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#### **Dr. Warren Anderson to begin UW System position**

Anderson, vice chancellor for equity, diversity and inclusion and student affairs, has been appointed the UW System's senior equity, diversity and inclusion officer. His last day at UW-Eau Claire will be Dec. 11. [Learn more](#).

#### **Volunteers sought for COVID-19 community testing site**

UW-Eau Claire is looking for faculty and staff volunteers to help at the community antigen-testing site at Memorial High School, especially on Wednesdays. Shifts at the site that operates Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays are from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and 4-9 p.m. Volunteers are needed on Dec. 2, 6 and 9. Those interested should contact [Arjen van Dijk](#). The main duties are guiding traffic flow, answering questions from community members about how the process works and verifying registration appointments. UW-Eau Claire provides personal protective equipment (masks, shield and gloves).

#### **Blugold Protocol app use by students in teaching, clinical, research positions**

During the conclusion to fall semester, over Winterim and during the spring semester, students who are enrolled in all-remote instruction classes and who will not be on campus during that time are not required to use the Blugold Protocol app or test twice weekly. Students who are involved in clinical placements, such as student teaching or nursing clinicals, or who will be on campus for even a single in-person class or exam, or who plan to visit campus sporadically for research or to access campus facilities, **must continue to complete the Blugold Protocol app**, unless given an exemption by their program or instructor.

### **Antigen testing for those who return to campus**

Students, faculty and staff who choose to return to campus after the November break will undergo increased antigen testing procedures with two tests per week. On-campus students will be tested in McPhee, and off-campus students, faculty, staff and their dependents aged 5 and older who do *not* have COVID-19 symptoms should continue to be tested in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center. The site is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays. Access to Davies Center is through the southwest service doors next to the loading dock. Testing also is available in the gym on the Rice Lake campus from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 1 and 9; and from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 2 and 10. Registration is [available online here](#) for the Davies Center and Rice Lake sites.

### **Today is Giving Tuesday!**

An anonymous donor is matching donations made by current faculty and staff, up to \$3,000, on Giving Tuesday, today! Give to your department, a scholarship, program or an area of the university that you're passionate about and DOUBLE your impact. Visit [givingday.uwec.edu](http://givingday.uwec.edu) for more information. **Note: Gifts must be made online today, Dec. 1, to qualify for this match.**

### **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 **Dec. 2** we're pleased to feature **Dr. Heather Ann Moody**, associate professor of American Indian Studies and enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, who will present "Recognizing Indigenous Land and People."

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### **Travel authorization required for virtual events, physical travel**

Per the  [travel guidelines](#) shared during the May 14 Chancellor's Briefing, authorization of budget and safety protocols is required from your division head prior to attending virtual events or physically traveling. Submit your request through the [SFS portal's travel authorization tile](#). Contact UW-Eau Claire travel manager [Shawn Seuferer](#) for the specific requirements of your division.

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### **Travel policy exception form update**

The BP Logix form Travel Policy Exception Request e-form has been replaced with the new [Expense Policy Exception Request](#) e-form. The new form provides users with easier navigation and better distinction between expense report expenses and PT log expenses. Remember to attach the approved PDF of the form to your TER or PT log. [Your feedback is welcome](#).

### **Proposed curricular changes in College of Education and Human Sciences**

- [View proposed curricular changes](#).

### **Call for proposals: University Honors colloquia**

The University Honors Program invites proposals for fall 2021 honors colloquia. We're looking for courses that will excite and challenge our highly motivated, high-achieving students, while helping them to grow intellectually, personally and professionally. Colloquia are limited to 26 students or fewer and are specifically designed for the University Honors Program. We welcome learner-driven, innovative and experimental pedagogies on all topics, with particular emphasis on issues of equity, diversity and inclusion. Compensation (to departments or through PARF/overload) is available. For priority consideration, please submit an e-form proposal to teach a [new colloquium](#) or an [existing colloquium](#) by **Dec. 4**. Questions? Contact [Heather Fielding](#).

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Several UW-Eau Claire staff members have been elected to the 2021 board of directors for the Wisconsin College Personnel Association: **Quincy Chapman**, president; **Jodi Thesing-Ritter**,

president-elect; **Lissa Greer**, 2021 conference co-chair; **Dani Olson**, 2022 conference co-chair; and **Ben Bechle**, communication coordinator.

**Dr. Dorothy Ka-Ying Chan**, assistant professor of English, has had [four triple sonnets](#) published in the fall 2020 issue of *The Account: A Journal of Poetry, Prose, and Thought*.

**Dr. Kaishan Kong**, associate professor of Chinese in the languages department, had her paper, titled "[Developing Teacher Cognition on Culture and Teaching Culture in a Chinese Class](#)," published in the *Journal of the National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages*, Vol. 29, pages 1-33. Additionally, she co-presented at two virtual sessions with Hongjuan Zhou (Breck School, Minnesota) and Mohan Shang (Lakes International Language Academy, Minnesota) at the Ninth Annual Conference of the New England Chinese Language Teachers Association in October. The presentations were "A Case Study of Employing Translanguaging in a Chinese Summer Camp Toward Higher-Order Thinking Skills" and "An Experiment of Innovative Teaching in a Weekend Chinese School."

**Dr. Paula Lentz**, professor of business communication, has been awarded the 2020 Meada Gibbs Outstanding Teacher-Scholar Award — a peer-nominated award — from the Association of Business Communication. [Learn more about Lentz and her national recognition.](#)

**Dr. Doug Matthews**, professor of psychology, along with UW-Eau Claire undergraduate student co-authors **Samantha Scaletty**, **Areonna Schreiber** and **Sarah Trapp**, have had their paper, titled "Acute ethanol administration produces larger spatial and nonspatial memory impairments in 29-33 month old rats compared to adult and 18-24 month old rats" accepted for publication in the journal *Pharmacology, Biochemistry and Behavior*.

**Dr. Peter Myers**, professor of political science, had his essay "[Frederick Douglass's American Identity Politics](#)" published Nov. 25 in Education News.

**Patti See**, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's gender and sexuality studies, had her story "['Forward' has many meanings](#)" published in the Nov. 17 Leader-Telegram as part of its "Sawdust Stories" weekly column.

**Dr. Dale Taylor**, professor emeritus of music and theatre arts, and Janice Lindstrom of Southern Methodist University, presented "Mismatch Negativity, PRP, DCR & Music: Clinical Applications of Advanced Concepts in Neuroscience" Nov. 21 during the 2020 Online American Music Therapy Conference.

UW-Eau Claire's Civil Rights Pilgrimage, led by **Jodi Thesing-Ritter**, executive director of equity, diversity and inclusion, is the recipient of the 2020 Wisconsin College Personnel Association Program Award. The award recognizes outstanding programs and events that are put on or implemented at Wisconsin colleges and universities. Up to two program awards are given each year.

**Dr. Kelly Wonder**, director of the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program, had her article, titled "[Inquiry Notebooks for Twenty-First-Century Skill Development](#)," published in *English Teaching Forum: A Quarterly Journal for English Teachers*, Vol. 58, No. 3, 2020.

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## In the news

**Robert Bell**, UW-Eau Claire lecturer in American Indian studies, was interviewed for the Nov. 26 WQOW story "[History of the first Thanksgiving](#)."

**Dr. Mike Carney**, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, **Kristin Schumacher**, director of University Centers, and **Dr. Warren Anderson**, vice chancellor for equity, diversity, inclusion and student affairs, were quoted in the Nov. 26 Leader-Telegram article "[Quieter on campus: Fraction of students expected to return as universities go online-only](#)." **Quincy Chapman**, director of Housing and Residence Life, also was cited in the article.

**Dr. Debra Jansen**, associate dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, was quoted in the Nov. 23 Leader-Telegram article "[Eau Claire nurse reveals stress, fear associated with caring for flood of COVID-19 patients](#)."

**Chancellor James Schmidt** was quoted in the Nov. 23 Leader-Telegram article "[COVID-19 testing site adds another day](#)."

**Dr. Lorraine Smith**, assistant professor of nursing, and student **Lindsey Boehm** were interviewed for the Nov. 23 WEAU story "[UW-Eau Claire vaping research empowers teens to take control of their health](#)."

**Jacob Wrasse**, legislative and community relations liaison in the Chancellor's Office, was interviewed for the Nov. 24 WEAU story "[Wintermission aims to get people active during winter months](#)."

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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.*

**Scott Gunderson** has joined the UW-Eau Claire Foundation as the corporate and athletics giving officer. As an Eau Claire native and a 2001 UW-Eau Claire chemistry and business graduate, Gunderson is a lifelong Blugold athletics fan with a background in sales and customer service at Great Northern Co.

**Nicole Lindberg** is joining the UW-Eau Claire Foundation as an annual giving officer. Lindberg is a 2013 UW-Eau Claire graduate with a degree in management; she served as a Telefund caller while she was a student. Most recently, Lindberg was assistant director of annual giving at the University of South Carolina.

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## Campus news and features

- [Rice Lake school social worker to discuss how poverty impacts children's learning](#)

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## Professional development

### Submit your NCUR abstract today

The National Conference on Undergraduate Research will be held virtually April 12-14, 2021. You may submit your research abstract **until today, Dec. 1**. Faculty who want to attend NCUR or have questions should [email the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs](#).

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- **Request microphones and streaming document cameras for spring courses:** View the [Instructional Technology](#) KB article to learn how to request microphones and document cameras that can be streamed or recorded for the spring semester.

- **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](mailto:rylandji@uwec.edu).
- **Summer Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Grant:** [Learn more](#) about this program that supports educator/student collaborative projects for development and assessment of new curriculum (courses or other educational experiences). **Applications due Feb. 10, 2021.**
- **Request spring midterm student evaluation, March 8-19, 2021:** [Learn more](#).

### 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:

- [Campus Connect: Suicide Awareness and Intervention](#): Dec. 7, 1-3 p.m.  
This 2-hour, interactive training provides foundational knowledge and skills for any person to be able to respond and help someone who is in a crisis, including those who may be thinking about suicide. Using discussion, activities, and group interaction participants will learn about key warning signs for suicide, how to respond to someone who is in crisis, ask about suicidal thinking, encourage help-seeking, and connect people to supportive resources for the help they need.
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Chancellor Schmidt will lead a livestreamed briefing at **5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9**. (The briefing originally was scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 10.) The briefing will include updates on the university's budget and enrollment as well as plans for spring semester. The livestream can be found at <http://uwec.ly/live> and questions can be emailed during the briefing to [questions@uwec.edu](mailto:questions@uwec.edu).

### **Volunteers needed as community testing extended at Memorial High School**

UW-Eau Claire is looking for faculty and staff volunteers to help at the community antigen-testing site at Memorial High School on the following dates: Dec. 9, Dec. 12, Dec. 13, Dec. 16, Dec. 19 and Dec. 20. Shifts are from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and 4-9 p.m. The main duties are guiding traffic flow, answering questions from community members about how the process works and verifying registration appointments. UW-Eau Claire provides personal protective equipment (masks, shield and gloves). Those interested should contact [Arjen van Dijk](#).

### **Antigen testing required for everyone on campus this month**

Students, faculty and staff who returned to campus or will be visiting campus this month are required to take antigen tests to help stop the spread of the virus. For Blugolds on the Eau Claire campus, antigen tests are required twice per week. On the Rice Lake campus, one

antigen test per week is required. Between tests, Blugolds must remain separate, wear masks, maintain physical distancing and monitor for symptoms. All students, faculty and staff are required to log their antigen test results along with their daily symptoms in the [Blugold Protocol app](#). Students who are enrolled in all remote instruction classes and will not be on campus this month, for Winterim 2021 or the spring 2021 semester, are not required to use the Blugold Protocol app.

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### **Surplus Store hosts online benefit auction**

The UW-Eau Claire [Surplus Store](#) is hosting an online benefit auction **through Dec. 18** to raise funds for the [Campus Harvest Food Pantry](#). Items for sale include iMacs, iPads, monitors, furniture and other miscellaneous items. [Follow this link](#) to see UW-Eau Claire's items on the Wisconsin Surplus site. Questions? Contact Matt Haller, inventory control coordinator in Facilities, at [hallerma@uwec.edu](mailto:hallerma@uwec.edu) or 715-836-3374.

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You can now add your pronouns to your [profile on the UW-Eau Claire website](#)! Simply [log into Athena](#) with your UWEC credentials to get started. To add your pronouns to your profile, click on the pencil icon under Actions. Once you are in your profile, click on the Basic Info tab and locate the Pronouns field. If you do not have a profile and would like one created, please [submit a Help Desk ticket](#).

### **Join today's lunchtime 'Food and Feelings' webinar**

Well Wisconsin Radio will host a "Food and Feelings" segment from **noon-12:30 p.m. today, Dec. 8**. Join host Morgan Meinen and Well Wisconsin's Kristi Mulcahey as they explore the connection between food and emotions. Learn the difference between emotional and physical hunger, why we turn to food during times of stress and how we can find healthier ways to cope. [Register online](#).

### **Digital display feed now online**

Do you miss seeing the digital displays highlighting UW-Eau Claire events and important announcements? If so, [check out the online version of the digital displays](#).

### **Parking and Transportation updates**

All parking regulations currently are in effect. Eau Claire Transit Routes 9 and 19 will not operate during the following dates: Dec. 19-Jan. 3; Jan. 18; and Saturdays from Jan. 4-29. The Priory shuttle will not operate from Dec. 21-Jan. 29. Learn more on the [Parking and Transportation website](#).

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**Mari Bodensteiner** and **Ami Christensen**, both lecturers in the department of languages, presented "Not Another PowerPoint: Creating Student-Generated Multimodal Projects" at the 2020 Minnesota English Language Educators conference, held Nov. 20-21. [Visit the website they created](#) as part of their presentation to learn more about their work.

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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: **Sue Kleusch**, UW-Eau Claire – Barron County, "Pronouns in Documents"; **Dean Carmen Manning**, College of Education and Human Sciences, "Inclusive Excellence in the College of Education and Human Sciences"; and **Katherine Sell**, Nursing, "Race and Equity in Healthcare Presentation in a Nursing Course." [Learn more about the EDI professional development program.](#)

**Dr. Tali Lee**, professor of biology, along with collaborators at the University of Minnesota, have had their research findings published in a paper titled "[Synergistic effects of four climate change drivers on terrestrial carbon cycling](#)" in the journal *Nature Geoscience*. Following is the full citation: Reich P.B., Hobbie S.E., Lee T.D., Rich R., Pastore M.A., Worm K. 2020. Synergistic effects of four climate change drivers on terrestrial carbon cycling. *Nature Geoscience*, 13:787–793.

**Dr. Doug Matthews**, professor of psychology, along with former UW-Eau Claire undergraduate student co-authors (now alumni) **Meredith Watson** and **Kimberly James**, had their paper, titled "[Impact of acute ethanol exposure on body temperatures in aged, adult and adolescent male rats](#)," published in the journal *Alcohol*, Vol. 82, pages 81-89.

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## In the news

**John Hildebrand**, professor emeritus of English, and **Dr. Doug Olson**, professor of management and marketing, were guests on Wisconsin Public Radio's "Spectrum West" Dec. 3. Hildebrand discussed his book "The Heart of Things" and shared perspectives on regaining a sense of community during the pandemic. Olson discussed student enrollment in health care-related majors as society's need for health care workers grows with the aging population. [Learn more and listen.](#)

**Provost Patricia Kleine** was quoted in the Dec. 3 WQOW story "[UWEC cancels spring break, study abroad.](#)" Kleine and Student Senate president **Anna Ziebell** also were quoted in the Dec. 7 Wisconsin Public Radio story "[4 UW System Campuses Cancel Spring Break To Avoid COVID-19 Spread.](#)"

**Jill Markgraf**, McIntyre Library director, was interviewed for the Nov. 30 WQOW story "[UW-Eau Claire's McIntyre Library makes safety changes ahead of finals week.](#)"

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## Important announcements

### **Virtual commencement ceremony celebrates 2020 graduates**

The [ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19](#), will celebrate 702 UW-Eau Claire students who are graduating at the end of the fall 2020 semester while also honoring 1,433 May graduates whose ceremonies were canceled by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Join a 'Take Action Forum' this week**

It's not too late to participate in a Take Action Forum that will inform the development of UW-Eau Claire's EDI Strategic Plan. This plan is inclusive of the Eau Claire campus, Rice Lake campus and our Marshfield site. We invite students, faculty and staff to join us during one of the following forums: **Tuesday, Dec. 15**, 12:30-2 p.m. — Zoom [link](#); **Wednesday, Dec. 16**, 4-5:30 p.m. — Zoom [link](#); and **Thursday, Dec. 17**, noon-1:30 p.m. — Zoom [link](#). Please see the [Take Action Forum](#) flyer and the UW-Eau Claire [Strategic Planning website](#) for additional details.

### **Blugold Employee Tuition Program launched**

Beginning with Winterim 2021, all employees who work half time or more are eligible to take undergraduate courses at UW-Eau Claire or UW-Eau Claire – Barron County at no cost, where space is available. Visit the [Blugold Employee Tuition Program webpage](#) to find out more about the program, key deadlines and to complete the e-form that is the first step to enrolling. Winterim 2021 registration for employees opens **Monday, Dec. 21**.

### **Physical Plant Planning Committee to host tobacco-free campus listening session Jan. 28**

The University Senate Physical Plant Planning Committee will host a virtual listening session from **1-2:30 p.m. Jan. 28, 2021**, about its draft proposal "[Supporting Cessation and Prevention: Toward a Commercial Tobacco-Free Campus](#)." All campus community members are invited to [join the Zoom session](#) (Phone: 312-626-6799; Meeting ID: 744 452 3769; Passcode: 109377).

### **Teach abroad deadline extended to February 2021**

Deadlines for the following opportunities have been extended to **Feb. 5, 2021**: China: Changshu Institute of Technology, Summer 2021; and England: Harlaxton College, Fall 2022 or Spring 2023. Interested faculty and instructional academic staff can [learn more about the opportunities and application process](#) online. Questions are welcome; please contact [Colleen Marchwick](#).

### **College of Nursing and Health Sciences virtual accreditation review planned for March**

The College of Nursing and Health Sciences will host the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) for a virtual accreditation review from **March 10-12, 2021**. This evaluation will include the baccalaureate (traditional BSN and BSN Completion), Master of Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice programs. As part of the review process, CCNE provides the opportunity for program-identified communities of interest to submit comments concerning the program's qualifications for accreditation. Signed, written comments will be accepted by CCNE **until Feb. 17, 2021**. If you would like to submit a comment about the nursing programs, please email [thirdpartycomments@ccneaccreditation.org](mailto:thirdpartycomments@ccneaccreditation.org). Or, if you prefer, mail comments to: Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, Attn: Third-Party Comments, 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, D.C. 20001.

### **Mileage for student teacher observation**

Observing student teachers and need to be reimbursed for mileage? Use the [mileage agenda worksheet](#) to help with your reimbursement. As always, reach out to the Firstsource Support Team at [askcenter@uwec.edu](mailto:askcenter@uwec.edu) or 715-836-3131 with your travel and reimbursement questions.

### **Purchasing gifts, awards, prizes and giveaways**

Nearing the end of the semester means departments may be looking to [purchase gifts or awards](#). Please be sure to use the [Request for Purchase of Gift Cards/Awards/Prices/Incentives e-form](#) to obtain approval for your purchase. If you have questions, contact [Accounts Payable](#) in the ASK Center.

### **UW System procure-to-pay survey available**

The UW System plans to implement a [new procure-to-pay automation process](#). The project team requests that you [complete a survey](#) to help the team measure awareness of the need for change as a system and of co-workers' support for this change. The results will help target specific messaging to help colleagues successfully move through this change. The **survey closes Dec. 21**.

### **Curl up with a good book!**

It's time to stock up on leisure reading and viewing materials to enjoy over winter break. Visit McIntyre or the Barron campus library in person to browse popular reading and DVD collections, or browse virtually in the libraries' [featured collections](#) for new books, books by local authors and children's books collections. The libraries are open to students, staff and faculty through the end of the semester.

### **Surplus Store hosts online benefit auction**

The UW-Eau Claire [Surplus Store](#) is hosting an online benefit auction **through Friday, Dec. 18**, to raise funds for the [Campus Harvest Food Pantry](#). Items for sale include iMacs, iPads, monitors, furniture and other miscellaneous items. [Follow this link](#) to see UW-Eau Claire's items on the Wisconsin Surplus site. Questions? Contact Matt Haller, inventory control coordinator in Facilities, at [hallerma@uwec.edu](mailto:hallerma@uwec.edu) or 715-836-3374.

### **Update your profile**

You can now add your pronouns to your [profile on the UW-Eau Claire website](#)! Simply [log into Athena](#) with your UWEC credentials to get started. To add your pronouns to your profile, click on the pencil icon under Actions. Once you are in your profile, click on the Basic Info tab and locate the Pronouns field. If you do not have a profile and would like one created, please [submit a Help Desk ticket](#).

### **Digital display feed now online**

Do you miss seeing the digital displays highlighting UW-Eau Claire events and important announcements? If so, [check out the online version of the digital displays](#).

### **Parking and Transportation updates**

All parking regulations currently are in effect. Eau Claire Transit Routes 9 and 19 will not operate during the following dates: Dec. 19-Jan. 3, 2021; Jan. 18, 2021; and Saturdays, Jan. 4-29, 2021. The Priority shuttle will not operate from Dec. 21-Jan. 29, 2021. Learn more on the [Parking and Transportation website](#).

### **Process improvement mapping sessions offered**

With rapidly changing work demands, now is a good time to request process improvement mapping sessions. Are you looking for a better flow of information, improved use of budget dollars or a method to consolidate or collaborate? Mapping a current process with a future process in mind is continuous improvement and the Continuous Improvement Services area of LTS is available to help. Please [fill out this e-form](#) to initiate a mapping session.

### **Help choose CERCA artwork**

Planning is underway for UW-Eau Claire's [Celebration of Excellence in Research and Creative Activity](#) (CERCA) in spring 2021. Each year, students in ART 374 create "Call for abstracts" posters for CERCA. You can help choose CERCA 2021 artwork by viewing [poster entries](#) and completing a [survey](#) by **Thursday, Dec. 17**. Thanks for your help!

### **Proposed curricular changes in College of Arts and Sciences**

- [View proposed curricular changes.](#)

### **Proposed curricular changes in College of Education and Human Sciences**

- [View proposed curricular changes.](#)

### **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.

[Submit announcement](#)

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## **Awards and achievements**

**Leslie Huntington**, head coach of the Blugold softball team, has been selected as a 2021 inductee of the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Hall of Fame. [Learn more about Huntington and her prestigious honor.](#)

**Dr. Dorothy Ka-Ying Chan**, assistant professor of English, recently was nominated for a [Pushcart Prize](#) for her poem "[Triple Sonnet for Charging Admission](#)," which has been published in The Boiler.

**Dr. David E. Lewis**, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, had his most recent paper "[The Logic Behind Markovnikov's Rule: Was It an Inspired Guess? ... No!](#)" published online Dec. 8 in *Angewandte Chemie International Edition*.

**Dr. Doug Matthews**, professor of psychology, presented the talk “Increased sensitivity to ethanol in aged animals: Implications for ethanol drinking and ethanol addiction” virtually as part of the annual meeting of the Latin American Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism, hosted in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

**Patti See**, academic advisor in UW-Eau Claire's Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women’s gender and sexuality studies, had her story “[Where I'm calling from](#)” published in the Dec. 8 Leader-Telegram as part of its “Sawdust Stories” weekly column.

**Dr. Stephanie Turner**, professor of English, had her essay “As Far as I Can Tell” published in the Fall 2020 issue of *Barstow & Grand*.

**Dr. Ryan Weichert**, associate professor of geography and anthropology, and **Dr. Ezra Zeitler**, professor and chair of geography and anthropology, had their paper, “[Second-Home Property Ownership and Public-School Funding in Wisconsin's Northwoods](#),” published in the journal *Geographical Review*.

**Dr. Jerry Young**, professor emeritus of music, is featured on the virtual “Merry TubaChristmas Kansas City for 2020,” the 40th anniversary of the event. Young founded Merry TubaChristmas Kansas City in 1980. In addition to speaking about the event’s history, he performs in the special TubaChristmas ensemble. To view the event, Google “Merry TubaChristmas Kansas City.”

[Submit award/achievement item](#)

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## In the news

**Quincy Chapman**, director of Housing and Residence Life, was quoted in the Dec. 13 Leader-Telegram article “[UWEC empties dorm for COVID space](#).”

**Grace Crickette**, vice chancellor for finance and administration, was quoted in the Dec. 8 WQOW story “[Free community COVID-19 testing at Memorial High School extended](#).”

**Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton**, professor of history, was quoted in the Dec. 8 Wisconsin Watch article “[Aggressive policing escalates violence at protests, research shows. A former Madison police chief touts a better way](#).” The content was shared via the Associated Press wire service and was published by numerous media outlets throughout the U.S.

**Billy Felz**, interim director of enrollment management, was quoted in the Dec. 9 Leader-Telegram article “[UW-Eau Claire, UW-Stout see drop in fall enrollment due to pandemic](#).”

**Dr. Leah Olson-McBride**, professor and chair of the social work department, and social work student **Megan Milroy** were interviewed for the Dec. 13 WEAU story “[UW Eau Claire prepares future social workers for COVID-19 environment.](#)”

**Dr. Geoff Peterson**, professor and chair of the political science department, was quoted in the Dec. 13 Leader-Telegram article “[Regional electors honored to cast Electoral College ballots.](#)”

**Chancellor James Schmidt** was quoted in the Dec. 12 Leader-Telegram article “[Area universities plan virtual commencement ceremonies.](#)”

**Dr. Katherine Schneider**, psychologist emerita in Counseling Services, was quoted in the Dec. 7 WEAU story “[Local reaction to newly proposed rules on air travel with service animals.](#)”

**Dan Schumacher**, director of athletics, was quoted in the Dec. 11 Leader-Telegram article “[WIAAC plans to resume winter sports in February.](#)”

**Dr. Gary Schwartzhoff**, professor emeritus of music and theatre arts and director of The Master Singers, and **B.J. Hollars**, associate professor of English and founder/director of the Midwest Artist Academy, were guests on Wisconsin Public Radio’s “Spectrum West” Dec. 10. [Learn more and listen.](#)

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

**John Bachmeier** retired from his position as director of corporate relations within the UW-Eau Claire Foundation and Alumni Office in November after 20 years of service. His position has been filled by **Scott Gunderson**, corporate and athletics giving officer.

**Victoria Follett** has taken on a new role and responsibilities as a development officer within the UW-Eau Claire Foundation. Her previous duties have been taken over by **Nicole Lindberg**, who joined the Foundation as an annual giving officer this month.

*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.*

[Submit position update item](#)

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## Campus news and features

- [Virtual commencement ceremony celebrates 2020 UW-Eau Claire graduates](#)
- [Future teacher eager to changes lives, help shape public education](#)
- [Research in area jails helps solidify Blugold's plan to be doctor](#)
- [Vice chancellor proud of EDI work at UW-Eau Claire](#)
- [Research, internships and faculty mentors prepare new grad for future success](#)
- [More than an academic endeavor: Casey Moua's journey of self-discovery](#)
- [Nursing grad works to improve the health of rural Wisconsin communities](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire extends COVID-19 testing through Dec. 20](#)

[Read/view more campus news and features](#)

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## Professional development

### CETL professional development

CETL staff will be available throughout December and January. Please email [cetl@uwec.edu](mailto:cetl@uwec.edu) or call 715-836-2385 for consultations or with any questions.

- **Virtual sessions:** Join Q&A sessions and a variety of sessions on academic integrity, student engagement, universal design, Zoom vs. Collaborate Ultra, and more. [View sessions](#).
- **Professional development at your convenience:** [View session recordings and resources](#).
- **Request HoverCams (streaming document cameras) and microphones for spring courses:** View the [Instructional Technology](#) KB article to learn how to request microphones and document cameras that can be streamed or recorded for the spring semester.
- **Summer Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Grant:** [Learn more](#) about this program that supports educator/student collaborative projects for development and assessment of new curriculum (courses or other educational experiences). **Applications due Feb. 10, 2021.**
- **Request spring midterm student evaluation, March 8-19, 2021:** [Learn more](#).

### EDI professional development for faculty and staff

Faculty and staff are invited to participate in professional development opportunities this January 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:

- [Civil Rights Pilgrimage:](#) The Civil Rights Pilgrimage is a unique opportunity to travel the path of the Civil Rights Movement and experience these pivotal places and stories in our

history. This year's Civil Rights Pilgrimage will take place virtually in Canvas. The Canvas site will open on Jan. 4 with asynchronous activities, such as film viewings and discussions, that can be completed at any time. Speakers are scheduled to present live throughout the week of Jan. 11-15, 2021. Faculty and staff can earn up to five Tier 2 credits by completing the asynchronous activities and attending presentations.

- More sessions coming soon!

[Submit professional development item](#)

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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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