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Important announcements

Requirements relaxed on campuses for face coverings, physical distancing

Starting today, UW-Eau Claire and two other west-central Wisconsin universities are relaxing their face covering and physical distancing requirements on their campuses for people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The change applies to Blugolds at all of our campuses in Eau Claire, Rice Lake and Marshfield. People who are not fully vaccinated are required to continue to be tested and follow masking and physical distancing requirements. The updates to campus health and safety guidelines at UW-Eau Claire, UW-Stout and UW-River Falls reflect recent COVID-19 guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Wisconsin Department of Health Services and local public health agencies. UW-Eau Claire Chancellor James Schmidt stated in a [joint news release](#) with UW-Stout Chancellor Katherine Frank and UW-River Falls Interim Chancellor Connie Foster that they strongly encourage all students, faculty and staff to receive the vaccine.

Blugold View provides glimpse into the past year

The UW-Eau Claire Foundation, Alumni Association and Integrated Marketing and Communications are proud to announce the second online edition of the [Blugold View](#). While we treasured the former print magazine, the virtual platform used out of necessity in 2020 proved worthy of continuation. Moving forward, the annual online publication will bring the Blugold community more dynamic content featuring the university's people and places, recent campus updates and links for opportunities to stay connected. Take some time to explore the new edition for countless examples of Blugold ingenuity at work. While we can never tell the complete story of all that transpires in any given year at UW-Eau Claire, we know the stories shared in the Blugold View are certain to make our community proud!

Duo Security to be added to Qualtrics shared accounts today

Duo Security will be added to shared (generic) accounts in Qualtrics **today, Tuesday, June 1**. In preparation for this change and to ensure that you have access to the necessary shared accounts, please complete the [e-form](#) "Management of Shared Accounts Protected by Duo Authentication" to indicate which Qualtrics shared account you need to access. Please allow at least five business days for your request to be processed. If you no longer need a shared

account in Qualtrics, please let us know either through the same e-form or by contacting the [LTS Help Desk](#).

Join tomorrow's 'Eau These Blugold Nights!'

Tune in to the [UW-Eau Claire Alumni Facebook page](#) at **6 p.m. Wednesday, June 2**, for the Facebook Live series "Eau These Blugold Nights!" We're pleased to feature English faculty member **B.J. Hollars** and his son, Henry, for "Go West, Young Man: A Father and Son Rediscover America on the Oregon Trail." The series, hosted by the UW-Eau Claire Alumni Association, brings Blugolds to you the first Wednesday of the month to share an art, craft, knowledge or talent.

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Follett Corp. is new University Bookstore vendor

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Congratulations to **Melody Burch**, who will be a first-semester senior in the traditional bachelor of science in nursing program at the Marshfield site, and **Dr. Dalete Mota**, associate professor of nursing. They were selected to receive a Gritzmacher Science Education Fellowship for the 2021-22 academic year to support their project, "Thermography in the Health Field." Although the award is administered through the College of Arts and Sciences, for the past three years it has been made available to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. The Gritzmacher Fellowship is named in honor of Christine Gritzmacher, a biology alumna who established the fellowship through the UW-Eau Claire Foundation.

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In the news

Michael Konetz, a UW-Eau Claire graduate, **Cheryl Lochner-Wright**, senior study abroad coordinator in the Center for International Education, and **Dr. Joshua Brown**, associate professor of German and linguistics, were quoted in the May 30 Leader-Telegram article "[Fulbright recipient excited to return to Germany to teach](#)."

Dr. Justin Patchin, professor of criminal justice and director of the Cyberbullying Research Center, was quoted in the May 24 Lifewire article "[How TikTok's Anti-Bullying Feature Empowers Creators](#)." Patchin also was quoted in the May 25 Parentology article "[Sextortion: The Online Scam That's Blackmailing Teens](#)."

Chip Schneider, head track and field coach, and student-athlete **Jordan Lacy** were interviewed for the May 26 WQOW story "[Blugolds T&F built to peak at nationals](#)." The men's track and field team also was featured in the May 29 WQOW story "[UW-Eau Claire's men's team finishes second in NCAA Championships](#)."

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Campus news and features

- [Continuing Education announces June program offerings](#)
- [College of Business students make a difference for L.E. Phillips Career Development Center](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire, UW-Eau Claire – Barron County, UW-River Falls, UW-Stout relax requirements for vaccinated individuals](#)

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Professional development

University Staff Professional Development Conference is June 7-10

All university staff, faculty and academic staff are invited to attend the annual University Staff Professional Development Conference. This successful event is key for our university staff, offering them a cornerstone of continued education, training and communication on campus. This year the event has been expanded to four days — **Monday-Thursday, June 7-10** — with the theme “Exploring the Gateway of Opportunities.” The conference also is partnering with the annual Wellness Fair, which is open to all UW-Eau Claire and UW-Eau Claire – Barron County employees. Check out the [conference website](#) to register and for a sneak peek of some of the sessions.

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Hilltop Lounge new site for antigen testing

The antigen testing clinic for COVID-19 has moved from the McPhee Center and is now located in the Hilltop Lounge for all Blugolds and community members. For unvaccinated Blugolds, COVID testing is required once a week for students in campus housing and every other week for all other students, staff and faculty. Vaccinated individuals do not need to be tested unless symptoms arise. Beginning Wednesday, June 9, the antigen clinic will be open on Wednesdays (10 a.m.-2 p.m.), Thursdays (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) and Fridays (8 a.m.-4 p.m.) through the end of June. [View more details](#).

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A predesign and programming study for the building to replace the aging Phillips Hall was submitted to the state Department of Administration this month. [Learn more](#).

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Roxanne Backowski, assistant professor and head of electronic resources and acquisitions for McIntyre Library, presented during an Association of College & Research Libraries Presents webinar titled "[Cultures of Collecting: Sustaining Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Collection Development](#)" May 27. Co-presenters were Tamar Evangelestia-Dougherty of Cornell University and Scarlet Galvan of Grand Valley State University.

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: **Karen Callaway**, Human Resources, "Integration of EDI in Professional Development Training"; **Linda Carlson**, Advising, Retention and Career Center, "ARCC Inclusive Hiring Toolkit"; **Jasmine Case**, Advising, Retention and Career Center, "ARCC Inclusive Hiring Toolkit"; **Christina Chan-Weiher**, biology, "Enhancing Student Mentoring in the Biology PrepLab"; **Creanna Cote**, Advising, Retention and Career Center, "Picture a Scientist-Campus and Advising Discussion"; **Dr. Ming-Li Hsieh**, political science, "Contemporary American Policing: Challenges and Practices"; **Danielle McSharry**, Student Health Service, "Improving Transgender Care in Student Health Services"; **Dr. Barb Meier**, special education and inclusive practices, "Breaking Down Barriers: Using Universal Design for Learning (UDL) to Increase Equitable Learning Opportunities"; **Dr. Jeanette Olsen**, nursing, "Creation of an EDI Forum in Nursing" (second project); **Dr. Karsten Powell**, special education and inclusive practices, "Teachers' Referral and Assessment Practices Contributing to the Overrepresentation of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students in Special Education"; **Theresa Risler**, Student Health Service, "Collaborative Care Registry and Transgender Care Registry"; **Dr. Kirstin Rossi**, special education and inclusive practices, "Breaking Down Barriers: Using Universal Design for Learning (UDL) to Increase Equitable Learning Opportunities"; **Jackson Schmidtke**, Center for International Education, "Student EDI and Building Cultural Competence"; **Dr. Lorraine Smith**, nursing, "Using Body Parts Activity to Foster Reflection on EDI"; **Dr. Jason Spraitz**, political science, "Creation of a Minor in Criminal Justice Equity and Inclusivity"; **Dr. Arin VanWormer**, nursing, "Creation of an EDI Forum in Nursing"; and **Ashley Walton-Beal**, Counseling Services, "Stop the Stigma Mental Health Social Media Campaign" (third project). [Learn more about Tier 3.](#)

Bob Duerst, lecturer in biology, presented a poster titled "Providing Alternative Access to Course Content: Bypassing Two Factor Authentication" at the [2021 Human Anatomy and Physiology Virtual Conference](#) May 23-26. The poster presentation examined student perceptions in response to posting non-sensitive course content on Canvas in addition to a secondary online resource.

Dr. Jeanette Olsen, assistant professor and director of assessment and evaluation in nursing, along with 2020 nursing graduate Samantha Peterson and current nursing student Alisyn Stevens had their research paper, titled "[Implementing electronic health record-based National Diabetes Prevention Program referrals in a rural county](#)," published in *Public Health Nursing*, Vol. 38, Issue 3, pages 464–469.

Patti See, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's gender and sexuality studies, had her column "[My Songs of Remembrance](#)" — a Memorial Day tribute to lost loved ones — published in the May 27 Leader-Telegram and in the May 30 The Country Today. Her essay about bringing train travel back to the Chippewa Valley, "[Train Plans Stir Nostalgia for Good Ol' Days](#)," appeared in the May 20 issue of Volume One.

Dr. Wufeng Tian, assistant professor of mathematics at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County, has been accepted into the 2021-22 Preparation for Industrial Careers in Mathematical Sciences (PIC) Math program. He will attend a virtual workshop during the week of June 7 and learn how to incorporate the PIC Math program at UW-Eau Claire/UW-Eau Claire – Barron County. Funding for the project is provided through National Science Foundation grant DMS-1722275 through the [Mathematical Association of America Preparation for Industrial Careers in Mathematical Sciences program](#) and the National Security Agency.

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In the news

Lindsey Boehm, a spring 2021 nursing graduate, and **Dr. Lorraine Smith**, assistant professor of nursing, were quoted in the June 4 Spectrum 1 News story "[The COVID-19 pandemic has raised new questions about vaping — and set it on the back burner.](#)"

Paul Conlin, throwing coach for the Blugold track and field team, was featured in the June 2 WQOW story "[UWEC's Conlin inducted into USTFCCCA Hall of Fame.](#)"

Grace Crickette, vice chancellor for finance and administration, was quoted in the June 2 Leader-Telegram article "[Local colleges receive eight figures in federal COVID aid.](#)"

Brewer Doran, dean of the College of Business, was quoted in the June 5 Leader-Telegram article "[UWEC business subjects promoted to majors.](#)"

B.J. Hollars, associate professor of English, was a guest on BYUradio's "[Constant Wonder](#)" June 2 to share insights from his book "Midwestern Strange: Hunting Monsters, Martians, and the Weird in Flyover Country."

Leslie Huntington, Blugold head softball coach, was interviewed for the June 3 WEAU story "[Naomi Osaka's honesty sparks conversations around athletes and mental health.](#)"

Dr. Wendy Makoons Geniusz, associate professor of languages, was quoted in the June 3 WUWM story "[The Importance Of Sugar Maple Trees For Indigenous Wisconsinites.](#)"

Drs. Jim Phillips and **Jim Boulter**, professors of chemistry, were interviewed for the June 4 KARE 11 story "[UW-Eau Claire researchers to analyze 12-pound ice chunk.](#)"

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New employees, position updates and retirements

Have you recently joined UW-Eau Claire as a faculty or staff member? Moved to a different campus department or unit to start a new position? Recently retired? If so, we welcome your news.

Dr. Debra Hofmann, associate professor of nursing, is retiring from the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Please leave a message, memory, retirement wish or photo for Debra via [this link](#) by **Wednesday, June 30**. You also may [honor Debra with a gift](#).

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- [Regents approve three new College of Business majors at UW-Eau Claire](#)
- [Eau Claire-area Juneteenth celebration set for June 19 in Carson Park](#)
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Campus parking updates

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- **Summer 2021 faculty/staff parking permits.** For anyone planning to be on campus this summer, please review your campus parking options. Plan accordingly as parking regulations are enforced on campus during the summer.
 - **“F” permit parking** (daily, 30-day and calendar year) is available in several lots (Governors, HSS, McPhee, Murray, Olson, Phillips, Priory, Towers and Water Street).

- **AMP timed parking**, which is \$1 per hour, is available in short-term parking zones (15 minutes-2 hours), and can be purchased in 15-minute increments. Access AMP parking through the smartphone app “AMP Park.” [Learn more about AMP.](#)
- **Phillips parking lot.** A small portion of the Phillips parking lot is being used for FEMA vaccination parking Wednesdays from 2-8 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and is signed accordingly. “F” and “S” permit holders may park in these stalls when the clinic is not operational.

Admissions, Foundation and Alumni offices have moved

As of Monday, June 14, the Admissions Office, UW-Eau Claire Foundation and Alumni Association have moved to their new location in the Flesch Family Welcome Center at 127 Roosevelt Ave. While the departments are eager to welcome colleagues to see the newest campus building, it will take time to get settled and unpacked. Your patience with response times to email messages and phone calls is appreciated as staff members are doing their best to settle into the new space without an interruption to usual operations.

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Dr. Analisa DeGrave, professor of Spanish in the departments of languages, Latin American and Latinx studies and women’s, gender, and sexuality studies, had her article, titled “[From Xibalbá to Twenty-First-Century Honduras: ‘Transrealista’ Sketches of Power and Marginalization in Carlos Humberto Santos’s ‘Bocetos de un cuerpo sin forma’](#),” published in *TRANSMODERNITY: Journal of Peripheral Cultural Production of the Luso-Hispanic World*, a peer-reviewed and interdisciplinary journal of Luso-Hispanic and U.S. Latino literary and cultural studies. The article, which was published in the spring 2021 issue (Vol. 9, Issue 6), is available as an open access publication from the University of California.

Dr. Dorothy Ka-Ying Chan, assistant professor of English, is pleased to announce that Diode Editions will publish her forthcoming chapbook, “[BABE](#),” in winter 2021. Additionally, Chan’s poem “[Triple Sonnet for Oversexed and Overripe and Overeager](#)” has been published in the inaugural issue of just femme & dandy, a biannual literary and arts magazine.

Dr. David E. Lewis, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, presented the following papers in the symposia on “Elevating the Importance of Diversity and Inclusion in Chemistry” at the [Great Lakes Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society](#), held virtually June 6-9. Session topic — Women (with UW-Eau Claire undergraduate co-author **Megan L. Gawlitta**): Paper No. 40: “Female, Russian, Jewish, Successful. Irma Goldberg (1871-1939+) and Her Eponymous Reaction.” Session topic — African American Chemists: Paper No. 51: “Barriers In Chemistry, Part I: African-American Chemists”; and Paper No. 52: “Barriers in Chemistry, Part II: Gender and Religion as Hurdles to Advancement.” Session topic — Chemists with Disabilities and Non-Eurocentric Approaches: Paper No. 73: “Disability is not disqualification: Nikolai Matveevich Kizhner and the Wolff-Kishner reduction.” Session topic — Organic Chemistry at PUIs (III): Paper No.113: “He Didn’t Just Quaternize Amines: The Career of Nikolai Aleksandrovich Menshutkin”; and Paper No. 116: (with co-authors **Dr. Deidra L. Gerlach**, assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry, undergraduate student **Madelyn Austin** and 2020 alumnae **Holly A. Huther** and **Alicia A. Pollock**) “Derivatives of the fluorescent N-alkyl-4-alkylamino-1,8-naphthalimides: Synthetic and structural studies.”

Rob Mattison, a videographer in Learning and Technology Services, won two awards for his dioramas at WonderFest 2021, held June 5-6 in Louisville, Kentucky. [Wonderfest](#) is the nation’s largest figure and sci-fi model show with more than 600 entries. Mattison earned a silver award

for his model "[Finkelstein's Underground Comic Print Shop](#)" and a bronze award for "[Mattie the Mad Modeler](#)." View videos of how Mattison created "[Finkelstein](#)" and "[Mattie](#)." Both kits will be on display at GEEKcon 2021 at UW-Eau Claire in December.

Kelly Micolich, assistant director of the Children's Nature Academy, completed Continuing Education's Supervisory Management Certificate Program on June 3. Participants are required to complete three core classes and three more electives to receive the certificate.

Dr. Katherine Schneider, senior psychologist emerita in Counseling Services, had her article "[Are Your Organization and its Board 'Access Able'?](#)" published June 8 in Nonprofit Quarterly.

Dr. Lauren Wentz, associate professor of biology at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County, presented "Loons in the Night," a public lecture on the nocturnal vocal behavior of common loons, June 3 as part of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary's "Birds & Beer" lecture series. An [encore presentation](#) of her talk is slated for Wednesday, June 16. Wentz also led the Wisconsin solid waste combustor operator annual training in collaboration with the Barron County Waste to Energy and Recycling facility June 7-11. The 32-hour training course, the only one in the state certified by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, is offered in compliance with federal and state regulations regarding the operation of municipal solid waste incinerators.

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In the news

Dr. Roderick Jones, assistant professor of special education and inclusive practices, was interviewed for the June 9 WQOW story "[Newly appointed Eau Claire city councilman shares goals](#)" and was featured in the June 9 Leader-Telegram opinion piece "[Our View: Interest in council seat a positive sign](#)," the June 8 Leader-Telegram article "[Eau Claire City Council picks UWEC assistant professor as new member](#)" and the June 8 WQOW story "[Eau Claire City Council fills vacant seat](#)."

Luke Kempen, director of the Small Business Development Center at UW-Eau Claire, was quoted in the June 9 Center for Technology Commercialization story "[Solar Forma harnesses energy — and beauty — of nature](#)."

Dr. Nora Mitchell, assistant professor of biology, was quoted in the June 11 Atlas Obscura article "[The Deep Roots of the Vegetable That 'Took Over the World.'](#)"

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Register to attend free ‘Transforming the Future of Education’ virtual showcase

Registration is now open for the UW System Learning Technology Development Council’s free virtual showcase, “[Transforming the Future of Education](#),” scheduled for **Tuesday and Wednesday, June 15-16**. Keynote speakers will be Bryan Alexander, author of “Academia Next:

The Futures of Higher Education,” and Kathe Pelletier, director of Teaching and Learning for Educause. The speakers, along with instructors and staff from throughout the UW System, will reflect on ideas and innovations, lessons learned, the technologies utilized and the experiments tried over the last year that may shape future educational opportunities. [Register here](#).

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- Reading and Video Clip Dialogue Group: [“Whiteness, Allyship and Taking Action,”](#) June 16, 23 and 30, noon to 1 p.m.
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Travel authorization updates

Travel authorizations are no longer required at the division level. Any requirement for prior authorization is determined by the department only and is to be communicated by chairs or directors to faculty and staff. Please refer to the [UW TravelWise](#) site for travel policies and guidelines. Contact the on-campus Firstsource Support Team at askcenter@uwec.edu or 715-836-3131 or the [Firstsource + Travel](#) webpage if you have questions or would like further information about booking travel, obtaining reimbursement and completing your PT log.

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EAC ropes course open this summer

UW-Eau Claire's Environmental Adventure Center has opened the [Eagle's View Challenge Ropes Course](#) to university and community members this summer. Individuals and families are welcome to reserve a two-hour time slot on Saturdays throughout the summer to laugh, scream and have fun while participating in activities 30 feet off the ground! Please [follow this link](#) to reserve your spot, or call 715-836-5601 for more information.

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Awards and achievements

Dr. Theresa Dachel, assistant professor of nursing, and **Dr. Dalete Mota**, associate professor of nursing, co-authored an article, titled "[Technology and Human Connection to Prevent Diabetes in Rural United States](#)," which was published in the June issue of *The Journal for Nurse Practitioners*. This quality-improvement pilot project implemented a diabetes prevention program using physical activity trackers to increase physical activity and reduce the risk of diabetes among adults with prediabetes.

Kate Hinnant, associate professor in McIntyre Library, presented "Disinformation and Librarians," detailing conceptual and civic challenges librarians face in the context of current information disorder, at the [Lake Superior Libraries Symposium](#) June 11.

Dr. Eric T. Kasper, professor of political science and director of the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies, presented "The American Constitution and Governance System" as part of a virtual panel, titled "American Government and Politics: Patterns for Pakistan," at the [15th International American Studies Conference](#) June 16-17.

Dr. Dorothy Ka-Ying Chan, assistant professor of English, will host and participate in "[WAY OUT](#)," a virtual pride reading at 8 p.m. Friday, June 25. Her magazine/literary arts organization,

Honey Literary, will co-host the event along with Hooligan Mag and Split Lip Magazine. Those interested may [register for the event](#) in advance.

Dr. Thomas Kemp, professor and chair of the economics department, and alumna **Megan Roehl** had their article, titled “[Identifying Opportunities to Participate in Advanced Energy: An Investigation into Estimating Real Capacity for Green Manufacturing and Structural Reform,](#)” published in Vol. 55, Issue 2 of the *Journal of Economic Issues*.

Dr. Kaishan Kong, associate professor of Chinese, gave a presentation titled “Integrating Cultural Diversity in Online Course Design” at the 2021 UW System LTDC Virtual Showcase on June 15. During her presentation, Kong shared two activities — Intercultural Talk and Cultural Learning Growth Project — to discuss the pedagogical potential of connecting international students and local students in class.

Liliana LaValle, assistant professor in McIntyre Library, had her chapter, titled “Virtual Reality at Your Campus’s Study Abroad Fair: Immersive Global Exploration Meets Library Outreach,” published in the book “[32 Virtual, Augmented, and Mixed Reality Programs for Libraries,](#)” edited by Ellyssa Kroski, American Library Association, 2021.

Dr. Doug Matthews, professor of psychology, co-authored a chapter, titled “[Alcohol and the Aging Brain: Increased alcohol sensitivity potentially magnifying oxidative stress,](#)” which was published in the book “[Assessments, Treatments and Modeling in Aging and Neurological Disease,](#)” edited by Martin, Preedy and Rajendram, 2021.

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In the news

Dr. James Boulter, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, was interviewed for the June 16 WQOW story “[Chemists at UWEC examine 12-pound ice chunk for answers.](#)”

Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, professor of history, was quoted in the June 17 Leader-Telegram article “[Juneteenth celebration planned Saturday in Eau Claire](#)” and the June 18 Chippewa Valley Post article “[Juneteenth celebration returns to Carson Park Saturday, a day after becoming a federal holiday.](#)”

Staci Heidtke, associate director of Career Services in the Advising, Retention and Career Center, was quoted in the June 10 Volume One article “[10 Top Tips for Today’s Chippewa Valley Job Hunters.](#)”

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International travel news

The Center for International Education would like faculty, staff and students to know that the U.S. State Department is experiencing significantly longer than usual passport processing times. Currently, standard passport processing time is 18 weeks; expedited processing of 12 weeks is available at additional cost. Any U.S. passport holder aspiring to international travel during 2021-22 should check their passport expiration date and apply early for renewal or a first-time passport. Passport timing should be planned around visa application submission requirements rather than travel departure date. For additional information and updates, visit the [U.S. State Department website](#).

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Updates on rental vehicle availability

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Dr. David Tschida, associate professor of communication and journalism and director of liberal studies, presented "Pollinator Friendly Yards (and Gardens): Rhetorical Strategies for Pollinator Appreciation and Protection in an Online Community" as part of the "Re-MEDIating the Wild" theme of the [International Environmental Communication Association's Conference on Communication and the Environment](#) June 21-24.

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In the news

Dr. Cheryl Jiménez Frei, assistant professor of history and Latin American/Latinx studies; **Dr. Elena Casey**, assistant professor of languages and Latin American/Latinx studies; and students **Wendy Villalva** and **Breida Torres** were quoted in the June 22 Leader-Telegram article "['A community effort': UW-EC students, faculty preserve Latinx pandemic memories.](#)"

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- **Save the Date: Promoting Student and Faculty Well-Being, Aug. 23:** Promoting Student and Faculty Well-Being Outside the Classroom, 9 a.m.-noon, with Dr. Jennifer Muehlenkamp; and Promoting Student and Faculty Well-Being in the Classroom, 1-4 p.m., with Dr. Mary Beth Leibham. [Learn more](#).
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