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Dr. Dale Taylor, professor emeritus of music and theatre arts, presented a webinar titled “Music as Medicine for Your Brain” on June 30. The event was sponsored by the Alzheimer’s Research and Prevention Foundation.

B.J. Hollars, associate professor of English, had his column "[Once more to the camp](#)" published in the July 2 Leader-Telegram and in the July 5 issue of The Country Today.

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Dr. Ali Abootalebi, professor of political science, was quoted in the June 28 Asia Times article "[Raisi faces a do or die economic dilemma](#)" on Iran's June presidential election and future challenges.

Dr. Ling Liu, professor of accounting, and **Dr. Christopher Jorgenson**, director of the Gender & Sexuality Resource Center, were interviewed for the July 1 WQOW story "[Will the impacts of the pandemic on the housing market last?](#)"

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The University Bookstore is liquidating! Please stop in between today and Friday, July 16, to browse the many fun items and apparel available for the whole family. All clearance items now are 90% off their marked price, and other items are 75% off. No items can be held, so please bring forms of payment when you stop in.

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Dr. Geoffrey Peterson, professor and chair of the political science department, has been selected to serve on the 19-member Search and Screen Committee to help identify the next UW System president. [Learn more about the committee.](#)

Dr. Nici Ploeger-Lyons, associate professor of business communication, and Dr. Ryan Bisel (University of Oklahoma) co-authored the paper "Confronting Idea Stealers in the Workplace: The Unfortunate Moral Credentialing Granted to Power Holders," which has earned a Top Paper Award from the National Communication Association's Association for Business Communication interest group. They will present their paper at the National Communication Association convention in November. Ploeger-Lyons and Dr. Jennifer Butler (UW-La Crosse) co-authored the case "[Pervasive Sexual Harassment at McDonald's: A Timeline of Struggles to 'Do the Right Thing'](#)" that was published in the *International Journal of Instructional Cases*. The case highlights the importance of organizational culture, values, communication and policies.

Patti See, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's gender and sexuality studies, had her essay "[The tradition of meat raffles](#)" published in the July 8 Leader-Telegram.

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Mike Knuth, public information officer and associate director of Integrated Marketing and Communications, was interviewed for the July 7 WEAU story "[EC Health Department and UWEC team up for drive-thru vaccine clinic.](#)"

Chancellor James Schmidt was quoted in the July 8 Wisconsin Public Radio story "[\\$100M For Eau Claire Sports, Events Complex Gets Green Light From UW Regents.](#)"

Kimera Way, UW-Eau Claire Foundation president, was interviewed for the July 6 WQOW story "[UW-Eau Claire opens new welcome center](#)" and the July 9 WQOW story "[UW Regents authorize UWEC to lease space at Sonnentag Center.](#)"

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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.

Hannah Hidaka has joined the UW-Eau Claire Foundation as assistant director of research. Hannah is a recent transplant to Eau Claire and has previously worked in development at Seattle Children's Hospital, Cultivate Kansas City, Kansas City Startup Foundation and Good Nutured Family Farms.

Corry Huiras joined the heating plant team on July 6 as a power plant operator. Welcome, Cory, to the UW-Eau Claire community!

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Campus news and features

- [Study assesses EDI practices in UW-Eau Claire athletics department](#)
- [Board of Regents votes to support Sonnentag Event Center and Field House](#)
- [UW System Board of Regents approves new bioinformatics major at UW-Eau Claire](#)
- [Nursing students raise awareness about challenges of returning to community after being incarcerated](#)
- [National Student Exchange creates new learning opportunities for Blugolds](#)

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WiSys SPARK Symposium offers virtual series

The WiSys SPARK Symposium is virtual this summer, offering a series of free events for faculty, staff and student researchers in July and August. [Dr. Elizabeth Glogowski](#), associate professor in materials science and biomedical engineering, will present "Stimuli-Responsive Polymers for Architectural Coatings Applications" during the [Faculty Research Showcase](#) from **3-5 p.m. Wednesday, July 28**. Find the [full list of events](#) and [register online](#).

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Seeking artists for 'Healing Reflections' project

UW-Eau Claire, Mayo Clinic Health System and Pablo Center at the Confluence came together in 2020 to create "Healing Reflections," a collaborative mural project showcasing stories and visual interpretations from the past year. In March, the campus community was invited to participate in the project, and in response, students, faculty and staff shared many personal and powerful stories. Project leaders now are seeking those with artistic talent to help create a visual display for UW-Eau Claire similar to the [artwork on display at Mayo Clinic Health System](#). If you are interested, please submit your name, email address and phone number to Jane Becker at beckejan@uwec.edu by **Aug. 2**. You may then be connected with stories for which you could provide a visual image, e.g., a photograph, freehand drawing, painting, digital art, etc. Project leaders are anticipating a fall-semester display. Questions? Contact Provost Patricia Kleine at kleinepa@uwec.edu or 715-836-2320.

Save the date: Blugold Breakfast, opening meeting set for Aug. 24

As we begin thinking ahead to fall, we look forward to joining together as a campus community for the Blugold Breakfast and academic year opening meeting on **Aug. 24** in the Ojibwe Ballroom of Davies Center. This year's event will begin with breakfast at 7:30 a.m., followed by the opening meeting at 8 a.m. Please save the date and look for more details and an invitation in early August.

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- **AMP timed parking enforcement update.** Starting Aug. 2, all AMP zones (with the exception of Zones 2 and 11) will require payment 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Sunday. Here is a [map of where you can find AMP parking](#).
- **Violation charge increase.** Beginning Aug. 2, parking without the proper university permit will result in a \$25 citation, an increase from \$20.
- **2021-22 faculty/staff parking permit sales start at 10 a.m. Aug. 12.** Check your university email Aug. 5 for communication regarding faculty/staff parking permit options, details and purchasing instructions.
- **2021-22 parking permits to be virtual.** Your license plate will be your permit. License plate recognition (LPR) is an advanced parking technology that uses a vehicle-mounted camera to read license plates as virtual permits instead of paper/plastic permits. More details will be included in emails about permit purchasing.

For more parking details, visit uwec.ly/parking.

Resources to facilitate smooth return to travel

As university travel is starting to pick up again, here are some resources to help facilitate a smooth return to travel:

- [Travel program](#): Changes from July 2020-now.
- [Travel FAQs](#): UATP cards (payment method that will be automatically applied to most airfare bookings), travel agency transition, policy updates and general booking.
- [Register for upcoming UW travel webinars](#) and listen to past webinars.
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Dr. Julie Anderson, associate professor of biology and director of the Health Careers Center, UW-Eau Claire student **Nathan Hau** and **Dr. Donn Dexter**, Mayo Clinic Health System, had their article, "[Mural Collaboration Aims to Heal Community](#)," published and featured on the cover of the July issue of the *Wisconsin Medical Journal*.

Tyler Bauer, a UW-Eau Claire student and administrator for the Blugold Supercomputing Cluster, received the 2019 Downtown Eau Claire Volunteer of the Year Award. Bauer was recognized during [this year's celebration](#) since last year's event was canceled due to the pandemic.

Dr. Christopher Davis, associate professor of mathematics, has had the following papers published over the past year: "On the indeterminacy of Milnor's triple linking number," with UW-Eau Claire students **Jonah Amundsen** and **Eric Anderson**, *Journal of Knot Theory and its Ramifications*, August 2020, [DOI link](#), [Arxiv link](#); "Concordance, crossing changes, and knots in homology spheres," *Canadian Mathematical Bulletin*, December 2020, [DOI link](#), [Arxiv link](#); "Surface systems and triple linking numbers," with Matthias Nagel, Patrick Orson, and Mark Powell, *Indiana University Journal of Mathematics*, December 2020, [DOI link](#), [Arxiv link](#); "Concordance to links with an unknotted component," with JungHwan Park, *Mathematical Proceedings of the Cambridge Philosophical Society*, January 2021, [DOI link](#), [Arxiv link](#); and "Linear independence of cables in the knot concordance group," with JungHwan Park and Arunima Ray, *Transactions of the American Mathematical Society*, February 2021, [DOI link](#), [Arxiv link](#).

Dr. Matt Jewell, associate professor of materials science and biomedical engineering, and several co-authors, including UW-Eau Claire graduates **William Hartnett '21**, **Tanner Olson '19** and **Chris Hopp '16** — and **Javier Ramirez**, a National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduate student at UW-Eau Claire in 2018, have had the following paper published: W.N. Hartnett, J. Ramirez, T.E.R. Olson, C.T. Hopp, M.C. Jewell, A.R. Knoll, D.W. Hazelton and Y. Zhang, "[Characterization of Edge Damage Induced on REBCO Superconducting Tape by Mechanical Slitting](#)," *Engineering Research Express*, 3, 035007 (2021). [View article PDF](#).

Dr. Eric T. Kasper, professor of political science and director of the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies, had his article "[The Supreme Court & the Constitution in 2021](#)" published in the July 13 Rice Lake Chronotype.

Paul R. Kosower, professor emeritus of music, recently performed and recorded the Six Suites for Solo Cello by J.S. Bach on his 1751 Giovanni Battista Gabrielli cello. The recording was edited and mastered at Skyline Studios in Eau Claire. Kosower remains a very active performer and recently gave master classes and a concert at the University of Minnesota School of Music.

Dr. Megan Lagunas, assistant professor and director of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences Clinical Learning Center, co-authored the article "OADN Virtual Simulation Reviews: Team collaboration to develop an online resource to assist nurse educators," which has been

accepted for publication in *Teaching and Learning in Nursing*. The [advance online publication](#) became available July 14.

Dr. Jeanette Olsen, assistant professor of nursing; **Dr. Megan Lagunas**, assistant professor of nursing; **Catherine Wildenberg**, prelicensure academic success coordinator; **Karen Sohn**, clinical instructor; **Gail Hanson Brenner**, clinical assistant professor; and emeriti **Dr. Rose Jadack** and **Dr. Shelley-Rae Pehler** co-authored the article “Using standardized exams for formative program evaluation,” which has been accepted for publication in *Teaching and Learning in Nursing*. The [advance online publication](#) became available July 12.

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In the news

Olga Diaz, vice chancellor for EDI and student affairs, was quoted in the July 12 Leader-Telegram article “[UW-EC confirms new diversity, equity programs as athletics investigation concludes](#).” Diaz also was interviewed, along with **Dan Schumacher**, director of athletics, and **Chancellor James Schmidt** for the July 12 WEAU story “[UW-Eau Claire athletics releases diversity study results](#).”

Kyran Hamill, camps and conferences manager in University Centers, was quoted in the July 15 Leader-Telegram article “[UW-EC reports zero COVID cases at summer camps so far](#).”

David Lofy, a UW-Eau Claire graduate and programs director for the Madison Scouts Drum and Bugle Corp, and **Kyran Hamill**, camps and conferences manager in University Centers, were quoted in the July 15 Leader-Telegram article “[Drum and bugle corps trains at UW-Eau Claire, plans public performances](#).” Lofy also was interviewed for the July 18 WQOW story “[Madison Scouts Drum & Bugle Corps rehearsing at UWEC ahead of performance](#).”

Dr. Nathan Miller, professor of physics and astronomy, was a guest on Wisconsin Public Radio’s “The West Side” July 16 to discuss the cosmos and share a preview of what can be seen this summer in the night sky. [Learn more and listen](#).

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‘Growth Mindset for Leaders’ learning camp offered

Ready for summer learning? The “Growth Mindset for Leaders” program will offer a learning camp July 26-30, which will include the following virtual sessions: “Hire to Retire,” July 26, 1-4 p.m.; “7 Habits of Highly Effective People,” (FranklinCovey) July 27, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; “Employee Performance Management,” July 28, 8-11 a.m.; “Policies, Benefits and Careers,” 1-4 p.m.; “6 Critical Practices for Leadership,” (FranklinCovey) July 29, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; “Communication, Budget and Working with Others,” July 30, 9 a.m.-noon. All are welcome to [register online](#). Questions? Contact [Karen Callaway](#) about the UW-Eau Claire-centric sessions or [Jenni Sterling](#) regarding the FranklinCovey sessions.

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 - **Interested in the latest UW-Eau Claire news stories?** [Visit the news page](#).
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Important announcements

Hitting 70% at UW-Eau Claire

UW System and UW-Eau Claire launched significant incentive campaigns this week to encourage students to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Nearly \$100,000 in scholarships could be awarded to UW-Eau Claire students if our campus is able to hit the 70% vaccination threshold by Oct. 15. To help our students earn the chance to win a scholarship and to help Blugolds stay healthy and stay together this year, all employees are asked to get vaccinated and to upload their vaccine documentation (vaccine card, immunization record) through [MyUWPortal](#). Follow the directions on this [Tip Sheet](#) to ensure your profile is updated.

Chancellor's Briefing scheduled for July 29

Chancellor Schmidt will livestream his monthly Chancellor's Briefing at **4 p.m. Thursday, July 29**. Save the date and plan to join the chancellor for a review of the new state budget, an update on our enrollment and a look ahead to the coming semester. You may submit questions by email to questions@uwec.edu in advance or during the briefing and you will find the livestream here: <http://uwec.ly/live>.

Purchasing department leadership updates

Melissa Allen, who served as director of Purchasing at UW-Eau Claire since 2019, has accepted a position with UW System in Shared Services Procurement. Her last day at UW-Eau Claire was Friday, July 23. The Finance and Administration division is grateful for Allen's significant contributions to the university and wishes her the best in her future endeavors. In order to lead Purchasing through the upcoming transition, Cheri Falkner has been named interim director of Purchasing, effective as of Allen's departure.

Seeking artists for 'Healing Reflections' project

UW-Eau Claire, Mayo Clinic Health System and Pablo Center at the Confluence came together in 2020 to create "Healing Reflections," a collaborative mural project showcasing stories and visual interpretations from the past year. In March, the campus community was invited to participate in the project, and in response, students, faculty and staff shared many personal and powerful stories. Project leaders now are seeking those with artistic talent to help create a visual display for UW-Eau Claire similar to the [artwork on display at Mayo Clinic Health System](#). If you are interested, please submit your name, email address and phone number to Jane

Becker at beckejan@uwec.edu by **Aug. 2**. You may then be connected with stories for which you could provide a visual image, e.g., a photograph, freehand drawing, painting, digital art, etc. Project leaders are anticipating a fall-semester display. Questions? Contact Provost Patricia Kleine at kleinepa@uwec.edu or 715-836-2320.

Save the date: Blugold Breakfast, opening meeting set for Aug. 24

As we begin thinking ahead to fall, we look forward to joining together as a campus community for the Blugold Breakfast and academic year opening meeting on **Aug. 24** in the Ojibwe Ballroom of Davies Center. This year's event will begin with breakfast at 7:30 a.m., followed by the opening meeting at 8 a.m. Please save the date and look for more details and an invitation in early August.

'Ask a Scientist' announces new leadership

Dr. Julie Anderson, associate professor of biology and director of the Health Careers Center, will lead the effort to organize future "Ask a Scientist" community programs. The program previously was led by Dr. Paula Kleintjes Neff, professor of biology, who will retire in January 2022.

Consider volunteering for McIntyre Library's 'After Dark' party

Do you have a favorite game you'd like to run? Are you a magician? McIntyre Library is seeking faculty and staff members to help with its annual back-to-school party, "After Dark." The event will be from **6-10 p.m. Sept. 2** in the library. If you are interested in volunteering while meeting students, please contact [Helena Sumbulla](#), assistant professor and student engagement librarian.

Campus parking updates

- **Permit hours changing.** Beginning Aug. 2, faculty/staff/student commuter and Priority permits ("F," "G," "S," and "RS") will be valid and required 6 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday across all campus parking lots. Starting Aug. 2, Aspenson Mogensen Hall permits ("W") will be valid and required 6 a.m. Monday through 4 p.m. Friday. Starting Sept. 2, resident hall permits ("R," "A" and "B") will be valid and required 6 a.m. Monday through 4 p.m. Friday. Please pay attention to parking lot signage.
- **AMP timed parking enforcement update.** Starting Aug. 2, all AMP zones (with the exception of Zones 2 and 11) will require payment 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Sunday. Here is a [map of where you can find AMP parking](#).
- **Violation charge increase.** Beginning Aug. 2, parking without the proper university permit will result in a \$25 citation, an increase from \$20.
- **2021-22 faculty/staff parking permit sales start at 10 a.m. Aug. 12.** Check your university email Aug. 5 for communication regarding faculty/staff parking permit options, details and purchasing instructions.
- **2021-22 parking permits to be virtual.** Your license plate will be your permit. License plate recognition (LPR) is an advanced parking technology that uses a vehicle-mounted camera to read license plates as virtual permits instead of paper/plastic permits. More details will be included in emails about permit purchasing.

For more parking details, visit uwec.ly/parking.

Resources to facilitate smooth return to travel

As university travel is starting to pick up again, here are some resources to help facilitate a smooth return to travel:

- [Travel program](#): Changes from July 2020-now.
- [Travel FAQs](#): UATP cards (payment method that will be automatically applied to most airfare bookings), travel agency transition, policy updates and general booking.
- [Register for upcoming UW travel webinars](#) and listen to past webinars.
- [Updated TravelWise website](#): Please take time to browse through the site.
- As always, the [Firstsource Support Team](#) is available to assist with all things travel and reimbursement. Call 715-836-3131, or email askcenter@uwec.edu.

International travel news

The Center for International Education has shared 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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Dr. Dorothy Chan, assistant professor of English, had her poem "[Ode for Everyone Else's Fantasies](#)" reprinted in *Salt Hill Journal* online and had [two other poems](#), "A Poem About Killing Off Your Homophobic Characters" and "Triple Sonnet About Ghosting Your Best Friend," published in the latest issue of *Diode Poetry Journal*. On July 20 Chan also performed poetry for "[Get Lit](#)," event hosted by Nomadic Press.

B.J. Hollars, associate professor of English, recorded his essay "[Finding Stillness In The Storm: Family Camping In The Best And Worst Of Times](#)" for Wisconsin Public Radio's "Wisconsin Life," which aired July 20.

Dr. Kyle Whipple, assistant professor in Education for Equity and Justice, will be presenting virtually as part of a four-person panel for the international conference "Mathematics Education and Society" in Klagenfurt, Austria, in September. The presentation is titled "Disrupting normativity in mathematics education: Meeting queer students at the intersection of their queer and mathematics identities."

College of Nursing and Health Sciences faculty members **Dr. Megan Lagunas**, **Dr. Amanda Seeley** and **Dr. Jeanette Olsen**, all assistant professors of nursing; Emeriti **Dr. Shelley-Rae Pehler**; and Doctor of Nursing Practice student **Kaitlyn Moore** authored a paper titled "[Examining the impact of virtual clinical on prelicensure nursing students' pediatric knowledge](#)," published in the journal, Teaching and Learning in Nursing, July 25.

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In the news

Dr. James Boulter, professor of chemistry in the public health and environmental studies program, had his opinion piece "[Time to 'turn up heat' on climate legislation](#)" published in the July 22 Leader-Telegram.

Dr. Pamela Guthman, assistant professor of nursing, and student Emily Webster were quoted in the July 19 WEAU story "[UW-Eau Claire nursing students raise awareness to the challenges people face after incarceration](#)."

B.J. Hollars, associate professor of English and Midwest Artist Academy founder/director, was quoted in the July 20 Leader-Telegram article "[Midwest Artist Academy at UW-Eau Claire earns rave reviews from campers, instructors](#)." Hollars also was a guest on Wisconsin Public Radio's "[Spectrum West](#)" July 22 to discuss the inaugural season of the Midwest Artist Academy and its plans for the future.

Dr. Thomas Kemp, professor and chair of the economics department, was quoted in the July 22 Volume One article "[Local experts offer tips for budgeting during tough times](#)."

Caitlin Mai Chong Lee, an equal opportunity specialist in Affirmative Action, was quoted in the July 22 Leader-Telegram article "[Local Hmong community revels in Sunisa Lee's Olympic journey](#)."

Colleen Marchwick, director of the Center for International Education, was interviewed for the July 19 WQOW story "[UW-Eau Claire international students eye return to campus after drop in 2020](#)."

Michele Olson, stewardship and planned giving director for the UW-Eau Claire Foundation, and **Kimera Way**, Foundation president, were quoted in the July 22 Volume One article "[Welcome to campus: New building welcomes visitors to UWEC.](#)"

Dan Schumacher, director of athletics, and **Olga Diaz**, vice chancellor for equity, diversity and inclusion and student affairs, were quoted in the July 22 Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article "[Following racist post from 2019, UW-Eau Claire study finds more diversity needed, but no systemic leadership problem in athletics.](#)"

Dr. Kyle Whipple, assistant professor in Education for Equity and Justice, was quoted in a July 26 Tech and Learning article "[How to Encourage Transgender Students to Pursue STEM Careers.](#)"

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/education/2021/07/22/uw-eau-claire-athletics-looks-improve-diversity-and-off-field/7958641002/>

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