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With the fall semester underway, now is a great time to [update your profile on the UW-Eau Claire website](#). All profiles are displayed in the [online Profiles Directory](#) and will eventually be displayed on department staff pages (if they are not already). These profiles greatly help our students, as well as your colleagues, to learn more about you and how to reach you. All employees have access to edit their own profiles. For step-by-step directions on how to update your profile, [click here](#). Please do not forget to update your in-person and/or virtual office hours for the 2021-22 academic year. If you do not have a profile and would like one created, or you have additional questions about your profile, please [email the LTS Help Desk](#).

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UW-Eau Claire travel updates

As university travel starts to pick up, these resources may help to facilitate a smooth return to travel:

- The [UW-Eau Claire Firstsource Support Team](#) is here to assist with travel and reimbursement. **Call 715-836-3131, or email askcenter@uwec.edu to schedule an appointment.**
- Updated [UW System Travel](#) website.
- [Travel Frequently Asked Questions](#).
- [UW System Travel Webinars](#).

Approved travel payment methods

As you begin to make business-related travel plans, please consider obtaining a university-issued charge card. Per [UW System guidance](#), approved methods of payment for travel expenses are university corporate travel cards and university procurement travel cards. Credit card applications are available through the ASK Center purchasing webpage, [Credit Cards \(Procurement + Travel Cards\)](#).

Sales tax exemption update

UW-Eau Claire is exempt from paying sales tax on travel and purchases within the state of Wisconsin. The certificate and exemption number have recently changed. Updated Wisconsin

sales tax exemption documents and the link to information concerning sales tax exemption from other states can be found on the [Firstsource +Travel](#) webpage. New Department of Revenue-approved tax exemption wallet cards are available through the [Firstsource Support Team](#) in the ASK Center upon request. Please carry this card with you when you travel.

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Parking for campus visitors

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Awards and achievements

Congratulations to **Dr. Sue Fondrie**, professor and chair of the equity for education and justice department; **Dr. Jan Stirm**, professor and chair of the English department; and **Lisa Coen**, director of the Children's Nature Academy, for completing the [Growth Mindset for Leaders](#) program and earning a certificate from the chancellor.

Dr. Frances Hawes, assistant professor of health care administration, had her column "[The impact of supervisor support on the job satisfaction of immigrant and minority LTC workers](#)" published Aug. 30 in McKnight's Long-Term Care News.

UW-Eau Claire graduate **Patrick McCaughin '19** and **Dr. Lyle Ford**, professor of physics and astronomy, had their article "Using the Thomson Jumping Ring to Study the Effect of Eddy Current and Skin Depth on Ring Jump Height" published in the September 2021 issue of *The Physics Teacher*. Full citation: McCaughin, Patrick and Ford, Lyle, Using the Thomson Jumping Ring to Study the Effect of Eddy Current and Skin Depth on Ring Jump Height. *The Physics Teacher*. 59, 459-461. DOI: 10.1119/10.0006128.

Dr. Bob Nowlan, professor of English, has received a second grant from the Cignet Trust to provide full support for a 100% scholarly leave of absence for the 2021-22 academic year to continue and complete writing chapters for two books in progress: “Ian Curtis, Joy Division, and Critical Theory” and “21st Century British TV Crime Drama: a Critical Guide.” Enabled by the support of a first grant from the Cignet Trust providing full support for a 100% scholarly leave of absence for the 2020-21 academic year, Nowlan finished writing the first three of six chapters comprising the former book and the first 12 of 24 chapters comprising the latter book over the course of that period.

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In memoriam

The UW-Eau Claire community is invited to a **remembrance for Dr. Robert Fraser on Saturday, Sept. 18**, in the Dakota Ballroom North (Room 340) of Davies Center. A visitation will begin at 2 p.m., with a remembrance program at 3 p.m. A social time will follow in the adjacent Alumni Room. Fraser, a UW-Eau Claire professor emeritus of history, passed away April 8, 2020, in Bloomington, Minnesota. He joined the history faculty in 1967, became associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in 1975 and twice served as acting dean. Fraser was president of the University Senate and received the UW-Eau Claire Excellence in Service Award. He retired in 1995. [View full obituary.](#)

In the news

Quincy Chapman, director of Housing and Residence Life, was quoted in the Aug. 30 Leader-Telegram article “[Students return to UW-EC campus as pandemic lingers.](#)”

Dr. Brady Foust, professor emeritus of geography, and his wife, **Jeanne Foust**, were featured in the Sept. 2 Leader-Telegram article “[Couple gives twin \\$1M gifts to Pablo Center, UW-Eau Claire.](#)” The couple, along with **Chancellor James Schmidt** and **Kimera Way**, UW-Eau Claire Foundation president, also were quoted in the article. Dr. Brady Foust also was interviewed for the Sept. 3 WEAU story “[Pablo Center, UW-Eau Claire each receive \\$1M donation.](#)”

B.J. Hollars, associate professor of English, had his latest book, “Go West, Young Man,” reviewed Sept. 1 in the Minneapolis Star-Tribune. The review, titled “[Don't Miss: 'Go West, Young Man,' by B.J. Hollars](#)” was reprinted by numerous media outlets, including Arcamax.

Dr. Thomas Kemp, professor and chair of the economics department, was quoted in the Aug. 31 WQOW story “[Looking at the lasting impacts of the Afghan war.](#)”

Dr. Riley McGrath, director of Counseling Services was interviewed for the Sept. 1 WQOW story [“Raising awareness during National Suicide Prevention Month.”](#)

Dr. Tess Onwueme, distinguished professor of cultural diversity and professor of English, was quoted in the Aug. 30 Sun News Online article [“New edition of Camouflage: Best of contemporary writing from Nigeria released.”](#)

Chancellor James Schmidt; Kyran Hamill, camps and conferences manager in University Centers; and **Dr. Geoff Peterson**, professor and chair of the political science department, were quoted in the Sept. 6 Leader-Telegram article [“UW-Eau Claire to host Badger Boys State for next three years.”](#)

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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.

Amanda Brummond, who previously worked as a financial specialist senior in the ASK Center’s accounts payable area, has been named the new assistant controller. She started in this new position on Aug. 30.

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Campus news and features

- [Brady and Jeanne Foust donate \\$1M to establish UW-Eau Claire scholarship](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire’s Business of Sports Symposium features alumni](#)
- [‘Thursdays at the U’ continues Sept. 9 with discussion of Barron County Restorative Justice Programs](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire to host Badgers Boys State program starting in 2022](#)
- [Student uses summer research project to create drum line music for Blugold Marching Band](#)
- [Mentoring program impactful for both new and seasoned faculty](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire Continuing Education announces September program offerings](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire once again named a ‘Best College’ by Princeton Review](#)

[Read/view more campus news and features](#)

Professional development

CHAASE Fall Forum set for Sept. 9

The Center for Health Administration and Aging Services Excellence (CHAASE) at UW-Eau Claire will present its Fall Forum, "[Perspectives about leadership during and after COVID-19 in the senior care field](#)," virtually from **3:30-5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9**. The forum will focus on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the field of health and aging services, which was challenged in many ways and was in the forefront of the public eye. [Registration is required](#).

Human Resources 2021-22 training calendar now available

Human Resources will offer a variety of learning opportunities throughout 2021 and 2022. The new schedule is available through Human Resources' SharePoint site under [Leadership Toolbox](#). Growth Mindset for Leaders and other learning sessions are available to anyone with an interest in continuing their professional development and growth. Also, watch for more information on new learning session topics, a book club and online learning programs. Come learn with us!

(EC)² supports early-career faculty, instructional academic staff

Early Career Eau Claire, or (EC)², is a peer-mentoring group of junior faculty and instructional academic staff who are affiliated with UW-Eau Claire, UWEC-Barron County and UWEC-Marshfield. Virtual monthly meetings in fall 2021 will be at **4 p.m. on Fridays, Sept. 10, Oct. 1, Nov. 5 and Dec. 3**. These meetings are for early-career faculty and instructional academic staff to support each other in their work through sharing experiences together, raising awareness of resources and opportunities that may be helpful, and promoting collaboration and connections across campus. Each meeting will include: 1) time for a meet-and-greet and informal conversation; and 2) brief presentations and Q&A with colleagues. For colleagues interested in participating and receiving updates, subscribe to the group's email list by sending a message to ec-squared-request@lists.uwec.edu and typing "Subscribe" in the body of the message.

Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) professional development

- **Virtual Q&A and learning sessions:** [View sessions](#).
- **One-on-One Consultations:** CETL offers one-on-one consultations for faculty and staff who are seeking a change or who are interested in learning more about a teaching/learning topic. Please email CETL@uwec.edu.
- **Faculty Fridays Open Write:** Every Friday, starting Sept. 10 from 10 a.m.-noon. Looking to start or finish an article? An essay? A book? Protect your time to do so. Block Friday mornings and write (in person or online) with the Center for Writing Excellence (CWE). To join, RSVP to Jonathan Rylander at rylandjj@uwec.edu
- **"Distracted: Why Students Can't Focus and What You Can Do About It" Reading Group Series:** Sept. 15, Sept. 29, Oct. 13 and Oct. 27, 10-11 a.m. [Register](#).

- **Interprofessional Education Community of Practice:** Join a community of practice that will explore possible collaborations in simulations, assignments and learning outcomes. This group hopes to collaborate on programming for campus professional development related to health equity issues. [Join the Tuesday group](#) that will begin meeting Sept. 21 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. or [join the Wednesday group](#) that will begin meeting Sept. 29 from 2-2:50 p.m.
- **Fall Midterm Student Evaluations,** Oct. 11-22: Collect midterm feedback from students this fall to help you and your students be successful. [Request a midterm student evaluation.](#)

Equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) professional development for faculty and staff

[View and register for sessions and groups.](#)

- Identity, Privilege and Oppression: [Sept. 16, 9-10:30 a.m.](#); [Sept. 22, noon-1:30 p.m.](#); or [Oct. 12, 10-11:30 a.m.](#)
- [Reading Group: "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks"](#): Fridays, Sept. 17, Oct. 1, Oct. 15 and Oct. 29, noon-12:50 p.m.
- Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Classroom: [Sept. 20, 1-3 p.m.](#) or [Oct. 22, 1-3 p.m.](#)
- [Reading Group: "Excluded: Making Feminist and Queer Movements More Inclusive"](#): Thursdays, Sept. 23, Oct. 7, Oct. 21 and Nov. 4, 3-4 p.m.
- Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Workplace: [Sept. 28, 10 a.m.-noon](#) or [Nov. 19, 9-11 a.m.](#)
- [Reading Group: "White Fragility"](#): Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism: Wednesdays from 11-11:50 a.m.: Sept. 29, Oct. 6, Oct. 13, and Oct. 20
- [Inclusive Recruitment and Hiring Discussion Group](#): Thursdays, Sept. 30, Oct. 21 and Nov. 18, 2-3 p.m.
- [Reading Group: "Man Enough: Undefined My Masculinity"](#): Mondays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25, noon-1 p.m.
- [Reading and Video Clip Dialogue Group: "Whiteness, Allyship and Taking Action"](#): Tuesdays, Oct. 12, 19 and 26, noon-1 p.m.
- [Reading Group: "How to Be an Antiracist"](#): Tuesdays, Nov. 2, 9, 16 and 23, noon-1 p.m.
- [Reading Group: "Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?"](#): Fridays, Nov. 5, 12 and 19, and Dec. 3, noon-1 p.m.

More fall sessions and groups are coming soon!

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Meeting notices

- [See all meetings and agendas.](#)
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'Thank a Blugold' is back!

Have you noticed someone who has gone out of their way to help another, someone who goes above and beyond their job description or someone who greets you with a smile and friendliness? Take a few minutes to thank them and recognize their efforts to make UW-Eau Claire a little better each day. [Thank a Blugold](#) is once again available to convey your thanks to staff, faculty, students, community members or anyone else who has made your day. It's as simple as entering the person's name and email address, writing a message and selecting the card to be sent. [Thank a Blugold](#) today!

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Surplus Store develops new ‘wish list’ form

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Seeking volunteers for Wisconsin Academic Decathlon

On **Friday, Jan. 7, 2022**, UW-Eau Claire – Barron County will host the 2022 Regional Competition of the Wisconsin Academic Decathlon. A number of volunteers are needed to serve as greeters, judges and timers. Training will be provided for all volunteers. [Find details online](#) or by contacting regional director [Sue Kleusch](#).

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- **Sept. 22: Dr. Roderick Jones** and **Dr. Angela Passero Jones**, assistant professors of special education and inclusive practices, “[Reimagining Early Education Leadership: Spiritual-Based Leadership Meets Democratic Experimentalism.](#)”
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Dr. Thomas Wayne King, professor emeritus of communication sciences and disorders, wrote the article “Stereognosis: Our essential sense that seems to get no respect,” which was published in the September newsletter of the Rice Lake Brain Injury Support Group, part of the Brain Injury Alliance of Wisconsin.

Dr. Jessica S. Miller, professor of French in the languages department, had her [review of the interactive platform H5P](#) published in the journal *The French Review*, Vol. 94, No. 4, May 2021, page 260.

Dr. Kong Pheng Pha, assistant professor of critical Hmong studies and women’s, gender and sexuality studies, and co-project director with Dr. Mai See Thao, project director, assistant professor of anthropology and director of Hmong studies at UW Oshkosh, along with their team of community collaborators across Wisconsin, have been awarded a two-year, \$74,418 [National Endowment for the Humanities Public Humanities Project](#) grant to plan the traveling exhibit “[Cia Siab \(Hope\) in Wisconsin: A HMoob \(Hmong\) Story](#).” The exhibit will launch in Wisconsin in 2025.

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Room. Fraser, a UW-Eau Claire professor emeritus of history, passed away April 8, 2020, in Bloomington, Minnesota. He joined the history faculty in 1967, became associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in 1975 and twice served as acting dean. Fraser was president of the University Senate and received the UW-Eau Claire Excellence in Service Award. He retired in 1995. [View full obituary.](#)

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Dr. Tess Onwueme, distinguished professor of cultural diversity and professor of English, was quoted in the Sept. 10 Blueprint article "[Best of contemporary writing from Nigeria released.](#)"

Dr. Crispin Pierce, professor of public health and environmental studies, student **Danielle Zahn** and **Dr. James Boulter**, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, and public health and environmental studies, were interviewed for the KGUN9 (Tucson, Arizona), story "[College students test air ventilation on campus to ensure a safe return to school.](#)" The story also was shared by several other media outlets, including [NBC26](#), Green Bay, and [KMTV3](#), Omaha, Nebraska.

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Wellbeing Fair is Sept. 22

As a part of our commitment to campus wellbeing, all faculty and staff are invited to attend the **Wellbeing Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 22, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on the campus mall.** In the case of inclement weather, the event will be in Zorn Arena. This year's event will host more than 30 businesses and organizations from the Chippewa Valley. In addition, UW-Eau Claire has partnered with Marshfield Clinic Health System Mobile Primary Care for routine weekly on-site services. To kick off this service to faculty and staff, the mobile unit will be at the Wellness Fair, located at the Stowe Gateway between Zorn Arena and Hibbard Hall. [Learn more about the event.](#)

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Annual benefits enrollment is Sept. 27-Oct. 22

The annual benefits enrollment (ABE) period, which runs from **Monday, Sept. 27-Friday, Oct. 22,** is the annual opportunity for benefit-eligible employees to enroll in or make changes to most benefits. Changes made during this period are **effective Jan. 1, 2022.** See details on the [UW System ABE website.](#)

Contact tracers are needed

UW-Eau Claire once again is in need of contact tracers to notify and advise students who may have had close contact with people with COVID-19. Contact tracing continues to be an important part of the university returning to face-to-face engagement and involvement. Contact tracers are needed from 9 a.m.-7 p.m., during the week and on weekends. Anyone interested in working as a contact tracer should email Dean of Students [LaRue Pierce.](#)

Remember to upload your vaccination documentation

Employees are encouraged 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. If you are not vaccinated or have not uploaded your

record, you will be required to take a weekly antigen test. Thanks to the hundreds of employees who have taken the time to get vaccinated and to upload their records.

Research presentation workshop for students offered today

Students engaged in research, scholarly and creative activities are invited to attend a workshop on preparing written materials (e.g., abstract, artist statement, etc.) for presentations. The workshop will be led by **Dr. Jonathan Rylander**, director of the Center for Writing Excellence, at **4 p.m. today, Tuesday, Sept. 21**, in VLL 1128 or [via Zoom](#). Faculty and staff are asked to share this information with their research students.

Upcoming ORSP Faculty/Academic Staff Forum presentations

The fall [Faculty/Academic Staff Forum series](#), hosted by the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, will be presented Wednesdays from 12:10-12:50 p.m. in the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) in VLL 1142. Seating in CETL is limited to 25 attendees, first come, first served. Overflow seating will be available in VLL 1128. All forums also will be livestreamed at [uwec.ly/live](#). The following presentations will open this semester's series:

- **Sept. 22: Dr. Roderick Jones and Dr. Angela Passero Jones**, assistant professors of special education and inclusive practices, "[Reimagining Early Education Leadership: Spiritual-Based Leadership Meets Democratic Experimentalism.](#)"
- **Sept. 29: Dr. Michael Walsh**, assistant professor of materials science and biomedical engineering, "[Using Light to Improve Diagnosis and Treatment of Patients with Cancer and Fibrotic Disease.](#)"

Study Abroad Fair is Sept. 22

The annual Study Abroad Fair is set for 11 a.m.-3 p.m. **Wednesday, Sept. 22**, in the Ojibwe Ballroom of Davies Center. Student returnees, visiting partners, program leaders, faculty and staff will be on hand to promote their programs and answer questions. Back by popular demand: Take a walk through some host cities with virtual reality! Faculty and staff also are encouraged to attend the fair. For more information, call the Center for International Education at 715-836-4411.

ORSP deadline reminder

- The [Student-Faculty Research Collaboration Program](#) is intended to facilitate undergraduate research, scholarship and creative activity during the academic year. Awards range from \$2,000-\$2,800 for student stipends, supplies, services and research travel. Proposals are due to department chairs or directors by **Wednesday, Sept. 22**.

2021 Mayo Clinic Healthcare Hackathon set for Oct. 2-3

Students, staff and faculty are invited to join the 2021 Mayo Clinic Healthcare Hackathon during the weekend of **Oct 2-3**. As a participant, you can expect to work remotely in teams of three to six, with clinicians, students, engineers and entrepreneurs from industry and beyond. The expected schedule is:

- **Saturday, Oct. 2 — 8 a.m.:** Registration confirmation; 9 a.m.: event kickoff and rules; 10 a.m.: team formation; 11 a.m.: hacking begins.

- **Sunday, Oct. 3 — 3 p.m.:** Final presentations; 4 p.m.: winners announced. Please [register here](#). Registrations will be accepted right up to the event start.

Energy-Saving Fair available through Oct. 4

UW-Eau Claire is partnering with other UW campuses and Focus on Energy to help save you money and help protect our environment. The fair offers great deals and savings on energy products, exclusively to UW students, faculty and staff, now **through Monday, Oct. 4**. This is one step to practicing sustainability and decreasing your carbon footprint. Please see the link under the “Campus Sustainability Month 2021” tab on the [Sustainability](#) webpage.

New version of Duo Mobile available Oct. 11

On **Monday, Oct. 11**, the new version (4.0.0) of Duo Mobile will be available for download. This version offers the same multifactor authentication support and methods as the current version, but with a new user interface. For a comparison of the differences between the current and new version, please watch this [video](#). If you have concerns about the Duo Mobile application upgrade, please contact the LTS Help Desk at helpdesk@uwec.edu or 715-836-5711, or visit VLL 1106.

ORSP seeks faculty fellow for spring 2022-23

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) is seeking a faculty fellow for spring 2022 through spring 2023. The fellow’s primary focus will be to work on special projects and assist with various aspects of ORSP programming. More details are described in the [position description](#). The application deadline is **Monday, Nov. 1**.

Consider teaching abroad

The Center for International Education announces that applications to teach abroad in summer 2022, summer 2023, fall 2023 and spring 2024 are now open. The application deadline is **Monday, Nov. 1**. Interested faculty can learn more by visiting the “[International Faculty Opportunities](#)” page or by contacting [Colleen Marchwick](#).

Seeking nominations for MLK Celebration Committee

The EDISA division is preparing for the fifth annual MLK Celebration which will take place in February 2022. If you are interested in serving on the MLK Celebration Committee, please email Dr. Demetrius Smith and Cheri Snobl at SnoblC@uwec.edu.

UW-Eau Claire travel resources

- [UW-Eau Claire Firstsource Support Team](#) for assistance with travel and reimbursement. Call 715-836-3131 or email askcenter@uwec.edu to schedule an appointment.
- [Updated UW System Travel](#) website.
- [Travel Frequently Asked Questions](#).
- [UW Travel Webinars](#).

As you begin to make business-related travel plans, please consider obtaining a university-issued charge card. Per [UW System guidance](#), approved methods of payment for travel expenses are university corporate travel cards and university procurement travel cards. Credit

card applications are available through the ASK Center purchasing webpage, [Credit Cards \(Procurement + Travel Cards\)](#).

Surplus Store news

- **New items available:** In need of an upgrade on some tables and/or chairs? The Surplus Store has several desk chairs, tables and desks available for reclaim. Most of the chairs are [solid green](#), [solid blue](#) and mauve, all with no arms. The table dimensions are 60 by 24 by 27 inches and 60 by 30 by 27 inches, with adjustable legs. Through the reclaim process, these items are free. Contact the Surplus Store at facmgt56@uwec.edu if you are interested any of these items.
- **'Wish list' form:** The Surplus Store has created a new e-form — a reclaim “wish list” to help streamline the surplus/reclaim process. If there are items you would like, you can fill out the e-form and get on the “wish list.” Once your items arrive, Surplus Store staff will contact you to see if you are interested in the items. The form can be accessed through this [e-form link](#). After you log in, follow these steps to locate the form: 1) Start New Form; 2) Select Facilities Management (from drop-down); 3) Select Faculty/Staff Reclaim Form. Questions? Contact [Matt Haller](#) in the Surplus Store.

'Thank a Blugold' is back!

Have you noticed someone who has gone out of their way to help another, someone who goes above and beyond their job description or someone who greets you with a smile and friendliness? Take a few minutes to thank them and recognize their efforts to make UW-Eau Claire a little better each day. [Thank a Blugold](#) is once again available to convey your thanks to staff, faculty, students, community members or anyone else who has made your day. It's as simple as entering the person's name and email address, writing a message and selecting the card to be sent. [Thank a Blugold](#) today!

Well Wisconsin to offer flu shot clinics

Flu shots are free and voluntary for UW-Eau Claire employees and spouses who are enrolled in the State of Wisconsin Group Health Insurance Program. Registration is available through the [Well Wisconsin website](#) for the following flu shot clinics:

- **Wednesday, Sept. 22**, 7 a.m.-noon, lower campus (walk-up clinic).
- **Tuesday, Oct. 5**, 2-3 p.m., Cedarside Conference Room (SCO452), Student Center, UWEC-Barron County.

Seeking volunteers for Wisconsin Academic Decathlon

On **Friday, Jan. 7, 2022**, UW-Eau Claire – Barron County will host the 2022 Regional Competition of the Wisconsin Academic Decathlon. A number of volunteers are needed to serve as greeters, judges and timers. Training will be provided for all volunteers. [Find details online](#) or by contacting regional director [Sue Kleusch](#).

New requirements for youth activities and programs

Are you organizing an activity or program that will bring youth to campus? UW System and UW-Eau Claire have established youth-specific COVID-19 mitigation guidance and protocols. To

ensure your activity or program is compliant, please contact [Kyran Hamill](#), camps and conferences manager. Please note: This does not include events that are open to the general public, such as UW-Eau Claire athletic competitions, concerts and films.

Printing Services updates

- Free blank notepads available. Thank you for all the blank paper that was given to Printing Services. Notepads can be picked up in Schofield 18 or delivered with your next order. Email printingservices@uwec.edu and indicate how many notepads you'd like.
- Planners are available for \$7.50.

LTS has switched to new client ticketing system

Learning and Technology Services has joined the UW System in switching to a new client ticketing solution. As a result, if you contact the LTS Help Desk for technology-related issues, you will receive an email notification from IT-helpdesk@wisconsin.edu instead of helpdesk@uwec.edu. You can still contact the LTS Help Desk as you have before by emailing helpdesk@uwec.edu, calling 715-836-5711 or stopping in person at VLL 1106. Contact the LTS Help Desk if you have questions about this change or legitimacy of suspicious emails.

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.

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Awards and achievements

Dr. Dorothy Chan, assistant professor of English, is this year's resident artist for [Toward One Wisconsin 2021: A Conference on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion](#).

Dr. Emily Freeman, assistant professor of education for equity and justice, presented a paper titled "Curriculums of Becoming: White U.S. Feminist Teachers Unlearning White Feminism" at the National Women's Studies Association Conference, held virtually Sept. 17.

Dr. Justin Patchin, professor of criminal justice, co-authored a paper with Dr. Sameer Hinduja (Florida Atlantic University) titled "[Cyberbullying Among Tweens in the United States: Prevalence, Impact, and Helping Behaviors](#)," which was published in the *Journal of Early Adolescence*.

Dr. Kong Pheng Pha, assistant professor of critical Hmong studies and women's, gender and sexuality studies, is in the headlines this week on the state and national level. Pha received a

grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities Public Humanities Project to create the traveling exhibit “CIA Siab (Hope) in Wisconsin: A HMoob (Hmong) Story” that will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Hmong resettlement to Wisconsin. Pha also was profiled in a moving personal story about his life that was created by Scripps and is being shared with 60 TV stations across the country. WTMJ in Milwaukee [published Pha’s story on Sept. 17.](#)

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Reminder to transition to new Wi-Fi networks on or before Sept. 30

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Thursday, Sept. 30. After that date, the “UWECwireless” and “UWECBCwireless” Wi-Fi networks will no longer be available. If you have concerns about transitioning your device to either Wi-Fi network, please refer to the “[Network: Wireless Service](#)” Knowledge Base article or contact the LTS Help Desk at helpdesk@uwec.edu or 715-836-5711, or visit VLL 1106.

Annual benefits enrollment is Sept. 27-Oct. 22

The annual benefits enrollment (ABE) period, which runs from **Monday, Sept. 27-Friday, Oct. 22**, is the annual opportunity for benefit-eligible employees to enroll in or make changes to most benefits. Changes made during this period are **effective Jan. 1, 2022**. See details on the [UW System ABE website](#).

Participate in ‘Blugold Bark Break’ Oct. 1

The chancellor’s executive team is sponsoring a great opportunity for the dogs of faculty and staff to do something wonderful for our students. We are excited to announce a new program, “Blugold Bark Break,” where you can bring your dog to campus as an “agent of retention.” We know that homesickness among students develops at the start of the semester and that missing a family pet is a key factor. That’s why we are inviting you to bring your dog to campus to meet and greet our new students from **11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1**. Please consult with your supervisor if you are interested in participating. If you plan to join us in our first “Blugold Bark Break,” please sign up by using [this Qualtrics link](#) by **4 p.m. today, Tuesday, Sept. 28**. More information will follow, including the terms and conditions for this event and handling your pet while on campus.

Contact tracers are needed

UW-Eau Claire once again is in need of contact tracers to notify and advise students who may have had close contact with people with COVID-19. Contact tracing continues to be an important part of the university returning to face-to-face engagement and involvement. Contact tracers are needed from 9 a.m.-7 p.m., during the week and on weekends. Anyone interested in working as a contact tracer should email Dean of Students [LaRue Pierce](#).

Remember to upload your vaccination documentation

Employees are encouraged 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. If you are not vaccinated or have not uploaded your record, you will be required to take a weekly antigen test. If you take advantage of the free antigen testing on campus at Hilltop, please note that the testing site will be **closed on Friday, Oct. 1**, as we get ready to transition to a different vendor. This week, hours are Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The Hilltop testing site will **reopen on Monday, Oct. 4**.

2021 Mayo Clinic Healthcare Hackathon set for Oct. 2-3

Students, staff and faculty are invited to join the 2021 Mayo Clinic Healthcare Hackathon during the weekend of **Oct 2-3**. As a participant, you can expect to work remotely in teams of three to six, with clinicians, students, engineers and entrepreneurs from industry and beyond. The expected schedule is:

- **Saturday, Oct. 2, 8 a.m.:** Registration confirmation; 9 a.m.: event kickoff and rules; 10 a.m.: team formation; 11 a.m.: hacking begins.
- **Sunday, Oct. 3, 3 p.m.:** Final presentations; 4 p.m.: winners announced.

Please [register here](#). Registrations will be accepted right up to the event start.

Upcoming ORSP Faculty/Academic Staff Forum presentations

The fall [Faculty/Academic Staff Forum series](#), hosted by the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, will be presented Wednesdays from 12:10-12:50 p.m. in the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) in VLL 1142. Seating in CETL is limited to 25 attendees, first come, first served. Overflow seating will be available in VLL 1128. All forums also will be livestreamed at [uwec.ly/live](#). The following presentations will open this semester's series:

- **Sept. 29: Dr. Michael Walsh**, assistant professor of materials science and biomedical engineering, "[Using Light to Improve Diagnosis and Treatment of Patients with Cancer and Fibrotic Disease.](#)"
- **Oct. 6: Dr. Jeremy McBride**, interventional radiologist at Mayo Clinic Health System-Eau Claire, and **Dr. Elizabeth Glogowski**, associate professor of materials science and biomedical engineering, "[Injecting Biocompatible Foams for Ablation.](#)"

Energy-Saving Fair available through Oct. 4

UW-Eau Claire is partnering with other UW campuses and Focus on Energy to help save you money and help protect our environment. The fair offers great deals and savings on energy products, exclusively to UW students, faculty and staff, now **through Monday, Oct. 4**. This is one step to practicing sustainability and decreasing your carbon footprint. Please see the link under the "Campus Sustainability Month 2021" tab on the [Sustainability](#) webpage.

New version of Duo Mobile available Oct. 11

On **Monday, Oct. 11**, the new version (4.0.0) of Duo Mobile will be available for download. This version offers the same multifactor authentication support and methods as the current version, but with a new user interface. For a comparison of the differences between the current and new version, please watch this [video](#). If you have concerns about the Duo Mobile application upgrade, please contact the LTS Help Desk at helpdesk@uwec.edu or 715-836-5711, or visit VLL 1106.

McIntyre Library Digital Studio open house is Oct. 14

Faculty, staff and students are invited to drop in and visit McIntyre Library's [Digital Studio](#) anytime from 1-4 p.m. **Thursday, Oct. 14**, to see the rooms, ask questions and try out some of the equipment in the virtual reality, photo/video and audio studios. The studios are located on the first floor and lower level of the library and staff members will be on hand to direct visitors to their areas of interest. Questions? Email library.digitalstudio@uwec.edu.

Fire drills planned for Oct. 25 and 27

In accordance with a state directive, UW-Eau Claire must hold a fire evacuation drill in each of its buildings. The university will conduct these drills in all academic and support services

buildings on Monday, Oct. 25, and Wednesday, Oct. 27. [Click here](#) to review schedules, directions and information to prepare for the drills.

Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) updates

- **NCUR 2022 @home abstract competition.** The 2022 National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), NCUR 2022 @home, will be presented virtually **April 4-8, 2022**. New this year is an abstract competition. Submit your abstracts by **Wednesday, Oct. 20**, to join the competition. All other, noncompeting, abstracts can be submitted by **Friday, Nov. 19**. For more information, see the [NCUR 2022 website](#).
- **ORSP seeks faculty fellow.** ORSP is seeking a faculty fellow for spring 2022 through spring 2023. The fellow's primary focus will be to work on special projects and assist with various aspects of ORSP programming. More details are described in the [position description](#). The application deadline is **Monday, Nov. 1**.

Consider teaching abroad

The Center for International Education announces that applications to teach abroad in summer 2022, summer 2023, fall 2023 and spring 2024 are now open. The application deadline is **Monday, Nov. 1**. Interested faculty can learn more by visiting the [International Faculty Opportunities](#) page or by contacting [Colleen Marchwick](#).

Seeking nominations for MLK Celebration Committee

The EDISA division is preparing for the fifth annual MLK Celebration which will take place in February 2022. If you are interested in serving on the MLK Celebration Committee, please email Dr. Demetrius Smith and Cheri Snobl at SnoblC@uwec.edu.

UW-Eau Claire travel resources

- [Firstsource + Travel](#). Contact the Firstsource Support Team for assistance with travel and reimbursement. Call 715-836-3131 or email askcenter@uwec.edu to schedule an appointment.
- [Updated UW System Travel](#) website.
- [Travel Frequently Asked Questions](#).
- [UW Travel Webinars](#).

As you begin to make business-related travel plans, please consider obtaining a university-issued charge card. Per [UW System guidance](#), approved methods of payment for travel expenses are university corporate travel cards and university procurement travel cards. Credit card applications are available through the ASK Center purchasing webpage, [Credit Cards \(Procurement + Travel Cards\)](#).

Surplus Store news

- **New items available:** In need of an upgrade on some tables and/or chairs? The Surplus Store has several desk chairs, tables and desks available for reclaim. Most of the chairs are [solid green](#), [solid blue](#) and mauve, all with no arms. The table dimensions are 60 by 24 by 27 inches and 60 by 30 by 27 inches, with adjustable legs. Through the reclaim

process, these items are free. Contact the Surplus Store at facmgt56@uwec.edu if you are interested any of these items.

- **‘Wish list’ form:** The Surplus Store has created a new e-form — a reclaim “wish list” to help streamline the surplus/reclaim process. If there are items you would like, you can fill out the e-form and get on the “wish list.” Once your items arrive, Surplus Store staff will contact you to see if you are interested in the items. The form can be accessed through this [e-form link](#). After you log in, follow these steps to locate the form: 1) Start New Form; 2) Select Facilities Management (from drop-down); 3) Select Faculty/Staff Reclaim Form. Questions? Contact [Matt Haller](#) in the Surplus Store.

Well Wisconsin to offer flu shot clinics

Flu shots are free and voluntary for UW-Eau Claire employees and spouses who are enrolled in the State of Wisconsin Group Health Insurance Program. Registration is available through the [Well Wisconsin website](#) for the following flu shot clinic:

- **Tuesday, Oct. 5,** 2-3 p.m., Cedarside Conference Room (SCO452), Student Center, UWEC-Barron County.

Seeking volunteers for Wisconsin Academic Decathlon

On **Friday, Jan. 7, 2022**, UW-Eau Claire – Barron County will host the 2022 Regional Competition of the Wisconsin Academic Decathlon. A number of volunteers are needed to serve as greeters, judges and timers. Training will be provided for all volunteers. [Find details online](#) or by contacting regional director [Sue Kleusch](#).

Dulany Inn now open

Stop in to the [Dulany Inn](#) from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. this week to try the opening week menu! The cost is \$13.69 per person, which includes soup/salad, main entree, endless beverages and dessert, with great service and no tipping. To make a reservation, email dining@uwec.edu or call 715-836-5261.

New requirements for youth activities and programs

Are you organizing an activity or program that will bring youth to campus? UW System and UW-Eau Claire have established youth-specific COVID-19 mitigation guidance and protocols. To ensure your activity or program is compliant, please contact [Kyran Hamill](#), camps and conferences manager. Please note: This does not include events that are open to the general public, such as UW-Eau Claire athletic competitions, concerts and films.

Printing Services updates

- Free blank notepads available. Thank you for all the blank paper that was given to Printing Services. Notepads can be picked up in Schofield 18 or delivered with your next order. Email printingservices@uwec.edu and indicate how many notepads you’d like.
- Planners are available for \$7.50.

LTS has switched to new client ticketing system

Learning and Technology Services has joined the UW System in switching to a new client ticketing solution. As a result, if you contact the LTS Help Desk for technology-related issues, you will receive an email notification from IT-helpdesk@wisconsin.edu instead of helpdesk@uwec.edu. You can still contact the LTS Help Desk as you have before by emailing helpdesk@uwec.edu, calling 715-836-5711 or stopping in person at VLL 1106. Contact the LTS Help Desk if you have questions about this change or legitimacy of suspicious emails.

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.

[Submit announcement](#)

Awards and achievements

Dr. Eric Kasper, professor of political science and director of the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies, had his article "[The Constitutional protection of ordered liberty](#)" published in the Sept. 22 issue of *The Chronotype*.

Dr. Brent Opall, assistant professor of management, wrote a case paper, titled "Malibu Boats Creates a Wake in the Industry: Building Capabilities Through Acquisitions," which has been accepted for publication in the *International Journal of Instructional Cases*.

[Submit award/achievement item](#)

In the news

Billy Felz, interim vice chancellor for enrollment management, was quoted in the Sept. 22 WEAU-TV story "[UWEC welcomes 2,100 new students to campus this fall.](#)"

B.J. Hollars, associate professor of English, was featured in the Sept. 20 Leader-Telegram article "[Keeping hopes up.](#)"

Dr. Eric Kasper, professor of political science and director of the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies, was interviewed for the Sept. 20 WQOW-TV story "[Is President Biden's federal vaccine mandate constitutional? Experts weigh in.](#)"

Dr. Kong Pheng Pha, assistant professor of critical Hmong studies and women's, gender and sexuality studies, was quoted in the Sept. 20 WQOW-TV story "[Hmong resettlement exhibit coming to Eau Claire in 2025.](#)"

Dr. Garry Running, professor of geography and anthropology, was quoted in the article "[Technological innovation continues to shape Wisconsin agriculture,](#)" which was published in the Sept. 22 issue of The Country Today.

Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Civil Rights Pilgrimage founder and executive director for diversity and inclusion, was interviewed for the Sept. 23 WQOW-TV story "[Blugolds' Civil Rights Pilgrimage eyes return in 2022.](#)"

[Submit news item](#)

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.

[Submit position update item](#)

Campus news and features

- [UW-Eau Claire's COVID-19 archiving project earns Wisconsin Historical Society award](#)
- [Forbes ranks UW-Eau Claire among top universities in the U.S.](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire welcomes national storytelling tour 'Dear World' on Sept. 28](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire's Civil Rights Pilgrimage resumes travel for 2022](#)
- [56th Annual Northern Plains History Conference begins Sept. 23](#)
- [Carney named assistant chancellor for strategic partnerships and program development](#)
- ['Thursdays at the U' to focus on experiences caring for loved ones with dementia](#)

[Read/view more campus news and features](#)

Professional development

WiSys announces 2021-22 grant-writing webinar series

WiSys encourages UW System grant seekers to cultivate their grant-writing skills, connect with experts and create opportunities through the organization's latest 10-part grant-writing webinar series. The live and on-demand virtual series, hosted by WiSys grant-writing experts Deborah Lundin and Gina Jahn, will include the following webinars this semester:

- Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2-2:45 p.m.: Getting Started! An Introduction to PIVOT/Grants Resource Center.
- Thursday, Oct. 14, noon-12:45 p.m.: Improving Your Odds for Success BEFORE the Writing Begins.
- Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2-2:45 p.m.: Finding Funding: Spotlight on the NIH's Academic Research Enhancement Award,
- Thursday, Nov. 11, noon-12:45 p.m.: Planning for Grants Success.

The webinar series, which continues into 2022, is part of WiSys' commitment to providing research development services to the UW System's regional campuses. To register and read full descriptions of the webinars, visit wisys.org/grants/webinars.

Join Leaders Book Club to read 'Crucial Conversations'

Crucial conversations are part of our everyday lives. Join the Leaders Book Club to read "Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking when Stakes Are High" and participate in discussions with colleagues. Learn to apply new skills and techniques when you are in a crucial conversation situation. Discussion sessions will be from **noon-12:50 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 19, Nov. 2, Nov. 16, Nov. 30 and Dec. 14**. For more information about registering and book access, visit the [Leaders Book Club announcement](#) on the [HR SharePoint/Leadership Toolbox site](#). **Register by Friday, Oct. 15**, to reserve your spot. All employees are welcome to participate either in person or via MS Teams.

Human Resources 2021-22 training calendar now available

Human Resources will offer a variety of learning opportunities throughout 2021 and 2022. The new schedule is available through Human Resources' SharePoint site under [Leadership Toolbox](#). Growth Mindset for Leaders and other learning sessions are available to anyone with an interest in continuing their professional development and growth. Also, watch for more information on new learning session topics, a book club and online learning programs. Come learn with us!

(EC)² supports early-career faculty, instructional academic staff

Early Career Eau Claire, or (EC)², is a peer-mentoring group of junior faculty and instructional academic staff who are affiliated with UW-Eau Claire, UWEC-Barron County and UWEC-Marshfield. Virtual monthly meetings in fall 2021 will be at **4 p.m. on Fridays, Oct. 1, Nov. 5 and Dec. 3**. These meetings are for early-career faculty and instructional academic staff to support each other in their work through sharing experiences together, raising awareness of resources and opportunities that may be helpful, and promoting collaboration and connections across campus. Each meeting will include: 1) time for a meet-and-greet and informal conversation; and 2) brief presentations and Q&A with colleagues. For colleagues interested in participating and receiving updates, subscribe to the group's email list by sending a message to ec-squared-request@lists.uwec.edu and typing "Subscribe" in the body of the message.

Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) professional development

- **Virtual Q&A and learning sessions:** [View sessions](#).
- **One-on-One Consultations:** CETL offers one-on-one consultations for faculty and staff who are seeking a change or who are interested in learning more about a teaching/learning topic. Please email CETL@uwec.edu.
- **Faculty Fridays Open Write:** Every Friday from 10 a.m.-noon. Looking to start or finish an article? An essay? A book? Protect your time to do so. Block Friday mornings and write (in person or online) with the Center for Writing Excellence (CWE). To join, RSVP to Dr. Jonathan Rylander at rylandjj@uwec.edu.
- **Interprofessional Education Community of Practice:** Join a community of practice that will explore possible collaborations in simulations, assignments and learning outcomes. This group hopes to collaborate on programming for campus professional development related to health equity issues. [Join the Wednesday group](#) that will begin meeting Wednesday, Sept. 29, from 2-2:50 p.m.
- **Fall Midterm Student Evaluations,** Monday, Oct. 11, through Friday, Oct. 22: Collect midterm feedback from students this fall to help you and your students be successful. [Request a midterm student evaluation](#).

Equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) professional development for faculty and staff

[View and register for sessions and groups](#).

Coming up:

- Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Workplace: Tuesday, [Sept. 28, 10 a.m.-noon](#) or Friday, [Nov. 19, 9-11 a.m.](#)
- [Reading Group: "White Fragility"](#): Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism: Wednesdays, Sept. 29, Oct. 6, Oct. 13 and Oct. 20, 11-11:50 a.m.
- [Inclusive Recruitment and Hiring Discussion Group](#): Thursdays, Sept. 30, Oct. 21 and Nov. 18, 2-3 p.m.
- [Reading Group: "Man Enough: Undefined My Masculinity"](#): Mondays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25, noon-1 p.m.
- [Reading Group: "Evicted"](#): Mondays, Oct. 4, Oct. 18 and Nov. 1, 3-4 p.m.
- [Trans 101](#): Tuesday, Oct. 5, 1-3 p.m.
- [Reading Group: "Excluded: Making Feminist and Queer Movements More Inclusive"](#): Thursdays, Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Nov. 4 and Nov. 18, 3-4 p.m.
- [Identity, Privilege and Oppression](#): Tuesday, Oct. 12, 10-11:30 a.m.
- [Reading and Video Clip Dialogue Group: "Whiteness, Allyship and Taking Action"](#): Tuesdays, Oct. 12, 19 and 26, noon-1 p.m.
- [Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Classroom](#): Friday, Oct. 22, 1-3 p.m.
- [Reading Group: "How to Be an Antiracist"](#): Tuesdays, Nov. 2, 9, 16 and 23, noon-1 p.m.
- [Reading Group: "Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?"](#): Fridays, Nov. 5, Nov. 12, Nov. 19 and Dec. 3, noon-1 p.m.

[Submit professional development item](#)

Meeting notices

- [See all meetings and agendas.](#)
- [Submit your meeting notice.](#)

[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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