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### **Important announcements**

#### **Campus celebration of Black History Month is underway**

UW-Eau Claire will offer a series of mostly virtual events in celebration of Black History Month which takes place nationally throughout the month of February. Campus and community members are invited to take part. [Learn more about this year's celebration](#).

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Brian Drollinger has been named director of Risk Management and Safety, effective Feb. 1. Drollinger, a 1999 Blugold graduate, most recently served as a construction project coordinator in UW-Eau Claire's Facilities department.

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#### **EATS fundraiser underway**

The annual EATS (Educational Assistance Through Scholarship) fundraiser to benefit UW-Eau Claire – Barron County students has gone virtual this year with the Eat Well | Stay Well Coupon Book, a curated collection of exclusive offers from regional eateries and specialty shops. Details about the fundraiser, which runs **through Saturday, Feb. 6**, can be found on the [EATS website](#).

### **Join 'Eau These Blugold Nights!'**

Tune in to the [UW-Eau Claire Alumni Facebook page](#) at 6 p.m. **Wednesday, Feb. 3**, for the Facebook Live series "Eau These Blugold Nights!" We're pleased to feature Blugold graduate **Meghan Keyes '10**, house manager for the Dubbel Dutch boutique hotel in Milwaukee, who will present "History, Community and Hospitality in the New Normal." The series, hosted by the UW-Eau Claire Alumni Association, brings Blugolds to you the first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. to share an art, craft, knowledge or talent.

### **'A Healthier You' wellness challenge begins Feb. 8**

UW-Eau Claire's Employee Wellness program has designed a six-week challenge called "[A Healthier You](#)" with the goal of motivating employees to create lasting, healthy habits. **Register by Feb. 7** by following these steps: 1) Go to <https://recservices.uwec.edu/>; 2) Log in using UWEC credentials; 3) Click "Wellness Classes" icon; and 4) Select "A Healthier You." The challenge **begins Monday, Feb. 8**.

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**Counseling Services** has been selected to receive a 2021 Regents Diversity Award from the UW System Board of Regents. [Learn more about Counseling Services' recognition](#).

**Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton**, professor of history, has earned a 2021 Regents Diversity Award, the highest honor from the UW System for achievement in educational diversity. [Learn more about Ducksworth-Lawton's honor](#).

**Dr. Jarrod Hyam**, associate lecturer in philosophy and religious studies, had his textbook, "[World Religions: A Critical Focus](#)," published by Kendall Hunt Publications in 2020. In addition, Hyam is scheduled to present "Sonic and Aesthetic Healing as Religious Experience" within the panel "Society for the Phenomenology of Religious Experience" at the virtual [American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting](#) April 5-10. He also is scheduled to present "Himalayan Traditional Healers: A Tantric-Shamanic Dialogue" within the panel "Resilience of Tantric, Magic, and Shamanic Practices at the 'Margins' of South and Southeast Asian Religions"

at the [18th Annual Conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions](#) Aug. 30-Sept. 3.

**Dr. Joseph Rohrer**, professor emeritus of biology, is a co-author of the second edition of "[Peterson Field Guide to Mushrooms of North America](#)," published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

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## In the news

**Dr. Michael Axelrod**, professor of psychology and director of the Human Development Center, was interviewed for the Jan. 26 WQOW story "[How too much screen time can negatively impact kids.](#)"

**Wesley Beschorner**, Blugold head football coach; Kim Wudi, head volleyball coach; and **Sean Yengo**, head women's soccer coach; along with student-athletes **Anna Kautzman** and **Austin Belot** were quoted in the Jan. 31 Chippewa Valley Post article "[Many UW-Eau Claire senior athletes opting to return next fall to complete their careers.](#)"

**Dr. Bryan Brown**, assistant professor of communication sciences and disorders, was interviewed for the Jan. 25 WQOW story "[Biden's stutter shines light on speech disorders.](#)"

**Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton**, professor of history, was interviewed for the Jan. 31 WQOW story "[Statue of Vel Phillips considered for Capitol.](#)"

**Dr. Harry Jol**, professor of geography, was interviewed for the Jan. 27 WQOW story "[UWEC students, faculty present Holocaust research in documentary.](#)"

**Dr. Nora Mitchell**, assistant professor of biology, was quoted in the Feb. 1 The Scientist article "[Specialized Leaves Keep This Plant's Fruit Warm.](#)"

**Chancellor James Schmidt**, **Dr. Carmen Manning**, dean of College of Education and Human Sciences, and **Dr. Demetrius Smith**, director of Blugold Beginnings and special assistant to the vice chancellor for equity, diversity and inclusion, were quoted in the Jan. 26 Leader-Telegram article "[Chancellor: UW-EC working to address racial disparities.](#)"

**Dr. Paul Thomas**, professor of physics and astronomy, was interviewed for the Jan. 28 WQOW story "[Remembering Challenger 35 years later.](#)"

**Dr. Linda Young**, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences; **Dr. Pamela Guthman**, assistant professor of nursing; and nursing student **Sabrina Wilson** were quoted in the Jan. 25

Leader-Telegram article [“‘All hands on deck’: Local college students pitching in to roll out COVID-19 vaccine.”](#)

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## Campus news and features

- [UW-Eau Claire historian, professor and advocate earns Regents Diversity Award](#)
- [Regents Diversity Award recognizes work of UW-Eau Claire Counseling Services](#)
- [Campus celebration of Black History Month begins Feb. 1](#)
- [Continuing Education announces February programs](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire faculty, staff part of Holocaust remembrance](#)
- [UW MBA Consortium tops in Midwest in U.S. News & World Report rankings](#)

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## Professional development

### **Early Career Eau Claire supports early-career faculty, instructional academic staff**

Early Career Eau Claire is a peer-mentoring group of junior faculty and instructional academic staff who are affiliated with UW-Eau Claire, UWEC-Barron County and UWEC-Marshfield. The group has scheduled virtual meetings for the spring 2021 semester at **2 p.m. on the first Friday of every month**. These meetings are for early-career faculty and instructional academic staff to support each other in their work through sharing experiences together, raising awareness of resources and opportunities that may be helpful and promoting collaboration and connections across campus. Each meeting will include: 1) time for a meet-and-greet and informal conversation; and 2) brief presentations and Q&A with colleagues on each topic. The first meeting will be on **Friday, Feb. 5, from 2-2:50 p.m.** via Microsoft Teams and the topic will be work/life balance. For colleagues interested in participating and receiving updates, subscribe to the group’s email list by sending a message to [ec-squared-request@lists.uwec.edu](mailto:ec-squared-request@lists.uwec.edu) and typing “Subscribe” in the body of the message.

### **UW System professional development opportunities**

- **Call for applications: Wisconsin Teaching Fellow and Scholars (WTFS) Co-Director.** UW System is seeking a co-director for spring 2021. The WTFS program is one of the

keystone professional development opportunities for faculty and instructors within the UW System. [Learn more](#) about this program. Applications are due **Feb. 17**.

- **Call for proposals: OPID Spring Conference Online.** All educators are invited to participate in this free online conference and submit proposals in the following two tracks: Innovative Pedagogies or Digital Pedagogies. [Learn more](#) about the conference. Proposals are due **Feb. 24**.

### **CETL professional development**

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

- **Virtual Q&A sessions.** Monday-Friday, 9-9:50 a.m. [View sessions](#).
- **CETL Certificate Program:** Feb. 12 and 26; March 12 and 26; and April 9 and 23; 10-10:50 a.m.
- **“Teaching About Race and Racism in the College Classroom” Reading Group (EDI Tier 2):** Feb. 10, 17 and 24, 3-4 p.m.
- **“Whistling Vivaldi” Reading Group (EDI Tier 2):** March 1, 15 and 29, 3-3:50 p.m.
- **Faculty Fridays Open Write:** Begins Feb. 12, weekly Friday meetings, 9 a.m.-noon. To join, email [rylandjj@uwec.edu](mailto:rylandjj@uwec.edu).
- **Podcast Professional Development Group:** April 6, 13 and 20, 1-2 p.m.
- **Request spring midterm student evaluations, March 8-19.** [Learn more](#).

### **EDI professional development for faculty and staff**

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

- [“How We Fight for Our Lives”](#) Reading Group, begins Feb. 16, noon-1 p.m.
- [Racing Toward Justice: In Conversation with Saeed Jones](#), Feb. 17, 6-7:30 p.m.
- [Identity, Privilege and Oppression](#), March 4, 3-4:30 p.m.
- [Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Classroom](#), Feb. 19, 9-11 a.m.
- [Reading and Video Clip Dialogue Group: Whiteness, Allyship, and Taking Action](#), begins Feb. 22, noon-1 p.m.
- [Reading Group: How to Be an Antiracist](#), begins Feb. 25, noon-1 p.m.
- [Reading Group: The Hate U Give](#), begins March 5, 10-11 a.m.
- [Veteran Students and Suicide Prevention Session](#), March 11, noon-1:30 p.m.
- [Eliminating Non-Inclusive Language Toward Native Americans](#), March 18, 1-2:30 p.m.
- [“Juliet Takes a Breath”](#) Reading Group, begins April 22, noon-1 p.m.
- [“Picture a Scientist”](#) Film Viewing and Discussion: View film at your convenience, March 13-15; join discussion March 22, 4-5 p.m.  
[RSVP by March 10](#) to get access to the film and the link to the Zoom discussion

NOTE: Participants must watch the film and attend the virtual discussion for Tier 2 credit.

Questions? Please email [WomeninSTEM@uwec.edu](mailto:WomeninSTEM@uwec.edu).

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## Meeting notices

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## Important announcements

### First Chancellor's Briefing of 2021 scheduled

Chancellor Schmidt will discuss the spring semester, enrollment updates and the budget outlook during the first Chancellor's Briefing of 2021 scheduled for **5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16**. The chancellor will be joined during the live campus briefing by Grace Crickette, vice chancellor for finance and administration, and Billy Felz, interim vice chancellor for enrollment management. Questions to the chancellor can be submitted in advance or during the briefing to [questions@uwec.edu](mailto:questions@uwec.edu). The briefing will be [livestreamed](#).

### Students can receive tuition credit for past work in Wisconsin health care organizations

UW-Eau Claire students who worked in Wisconsin health care organizations have **until March 31** to register to receive a \$500 tuition credit. The program was open to UW System students who met health care licensure and certification requirements for their work between Dec. 1, 2020, and Feb. 1, 2021. [Learn more about the program](#).

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### **Universitywide emergency notification system test set for Feb. 18**

UW-Eau Claire will conduct a universitywide test of Omnilert, the university's emergency notification system, at approximately 10 a.m. **Thursday, Feb. 18**. [Details about the test and how to sign up for Omnilert](#) are available online.

### **NCUR 2023 idea exchanges continue with logistics and community partnerships**

The [NCUR 2023](#) leadership team will host another virtual idea exchange from **1-2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19**, to allow faculty and staff to swap ideas with colleagues. Many of UW-Eau Claire's partners from surrounding communities also will be invited to begin brainstorming ways for this major event to maximize its potential. This will be your opportunity to help shape this national event as our planning process begins. The interactive exchange will focus on logistics, community partnerships and engagement as well as sustainability and EDI. The ideas discussed will help inform the leadership team's next steps. The Idea Exchange will be recorded for viewing at a later date. A survey also will be launched where individuals can anonymously provide feedback. [RSVP here](#) to receive a calendar invitation. Please contact the NCUR team at [ncur2023@uwec.edu](mailto:ncur2023@uwec.edu) with any questions.

### **Interim event policy updated**

Although in-person meetings and events with non-university attendees are not permitted at this time, organizers may now request an exception to this policy. [Learn more about the policy and request an exception](#).

### **New campus events calendar launched**

Be sure to take a look at the new campus [Events Calendar](#), where you will find a much-improved appearance and user experience. If you have questions or wish to obtain a user login, email calendar administrators at [calendar@uwec.edu](mailto:calendar@uwec.edu). You will find a handy "Submit Event" button in orange to send an item to be considered for posting. As with the previous calendar,

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### **Notice for staff members working remotely on university-owned Windows computers**

If you plan to take a Windows computer off campus, received a message stating your Windows license is expiring or has expired, intend to access shared drives remotely or have questions about changing your password while working remotely, please [review these recommendations and instructions](#) from Learning and Technology Services.

### **McIntyre Library offers access to Chronicle of Higher Education, New York Times**

Faculty and staff can access premium content from the [Chronicle of Higher Education](#) through McIntyre Library's institutional subscription. If you are a regular user, register with your UW-Eau Claire email address to directly access content at Chronicle.com or the app. You also can sign up for access to the New York Times using [these instructions](#).

### **Campus Harvest Food Pantry, Campus Closet hours announced**

The [Campus Harvest Food Pantry](#) and the [Campus Closet](#) will be open from **2-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays**. Please contact [Dr. Demetrius Smith](#) if you have any questions.

### **Unravel your (in-person and virtual) travel**

Even with COVID-19, much is happening behind the scenes in the world of travel and virtual events. The Firstsource Support Team offers 30-minute live virtual training. The training is department-specific and covers physical travel and virtual event participation. The training includes: current campus restrictions, required prior authorization, best practices for booking and reporting, reimbursement, student and guest/candidate travel, the top TER and PT log send-back reasons for your department and how to avoid them, policy updates, tips and tools. Time is provided for questions and discussion. Contact UW-Eau Claire travel manager [Shawn Seuferer](#) with two potential meeting dates/times you wish to have the Firstsource Support Team provide this live virtual presentation to your department/unit.

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The Program Inventory Management (PIM) system has replaced the program change paper form for program changes such as majors, minors, certificates, degrees, major emphases and pre-professional programs. PIM will be used to initiate, approve and implement program curricular revisions that need to go through governance. To see the current program proposals, please [visit the Program Inventory Management page](#).

- A PIM training session will be offered from **noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17**. Join the training via Teams ([Click here](#) to join the meeting) or call in (audio only) at +1 414-435-2332,321028335#, U.S., Milwaukee Phone Conference ID: 321 028 335#.

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Join Recreation and Sport Operations for its annual **Shamrock Shuffle 5K**. This year the event will be virtual, with participants able to complete the race anytime during the week of March 13-20. [Learn more about the event online](#).

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UW-Eau Claire's [CultureFest](#), formerly known as International Folk Fair, will be virtual this year to reach a wider audience. Mark your calendars for **April 17-23** to experience diverse worldwide cultures.

### Proposed curricular changes in College of Arts and 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.

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## Awards and achievements

**Roxanne Backowski**, assistant professor in McIntyre Library, and Tim Morton of the University of Virginia wrote a book chapter, titled "The Intersection of Library Assessment and Collection Diversity," which was published in late 2020 in the open-access book "[Charleston Voices: Perspectives from the 2019 Conference](#)," edited by Lars Meyer.

**Dr. April Bleske-Rechek**, professor of psychology, and UW-Eau Claire graduate **Michaela Gunseor** had their paper, titled "[Gendered Perspectives on Sharing the Load: Men's and Women's Attitudes Toward Family Roles and Household and Childcare Tasks](#)," published Jan. 14 in *Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences*. The research was made possible by alumni who have donated to the Individual Differences and Evolutionary Psychology Lab.

**Dr. Dorothy Ka-Ying Chan**, assistant professor of English, is pleased to share the news that her literary journal, [Honey Literary](#), has debuted its inaugural issue. Honey Literary is a BIPOC-focused journal founded and created by all women of color. In addition, Chan's poem "[Psychic Crush of the Week](#)" has been published in the latest issue of Passages North.

**Dr. Paula Lentz**, academic director of the University of Wisconsin MBA Consortium, was the recipient of the 2020 Outstanding Faculty-Module Courses award. The recipient is selected by current students in the UW MBA Consortium program. Lentz also is a professor of business communication and director of the Business Writing and Presentations Studio and Student Professional Development Program.

**Dr. Stacy Thompson**, professor of the English, had a book chapter, titled "A Disney Death: Coco, Black Panther, and the Limits of the Afterlife," published in "The Routledge Companion to Death and Literature," edited by W. Michelle Wang et al., New York: Routledge, 2020.

**Dr. Kyle Whipple**, assistant professor of education for equity and justice, was invited to host a community circle focused on LGBTQ+ inclusion in mathematics at the [Association for Mathematics Teacher Educators 2021 National Conference](#) this month.

**Dr. Jidong Zhang**, assistant professor of accounting, presented a paper titled “How does accounting cloud services providers perceive the risks? Risk Assessment Modeling and Empirical Evidence” at the 2021 American Accounting Association Joint Midyear Meeting of the AIS and SET sections. The paper adopts the Gini coefficient-based evidence reasoning approach derived from the Dempster-Schafer theory to construct a hierarchy of risk assessment framework for accounting cloud service. Zhang’s research and teaching are focused on accounting information systems, internal control, and auditing and data analytics.

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Research by **Dr. Jeff Janot**, professor of kinesiology and chair of the kinesiology department, and his student researchers, was featured in the Feb. 9 WEAU story “[Load bearing vests help police officers reduce back pain.](#)”

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Faculty and staff are invited to nominate outstanding student research, scholarship or creative activity **by March 1**, for presentation at the [11th Annual Provost's Honors Symposium for Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity](#) on April 23. PHS is a professional-style conference where selected students from any major on campus have the chance to present exceptional work. In 2021, PHS will be a synchronous, virtual event. Visit the Provost's Honors Symposium website for updates and [submit a nomination via eform](#). For more information, contact [Dr. Heather Fielding](#) in University Honors.

### **February is American Heart Month**

Check out the [February wellness newsletter](#) for suggestions on heart-healthy food swaps, local outdoor events, employee well-being seminars and more.

### **Save the date: Virtual Shamrock Shuffle is March 13-20**

Join Recreation and Sport Operations for its annual **Shamrock Shuffle 5K**. This year the event will be virtual, with participants able to complete the race anytime during the week of **March 13-20**. [Learn more about the event online](#).

### **Save the date: Annual CultureFest is April 17-23**

UW-Eau Claire's [CultureFest](#), formerly known as International Folk Fair, will be virtual this year to reach a wider audience. Mark your calendars for **April 17-23** to experience diverse worldwide cultures.

### **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

**Kate Hinnant**, associate professor in McIntyre Library, and **Jill Markgraf**, professor and library director, had a chapter titled “On Not Reinventing the Wheel: Borrowing from the Writing Center Peer Consultant Model” published in the book “Training Research Consultants: A Guide for Academic Libraries,” edited by Jennifer Torreano and Mary O’Kelly, ACRL, 2021.

**B.J. Hollars**, associate professor of English, and **Patti See**, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women’s gender and sexuality studies, won awards in the [Wisconsin Newspaper Association’s annual Better Newspaper Contest](#) for their columns in the Leader-Telegram. Hollars won first place for column writing while See took second. See also earned first place in the weekly division for her columns in The Country Today.

**Dr. Ming-Li Hsieh**, assistant professor of criminal justice, received the Dorothy Bracey/Janice Joseph Minority and Women New Scholar Award from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. The award is given to recognize outstanding academic contributions by new minority and female scholars in honor of the first female and racial minority ACJS presidents.

**Dr. Kaishan Kong**, associate professor of Chinese in the department of languages, was invited to give an online guest lecture to students at Taylor’s University in Malaysia on Feb. 19. The title of the presentation was “Intercultural Competence in the Global Workplace,” where Kong used examples to discuss the importance of intercultural competence in cross-cultural exchanges.

**Dr. Lauren Likkel**, professor emeritus of physics and astronomy, had her article “[Three countries invade Mars this month](#)” published in the Feb. 19 Leader-Telegram.

**Patti See**, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women’s gender and sexuality studies, had her column “[For all the handy men I’ve loved](#)” published in the Feb. 12 Leader-Telegram.

**Dr. Judy René Sims**, professor emerita of communication and journalism, had research from her 2003 article, “Politicians and media owners in Greek radio: Pluralism as diaploki,” quoted in Chapter 14, “[Reproducing analog pathologies in the digital radio landscape: The case of Greece](#),” by Michael Nevradakis. The chapter was published in “[Radio’s Second Century: Past, Present, and Future Perspectives](#)” (2020), edited by John Allen Hendricks, New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press.

**Dr. Paul Thomas**, professor of physics and astronomy, together with Dr. Kevin Hand (Jet Propulsion Laboratory) and Dr. Chris Chyba (Princeton University) had a paper, titled “[Magnetic induction heating of planetary satellites: Analytical formulae and applications](#),” published in *Icarus*. The research was supported, in part, by UW-Eau Claire’s Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

**Dr. Shanise Walker**, assistant professor of mathematics, was selected as the [Black History Month 2021 Honoree](#) by the Mathematically Gifted and Black organization.

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## In the news

**Dr. James Boulter**, professor of chemistry, was interviewed for the Feb. 17 WQOW story "[Cold snaps and climate change](#)."

**Dr. Michael Carney**, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, was interviewed for the Feb. 18 WQOW story "[Area universities plan return to normal fall semester](#)."

**Mary Hoeft**, professor emeritus of communication and journalism at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County, had her letter published in "[Voice of the People](#)" in the Feb. 18 Leader-Telegram.

**Leslie Huntington**, head softball coach, was featured in the Feb. 21 Leader-Telegram article "[UWEC softball coach Huntington records 500th win](#)."

**Dr. Paula Kleintjes Neff**, professor and chair of the biology department, was a guest on Wisconsin Public Radio's "Spectrum West" Feb. 18 to discuss a variety of UW-Eau Claire science series open to the public this semester. [Learn more and listen](#).

**Chancellor James Schmidt** was quoted in the Feb. 17 Leader-Telegram article "[Chancellors back proposed spending boost for UW System](#)."

**Dr. Paul Thomas**, professor of physics and astronomy, was interviewed for the Feb. 18 WQOW story "[What Perseverance's mission will be on Mars](#)."

**Kimera Way**, president of the UW-Eau Claire Foundation and the Eau Claire Community Complex Inc., and **Mike Rindo**, assistant chancellor emeritus for facilities and university relations, were quoted in the Feb. 20 Leader-Telegram article "[Sonntag Centre preparations resume](#)."

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## Campus news and features

- [Joint statement from chancellors at UW-Stout, UW-River Falls and UW-Eau Claire about plans for fall](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire ranks among top U.S. producers of Fulbright students](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire improves its military-friendly ranking](#)

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## Professional development

### Upcoming ORSP Faculty/Academic Staff Forum presentation

**Dr. David Schaffer**, associate professor of economics, will present “Time Flexibility, Women's Wages and the Gender Wage Gap” from **12:10-12:50 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24**, via Zoom (ID: 876 7041 5314; Password: 173666) as part of the Faculty/Academic Staff Forum spring 2020 series hosted by the [Office of Research and Sponsored Programs](#).

### Get ahead with O'Reilly for Higher Education

Thousands of O'Reilly for Higher Education e-books, videos and tutorials are available to all UW-Eau Claire students, faculty and staff. Primarily in the areas of computing and business, and ranging from beginner to expert level, the resources can be read or viewed individually or in learning paths. Have you ever wanted to improve your presentations, ramp up your Microsoft Excel skills, or explore an area of personal development, like becoming a better listener? Access this extensive collection through McIntyre Library's database list or use this [direct link to O'Reilly for Higher Education](#).

### Early Career Eau Claire supports early-career faculty, instructional academic staff

Early Career Eau Claire is a peer-mentoring group of junior faculty and instructional academic staff who are affiliated with UW-Eau Claire, UWEC-Barron County and UWEC-Marshfield. The group has scheduled virtual meetings for the spring 2021 semester at **2 p.m. on the first Friday of every month**. These meetings are for early-career faculty and instructional academic staff to support each other in their work through sharing experiences together, raising awareness of resources and opportunities that may be helpful and promoting collaboration and connections across campus. Each meeting will include: 1) time for a meet-and-greet and informal conversation; and 2) brief presentations and Q&A with colleagues on each topic. For colleagues interested in participating and receiving updates, subscribe to the group's email list by sending a message to [ec-squared-request@lists.uwec.edu](mailto:ec-squared-request@lists.uwec.edu) and typing “Subscribe” in the body of the message.

### UW System professional development opportunities

- **Call for proposals: OPID Spring Conference Online.** All educators are invited to participate in this free online conference and submit proposals in the following two tracks: Innovative Pedagogies or Digital Pedagogies. [Learn more](#) about the conference. Proposals are due **Wednesday, Feb. 24.**

### **CETL professional development**

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

- **Virtual Q&A sessions.** Monday-Friday, 9-9:50 a.m. [View sessions.](#)
- **Professional Development at Your Convenience:** View session recordings and resources on topics such as Canvas, course redesign, inclusive pedagogy, video and streaming, and student interaction/assessment.
- **“Whistling Vivaldi” Reading Group (EDI Tier 2):** March 1, 15 and 29, 3-3:50 p.m.
- **Faculty Fridays Open Write:** Begins Feb. 12, weekly Friday meetings, 9 a.m.-noon. To join, email [rylandjj@uwec.edu](mailto:rylandjj@uwec.edu).
- **Podcast Professional Development Group:** April 6, 13 and 20, 1-2 p.m.
- **Request spring midterm student evaluations, March 8-19.** [Learn more.](#)

### **EDI professional development for faculty and staff**

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

- [Safe Space Training](#), today, Feb. 23, 10 a.m.-noon.
- [Trans 101](#), March 1, 1-3 p.m.
- [Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Classroom](#), March 1, 2-4 p.m.
- [Islamophobia in America](#), March 2, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- [Identity, Privilege and Oppression](#), March 4, 3-4:30 p.m.
- [“Clear Water” Exhibit: Panel Discussion](#), March 4, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
- [Reading Group: “The Hate U Give,”](#) begins March 5, 10-11 a.m.
- [Engaging International Students in a Virtual Environment](#), March 9, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- [The Psychology of the African American Experience](#), March 10, 5-6 p.m.
- [Veteran Students and Suicide Prevention](#), March 11, 12-1:30 p.m.
- [Understanding Islam and Muslims: Countering Myths and Distortions](#), March 15, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- [Campus Connect: Suicide Awareness and Intervention](#), March 19, 9-11 a.m.
- [Identifying and Responding to the Mental Health Needs of UWEC Students: A Comprehensive Guide for Faculty and Staff](#), March 25, 2-3:30 p.m.
- [March Cultural Awareness Challenge](#)
- “Picture a Scientist” film viewing and discussion: View film at your convenience, March 13-15; join discussion March 22, 4-5 p.m. [RSVP by March 10](#) to get access to the film and the link to the Zoom discussion. NOTE: Participants must watch the film and attend the virtual discussion for Tier 2 credit. Questions? Please email [WomeninSTEM@uwec.edu](mailto:WomeninSTEM@uwec.edu).

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