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#### **Martin Mogensen Education Lecture to focus on Hmong racial and gender justice**

[Kabzuag Vaj](#), co-founder and co-executive director of Freedom Inc., will present “Organizing for Racial & Gender Justice in an Era of Trumpism through a Hmong Feminist Lens” for the [2021 Martin Mogensen Education Lecture](#) in collaboration with the [Center for Racial and Restorative Justice](#) “Racing Toward Justice” series. Join us at **6 p.m. Monday, March 8**, for this [free, live presentation](#).

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#### **Center for Writing Excellence offers paid student internships**

The Center for Writing Excellence (CWE) is pleased to offer [paid internships](#) for all students who have met the university writing requirement. This is a unique internship, one that is especially useful for students looking to build their resumes as they consider teaching positions, graduate school, law school, medical school, etc. Learn more about the CWE's mission and internship opportunities by visiting [uwec.edu/writing](http://uwec.edu/writing). The priority deadline is **Friday, March 5**. If you have any questions or would like to discuss how a CWE internship might fit with your students' academic and professional goals, contact Dr. Jonathan Rylander at [rylandjj@uwec.edu](mailto:rylandjj@uwec.edu).

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

Tune in to the [UW-Eau Claire Alumni Facebook page](#) at 6 p.m. **Wednesday, March 3**, for the

Facebook Live series “Eau These Blugold Nights!” We’re pleased to feature Blugold graduate **Tamika Taylor ’11**, founder of The Evolution Collective and experienced coach, who will present “Live Your Best Life.” 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.

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**Dr. David Lewis**, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, presented an invited talk, titled “A Hatred That Still Haunts Undergraduate Organic Chemistry 150 Years Later,” Feb. 18 at the February virtual meeting of the Lehigh Valley Section of the American Chemical Society. Lewis also had his essay “[The Logic Behind Markovnikov's Rule: Was It an Inspired Guess? ... No!](#)” published in *Angewandte Chemie International Edition*, Dec. 8, 2020.

**Dr. Jessica Sertling Miller**, professor of French in the department of languages, led a virtual workshop titled “Academic Integrity by Design” Feb. 25 for members of Diversity, Decolonization and the French Curriculum, a forum to foster conversation about diversity, inclusion, equity and social justice.

**Dr. Kyle Whipple**, assistant professor of education for equity and justice, has been invited by Rice University to participate in a national presentation as part of a four-speaker panel on

equity, diversity and inclusion in STEM. The presentation, titled “Inclusive Design and Equity in Course Materials and Instruction,” will be a six-talk series running from mid-April through June.

**Dr. Jerry Young**, professor emeritus of music, in collaboration with Wesley Jacobs, retired principal tubist of the Detroit Symphony, has had three new editions of J.B. Arban’s “Characteristic Studies from the Complete Method” published by Encore Music Publishers. The studies, seminal material for all brass players, had previously been unavailable for tubas in the keys of BB-flat, E-flat and F. Young’s newest work (with co-author Scott Watson of the University of Kansas), “A Practical Guide to Studio Teaching in Higher Education,” has been accepted for publication by GIA Publications, Chicago, with projected availability in fall 2021.

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## In the news

**Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton**, professor of history, was quoted in the Feb. 25 WIZM story [“Wisconsin residents call for federal COVID relief.”](#)

**B.J. Hollars**, associate professor of English, and UW-Eau Claire alumnus **Michael Perry** were guests on Wisconsin Public Radio’s “Spectrum West” Feb. 25. Hollars discussed the Chippewa Valley Writers Guild’s March 4 “All Creatures Great and Small” event, and Perry shared details about his March 10 fundraiser for farmland conservation/water-quality initiatives. [Learn more and listen.](#)

**Brittany Nielsen**, campus director for UW-Eau Claire – Barron County, was quoted in the Feb. 22 Chronotype article [“UW-EC Barron County returning to traditional campus experience in fall.”](#)

**Vicky Zietlow**, clinical assistant professor of nursing at the Marshfield campus, and nursing students **Briana Cline** and **Teagan Downs** were interviewed for the Feb. 25 WSAW story [“Nursing Students help administer vaccine at Marshfield Clinic.”](#)

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- [Dr. Demetrius Smith enjoying new EDISA role](#)

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### UW System funding available for Canvas Certified Educator Program

UW System Administration will fund scholarships for full-time faculty and instructional academic staff for a new Canvas skills mastery certification program offered by Instructure (the parent company of Canvas). For more information, read the [Call for Participants — Canvas Certified Educator Program information](#) and [complete the program application process](#).

Applications are **due Friday, March 5**.

### Office of Research and Sponsored Programs deadline reminders

- The [2021 Celebration of Excellence in Research and Creative Activity](#) (CERCA) will be held virtually, **April 19-23**. ORSP is now accepting abstract submissions. The last day to submit abstracts is **Friday, March 5**.
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#### **Coming up:**

- [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, noon-1:30 p.m.
- **NEW:** Mentoring Diverse Students in Faculty/Student Collaborative Research, [March 12, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.](#) or [March 23, 1-2:30 p.m.](#)
- [Understanding Islam and Muslims: Countering Myths and Distortions](#), March 15, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
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- [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](#), independent activities and discussion boards to complete throughout March.

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## Meeting notices

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### **Virtual forums, Q&As scheduled for College of Arts and Sciences dean position**

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend virtual open forum presentations and Q&A sessions with five candidates for the College of Arts and Sciences dean position starting this

week. The search committee has scheduled the events from 10-10:50 a.m. each day. The schedule is: **Wednesday, March 10:** Dr. Steven Michels; **Thursday, March 11:** Dr. Paul Twigg; **Friday, March 12:** Dr. Salome Nnoromele; **Monday, March 15:** Dr. Linda Fleming; and **Thursday, March 18:** Dr. Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn.  [Candidate materials and connection details](#) are available for each open forum. The forums will be recorded for those unable to attend, and a link to the recording as well as a feedback form will be posted to the site.

### **Next Chancellor Briefing scheduled for March 18**

Chancellor James Schmidt will hold his next Chancellor Briefing at **5 p.m. Thursday, March 18**. The briefing will be [livestreamed](#) as the chancellor discusses the fall semester and provides updates on enrollment and the budget. Faculty and staff are invited to [submit questions](#) in advance and during the briefing.

### **University Staff Council Advancement Fund established**

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### **Encourage students to apply for Foundation scholarships**

Applications for many UW-Eau Claire Foundation scholarships have due dates throughout the spring semester. Blugolds who are not aware of these scholarships may miss out on valuable scholarship opportunities. Please encourage your students to visit the [Foundation's scholarship page](#) for scholarship criteria and availability. Demonstrated financial need is not a requirement for many of these scholarships, and all students are encouraged to apply.

### **Faculty, staff, students invited to join international lecture series**

The University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC) — a UW-Eau Claire study abroad partner — is offering [cultural and academic lectures](#) via Zoom by their international faculty this semester. UW-Eau Claire faculty, staff and students are invited to join. Following are the dates and series details:

- **Wednesday, March 24**, noon: “Uruguayan and Argentinian Cultural Historical Highlights,” presented by Conrado Bonilla. [Register](#).
- **Wednesday, April 28**, 10 a.m.: “Sustainable Development in China,” presented by Dr. Jiahan Cao. [Register](#).
- **Wednesday, May 26**, 11 a.m.: “The Power of Truth and Non-Violence: Gandhi, Past and Present,” presented by Dr. Aindrila Chakraborty. [Register](#).

Please send questions to [studyabroad@usac.edu](mailto:studyabroad@usac.edu) or [marchwcc@uwec.edu](mailto:marchwcc@uwec.edu).

### **LTS announces campus Zoom updates**

Since acquiring Zoom-licensed accounts for UW-Eau Claire faculty, staff and students, we have been pleased to see many people making use of the application's videoconferencing features. Following are two changes coming to our Zoom system:

- **Cloud recordings will be deleted after 120 days.** On **Tuesday, March 16**, LTS will implement changes to the cloud recording system in Zoom. All recordings use our joint cloud account, which has limited space. We recommend you download any videos you would like to keep within that 120-day time frame by uploading them to Kaltura or other safe storage locations. **If you already have recordings that are older than 120 days, they will be retroactively deleted.** After videos are deleted, they will be sent to a “recycling bin” area for an additional 30 days where you still will be able to download them to save elsewhere. [Learn more about Zoom recordings.](#)
- **Zoom now offers automatic closed captioning.** To activate closed captioning during a Zoom meeting, the meeting host will need to click on “Live Transcript and Enable Auto-Transcription.” [Instructions](#) also can be found on our website.

If you have any questions about Zoom, see our [Knowledge Base article](#) and feel free to contact the LTS Help Desk at [helpdesk@uwec.edu](mailto:helpdesk@uwec.edu) or 715-826-5711.

### **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.

### **Authorizations required for travel and events**

Division-level preapproval is required for all travel and related expenses through June 30, 2021. The following guidelines are intended to strictly limit travel and expenses and applies to faculty, staff, students and guests:

- **In-person meetings, events and guests:** An approved [Event Exception Request Form](#) is required as an attachment to the [SFS Travel/Expense Authorization Request Form](#). The Event Exception Request Form authorizes the event and the SFS Expense Authorization Request Form authorizes the expense.
- **Virtual event attendance is of budget concern:** Consult with travel manager Shawn Seuferer at 715-836-3361 for virtual event approval requirements for your particular division.
- **Attach all approvals to the expense reimbursement request or PT log.** See the [Firstsource +Travel page](#) for details.

### **St. Patrick’s Day Dinner and Drinks event planned**

Blugold Dining is hosting a St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Drinks in The Dulany Inn on Wednesday, March 17. A meal and St. Patrick’s Day-themed drinks are planned. For a reservation, [email](#) or call 715-836-5261.

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### **Blugold Dining launches survey**

Blugold Dining is looking for feedback! Please take 10 minutes to [fill out this survey](#) to help make your on-campus dining experiences more enjoyable. All feedback from faculty, staff and students is taken into consideration. A \$100 dining gift card will be given to one randomly selected survey participant!

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- [View proposed curricular changes](#).

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Congratulations to the faculty and staff who completed Tier 3 of the EDI 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 our campuses: **Mickey Berkoben**, Advising, Retention and Career Center, "Student Employee EDI Professional Development"; **Karen Dominguez**, Blugold Beginnings, "Blugold Beginnings Learning Community: Math Support"; **Kallie Friede**, Gender and Sexuality Resource Center, "The Gender Gap Training"; **Dr.**

**Christopher Jorgenson**, Gender and Sexuality Resource Center, “BIRT Informational Presentation”; **Dr. Paula Lentz**, business communication, “MBA 701 Modification to Improve Student Learning of Diversity and Inclusion Concepts”; **Alexandra Liffrig**, Solution Center, “Engaging International Students in a Virtual Classroom Training”; **Melody Manteufel**, Advising, Retention and Career Center, “Student Employee EDI Professional Development”; **Vicky Thomas**, Services for Students with Disabilities, “Disability Awareness and Rights Social Change Project”; **Mark Wehde**, College of Business, “MBA 701 Modification to Improve Student Learning of Diversity and Inclusion Concepts”; **Kim Wellnitz**, Advising, Retention and Career Center, “Student Employee EDI Professional Development”; and **Roberta West**, Counseling Services, “AODA and the Native American Population.” [Learn more about Tier 3.](#)

**Dr. Ming-Li Hsieh**, assistant professor of criminal justice, had her article, titled “Understanding Cyberbullying Victimization from an Integrated Approach: Offline Preventive Attributes and Behavior Problems Do Matter,” published in the international journal *Victims & Offenders*.

**Dr. Thomas Kemp**, professor and chair of the economics department, and Dr. David Wolf had their paper, titled “[Convergent Validity of Satellite and Secchi Disk Measures of Water Clarity in Hedonic Models](#),” published in the February 2021 issue of *Land Economics*. Wolf is a former UW-Eau Claire economics faculty member who currently is on the faculty at Kobe University in Japan.

**Dr. Thomas Wayne King**, professor emeritus of communication sciences and disorders, recently was appointed by Dr. Dan Sandweiss, president of the oldest, all-discipline U.S. academic honor society, Phi Kappa Phi, to the National PKP Love of Learning Award Committee for the 2020-2022 biennium. King originally was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi at UW-Madison in 1969, as a junior-standing student, and is a life member of the honor society. He was an active member of the UW-Eau Claire chapter of Phi Kappa Phi during his career on campus, 1988-2005, serving one term as UWEC chapter president.

**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](#)” (2009 online), cited and paraphrased by Ionna Ferra in her 2020 book “[Digital media and the Greek crisis: Cyberconflicts, discourses and networks](#)” (2019 online), United Kingdom: Emerald Group Publishing. Sims’ research derived from her 2001 sabbatical, “Struggling toward pluralism: The structure of Greek broadcasting since privatization” (Athens, Greece). The research was supported, in part, by a University Research and Creative Activity Grant from the UW-Eau Claire Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

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**In the news**

**Grace Crickette**, vice chancellor for finance and administration, was quoted in the March 3 Leader-Telegram article "[Pandemic has cost UW-EC, Stout \\$11M each so far.](#)"

**Dr. Kim Frodl**, Student Health Service director; **Dr. Rose Battalio**, professor of special education; and nursing student **Eleanor Sladek** were interviewed for the March 3 WQOW story "[Students help vaccinate staff at UWEC clinic.](#)"

**Dr. Matthew Jewell**, associate professor of materials science and engineering, was quoted in the March 2 Wisconsin Public Radio story "[Failed Partnerships And Vacant Buildings: Foxconn's Wisconsin Commitment Remains At A Standstill.](#)"

**Dr. Eric Kasper**, professor of political science; **Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton**, professor of history; **Jake Wrasse**, legislative and community relations liaison; student **Jackson Wolff** and alumnus **James Neeb** were interviewed for the March 4 WEAU story "[Addressing discipline for racism in the UW System code of conduct.](#)"

**Cheri Snobl**, Blugold Beginnings office manager; **Dr. Kim Frodl**, Student Health Service director; and nursing student **Olivia Miller** were interviewed for the March 3 WEAU story "[Invite-only vaccine clinic at Zorn Arena.](#)"

**Kimera Way**, president of the UW-Eau Claire Foundation and Eau Claire Community Complex, was interviewed for the March 2 WQOW story "[Sonntag Centre construction to start this year.](#)"

**Dr. Linda Young**, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, was quoted in the March 1 UW-Stevens Point Communications and Marketing story "[UW-Eau Claire regional nursing program will move to UW-Steven Point at Marshfield.](#)"

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- [State partnership grant brings \\$40K to community vaccination efforts](#)

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### Upcoming ORSP Faculty/Academic Staff Forum presentation

**Dr. McKenzie West**, assistant professor of mathematics, will present “[Mathematics for Cryptography](#)” from **12:10-12:50 p.m. Wednesday, March 10**, [via Zoom](#) (ID: 833 8868 8999; Password: 823391) as part of the Faculty/Academic Staff Forum spring 2020 series hosted by the [Office of Research and Sponsored Programs](#).

### Systemwide caregiving forum set for March 26

A UW Systemwide caregiving forum is planned for **1-3 p.m. Friday, March 26, via Zoom**. Guest speakers will contextualize the work of the systemwide caregiving task force within larger conversations surrounding equity and caregiving as an urgent issue within higher education and offer insights on how campuses can proactively address:

- Caregiving as intersectional equity issue.
- Differential impacts of caregiving and COVID across the campus community.
- Tangible steps campus leaders can take to support caregivers.
- Successful models for documenting both the short- and long-term effects of COVID for students, faculty and staff.
- Long-term sustainability models to support caregivers and retain them as essential members of the campus community.

The forum is hosted by the Caregiving Task Force and co-sponsored by the Women’s and Gender Studies Consortium and the Women and Science Program. All members of the UW System community are invited. [Learn more](#) and [register](#).

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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.

### **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.

## Awards and achievements

**Dr. Terry Allen**, professor emeritus of theatre arts, had his new book of poetry, "[Art Work](#)," released March 9 and is available through Amazon and Kelsay Books.

**Roxanne Backowski** and **Liliana LaValle**, assistant professors in McIntyre Library, presented "[Stop Sharing TMI: Applying Plain Language Principles to Database Descriptions](#)" March 10 at the 2021 Electronic Resources and Libraries Conference.

Congratulations to the faculty and staff who completed Tier 3 of the EDI 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 our campuses: **Shari Breed**, Recreation and Sport Operations, "Student Recreation Employee Tier One and Tier Two Support"; **Danielle Jennings**, Advising, Retention and Career Center, "ARCC Anti-Racist Statement"; **Michael Thomas**, Office of Multicultural Affairs, "The UWEC Student of Color Experience: Translating Student Concerns Into Actions"; and **Brittany Wold**, Recreation and Sport Operations, "Student Recreation Employee Tier One and Tier Two Support." [Learn more about Tier 3.](#)

**Dr. Anne Cummings Hlas**, professor in the department of languages, had her article "High-Leverage Teaching Practices: Designing Tasks for Interaction" published in "[One vision—Multiple Perspectives: 2021 Report of the Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages \(CSCTFL\)](#)," pages 31-45. Hlas also presented "Best of Wisconsin: Designing Tasks for Interaction" March 13 at the virtual [2021 Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages](#).

**Dr. Lucy A. Johnson**, assistant professor of digital literacies in the English department, was a guest remote speaker for two digital design courses in February at San Francisco State University and the University of Northern Iowa. Johnson's talks focused on ethical image design and default users through her research on emojis.

**Dr. Dorothy Ka-Ying Chan**, assistant professor of English, recently had her poetry showcased in a variety of publications, including: an interview with Ruben Quesada about her second full-length poetry collection, "Revenge of the Asian Woman," (Diode Editions, 2019) in his "[Poetry Today](#)" feature on Kenyon Review; her triple sonnet, "Triple Sonnet Triple Sonnet, Because You Are Not My Home, You Are Not My Home, You Are Not My Family" is part of Foglifter Press' anthology "[Home is Where You Queer Your Heart](#)," now available for pre-order; and "Revenge of the Asian Woman" was [reviewed in Hayden's Ferry Review](#). In addition, Chan was a poetry reader March 6 for the Association of Writers & Writing Programs (AWP) offsite virtual reading "On Line, Off Site with The Adroit Journal, Hayden's Ferry Review and Passages North." She also

read and presented during the Pleiades Visiting Writers Series at University of Central Missouri for their Feb. 25 event, "[Making a Writing Life: A reading, panel conversation and Q&A with award-winning writers F. Douglas Brown, Dorothy Chan and Ashley M. Jones](#)," and read for the San Francisco-based "Something Ordinary" reading series March 12.

**Dr. Theresa Kemp**, professor of critical studies in English and affiliate faculty in women's, gender and sexuality studies, co-authored a chapter titled "[Accounting for Early Modern Women in the Arts: Reconsidering Women's Agency, Networks, and Relationships](#)" published in "[Challenging Women's Agency and Activism in Early Modernity](#)," edited by Merry Wiesner-Hanks (Amsterdam University Press, 2020), pages 283-308.

**Jack Reardon**, senior lecturer in economics, and co-author Graham Boyd had their book, "[Rebuild: The Economy, Leadership, and You](#)," published in October 2020 by Evolutesix Books, London, U.K.

**Dr. Cathy Rex**, professor of English, presented her paper, titled "Remembering and Forgetting Plantation History in Jamaica: Rose Hall and Greenwood Great House" at the Society of Early Americanists 12th Biennial Conference (held virtually) on March 4. The paper was part of the panel "Public Memory, Race and Heritage Tourism of Early America" that Rex both proposed and chaired — and that was selected to be a featured part of the conference's Anti-Racism and Equity Panel Stream. This paper is part of a forthcoming collection from Routledge (Public Memory, Race and Heritage Tourism of Early America) edited by Rex and Dr. Shevaun Watson (UW-Milwaukee).

**Patti See**, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's gender and sexuality studies, had her column "[Groundhog wars](#)" published in the March 5 Leader-Telegram.

**Dr. Jessica Sertling Miller**, professor of French in the languages department, gave a presentation titled "Cross-Language Program Assessment" at the virtual Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages March 13.

**Dr. Michael Walsh**, assistant professor of materials science and biomedical engineering, has co-authored two new publications: "[Simultaneous Characterization of Implant Wear and Tribocorrosion Debris within its Corresponding Tissue Response Using Infrared Chemical Imaging](#)" in the journal *Biotribology*, Vol. 26, June 2021, 100163; and "[Breast cancer histopathology using infrared spectroscopic imaging: The impact of instrumental configurations](#)" in the journal *Clinical Spectroscopy*, Vol. 3, December 2021, 100006.

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**In the news**

**Dr. April Bleske-Rechek**, professor of psychology, was quoted in the March 9 Latest Express article "[The Surprising Benefits Of Being Blinded By Love.](#)"

**Tonja Englund**, head women's basketball coach, was featured in the March 10 Leader-Telegram article "[Women's college basketball: UW-Eau Claire's Englund named WIAC Coach of the Year.](#)"

**Dr. Thomas Kemp**, professor and chair of the economics department, was interviewed for the March 11 WQOW story "[UW-Eau Claire economics class studying pandemic.](#)"

**Dr. Paula Kleintjes Neff**, professor and chair of the biology department, was featured in the March 10 HigherEdJobs interview "[A Thoughtful Look at Female Careers in Science – Higher Ed Careers.](#)"

**Corrynn Mahnke**, commencement coordinator, was quoted in the March 9 Wisconsin Public Radio story "[Some UW Campuses Planning For Graduates To Walk Across Stage During Commencement.](#)"

**Dr. Ryan Weichelt**, associate professor of geography, was quoted in the March 11 Forbes article "[COVID-19 Set America's Housing Market On Fire. That Could Alter U.S. Politics For A Generation,](#)" regarding the impacts of COVID19 on migration and politics. Weichelt also was quoted in the March 15 Associated Press story "[South emerges as flashpoint of brewing redistricting battle,](#)" which was published widely through media outlets across the U.S.

**Dr. Linda Young**, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, was quoted in the March 12 Wisconsin Public Radio story "[The Critical Nursing Shortage During The Pandemic May Be A Sign Of What's To Come.](#)"

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## Campus news and features

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- [Students help Blugold Brain Injury Group members tell their stories to health care providers](#)

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## Professional development

### **UW-Whitewater to host 2021 UW System Symposium for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity**

The registration deadline has been **extended to April 15** for the 19th Annual UW System Symposium for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity, to be hosted virtually on April 28. The event showcases undergraduate research, creativity, achievement, service-learning and community-based research in all areas of study, including the humanities, fine arts, biological sciences, physical sciences and social sciences. [Learn more and register](#).

### **Systemwide caregiving forum set for March 26**

A UW Systemwide caregiving forum is planned for **1-3 p.m. Friday, March 26, via Zoom**. Guest speakers will contextualize the work of the systemwide caregiving task force within larger conversations surrounding equity and caregiving as an urgent issue within higher education and offer insights on how campuses can proactively address:

- Caregiving as intersectional equity issue.
- Differential impacts of caregiving and COVID across the campus community.
- Tangible steps campus leaders can take to support caregivers.
- Successful models for documenting both the short- and long-term effects of COVID for students, faculty and staff.
- Long-term sustainability models to support caregivers and retain them as essential members of the campus community.

The forum is hosted by the Caregiving Task Force and co-sponsored by the Women's and Gender Studies Consortium and the Women and Science Program. All members of the UW System community are invited. [Learn more](#) and [register](#).

### **Office of Research and Sponsored Programs deadline reminders**

- The [James R. Larson and Vicki Lord Larson Undergraduate Research Fellowship](#) is awarded to a UW-Eau Claire junior or senior who has conducted or demonstrated potential to conduct outstanding collaborative research. The award includes a \$2,500 scholarship as well as a student stipend, project expense fund and faculty summer stipend. Applications are due to ORSP by **Tuesday, March 30**.
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### **EDI professional development for faculty and staff**

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### Title and Total Compensation Project update

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**Dr. Jessica Sertling Miller**, professor of French in the department of languages, had her article “Academic Integrity by Design: Universal Solutions for Face-to-Face, Remote, and Online French Classes” published in the latest issue of [The French Review \(Vol. 94.3\)](#). *The French Review* is the official journal of the American Association of Teachers of French and has the largest circulation of any scholarly journal of French and Francophone studies in the world.

**Dr. Michael Walsh**, assistant professor of materials science and biomedical engineering, has co-authored the article “[Silk Film Stiffness Modulates Corneal Epithelial Cell Mechanosignaling](#),” which was published March 6 in the journal *Macromolecular Chemistry and Physics*.

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## In the news

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- Cultural Competency to Cultural Proficiency in Healthcare Professions: An Interprofessional Education Framework, [April 26, 10 a.m.-noon](#) or [April 29, 6-8 p.m.](#)
- [Identity, Privilege and Oppression](#), April 26, 1:30-3 p.m.

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## Meeting notices

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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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## **Blugold FYI: March 30, 2021**

Check out the important UW-Eau Claire employee info in this week's **Blugold FYI**.

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## **Important announcements**

### **Stories sought for 'Healing Reflections' collaborative arts project**

Provost Patricia Kleine and B.J. Hollars, associate professor of English, in collaboration with Mayo Clinic Health System, are working together on a collection of stories about people's experiences during the pandemic in 2020. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to submit their written stories for the "Healing Reflections" collection, which will be curated and considered for a physical display of words and pictures. To participate, [submit your written work](#) of 500 words or less by **May 15**. All submissions could be selected to be paired with a visual artist for public display. Submissions received by **April 15** will be part of the initial display promoting the project.

### **Job opportunities available at FEMA vaccine clinic**

UW-Eau Claire campus community members are invited to join the team behind the Federal Emergency Management Agency-supported vaccine clinic **starting April 8** at Zorn Arena. FEMA is seeking nonclinical staff to work in and around Zorn Arena to support the clinic that is a partnership between UW-Eau Claire and the Eau Claire City-County Health Department. Faculty, staff and students can earn a minimum of \$16 per hour. Anyone interested can find [details](#) about how to help.

### **A reminder about spring-semester travel guidelines**

UW-Eau Claire students, faculty and staff are reminded that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends avoiding nonessential travel. UW-Eau Claire encourages people not to travel outside their communities, but if they must, they should use good judgment to protect friends, colleagues and the university community. If you leave the local community to travel to another location that has more than transient exposure to people of unknown virus status, you should quarantine. More than transient exposure would include: attendance at a large social gathering like a wedding; going to a sporting event; in crowds at bars, restaurants, etc.; taking public transportation such as planes or buses; or traveling on a cruise ship. Upon return, you should get an antigen or viral test three to five days after travel, and stay home and self-quarantine for seven days after travel. [Testing is available](#) in Zorn Arena in Eau Claire and the UW-Eau Claire – Barron County gymnasium in Rice Lake. Even if you test negative, stay home and self-quarantine for the full seven days. If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel. For more details, see [information from the CDC](#) for those who return from travel.

### **Scholarship available for university staff**

University staff are invited to apply for a \$250 scholarship through the Grant Fund to Assist University Staff. This scholarship was created by Susie Warden and Linda Haag with the intent to sustain and strengthen the quality of the support staff at UW-Eau Claire. [Learn more](#) and **apply by April 9.**

### **New UW System procurement tool to launch April 16**

The new systemwide procurement tool, ShowUW+, will go live April 16. To prepare for the launch, the last day to submit purchase requisitions through BP Logix e-forms will be April 9. After that date, purchase requisitions submitted through e-forms will no longer be available. Beginning April 16, all purchase requisitions will be processed through ShopUW+. [Learn more about ShopUW+.](#)

### **Title and Total Compensation Project update**

- **Project timeline and re-engagement:** In spring 2020, the Title and Total Compensation Project team communicated an extension to the timeline in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The scheduled implementation of new titles, job descriptions and salary structures will target November 2021. This timeline recognizes the need for institutions to re-engage with managers, for managers and employees to have conversations about title assignments and for revisions to related policies to be completed. We are

encouraging institutions to coordinate efforts and begin conversations to be completed by early fall.

- **Project activities.** During the past year, project work has continued on refining the standard job library and defining the salary structure using market data. The project team also has been able to develop guidelines for the new non-tenure-track research and teaching professor titles.

For more information, visit the [TTC Project website](#).

### **Join ‘Eau These Blugold Nights!’**

Tune in to the [UW-Eau Claire Alumni Facebook page](#) at 6 p.m. **Wednesday, April 7**, for the Facebook Live series “Eau These Blugold Nights!” The Alumni Association is pleased to feature the Robert Frost Celebration of American Poetry in conjunction with the UW-Eau Claire Foundation, English department and McIntyre Library. In celebration of the Schmidt Robert Frost Collection of rare works that has a home at UW-Eau Claire, this event features individuals from the campus and community who will read poems on a selected theme. The series brings Blugolds to you the first Wednesday of each month to share an art, craft, knowledge or talent.

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The University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC) — a UW-Eau Claire study abroad partner — is offering [cultural and academic lectures](#) via Zoom by their international faculty this semester. UW-Eau Claire faculty, staff and students are invited to join. Following are the dates and series details:

- **Wednesday, April 28**, 10 a.m.: “Sustainable Development in China,” presented by Dr. Jiahan Cao. [Register](#).
- **Wednesday, May 26**, 11 a.m.: “The Power of Truth and Non-Violence: Gandhi, Past and Present,” presented by Dr. Aindrila Chakraborty. [Register](#).

Please send questions to [studyabroad@usac.edu](mailto:studyabroad@usac.edu) or [marchwcc@uwec.edu](mailto:marchwcc@uwec.edu).

### **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.

### **Authorizations required for travel and events**

Division-level preapproval is required for all travel and related expenses through June 30, 2021. The following general guidelines are intended to strictly limit travel and expenses and applies to faculty, staff, students and guests:

- **On-campus meetings, events and guests:** An approved [Event Exception Request Form](#) is required as an attachment to the [SFS Travel/Expense Authorization Request Form](#) for on-campus events that involve one or more non-UW-Eau Claire attendee or presenter. The Event Exception Request Form authorizes the on-campus event and the SFS Expense Authorization Request Form authorizes the expense.
- **Virtual event attendance:** Consult with travel manager Shawn Seuferer at [seufersr@uwec.edu](mailto:seufersr@uwec.edu) or 715-836-3361 for virtual event approval requirements for your division.
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assistant professor of nursing, presented their collaborative oral history project preserving the experiences of undocumented Latinx farmworkers in Wisconsin for the annual conference of the National Council on Public History on March 20. Their presentation formed part of a multi-institutional panel organized by Jiménez Frei, titled “Addressing Silences in the Archive: Documenting Pandemic Experiences from Latinx, Black, and Indigenous Communities.” Jiménez-Frei and Casey also have been awarded a Summer Internship Program grant from the Lepage Center at Villanova University to hire a graduate student from Villanova for the Rural Voices/Voces del Campo project, a collaboration with Schiller and Smith to conduct oral history interviews regarding experiences of the COVID-19 pandemic in western Wisconsin. Throughout summer 2021, the intern will assist Jiménez-Frei and Casey with Spanish-language interviews, transcription and translation, and digital archive development and curation.

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**Dr. Stacy Thompson**, professor of English, presented his paper “A Disney Death: ‘Coco,’ ‘Black Panther,’ and the Limits of the Afterlife” March 18 at the [Society for Cinema and Media Studies Annual Conference](#), a virtual event.

**Dr. Kelly Wonder**, director of the Ronald E. McNair Program, and **Ami Christensen**, coordinator of the Intensive English Program in the department of languages, presented their paper “Developing Critical Thinking Through Inquiry-based Writing” at the [2021 American Association of Applied Linguistics Virtual Conference](#).

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- **NEW:** [Blugold Dialogue: Implementing EDI into Studio Art Education](#), April 7, 4-5 p.m.
- [EDI Reading and Video Clip Dialogue Group: Whiteness, Allyship, and Taking Action](#), April 8, 15, 22 and 29, noon-1 p.m.
- [Trans 101](#), April 14, 10 a.m.-noon.
- **NEW:** [Breaking down Barriers: Using Universal Design for Learning to Increase Equitable Learning Opportunities for All Students](#), April 20, 9-10 a.m.
- [What the Hmong: An Introduction of the American Hmong Experience](#), April 21, 2-3 p.m.
- Cultural Competency to Cultural Proficiency in Healthcare Professions: An Interprofessional Education Framework, [April 26, 10 a.m.-noon](#) or [April 29, 6-8 p.m.](#)
- [Identity, Privilege and Oppression](#), April 26, 1:30-3 p.m.
- [The Gender Gap: What is it and what can we do?](#), April 27, 11 a.m.-noon.

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