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On-campus housing contracts available for 2021-22

Contracts for on-campus housing in 2021-22 are available **until Nov. 16** for current UW-Eau Claire students to qualify for first-round room self-selection in December. If you know of students who are interested in on-campus housing for next academic year, refer them to [Housing and Residence Life](#) or have them email housing@uwec.edu or call 715-836-3674.

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 on-campus outdoor clinic, from **8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Oct. 7**, will be on lower campus.

Search begins for dean of College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Patricia Kleine, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, is launching a search to permanently fill the position of dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Rodd Freitag currently fills the interim position. Kleine seeks volunteers to serve on a search committee for the position. Faculty, staff or students who are interested in serving on the search committee should submit a nomination **by Oct. 8**. College of Arts and Sciences faculty should submit names to [Jane Becker](#); academic staff may submit names to any of the universitywide nominating committee members, [Christa Garvey](#), [Liliana LaValle](#), [Christy Mulock](#), [Katie Ritland-Clouse](#), [Kati Schaller](#) or [Katie Wilson](#); university staff may submit to usc@uwec.edu; and students may submit to [Anna Ziebell](#).

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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!" This 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 **Oct. 7** we're pleased to feature **Gary Berg**, a 1979 graduate and CEO of G.L. Berg Entertainment, the largest entertainment agency in the Midwest. Berg will present "Now More Than Ever ... Don't Forget to Laugh!" to remind us all of the premise on which his company operates: when people gather, laugh and share positive experiences, everyone wins!

New Cost Transfer Tool available

University accounting says the Cost Transfer Tool (CTT) now is available and replaces the "expenditure/expenditure transfer" option with the revenue and expense transfer form in BP Logix. The CTT allows users to create expenditure transfers directly from WISER or through the tool itself. Additional information and training is available on UW-Eau Claire's [accounting page](#). To request training on CTT, contact [Jackie Kriesel](#).

Help shape the future of Eau Claire Transit

During the past year, the city of Eau Claire has been updating its Transit Development Plan to guide the next five years of transit service in the community. Input from hundreds of bus riders and residents has been used to develop draft service recommendations to include in the plan and implement over the next several years. Eau Claire Transit needs your feedback to ensure recommendations are reflective of community needs. Your input is voluntary, but greatly appreciated, and can be [provided here](#).

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Mari Bodensteiner, lecturer in the languages department, was the recipient of a U.S. Department of State public diplomacy initiative award in which experts in the field of English language education lead intensive English language projects. Working with the public affairs sections of the U.S. Embassy in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Bodensteiner partnered with the Instituto Cultural Dominico-Americano and developed the [Open Learning Program](#) as a curriculum and content creator, and program trainer and developer. In the Dominican Republic, the Open Learning Program was developed in response to the COVID-19 crisis. Bodensteiner developed and implemented four eight-week online courses for English language learners and English language teachers.

Dr. Josh Brown, associate professor of German and linguistics in the department of languages, had his article "[Writing about Amish Women and Singlehood](#)" published Sept. 30 in the journal *Culture and Religion*.

Dr. Dorothy Ka-Ying Chan, assistant professor of English, has had her poem "[Ode to Chinese Superstitions, Haircuts, and Being a Girl](#)" published in the October issue of Poetry Magazine. Her [book review](#) of Joshua Jennifer Espinoza's collection "I'm Alive. It Hurts. I Love It" is now up on University of Southern Indiana's blog "The Meter Reader." In addition, her poem "Year of the Pig" was nominated by Pidgeonholes for its "Best of the Net" poetry recognition, and her poem "Because You Fall Too Fast Too Hard" was nominated by Flypaper Lit for its "Best of the Net" poetry honor. And Spork Press has released a special limited-edition version of Chan's poetry book, "[Attack of the Fifty-Foot Centerfold](#)."

Jill Markgraf, McIntyre Library director, had her article, "[Libraries and the Importance of Being Ambidextrous](#)," published in the September 2020 issue of the journal *Against the Grain*.

Several UW-Eau Claire faculty, staff and departments/units were honored Sept. 18 with [awards from the Equity Diversity and Inclusion and Student Affairs division](#): **Cindy Yang**, a clinician in Counseling Services: Rising Star Award; **Dang Yang**, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs: Leading the Way Award for Innovation; **Caitlin Lee**, equal opportunity specialist in the Affirmative Action Office: Above and Beyond Award; **Michael Thomas**, student services coordinator in the Office of Multicultural Affairs: Advocate Award; **Dr. Angie Stombaugh**, director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning: Collaborative Excellence Award; **Vicky Thomas**, director of Services for Students with Disabilities: Chair of Excellence Award; and **Dr. Patricia Kress**, medical director of Student Health Service: Stepping Up Award.

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In the news

Dr. Warren Anderson, vice chancellor for equity, diversity and inclusion and student affairs, was quoted in the Sept. 29 WQOW story "[UW-Eau Claire COVID-19 cases decline sharply.](#)"

Dr. Eric Kasper, professor of political science and director of the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies, was quoted in the Oct. 2 WQOW story "[How Trump's COVID-19 diagnosis could affect his campaign.](#)"

Joann Martin, coordinator of student activities in the Activities, Involvement and Leadership office; **Dr. Warren Anderson**, vice chancellor for equity, diversity and inclusion and student affairs; and UW-Eau Claire students were interviewed for the Sept. 29 WEAU story "[Homecoming week at UW Eau Claire raises concerns of new spike in coronavirus cases.](#)"

Dr. Geoff Peterson, professor and chair of the political science department, was interviewed by The Telegraph (London, U.K.) and quoted in the Oct. 2 Yahoo! News Canada story "[What Donald Trump's 'working from home' could look like.](#)" He also was interviewed for the Sept. 30 WQOW story "['It became quite literally a food fight,' political science expert believes behavior during presidential debate is not convincing undecided voters.](#)"

Dr. Geoff Peterson, professor and chair of political science, and **Jan Larson**, professor and chair of communication and journalism, will take part in an online panel discussion titled "[Covering Political Campaigns: Do Facts Still Matter?](#)" from **7-8:30 p.m. tonight, Oct. 6**, as part of [News Engagement Day](#). Peterson will be a panelist and Larson will serve as moderator. A link to access the program will be available at both [cvpost.org](#) and [WPR.org/western](#).

Dr. Katherine Schneider, psychologist emerita in Counseling Services, was featured in the Sept. 30 Leader-Telegram article “[Q&A with Katherine Schneider about new book, disabilities and COVID-19.](#)”

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- [UW-Eau Claire students encouraged to vote early](#)
- [Elevating needed voices: Dr. Dorothy Ka-Ying Chan](#)
- [Wisconsin’s Amish communities to be focus of Oct. 8 online lecture](#)
- [Virtual Career Treks offer all UW System students online industry exploration](#)

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Professional development

Upcoming ORSP Faculty/Academic Staff Forum presentations

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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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Thank you, Student Health Service!

Sending a shoutout to Student Health Service staff members for their tireless work in staffing the COVID phone and email lines, and working weekends and overtime to provide testing, education and contact tracing on campus. SHS also will provide free flu shots for all students again this year. Please remind students to call 715-836-5360 for flu-shot appointments.

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Time to re-up for NYT?

Faculty and staff who signed up for McIntyre Library's complimentary access to The New York Times last fall may need to renew their accounts. For instructions on how to renew, please follow the [library's instructions](#). Steps for signing up for the first time also are included.

New Davies Center hours announced

Beginning Oct. 17, Davies Center will be open during the following hours: 7 a.m.-10 p.m. weekdays; and 10 a.m.-8 p.m. weekends. Questions? Email [Julie Morgan](#).

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Rob Mattison, a videographer in Learning and Technology Services, had his diorama, "Finkelstein's Underground Comic Print Shop," selected as a winner in the recent Reader's Choice contest of [Amazing Figure Modeler](#) magazine. Mattison's entry was featured in a four-

page spread in issue No. 70 of one of the only hobby magazines of its kind. View [part 1](#) and [part 2](#) of the article.

Congratulations to the faculty and staff completers of the EDI Tier 3 professional development program. The following individuals completed 10 or more Tier 2 sessions and a project within their scope of duties to help improve EDI on campus: **Angela Milas**, Student Health Service, “Student Health Service — Website Updates to Be More Inclusive”; **Kayla Piper**, Continuing Education/Blugold Central, “Building Cultural Intelligence Certificate Series”; **Dean Seavecki**, Student Health Service, “Student Health Service — Website Updates to Be More Inclusive”; and **Katie Strope**, Services for Students with Disabilities, “Mindfulness Workshop Series for Students with Disabilities.” [Learn more about the EDI professional development program.](#)

Sherrie Miles, process improvement coordinator in the Continuous Improvement Services area of Learning and Technology Services, has successfully completed a four-week SharePoint Bootcamp offered thru Marie Herman of MRH Enterprises, a leading technology and professional development trainer.

Dr. Bob Nowlan, professor of English, has received a grant from the Cignet Trust to provide full external support for a 100% leave during the 2020-21 academic year, from June 2020 through August 2021, to work on writing two books: “Ian Curtis, Joy Division and Critical Theory” and “21st-Century British TV Crime Drama: A Critical Guide.”

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Ben Bechle, assistant director of Housing and Residence Life, was interviewed for the Oct. 12 WQOW story “[UW-Eau Claire launches ‘Blugolds Care’ program.](#)”

Dr. James Boulter, professor of chemistry, was quoted in the Oct. 11 Dubuque Telegraph Herald article “[Mississippi River already seeing impact on industry, recreation from climate change.](#)”

Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, professor of history, was featured in the Oct. 8 Leader-Telegram story “[Sawdust Stories: Look for the doers,](#)” which was written by **Patti See**, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's gender and sexuality studies.

Dr. Pamela Guthman, assistant professor of nursing, was interviewed for the Oct. 6 WQOW story “[Rural counties facing disparities during pandemic.](#)”

Dr. Justin Patchin, professor of criminal justice and co-director of the Cyberbullying Research Center, was quoted in the Oct. 5 Newswise article "[Cartoon Network and Cyberbullying Research Center Release First-Ever National Research Findings on Cyberbullying Among Tweens](#)," the Oct. 7 Broadcasting + Cable article "[Cartoon Net Study Finds 21% of Tweens Cyberbullied](#)" and the Oct. 11 Leader-Telegram article "[Cyberbullying study shows negative effect on tweens](#)." He also was interviewed for the Oct. 7 WEAU story "[A new study takes a look at tweens and cyberbullying](#)" and the Oct. 9 WQOW story "[New Study: 1 in 5 tweens have experienced cyberbullying](#)." In addition, Patchin's research was the focus of the Oct. 12 Leader-Telegram editorial "[Our View: Welcome advice on cyberbullying](#)."

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Research by **Dr. Crispin Pierce**, professor of environmental public health, was noted in the article "[There's No Oil in Wisconsin. The Fracking Bust Hit It Anyway](#)," which was published in the Oct. 8 issue of The Wall Street Journal.

Jamie Tester Morfoot, assistant professor of social work, was interviewed for the Oct. 9 WEAU story "[Federal grant helps social work students at UWEC](#)."

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- [Blugold balances life as a college student and as a shaman](#)
- [Federal child welfare grants assist future social workers at UW-Eau Claire](#)
- [Daughter of Holocaust survivors to discuss her family's experiences Oct. 15](#)

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Professional development

Zoom training sessions announced

Two company-led Zoom trainings and a Zoom Q&A session have been scheduled for faculty and staff. To see the dates, times and details, please visit the [Zoom Knowledge Base \(KB\) article](#). All trainings will be offered remotely, and details on how to join can be found within the article. If you are unable to attend either of the training sessions, they will be recorded and made available in the Zoom KB. Trainings are sponsored by CETL and LTS.

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CETL professional development

- **Virtual sessions:** Join Q&A sessions and 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.
- [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 rylandji@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:

- [Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Classroom](#): Oct. 14, 10 a.m.-noon.
- [Microaggressions](#): Oct. 15, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- [Afternoon with Dr. Cornel West: Rage, Religion and Politics in a Year of Global Calamity](#): Oct. 15, 2-3:30 p.m.
- Who We Are: The Stories of Marginalized Students in Higher Education: [Oct. 19, 10-11:30 a.m.](#) and [Oct. 22, 3-4:30 p.m.](#)
- [Racing Toward Justice: In Conversation with Alok Vaid-Menon](#): Oct. 20, 6-7:30 p.m.
- [The Gender Gap: What is It and What Can We Do?](#): Oct. 21, 10 a.m.-noon.

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Planning for UW-Eau Claire's future

Chancellor Schmidt is asking the university community to examine how UW-Eau Claire can continue to provide transformational learning and set itself apart over the next five years. He has asked the University Planning Committee to continue its conversations about the future and has set a target date of Dec. 31 for a new 2025 strategic plan for UW-Eau Claire. The UPC has gathered hundreds of comments from faculty, staff and students, and is collaborating with the EDI Planning Committee and the Sustainability and Climate Change Task Force to create draft plans and refine ideas. Faculty, staff and students are asked to visit the [new planning website](#) to read recommendations and plans for 2025 and to share ideas and feedback. All are asked to take part in a virtual action forum with the three planning teams from **4-5 p.m. Oct. 29**.

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ATP update scheduled

Join leaders of the [Administrative Transformation Program](#), a UW System effort to redesign human resources, financial and research administration systems and services, from **10-11 a.m. Oct. 21** for a virtual status update. ATP program director Nick Tincher and program executive Steve Kish will share new, recent accomplishments, and current and upcoming work. They also will answer questions and listen to feedback. Tune in to the live event via the [ATP YouTube](#) channel or submit questions for the Q&A portion to atp@vc.wisc.edu.

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ULEC seeks input as part of Liberal Education Core review

This academic year, in its ongoing review of the Liberal Education Core, the University Liberal Education Committee will focus on learning outcomes [R1](#), [R2](#), [R3](#) and [Service-Learning](#). Faculty and staff are encouraged to provide feedback to the committee via the links above **through Nov. 5**. In addition, virtual feedback sessions have been scheduled at noon Oct. 23 and 2:30 p.m. Oct. 26. A campuswide email with links to the feedback sessions was sent from Academic Affairs on Oct. 15. Questions? Email ULEC chair [Dr. Kris Knutson](#) or call 715-836-3268.

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Dr. Mike Axelrod, director of the Human Development Center and professor of psychology, presented a paper titled “Treatment of Nonretentive Encopresis using a Comprehensive Behavioral Treatment Across Settings” Oct. 16 at the European Academy of Pediatric Societies 2020 Virtual Congress. A central feature of the Congress is the presentation of scientific papers offering new information from all areas of pediatric medicine and child health. Axelrod's research investigated the use of a toilet-training protocol implemented at home and school to improve the independent toileting behavior of children with nonretentive encopresis.

Dr. Josh Brown, associate professor of German and linguistics in the department of languages, recently gave two presentations: “Heritage Swedish Across the Lifespan in a Minnesota Family” (co-presented with Angela Hoffman of Uppsala University) at the 11th Workshop on Immigrant Languages in the Americas virtually hosted by the University of North Carolina-Asheville; and “Postvernacular Pennsylvania Dutch” as an invited virtual talk to the department of language sciences at UW-Madison.

Dr. Cheryl Jiménez Frei, assistant professor of history; **Dr. Elena N. Casey**, assistant professor of Spanish; and **Dr. Lisa Schiller**, associate professor of nursing; have received a COVID-19 Grant for History in the Public Interest from the Albert Lepage Center at Villanova University, for their project, “Documenting the Undocumented.” The project, currently in progress through the fall semester, involves collecting and archiving oral histories of migrant and undocumented farm workers in western Wisconsin to document their experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. Oral histories will be archived in UW-Eau Claire's Chippewa Valley COVID-19 Archive, and, in partnership with Arizona State University, in ASU's global COVID-19 archive, “A Journal of the Plague Year.” The multidisciplinary project brings together UW-Eau Claire faculty and students across public history and Spanish for health professions courses and the Health Care for Immigrant and Local Farmers Clinical Immersion Program.

Dr. Lucy A. Johnson, assistant professor of digital literacies in the English department, has had her essay “[\(Re\)Composing our Consent: Critical Digital Literacies as Remixed Terms of Service](#)” published in the journal *Constellations: A Cultural Rhetorics Publishing Space*. In this essay Johnson argues for the relevance of protecting digital bodies alongside the physical in the writing classroom through the rhetorical act of sousveillance (watching the watchers).

Dr. Erna Kelly, professor emerita of English, had her poem “Grass” selected for an honorable mention award in the Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets Triad Contest in the Kay Saunders Emerging Poet category.

Congratulations to the faculty and staff completers of the EDI Tier 3 professional development program. The following individuals completed 10 or more Tier 2 sessions and a project within their scope of duties to help improve EDI on campus: **Ellen Mahaffy**, communication and journalism, “Narrowing the Opportunity Gap with Group Work” and **Sara Thommesen**, Activities Involvement and Leadership, “Student Organization Constitution Guidelines and Inclusivity Statements.” [Learn more about the EDI professional development program.](#)

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In the news

Dr. Doug Olson, professor of management and marketing/director of Center for Health and Aging Services Excellence, was featured in the Oct. 16 McKnight's Long-Term Care News article [“The really good news about the future of long-term care leaders.”](#)

Dr. Katherine Schneider, psychologist emerita in Counseling Services, was quoted in the Oct. 14 Leader-Telegram article [“Proclamation aims to spread awareness of white cane use, law.”](#)

Jodi Thesing-Ritter, executive director for equity, diversity and inclusion, and **Andrea Lemaster**, head registered nurse at UW-Eau Claire’s antigen testing site, were interviewed for the Oct. 14 WEAU story [“UW-Eau Claire antigen testing expands to some off-campus students.”](#) Thesing-Ritter also was interviewed for the Oct. 16 WQOW story [“UW-Eau Claire invites off-campus students to receive COVID-19 antigen testing.”](#)

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- [The Gender Gap: What is It and What Can We Do?](#): Oct. 21, 10 a.m.-noon.
- [Who We Are: The Stories of Marginalized Students in Higher Education](#): Oct. 22, 3-4:30 p.m.
- [Diversity Forum 2020: The Pandemic Effect: Exposing Racism & Inequities - A Virtual Conference](#): Oct. 27-28
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Important announcements

Election preparations in place

UW-Eau Claire's polling place will be in Zorn Arena in order to make safe voting on Nov. 3 possible for our campus and neighbors in the community. Zorn voters are primarily on-campus students and a few neighborhood households. You can find details on [how and where to vote here](#). While there will be no changes to our class schedules on Nov. 3 and 4, we encourage all faculty, staff and students to participate in exercising their voting rights. To this end, we have shared [detailed information](#) with students, faculty and staff on the election, on how and where to vote and how to become involved in the process. This has included outreach through social media posts, signage, and campuswide emails like Blugold FYI and the [Blugold Flight Plan](#) weekly newsletter.

Contact tracers are needed

UW-Eau Claire is in need of more contact tracers to notify and advise students who may have had close contacts with people with COVID-19. Contact tracers are needed for two daytime shifts on weekdays — 8 a.m.- noon and 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. — as well as evening and weekend shifts. Anyone interested in working as a contact tracer should email Dean of Students [LaRue Pierce](#).

Virtual session on planning for UW-Eau Claire's future is Oct. 29

Faculty, staff and students at the Eau Claire, Rice Lake and Marshfield campuses are invited to a virtual action forum from **4-5 p.m. Oct. 29** to ask questions, share ideas and learn about UW-Eau Claire's plans for the future. (To access the [Zoom meeting](#), use the following meeting ID: 854 0252 5403 and passcode: upc2025.) Chancellor Schmidt is asking the university community to examine how UW-Eau Claire can continue to provide transformational learning and set itself apart over the next five years. He has asked the University Planning Committee to continue its conversations about the future and has set a target date of Dec. 31 for a new 2025 strategic plan for UW-Eau Claire. The UPC has gathered hundreds of comments from faculty, staff and students, and is collaborating with the EDI Planning Committee and the Sustainability and Climate Change Task Force to create draft plans and refine ideas. Faculty, staff and students are asked to visit the [new planning website](#) to read recommendations and plans for 2025 and to share ideas and feedback.

Blugold Dining seeks input through campuswide survey

Though the pandemic has affected dining on campus in many ways, Blugold Dining is conducting a survey to gather feedback regarding menu preferences and to find out ways to better serve campus. The survey takes only a few minutes to complete, and all faculty, staff and students are encouraged to take a little time to share their thoughts about dining on campus. You can [find the survey here](#) until **Oct. 31**.

Mail Services updates

Mail Services will be open from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. weekdays. Routes are scheduled to be completed in the morning, but may be delayed based on staffing. The Schofield Hall bin pickup will be at 12:30 p.m. each weekday. Please notify Mail Services when ordering frozen, refrigerated or live shipments. Visit the [Mail Services website](#) to find additional information on shipping services and bulk mailings. Questions? Email [Mail Services](#) or call 715-836-5489.

Interunit journal e-form available

A new e-form now is available for departments to initiate an interunit journal (IUJ). The journals are used to record expenses and/or revenue, as well as transfer cash, between UW business units. To access this form, please use the following [link](#) and this path: Start New Form -> Ask – Administrative Support + Knowledge Center -> IUJ Transfer Request for Paying Another Institution Form. If you have questions, please contact [Jackie Kriesel](#) or [Kiana Killinger](#) in the University Accounting office.

Study Abroad Fair goes virtual

The annual Study Abroad Fair, hosted by the [Center for International Education](#), will be offered via Zoom **Oct. 27-28**. At least 17 partners will be joining from around the world. The lineup of sessions as well as registration links can be found on the [Study Abroad Fair website](#). Encourage your students to sign up for the sessions they can attend. If you're looking for a way to have your students engage with the fair, they can download and complete a [worksheet](#) from the fair website. Questions? Email [Jenna Krosch](#).

Teach Abroad applications due Nov. 1

The Center for International Education is accepting applications for the Teach Abroad program **until Nov. 1** for the following locations and terms: China, summer 2021; England, summer 2022, fall 2022 and spring 2023; and Japan, fall 2022 and spring 2023. [Additional information and applications](#) are available online. Faculty with questions can contact [Colleen Marchwick](#).

WiSys launches app idea challenge

WiSys, a nonprofit organization that works with UW System faculty, staff, students and alumni, has launched its WiSys APPStart Challenge. The challenge connects app ideas with WiSys expertise and resources. Finalists will receive initial app development support from WiSys partners, business mentorship and cash prizes. [Submit your idea](#) in 250 words or fewer **by Nov. 2**.

ULEC seeks input as part of Liberal Education Core review

This academic year, in its ongoing review of the Liberal Education Core, the University Liberal

Education Committee will focus on learning outcomes [R1](#), [R2](#), [R3](#) and [Service-Learning](#). Faculty and staff are encouraged to provide feedback to the committee via the links above **through Nov. 5**. In addition, virtual feedback sessions have been scheduled at noon Oct. 23 and 2:30 p.m. Oct. 26. A campuswide email with links to the feedback sessions was sent from Academic Affairs on Oct. 15. Questions? Email ULEC chair [Dr. Kris Knutson](#) or call 715-836-3268.

Proposed Changes in College of Education and Human Sciences

- [View proposed changes.](#)

Proposed curricular changes in College of Arts and Sciences

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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

Mari Bodensteiner, lecturer in the languages department, has been selected to serve on the American Councils for International Education Selection Committee for the English-Speaking Nation (ESN) Program in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. The selected participants will participate in the first-ever cohort of teachers for ESN's secondary-teacher training program. The teachers will earn their TESOL certificate and be inducted into Uzbekistan's Teacher-Trainer Corps. You can [read more about the program and courses](#) online.

Dr. Ming-Li Hsieh, assistant professor of criminal justice, had her article, titled "[Missingness or clearance? Data missingness patterns in homicide datasets: An applied test on a primary data set](#)," published in *Violence and Victims*, Vol. 35, Issue 4, DOI: 10.1891/VV-D-17-00189.

Dr. Dorothy Ka-Ying Chan, assistant professor of English, has been selected as one of the speakers at this year's [Red Clay Writers \(Virtual\) Conference](#), Georgia Writers Association's Annual Conference for Writers, Nov. 14-15. She also is the new book reviews co-editor for [Pleiades Magazine](#) and recently had her poem "Love Letter to Time Travel, Jello Salad, and My Mother" nominated for a Pushcart Prize by Ilanot Review.

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Robert Baca, professor of music and director of jazz studies, and **Dr. Michael Axelrod**, professor of psychology and director of the Human Development Center, were among the guests on Wisconsin Public Radio's "Spectrum West" Oct. 22. Baca discussed the new "Tunes on Tuesdays" initiative and Axelrod provided an overview of the various psychological effects of COVID-19 that he and his colleagues are studying. [Learn more and listen.](#)

Dr. Eric Kasper, professor of political science and director of the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies, was quoted in the Oct. 19 U.S. News & World Report article "[Trump Crisscrosses the Country While Surrogates Step in for Biden Down the Stretch](#)" and the story "[Campaigns, charities catch reunion nostalgia](#)," which was published in the Oct. 21 issue of The Hill.

Dr. Heather Ann Moody, associate professor of American Indian studies, and **Dr. Dale Taylor**, professor emeritus of music and theatre arts, were featured in the Oct. 21 Chippewa Valley Post article "[Speakers provide three different views of Chippewa Valley racism on Women's Giving Circle panel.](#)"

Dr. Justin Patchin, professor of political science and co-director of the Cyberbullying Research Center, was quoted in the Oct. 24 Spectrum News 1 article "['They Didn't Know Who to Tell': One in Five Tweens Experience Cyberbullying.](#)"

Dr. Geoff Peterson, professor and chair of political science department, was interviewed for the Oct. 21 WQOW story "[Less than two weeks to Election Day: What is at stake?](#)"

Faculty-student research led by **Dr. Crispin Pierce**, professor of environmental public health, was cited in the Oct. 9 Wall Street Journal article "[There's no oil in Wisconsin. The fracking bust hit it anyway.](#)"

Dr. Ryan Weichelt, associate professor of geography and anthropology, was quoted in the Oct. 13 article "[Les États-Unis, une démocratie où le droit de vote n'est pas garanti](#)," which was published in the Montreal (Quebec, Canada) paper Le Devoir.

Dang Yang, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, was quoted in the Oct. 21 WQOW story "[Costume versus culture: Avoiding cultural appropriation this Halloween.](#)"

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Explore your emotional intelligence

Have you thought about your emotional intelligence and why it is important? If not, consider joining a virtual workshop from **1-4 p.m. Nov. 11** to learn how emotional intelligence can help you throughout your career. As a bonus, we also will look at social intelligence and how it plays a part at work, home and within all interactions you have. [Register online](#).

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- [Queer Intersectionality Short Film Series and Dialogue](#): Nov. 5, 10-11:30 a.m.
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