Dr. Lenita Davis**, assistant professor and director of the Center for Sales and Sales Management; and **Dr. Melissa Emerson**, assistant professor, management.

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- [Blugold student researchers win award for medical innovation](#)
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- **Microphones and streaming document cameras:** View the [Classroom Technology for the Fall KB article](#) to learn how to request microphones and document cameras that can be streamed or recorded.
- **Request Midterm Student Evaluation, Oct. 5-20:** Collecting midterm feedback from students is always a good idea. Let CETL collect the data, compile it and make a report of the findings. The process will be different this semester, but the results can be just as impactful for you and your students as the in-person process.
- **Reading Groups:**
 - [Stereotype Threat and Implications for the Classroom](#), Fridays, Oct. 23, Nov. 6 and Nov. 20 from 11-11:50 a.m. (EDI Tier 2)

- [Teaching about Race and Racism in the College Classroom](#), Thursdays, Sept. 24, Oct. 8, Oct. 22 and Nov. 5 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. (EDI Tier 2)
- **Faculty Fridays Open Write:** Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon via [Collaborate Ultra](#). Looking to start or finish an article, essay or book? Block Friday mornings and write (virtually) with the Center for Writing Excellence. RSVP to Jonathan Rylander at rylandjj@uwec.edu.

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Chancellor's Briefing planned for Sept. 17

Chancellor Schmidt will lead a briefing, which will be [livestreamed](#) at **5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17**. The chancellor will be joined by a few others in providing updates on topics including fall enrollment and the latest information on COVID preparedness, numbers and testing. If you would like to submit a question for the briefing, please email questions@uwec.edu **by tomorrow, Sept. 16**. Questions will not be accepted during the briefing.

Universitywide emergency notification system test this week

UW-Eau Claire will conduct a universitywide test of Omnilert, the university's emergency notification system, at approximately **10 a.m. Sept. 17**. Details about the test and [how to sign up for Omnilert](#) are available online.

Casey Rozowski to provide new leadership in data management and analyses

Casey Rozowski has been named the new director of data management, analytics and reporting. As a director of institutional research and effectiveness at North Central University, Rozowski has had experience in data governance, data compliance policies and business intelligence support. He joined UW-Eau Claire on Sept. 1.

Volunteers sought for Blugold Buddies

The Blugold Buddies program is seeking 140 volunteers to help engage our new first-year students as they start their college experience, which is anything but typical. If you are willing to donate your time and assistance to the program, please complete the [Blugold Buddy eForm](#) **by 3 p.m. Sept. 16**. For more information, please reach out to [Billy Felz](#) or [Andrew Jepsen](#).

Update your web profile

With the new semester underway, now is a great time to [update your profile on our website!](#) Simply log in with your UW-Eau Claire credentials. To edit your profile, click on the pencil icon under Actions. Once you are in your profile, make sure your name, phone, credentials, unit, title and location appear as they should. Add a headshot or update your current photo. Read through your biography and add new achievements, awards or publications. **NEW!** You can now add your in-person and/or virtual office hours to your profile under the Basic Info tab. If you do not have a profile and would like one created, please [email the LTS Help Desk](#).

Free flu shots available

The Well Wisconsin Program is offering free, voluntary flu shots for UW-Eau Claire employees and spouses enrolled in the state of Wisconsin insurance program. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, preregistration is required and walk-ins will not be accommodated. Employees can register and schedule appointments at wellwisconsin.staywell.com. Participants must print and complete their flu shot consent form and bring it with them to the event, along with their insurance card. The drive-thru clinics will be in the Water Street parking lot; the on-campus outdoor clinic will be on lower campus, with more details to come. The dates and times for the

flu shots are: **2:30-7:30 p.m. Sept. 30, drive-thru; 7-11:30 a.m. Oct. 2, drive-thru; noon-1 p.m. Oct. 5, UWEC – Barron County; and 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Oct. 7, outdoor clinic.**

Call for nominations: Regents Diversity Awards

The EDISA Awards Committee is collecting nominations for the Regents Diversity Awards in both the individual and team categories. Please review the [award criteria](#) and consider nominating yourself, a colleague — or a department, unit or team. Then submit the following to EDISAawards@uwec.edu by **Sept. 24**:

- If you are self-nominating, please submit a **nominee statement** (limit four pages).
- If you are nominating a colleague — or a department, unit or team other than your own, please submit a **letter of support** (limit to pages).

If you or your nominee is selected for UW-Eau Claire's submission, the EDISA Awards Committee will be in touch to coordinate sending the application materials to the Board of Regents. Please forward any questions to [Teresa O'Halloran](#) or [Caitlin Lee](#).

Center for International Education announcements

- **Plan now, study abroad later:** The [Center for International Education](#) (CIE) has officially launched its bookings page. A student simply needs to click on the [booking link](#) to sign up for an advising appointment or virtual presentation.
- **CIE interns available to present:** CIE's study abroad interns are eager to visit your classes in person or virtually to help promote study abroad. Presentations are roughly 10-minutes long, with time for Q&A. If you are interested in this opportunity, email studyabroad@uwec.edu and include your course title, preferred date and time, number of students and whether your class meets in person or virtually.
- **Internationalize your class with a lecture from abroad:** UW-Eau Claire partner University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC) is offering virtual information sessions and lectures due to suspended study abroad programs. Lectures will be provided by host country faculty in the subjects of art, business, education, environmental science, health, language and culture, politics, history, social issues and gender. Interested faculty should complete the [USAC online request form](#). Faculty with questions can contact [Colleen Marchwick](#) in the Center for International Education by email or phone at 715-836-4411.

Take a UW System web conference tool survey

Faculty, staff and students are invited to participate in a [survey](#) seeking information about all web conferencing usage (not limited to instructional web conference needs). The survey, which **closes Sept. 19**, will help the UW System understand requirements and priorities as it prepares a request for proposal and recommendations for web conferencing tools this year.

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In Memoriam

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Kayla Piper, outreach program manager in Continuing Education, and **Dang Yang**, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, were quoted in the Sept. 5 Leader-Telegram article “[UW-EC program aims to build cultural intelligence in community.](#)”

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Call for nominations: Regents Diversity Awards

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- If you are self-nominating, please submit a **nominee statement** (four-page limit).
- If you are nominating a colleague — or a department, unit or team other than your own, please submit a **letter of support** (two-page limit).

If you or your nominee is selected for UW-Eau Claire's submission, the EDISA Awards Committee will be in touch to coordinate sending the application materials to the Board of Regents. Please forward any questions to [Teresa O'Halloran](#) or [Caitlin Lee](#).

Call for nominations: Regents Teaching Excellence Awards

Nominations are open for two teaching excellence awards from the UW System Board of Regents that honor both individuals and departments. [Nominate yourself, a colleague or a department](#) by **Sept. 28.**

Center for International Education announcements

- **Plan now, study abroad later:** The [Center for International Education](#) (CIE) has officially launched its bookings page. A student simply needs to click on the [booking link](#) to sign up for an advising appointment or virtual presentation.
- **CIE interns available to present:** CIE's study abroad interns are eager to visit your classes in person or virtually to help promote study abroad. Presentations are roughly 10-minutes long, with time for Q&A. If you are interested in this opportunity, email studyabroad@uwec.edu and include your course title, preferred date and time, number of students and whether your class meets in person or virtually.
- **Internationalize your class with a lecture from abroad:** UW-Eau Claire partner University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC) is offering virtual information sessions and lectures due to suspended study abroad programs. Lectures will be provided by host country faculty in the subjects of art, business, education, environmental science, health, language and culture, politics, history, social issues and gender. Interested faculty should complete the [USAC online request form](#). Faculty with questions can contact [Colleen Marchwick](#) in the Center for International Education by email or phone at 715-836-4411.

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Dr. Gary Don, professor of music, had his article, titled "[Seminar Reflections](#)," in honor of John Rahn's many contributions as a teacher, composer and scholar in the field of music theory, published in *Perspectives of New Music*, Vol. 57, Nos. 1 and 2 (winter and summer 2019): 243-49.

Dr. Ryan Jones, professor of music, had a chapter titled "Dignity in the Twilight of Minstrelsy — Race, Nuance and Aspiration in Duke Ellington's 'Symphony in Black: A Rhapsody of Negro Life'" published in the book "[Cinema Changes: Incorporations of Jazz in the Film Soundtrack](#)," edited by Emile Wennekes and Emilio Audissino, Brepols Publishers, 2019: 220-238.

Dr. Lesley Mayne, assistant professor of communication sciences and disorders, co-authored a book titled "[Augmentative and Assistive Communication with Children: A Protocol and Intervention Plan to Support Children with Complex Communication Profiles](#)," which was published over the summer. The full citation is: Mayne, L., & Rogers, S. (2020). *Augmentative and assistive communication with children: A protocol and intervention plan to support children with complex communication profiles*. London, UK: Routledge Publishing. Mayne also recently presented a webinar to the American Speech Language Association, titled "Planning Augmentative and Assistive Communication Intervention for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder."

Patti See, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's gender and sexuality studies, had her essay, titled "[Nothing Happened and Everything Did](#)," about summer during a worldwide pandemic, published in the Sept. 8 relaunch issue of Volume One magazine. See also had her piece "[Sawdust Stories: Got any good news?](#)" published in the Sept. 17 Leader-Telegram.

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Dr. Lloyd Turtinen, professor emeritus of biology, recently had his book, titled "[Sunnyside Up North: Beginnings and Beyond: A Memoir](#)," published. The book, which covers his early life growing up on a farm in northern Minnesota through his service during the Vietnam War, is available through the publisher at Bookbaby.com and most major booksellers.

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Dr. Crispin Pierce, professor of environmental public health, and UW-Eau Claire students were interviewed for the Sept. 17 WEAU story "[UW-Eau Claire adds public health major](#)."

Dr. Marilyn Skrivseth, professor emerita of kinesiology, was quoted in the Sept. 15 Leader-Telegram article "[For the love of pickleball: Major donation to help transform EC park](#)."

Kimera Way, UW-Eau Claire Foundation president, was quoted in the Sept. 16 Leader-Telegram article "[UW-EC Foundation selling 99.9 FM.](#)"

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Professional development

WWHEL fall conference going virtual

The annual Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Leadership (WWHEL) fall conference, “Connected Leadership: Resilience and Reinvention,” will be held virtually from **9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Oct. 22**. Support is available for 10 UW-Eau Claire faculty or staff to attend at no cost. If you are interested, please contact [Faith Pawelski](#), WWHEL institutional representative, **by Oct. 16**. [Topic and speaker information](#) can be found online.

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Dr. Erica Benson, professor of English, had the paperback edition of her co-edited volume, "[Language Regard: Methods, Variation and Change](#)," published by Cambridge University Press in September 2020 (hardback edition was published in 2018).

Dr. José Valero, professor of languages, had his review of Miriam Cera Brea's "Arquitectura e identidad nacional en la España de las Luces: Las 'Noticias de los arquitectos' de Llaguno y Ceán" [Architecture and national identity in Enlightenment Spain. Llaguno and Cean's 'Noticias de los arquitectos.'] (Madrid: S.E.E.S.XVIII/Maia Ediciones, 2019) published in *Dieciocho*, 43.2, fall 2020, pages 399-402. The [review](#) can be accessed online.

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Liliana LaValle, learning and instruction librarian in McIntyre Library, and UW-Eau Claire senior **Emma Mabie** were interviewed for the Sept. 23 WEAU story "[UWEC virtual exhibit celebrates the centennial of women's voting rights in the Chippewa Valley](#)."

Joann Martin, coordinator of student activities in the Activities, Involvement and Leadership office, was quoted in the Sept. 28 WQOW story "[UWEC virtual homecoming still brings excitement](#)."

Dr. Nora Mitchell, assistant professor of biology, and **Daria Hutchinson**, landscape architect in Facilities, were quoted in the Sept. 26 Leader-Telegram article "[The giving trees: UW-EC tree project to spur climate research, draw K-12 students.](#)" **Mitchell** also was quoted in the Sept. 25 WEAU story "[Poplar trees planted on Eau Claire south side for research program.](#)"

Dr. Geoff Peterson, professor and chair of the political science department, was quoted in the Sept. 28 Chippewa Herald article "[Local professors give debate tips](#)" and in the Sept. 28 WQOW story "[UWEC poli sci chair breaks down significance of presidential debates.](#)"

UW-Eau Claire students **Jackson Wolff**, **Luke Seidel**, **Kayde Langer** and **Stephanie Hoeksema**, and **Dr. Warren Anderson**, vice chancellor for equity, diversity and inclusion and student affairs, were quoted in the Sept. 24 Leader-Telegram article "'[Divest in police, invest in us:](#)' UW-EC students present demands."

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

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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Campus news and features

- [UW-Eau Claire gardens are part of National Science Foundation study](#)
- [Paleontologist to share details of North America's oldest winged dinosaur and other recent discoveries](#)
- [Students see opportunities in new Center for Racial and Restorative Justice](#)
- [Continuing Education announces October program offerings](#)

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Professional development

WWHEL fall conference going virtual

The annual Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Leadership (WWHEL) fall conference, “Connected Leadership: Resilience and Reinvention,” will be held virtually from **9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Oct. 22**. Support is available for 10 UW-Eau Claire faculty or staff to attend at no cost. If you are interested, please contact [Faith Pawelski](#), WWHEL institutional representative, **by Oct. 16**. [Topic and speaker information](#) can be found online.

CETL professional development

- **Virtual sessions:** Join Q&A sessions and new sessions on Zoom throughout October. [View sessions](#). Zoom integration in Canvas is still in progress. Refer to the [Zoom KB article](#) for how to access Zoom in the meantime.
- **Professional development at your convenience:** [View session recordings and resources](#).
- **Microphones and streaming document cameras:** View the [Classroom Technology for the Fall KB article](#) to learn how to request microphones and document cameras that can be streamed or recorded.
- **Request Midterm Student Evaluation, Oct. 5-20:** Collecting midterm feedback from students is always a good idea. Let CETL collect the data, compile it and make a report of the findings. The process will be different this semester, but the results can be just as impactful for you and your students as the in-person process.
- **Stereotype Threat and Implications for the Classroom** reading group, Fridays, Oct. 23, Nov. 6 and Nov. 20 from 11-11:50 a.m. (EDI Tier 2)
- **Faculty Fridays Open Write:** Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon via [Collaborate Ultra](#). Looking to start or finish an article, essay or book? Block Friday mornings and write (virtually) with the Center for Writing Excellence. RSVP to Jonathan Rylander at rylandjj@uwec.edu.

EDI professional development for faculty and staff

Faculty and staff are invited to participate in at least one of the virtual professional development opportunities this fall to increase understanding of equity, diversity and inclusion, and help UW-Eau Claire do better as a campus. [View and register for sessions and groups](#).

Coming up:

- [Racing Toward Justice: Conversation with Roxane Gay](#): Sept. 29, 6-7:30 p.m.
- [What the Hmong: An Introduction of the American Hmong Experience](#): Oct. 2, 10-11:30 a.m.
- [Excluded Reading Group Series](#): Beginning Oct. 7, 3-4 p.m.
- [Queer Intersectionality Short Films Series and Dialogue](#): Oct. 12, 3-4:30 p.m.
- [Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Classroom](#): Oct. 14, 10 a.m.-noon.

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Meeting notices

- [See all meetings and agendas.](#)
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[Blugold FYI archive](#)

Blugold FYI compiles many bits of information and announcements about the business of working at UW-Eau Claire into one single email for your convenience. Reply to give us your feedback, or [head to the form](#) to submit items for a future issue.

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