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### **Important announcements**

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Brittany Nielsen, campus director of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire – Barron County, has been named vice president for student services and enrollment management at State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota in Sarasota, Florida. The last day at the Rice Lake campus for Nielsen, who has been campus director since 2018, will be May 14. Gary Wheeler, student life and events coordinator at UWEC-BC, will be interim campus director.

#### **Blugold Beginnings presents 'Voices of Color: Unity'**

The Blugold Beginnings program will present "[Voices of Color: Unity](#)" at **6 p.m. Thursday, May 6**, at [uwec.ly/live](https://uwec.ly/live). During this virtual showcase, the Blugold Beginnings program and, more importantly, the students who make the program so special, will be highlighted. Viewers also will receive information on donating to scholarships that will directly benefit students of color at UW-Eau Claire.

#### **Red Dress Display to help raise awareness May 5**

The Inter-Tribal Student Council will host events Wednesday and Thursday, May 5 and May 6, in recognition of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women Awareness Day. The Red Dress Display will be on the campus mall from **8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 5**. In the event of inclement weather, the display will be moved into Davies Center. [Learn more](#).

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## **Awards and achievements**

**Mari Bodensteiner**, lecturer in languages, was selected to be an English language specialist in 2019 by the U.S. Department of State through its [English Language Specialist Program](#), a public

diplomacy initiative in which experts in the field of English language education lead intensive English language projects. Working with the public affairs sections of the U.S. Embassy Kyiv in Ukraine, Bodensteiner partnered with teachers in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine to create a series of 12 webinars, which are broadcast each week to English language instructors in those countries.

**Dr. Josh Brown**, associate professor of German and linguistics, gave an invited presentation, titled “Verticalization processes in American heritage language communities,” April 30 as part of a panel on language maintenance and shift with Dr. Suzanne Aalberse (University of Amsterdam) and Dr. José del Valle (City University of New York). The event was sponsored by the Universität Regensburg and the Université de Lausanne.

**Dr. Elena N. Casey**, assistant professor of languages, Latin American and Latinx studies, delivered a presentation of her research, titled “Notable Melancolía: Writing American Illness from Early Modern Spain,” on April 20 for the panel “Melancholy and Mental Health at the Margins of the Early Modern World,” which she organized for the annual meeting of the Renaissance Society of America. The panel also was composed of scholars from Utah State University, Vanderbilt University, University of Mary Washington, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and Brown University.

**Dr. Elena N. Casey**, assistant professor of languages, Latin American and Latinx studies, and **Dr. Cheryl Jiménez-Frei**, assistant professor of history, Latin American and Latinx studies, were invited by the Center for Public Humanities at Messiah University to give a virtual presentation April 7 on their research collaboration, “Documenting the Undocumented: Addressing Archival Silences Through Oral Histories of the Pandemic,” a rapid-response, public humanities project that connects students and faculty in public history, Spanish, Latin American studies and nursing.

**Dr. Dorothy Ka-Ying Chan**, assistant professor of English, is pleased to report that her literary journal, Honey Literary Inc., now is officially a 501(c)(3) organization.

**Dr. David E. Lewis**, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, and his colleague Dr. William H. Brock of University College London, have had their paper, “[A Different Kind of Nierenstein Reaction. The Chemical Society’s Mistreatment of Maximilian Nierenstein](#),” published online in *Annals of Science*, Vol. 78, 2021. The print version will appear later this year.

**Dr. John Price**, lecturer in English, will have his essay, “Melville and Ford: Ahab and the Duke,” published in August by Palgrave Macmillan in a collection of essays titled “Performativity of Villainy and Evil in Anglophone Literature and Media.”

The **Service-Learning Office** is pleased to present its “[Building Blugolds: Success in Service-Learning](#)” video. This video, which was produced in place of this year’s service-learning breakfast, features outstanding students, scholarship recipients, mentors and supervisors.

**UW-Eau Claire** was recognized as the winner of the Global Greening Campus Award, which provides one 2021-22 student a full-tuition scholarship and airline ticket to study in Ireland at the University of Limerick. Dan Mulhall, the Irish ambassador to the United States, made the [announcement](#). The Global Greening initiative asked campuses to paint their campus green in honor of St. Patrick's Day. **Jenna Krosch**, former study abroad coordinator in the Center for International Education, and **Sophia Schecklman**, CIE student assistant, created the [winning Tik Tok video](#).

**Dr. Michael Walsh**, assistant professor of materials science and biomedical engineering, co-authored a paper, titled "[Infrared Spectral Microscopy: A Primer for the Interventional Radiologist](#)," which has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology*.

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## In the news

**Dr. Pamela Guthman**, assistant professor of nursing, was quoted in the April 27 Leader-Telegram article "[Got your COVID-19 vaccination card? Don't post it online, experts say.](#)"

**Mike Knuth**, public information officer and associate director of Integrated Marketing and Communications, was quoted in the April 27 WQOW story "[UW-Eau Claire mask policy won't change despite CDC guidance.](#)"

**Dr. Justin Patchin**, professor of criminal justice, was quoted in the April 27 Leader-Telegram article "[New stalking law closes electronic loopholes,](#)" the April 28 WQOW story "[Supreme Court hears 1st Amendment case brought by student](#)" and the April 28 Chippewa Herald article "[It's not like the old days': New law adds virtual harassment activities to definition of stalking.](#)"

**Dr. Kong Pheng Pha**, assistant professor of critical Hmong studies and women's, gender and sexuality studies, was quoted in the April 28 Leader-Telegram article "[We continue to persist: Celebrating, honoring Hmong Heritage Month.](#)"

**Tiit Raid**, UW-Eau Claire professor emeritus of art, was featured in the April 29 Leader-Telegram story "[Viewing the world through an artist's eyes,](#)" written by **B.J. Hollars**, associate professor of English.

**Jenna Vande Zande**, research and communications associate in McIntyre Library, was interviewed for the April 29 WQOW story "[Therapy dog visits students, alleviates stress.](#)"

**Dr. Kyle Whipple**, assistant professor in the department of education for equity and justice, was interviewed for the podcast “Teaching Math Teaching.” The episode, posted April 29, is titled “[LGBTQ+ Inclusion in Mathematics Education](#).”

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- [Becoming an Anti-Racist Educator](#) (EDI Tier 2 session): June 3 from 10-11:30 a.m. This interactive virtual workshop on anti-racist pedagogy uses principles from Ibram X. Kendi's book *How to Be an Antiracist* alongside insights from critical race theory and inclusive pedagogy to bring anti-racism into our daily classroom practice.
- **Digital Transformation Teaching and Learning Course:** This professional development opportunity is an online, asynchronous course to showcase planning, designing and teaching with technology. A \$500 stipend is awarded after all course assessments and activities are completed by Aug. 6. The course will open July 12 and takes approximately 8-10 hours to complete and consists of assignments to help you redesign your course using evidence-based practices. [Apply by July 7.](#)

## EDI professional development for faculty and staff

May and summer sessions are now open for registration. [View and register for sessions and groups.](#)

Coming up:

- [Systemwide Caregiving Forum: Independent Recording Viewing and Reflection](#), open now until June 4.
- Identity, Privilege and Oppression, [May 18, 9-10:30 a.m.](#), [June 9, 1:30-3 p.m.](#), or [July 26, 10- 11:30 a.m.](#)
- [Campus Connect: Suicide Awareness and Intervention](#), May 19, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Classroom: [May 25, 9-11 a.m.](#) or [June 8, 1-3 p.m.](#)
- Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Workplace: [June 14, 1-3 p.m.](#) or [June 15, 9-11 a.m.](#)
- [Reading and Video Clip Dialogue Group: Whiteness, Allyship, and Taking Action](#), May 26, June 2, 9 and 16, noon-1 p.m.
- [Just Medicine: A Cure for Racial Inequality in American Health Care Reading Group](#), June 2, 9, 16 and 23, noon-1 p.m.
- [Reading Group: Man Enough: Undefined My Masculinity](#), June 8 and 22, July 6 and 20, 10-11 a.m.
- [Reading Group How to Be an Antiracist](#), June 8, 15, 22 and 29, noon-1 p.m.
- [Reading Group: Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?](#), June 16, 2-3 p.m.

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## Meeting notices

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### Last Innovation BrainStorm of the semester today!

Meet Mayo clinicians and collaborate on research problems at the third Innovation BrainStorm of the semester at **1 p.m. today, Tuesday, May 11**. Learn about accessing collaborative research funding and coordinate future research with partners on our campus and at Mayo Clinic! Join us at [this link](#). For more information or to register for a calendar link, visit the [Innovation BrainStorm page](#). Questions? Contact [Ray French](#), WiSys regional associate.

### 'Toward One Wisconsin' proposals due May 15

Eau Claire will host the third annual Toward One Wisconsin Conference, a regional EDI conference, Oct. 12-13 at the Lismore Hotel in downtown Eau Claire. The deadline for presentation proposals is **Saturday, May 15**. [Learn more about the conference](#).

### Spring 2021 planned steam, electrical outages announced

This spring's planned **steam outage** will be from **6 p.m. Saturday, May 15, through noon on Monday, May 24**. There will be no potable hot water during the steam outage — except in [designated locations](#) that have electrical or natural gas backup hot water-generation equipment. This spring's planned **electrical outage** will begin at **5 a.m. Tuesday, May 18, and conclude the evening of Wednesday, May 19**. This year's electrical outage will affect all buildings as campus feeders will be shut down to inspect the main breakers and transformers. There are six feeds that are tied to building power, so each building is expected to be without power for two to four hours. Facilities staff will coordinate the specific inspection schedule with assigned building coordinators. These annually occurring utility outages are for scheduled preventative maintenance and repair that reduce unplanned emergency outages due to breakdowns. Questions? Contact Troy Terhark, director of facilities, at [terharta@uwec.edu](mailto:terharta@uwec.edu) or 715-836-4218. [View more details about the steam and electrical outages](#).

### May wellness newsletter: Skin health, summer safety, Professional Development Day and more

Check out the [May employee wellness newsletter](#) to learn about avoiding the risks for and identifying skin cancer; summer-activity safety tips; staying hydrated while being mindful of the sugar content in popular beverages; and a preview of the annual Professional Development Conference in early June.

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In honor of Nurses Week, **Jan Adams**, learning resource coordinator in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, created the video "[A year of COVID: A year of challenge, a year of change](#)," which honors the extraordinary work of UW-Eau Claire nursing faculty, staff and students over the past year.

Congratulations to the faculty and staff members 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: **Stefanie Benesh**, Counseling Services, "Addressing the Mental Health Needs of First-Generation Students"; **Lori Jahnke**, College of Arts and Sciences, "Organizing Tier II Professional Development Workshops for Departments"; and **Dang Yang**, Office of Multicultural Affairs, "Strategies for Creating Culturally Intelligent Organizations." [Learn more about Tier 3](#).

**Dr. Catherine Chan**, executive director of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, co-authored a paper, titled "[Can Undergraduate Research Participation Reduce the Equity Gap?](#)" which was published in the *Journal of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning*, Vol. 21, No. 1, pages 287-300.

**Dr. Manuel Fernández**, professor of languages and director of the Latin American and Latinx studies program, delivered a presentation of his CETL faculty-student collaborative research project, titled "Demythologizing José Martí in the Spanish Language Classroom," at the XXVII Congreso Internacional de Literatura Hispánica on March 6. Fernández delivered a different version of this presentation, titled "José Martí on Race and Immigration for the Spanish Language Classroom," at the 53rd North Central Council of Latin Americanists (NCCLA) Conference on April 19 with collaborator and now alumna **Miranda Fernández**.

**Dr. Karly Grice**, assistant professor of English, co-authored an article, titled "'Mismatched Yet Perfectly Puzzled': Collage and/as Black Girls' Literacies in Piecing Me Together," which was published in the spring 2021 volume of [Bookbird: A Journal of International Children's Literature](#). In this article, the authors use Muhammad and Haddix's Black girls' literacies framework to analyze Watson's text for how she uses collage — the action, the artwork and the conceptual metaphor — to address identity and history (re)making in the Black diaspora.

**Dr. David E. Lewis**, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, had the latest of his "Name Reaction Biography" columns, titled "[Aleksei Yevgen'evich Chichibabin \(1871–1945\) and Pyridine Chemistry](#)," published in Synform, the online supplement to the Thieme suite of journals.

**Dr. aBa Mbirika**, associate professor of mathematics, gave an invited presentation of his research, conducted with collaborators **Miko Scott '20** and current UW-Eau Claire student **Dan Guyer**, titled “Tantalizing Explorations in the Fibonacci and Gibonacci Sequences,” on April 29 for the Providence College Math Colloquium in Rhode Island via Zoom. Watch a [video recording](#) of the talk and [read the abstract](#).

**Rachel Steuer**, the inbound/outbound mobility coordinator for the Center for International Education, was awarded the Rookie Award at the virtual [International Students and Scholars Services \(ISSS\) Practices & Technology Conference](#), held April 27-30. Steuer was recognized for her leadership with international education compliance technology and her generosity as a resource for software users. The annual conference, a user-driven experience for ISSS professionals, is sponsored by International Office Consulting.

**Dr. Kelly Wonder**, director of the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Program, had her article, titled “[Student Perceptions of Class Participation](#),” published in the *Journal of Effective Teaching in Higher Education*, Vol. 4, No. 1, pages 40-59.

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## In the news

**Dr. Sudeep Bhattacharyay**, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry, student **Alyssa Huelsbeck** and **Chip Eckardt**, senior information processing consultant were quoted in the May 5 Emerging Technology News article “[Data-driven analysis boosted by new supercomputing system](#).”

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**Dr. Gerardo Licon**, assistant professor of Latin American/Latinx studies, was interviewed for the May 5 WQOW story “[The history of Cinco de Mayo](#).”

**Dr. Gretchen Peters**, professor and chair of the music and theatre arts department, **Nobuyoshi Yasuda**, professor of music, and alumna **Soma Pierce-Smit** were quoted in the May 6 Leader-

Telegram article "[Chippewa Valley Symphony shares joy of making music through live performance on video](#)." Peters and Pierce-Smit also were quoted in the article "[Teachers see students perform through challenges of pandemic](#)" in the same issue.

**Matt Peterson**, digital broadcast and programs manager, and students **Noah Schwartz**, **Bryant Rahm** and **Blake Durham** were featured in the May 9 WQOW story "[UWEC'S TV10 boosts sports broadcasts during pandemic](#)."

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**Dr. Ryan Weichert**, UW-Eau Claire associate professor of geography, was interviewed on Wisconsin Public Radio's "[Central Time](#)" May 4 about migration patterns and the recent Census.

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**Dr. Nora Mitchell**, assistant professor of biology, and co-authors had their article, "[Proximity to crop relatives determines some patterns of natural selection in a wild sunflower](#)," published in the May 2021 issue of *Evolutionary Applications*.

**Patti See**, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's gender and sexuality studies, had her column "[Is This Land Made for You and Me?](#)" — about combating Asian American and Pacific Islander hate in the Chippewa Valley — published in the Leader-Telegram on May 6 and in The Country Today on May 11.

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2021 College of Education and Human Sciences faculty and staff awards and fellowships. **Dr. Kyle Whipple**, assistant professor, education for equity and justice, received the Jeff Oliphant Blugold Spirit Award and the Leadership Development Fellowship; **Dr. Anjela Wong**, associate professor, education for equity and justice, received the Ron Satz Teacher Scholar Award; **Dr. Carol Koroghlanian**, associate professor and coordinator of the Teacher Education Program, received the Dean's Excellence Award; **Joshua Potter-Efron**, clinical assistant professor, social work, received the Centennial Emerging Leader Award; **Becca Jarzynski**, clinical instructor, communication sciences and disorders, received the Human Sciences Professional Development Fellowship; and **Jamie Tester-Morfoot**, assistant professor, social work, received the Human Sciences Professional Development Fellowship.

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**Dr. Debra K.S. Barker**, professor of American Indian studies, was interviewed for the May 12 WQOW story "[State of the Tribes address bring attention to culture, history, issues.](#)"

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**Dr. Paula Kleintjes Neff**, professor of biology, was quoted in the May 14 WSAW story "[Brood X cicadas are coming, but will Wisconsin see them?](#)"

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