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Important announcements

Call for interest: Interim associate vice chancellor for academic affairs position

As has been announced, Dr. Michael Carney, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, has accepted a position in the Chancellor's Office as interim assistant chancellor for strategic partnerships and program development. To ensure continuity of operations in Academic Affairs and effective service to the university faculty, staff and students, Dr. Patricia Kleine, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, seeks expressions of interest from individuals for the position of interim associate vice chancellor for a one-year term. Extension of this interim appointment for up to an additional year is possible. For more information, including position qualifications and application deadlines, please [see the complete call for interest announcement](#).

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The annual benefits enrollment (ABE) period, which runs **through 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](#).

CVTC president to share her story during Oct. 7 Latinx Heritage Month event

Dr. Sunem Beaton-Garcia, president of Chippewa Valley Technical College, will be the featured speaker in the Blugold Dialogue Speaker Series. The event will begin at **4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, in Room 1614 of Centennial Hall** and also will be [livestreamed](#). During her presentation, "Leadership Impact from Life Experiences," Beaton-Garcia will talk about her path from being an immigrant to being the leader of CVTC. She will share how she has drawn from her life experiences to successfully lead teams and serve her constituents. [Learn more about the event](#).

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

To help promote breast cancer awareness throughout the UW-Eau Claire community, Dr. Dalete Mota, associate professor of nursing, will provide an informative "Pink October Alert" for Blugold FYI each week during October. Please see the [Week 1 Pink October Alert: Incidence, Risk Factors of Breast Cancer and Red Flags](#).

Join tomorrow's 'Eau These Blugold Nights!'

Tune in to the [UW-Eau Claire Alumni Facebook page](#) at 6 p.m. **Wednesday, Oct. 6**, for the Facebook Live series "Eau These Blugold Nights!" We're pleased to feature Blugold business management graduate **Roger Gostomski '84**, founder of Eau Claire Tours, a self-guided audio tour company that features walking and driving tours of Eau Claire's past and present. The series, hosted by the UW-Eau Claire Alumni Association, brings Blugolds to you the first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. to share an art, craft, knowledge or talent.

Indigenous Peoples Celebration planned for Oct. 14

An [Indigenous Peoples Celebration](#) is planned for **1:30-3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14**, in the Commons at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County. The event will celebrate the permanent display of the twelve Tribal Nation flags of Wisconsin and will include drumming, food and speakers, including UW System Regent President Edmund Manydeeds. All are invited to attend.

Tips from LTS: 'You Report — We Support'

Please be on the lookout for suspicious technology issues like:

- People in your contact list receive emails from you, but you did not send those emails.
- Your computer has new webpages showing up as default web search pages.
- Your computer has unrecognized alerts showing up.
- Your computer is unusually slow.

If you experience any of these issues, please report them to the LTS Help Desk at helpdesk@uwec.edu, 715-836-5711, or by visiting VLL 1106.

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. As of Monday, Oct. 4, the Hilltop testing site will be open from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Tuesday hours will be 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Appointments can be scheduled through [UWEC.vivi.healthcare](#) and people are asked to enter Hilltop through the doors near Murray Hall and follow the signs to the testing site. Testing also will be at the Barron County Student Center from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, starting Oct. 5-6. Appointments can be scheduled through [UWBarron.vivi.healthcare](#).

Fall commencement to be in person Dec. 18

The celebration of our fall 2021 graduates will be in person on Dec. 18. We will be back in the W.L. Zorn Arena for ceremonies at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Graduates who elect not to attend in person will be given the option to submit their name for the virtual walk. And as always, the ceremonies will be livestreamed. Graduates who attend in person will be allowed to claim three guest tickets. Faculty and staff who would like to participate as name readers should contact commencement@uwec.edu. Additional information can be found on the [commencement website](#).

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. Most presentations will be in the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) in VLL 1142 and livestreamed at uwec.ly/live, unless otherwise noted. Seating in CETL is limited to 25 attendees, first come, first served. Overflow seating will be available in VLL 1128. Following are the next presentations in the series:

- **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](#)." **Note:** The Oct. 6 presentation will be given entirely via Zoom. Please attend by using [this link](#).
- **Oct. 20: Dr. Damir Kovačević**, assistant professor of political science, "[Don't Cry No More: A Comparative Study of U.S. Domestic and Foreign Restrictions on Riot Control Agent Use](#)."

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.

Join the 'Nature Calls' Homecoming 5K, 1K or stroll

The Student Wellness Committee will host "[Nature Calls](#)," a free 5K, 1K or leisurely nature stroll from **10:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13**, beginning at the bottom of the McPhee stairs. No preregistration is required and you can sign up when you arrive. Enjoy some time on Putnam Trail and receive a free "Experience Recreation" T-shirt. Yard signs with education on the mental health benefits of connecting with nature will be featured along the route.

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.

Blugold Dining updates

- Stop in to watch the Blugold volleyball game in McPhee at **7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6**. Donate any amount and be entered into a raffle for a pink cake! All proceeds will go to the Mayo Clinic Dunlap Cancer Center in Eau Claire.
- The Cabin in Davies Center is introducing happy hour! Stop in from 4-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday to enjoy 50% off drip coffee, appetizers and bakery items.

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 offers 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:

- **Today, 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

Printing Services currently is selling 22-by-28-inch tagboard for \$1 per sheet (regularly \$1.75) in a variety of colors. Stop by Schofield 18, call 715-836-5621 or email printingservices@uwec.edu for more information.

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, will receive email notifications from IT-ServiceDesk@wisconsin.edu starting **Monday, Oct. 11**. Currently, they come from IT-helpdesk@wisconsin.edu. You should 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. James Boulter, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, and public health and environmental studies, had his essay "[Commentary from Dr. James Boulter: Climate choices: Scenes From 2050](#)" published Oct. 2 in the Kenosha News and in several other media outlets.

Dr. Elena N. Casey, assistant professor of Spanish and Latin American and Latinx studies, has been elected as a distinguished member for the 2021-22 academic year by the student executive board of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars for her embodiment of the society's values of scholarship, leadership and service.

Dr. Elena N. Casey, assistant professor of Spanish and Latin American and Latinx studies, and **Dr. Cheryl Jiménez Frei**, assistant professor of history and Latin American and Latinx studies, have been awarded an ORSP student-faculty research grant for their "Rural Voices/Voces del Campo" project during the 2021-22 academic year. Funding from the award will compensate two students for their work constructing and curating digital archives and interviewing English and Spanish speakers about their experiences of life and the COVID-19 pandemic in western Wisconsin and the rural Midwest.

Dr. Dorothy Chan, assistant professor of English, had her poem "[Triple Sonnet for Veronica Lodge's Tigers](#)" published in HAD Sept. 30, where she also served as a guest editor. In addition, "[BABE](#)," Chan's third full-length book is [now available for preorder](#).

Ned Gannon, professor of art & design, has his works featured in the traveling exhibition "[The Spirit of the Hunt: Ecological Art Exhibit and Public Wolf Discussion](#)," which began Aug. 30 and runs through Oct. 15 in the Noblet Building at Michigan Tech University in Houghton, Michigan. The exhibition also will travel to two other locations. In addition, Gannon will have four of his illustrations published within the piece "Ice Island" in the November/December issue of Cricket magazine.

Dr. Eric T. Kasper, professor of political science and director of the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies, had his article "No Essential Reason to Restrict the Freedom of Speech: Why It Is Time to Knock Out Chaplinsky v. New Hampshire and the Fighting Words Doctrine" published by the Texas Tech Law Review. The [article](#) is available online.

Nursing alumni **Madeline Norman '20** and **Omid Razmpour '20** along with **Dr. Jeanette Olsen**, associate professor of nursing and director of assessment and evaluation for the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, had their article "Women's use of self-care interventions for endometriosis pain" accepted for publication in Nursing for Women's Health. The [article](#) is available online in advance of print.

Dr. Cathy Rex, professor of English, has been appointed to the advisory board of the Society of Early Americanists for a three-year term. The SEA is an international organization which seeks to further the exchange of ideas and information among scholars of various disciplines who study the literature and culture of America to approximately 1830. Rex will also serve as the society's Listserv moderator during her term.

Emeriti faculty members **Alice A. Ridge** (communication and journalism) and **John W. Ridge** (Office of Institutional Research/foundations of education), had their large-format book, "A Good Road From Plymouth Rock to Puget Sound, A Modern Guide to Driving the Historic Yellowstone Trail, 1912-1930," published by Yellowstone Trail Publishers, 2021. The 428-page book documents the history and route of the first transcontinental auto road through the northern tier of states with short essays, 300 maps, 800 pictures and a mile-by-mile driving guide.

Students **Payton Mae Sevals** and **Ruishen Yang**, who were mentored by **Dr. Wufeng Tian**, associate professor of mathematics at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County, were recognized as regional finalists by the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges Student Research League for their paper "[Optimization of settlers and food supply for Mars mission.](#)" The students presented their work at the 19th annual UW System Symposium for Undergraduate Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity on April 28.

Dr. Lorraine M. Smith, assistant professor of nursing; **Lindsey Boehm '21**, nursing graduate; **Lyndsey V. Strang**, current doctor of nursing practice student; **Dr. Chelsea DeMarre '21**, doctor of nursing practice graduate; and the late **Dr. Diane Marcyjanik**, assistant professor of nursing,

had their article "[Targeted Education for School Staff on Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems: A Nurse Led Intervention](#)" published online Sept. 30 in *The Journal of School Nursing*.

Dr. Ryan Weichert, professor of geography, will have his article "[Misinformation and the Geography of Voting Machines in Wisconsin](#)" published in the journal *Political Geography*, 2021.

Dr. Linda Young, professor and dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, presented "A Brief Overview of the 2020 Wisconsin Nursing Education and Nurse Faculty Survey" during the 2021 Wisconsin Center for Nursing Annual Conference, held virtually on Sept. 17. This report, based on data gathered through a statewide survey, was prepared by college faculty and staff.

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In memoriam

Condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Edward Young, professor emeritus of economics. Young, who passed away Sept. 27, was a member of the UW-Eau Claire faculty from 1977-2008, serving as department chair for 18 years. A celebration of Young's life is planned for **2-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23**, at UW-Eau Claire. The specific location of the gathering will be communicated in future issues of Blugold FYI. All friends and family are welcome. [Read more about Young](#) and view his [full obituary](#).

In the news

Dr. Michael Axelrod, professor of psychology and director of the Human Development Center, and **Dr. Mary Beth Leibham**, professor of psychology, were quoted in the Sept. 28 Leader-Telegram article "[Navigating family disputes takes willingness to listen.](#)"

Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, professor of history, was interviewed for the Sept. 28 WQOW-TV story "[Ft. McCoy Afghan refugees suggest cultural competency.](#)"

B.J. Hollars, associate professor of English, and **Paul Kosower**, professor emeritus of music and theatre arts, were guests on Wisconsin Public Radio's "[Spectrum West](#)" Sept. 30. Hollars discussed his new book, "Go West Young Man: A Father and Son Rediscover America on the Oregon Trail," and Kosower talked about his Oct. 3 concert on campus.

Dr. Thomas Kemp, professor and chair of economics department, was interviewed for the Sept. 28 WEAU-TV story "[UWEC professor explains debt ceiling.](#)"

Dr. Justin Patchin, professor of criminal justice and co-director of the Cyberbullying Research Center, was quoted in the article "[While learning online, many students received a surprising pandemic respite from cyberbullying.](#)" which was published Sept. 30 in The Hechinger Report.

Chancellor James Schmidt was quoted in the Sept. 30 Leader-Telegram article "[UW-Eau Claire extends face mask mandate](#)" and the Sept. 30 WEAU-TV story "[UW-Eau Claire extends indoor mask requirement through November 26.](#)"

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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.

Welcome and farewell. The Firstsource Support Team of the ASK Center is very pleased to welcome **Nick Sommerfeld** to the team. Nick is a UW-Eau Claire alumnus and comes to us from United Healthcare. You will see Nick at the front desk in the ASK Center and hear his calm voice on the phone. At the same time, we bid a fond farewell to team member **Jamie Whitcome** who is transferring to UW System Shared Services. Jamie is one of the original Firstsource professionals from when the unit started on May 1, 2016. We thank Jamie for his hard work and excellent contributions over these last five years.

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Campus news and features

- [Research helps Blugold discover how computer science, health care intersect](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire biology grad earns a prestigious MacArthur Fellowship](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire – Barron County to host programs honoring Indigenous people Oct. 14](#)
- [‘Thursdays at the U’ to focus on ways to build a sustainable economy](#)
- [Second ‘Racing Toward Justice’ event set for Oct. 11: A conversation with Stephanie Autumn](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire extends indoor masking requirement](#)
- [From student employee to CIO: Menards chief information officer Adam Duquaine](#)

- [UW-Eau Claire hires first donor-supported faculty professor in nursing](#)
- [Continuing Education announces October programs](#)

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

Professional development

Next budget manager meeting is Oct. 19

The next budget manager meeting will be at **9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19**, via Teams. Please contact [Tracy Drier](#) to be added to the invitation. All previous sessions are available on the [Budget SharePoint site](#).

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 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, 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.
- **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:

- [Trans 101](#): Tuesday, Oct. 5, 1-3 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.
- [Indigenous Peoples' Celebration](#): Thursday, Oct. 14, 1:30-3 p.m.
- [Campus Connect: Suicide Awareness and Intervention](#): Monday, Oct. 18, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- [Sexual Assault Bystander Intervention Training](#): Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2-4 p.m.
- [Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Classroom](#): Friday, Oct. 22, 1-3 p.m.
- [Identifying and Responding to the Mental Health Needs of UWEC Students](#): Tuesday, Oct. 26, 10-11:30 a.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.
- [Safe Space Training](#): Friday, Nov. 5, 1-3 p.m.
- [They Served, We Care: Supporting Our Military Connected Students](#): Wednesday, Nov. 10, 12-1:30 p.m.
- [Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Workplace](#): Friday, Nov. 19, 9-11 a.m.

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Meeting notices

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

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Flesch Family Welcome Center dedication set for Oct. 15

Faculty and staff are invited to the dedication of the Flesch Family Welcome Center at **2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15**, on the Flesch Family Welcome Center west patio. Join Tom and Jeannie Flesch, the UW-Eau Claire Foundation board and staff, and donors to the Welcome Center building

project as we officially dedicate the university's newest building and first stop for campus visitors. An open house with light refreshments will follow.

Free Speech Week is Oct. 18-24

The [Menard Center for Constitutional Studies](#) will sponsor several events during Free Speech Week (FSW), a celebration aimed at promoting the importance of freedom of speech and the press for all Americans in our democracy. Events, which are free and open to all, will include:

- **Monday, Oct. 18, 5-6:30 p.m.:** FSW panel: "[Fostering Inclusion and Free Inquiry](#)," Centennial Hall Room 1804 and via Zoom webinar. Join local and invited panelists Dr. Amna Khalid and Dr. Jeff Snyder (Carleton College) as they investigate the difficult junction between inclusion and free inquiry. [Register](#) for Zoom webinar.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 20, 7 p.m.:** "What is Critical Race Theory (and why are we talking about it)?" Centennial Hall Room 1415. Join faculty and staff panelists as they discuss the discourse and legislative action around critical race theory and what this means for educators. The Menard Center, history department and the UW-Eau Claire student group Aspiring Educators will co-sponsor the discussion.
- **Thursday, Oct. 21, 6-7:30 p.m.:** FSW speaker: [Mary Beth Tinker of Tinker v. Des Moines \(1969\)](#). Join Mary Beth Tinker as she tells her story about the events of this landmark First Amendment case and talks with local students about why it is still relevant. [Register](#) for Zoom webinar.

[Read more about Free Speech Week at UW-Eau Claire.](#)

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To help promote breast cancer awareness throughout the UW-Eau Claire community, Dr. Dalete Mota, associate professor of nursing; Dr. Theresa Dachel, assistant professor of nursing; Heather Iverson, clinical assistant professor of nursing; and Kaitlyn Moore, doctor of nursing practice student, have collaborated to provide an informative "Pink October Alert" for Blugold FYI each week during October. Please see the [Week 2 Pink October Alert: Screening for Breast Cancer](#).

Reminders: vaccination documentation and testing requirements

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. As of Monday, Oct. 11, testing will be in the Hilltop Lounge. The site will be open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday. Blugolds can schedule a test online through [uwec.vivi.healthcare](#) and should remember to bring their Blugold ID to the appointment. Access

the clinic through the west entrance of Hilltop and follow the signage. People who utilize off-campus antigen testing need to upload test results using this [online form](#).

Join 'Nature Calls' Homecoming 5K, 1K or stroll

The Student Wellness Committee will host "[Nature Calls](#)," a free 5K, 1K or leisurely nature stroll through Putnam Park from **10:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13**, beginning at the bottom of the wooden stairs that lead to the McPhee Center. No preregistration is required and you can sign up when you arrive. Enjoy some time on Putnam Trail and receive a free "Experience Recreation" T-shirt. Yard signs with education on the mental health benefits of connecting with nature will be featured along the route.

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, with general access space in the lower level of the library. Staff members will be on hand to direct visitors to their areas of interest. Questions? Email library.digitalstudio@uwec.edu.

CSD department sponsors downtown bridge lighting

The lights on the Phoenix Park bridge, Pablo Center at the Confluence and Haymarket Plaza will be aglow in purple and yellow **Friday, Oct. 15**, to bring awareness to a "hidden" language disorder. UW-Eau Claire's department of communication sciences and disorders is sponsoring the light display downtown as part of a community outreach project to bring attention to developmental language disorder, according to Dr. Brian Orr, an assistant professor in the department. Similar lighted events Oct. 15 will mark International Developmental Language Disorder Day in 30 countries. Anyone with questions about DLD and services can contact the UW-Eau Claire Center for Communication Disorders at 715-836-4186.

Call for Interest: Wisconsin Teaching Fellows and Scholars Program

The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) is recruiting applicants for the UW System's Wisconsin Teaching Fellows and Scholars Program. UW-Eau Claire will nominate two candidates: one early-career educator for the fellow position and one later-career educator for the scholar position. Participants develop a Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) project with support from the program during summer 2022 and during the 2022-23 academic year.

Applications are due Monday, Nov. 15, to CETL. [Learn more here](#).

Participate in news database trials

Libraries in the UW System are evaluating databases that provide news content. If you assign news coverage in any language (newspapers, newswires, video or audio), or if you utilize contemporary news coverage in your own research, we hope you will take these databases for a spin and share your feedback. [Access the trial databases and share your opinions](#).

Sponsor a care package for a first-year student

The Campus Ambassadors organization has some welcome kits left over that are now being offered at a discounted cost of \$15 (originally \$25). If you're interested in sponsoring one or more welcome kits to be delivered to students who could use a little boost at this point in the semester, send cash or check payment to Sarah Tweedale in Welcome Center 215 or reach out to tweedasa@uwec.edu to coordinate electronic payment. Thank you for helping support this organization's efforts and sending a special touch to students to show them they belong at UW-Eau Claire.

Wellness newsletter contains helpful tips

Check out the [October employee wellness newsletter](#) for information on Mental Illness Awareness Week, Kepro EAP Counseling Services, Halloween safety reminders and more.

Guidance from LTS: 'You Report — We Support'

Please be on the lookout for suspicious technology issues like:

- People in your contact list receive emails from you, but you did not send those emails.
- Your computer has new webpages showing up as default web search pages.
- Your computer has unrecognized alerts showing up.
- Your computer is unusually slow.

If you experience any of these issues, please report them to the LTS Help Desk at helpdesk@uwec.edu, 715-836-5711, or by visiting VLL 1106.

Continued need for contact tracers

UW-Eau Claire still 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](#).

New version of Duo Mobile now available

On Monday, Oct. 11, the new version (4.0.0) of Duo Mobile became 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.

Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) updates

- **Faculty/Academic Staff Forum presentations:** The ORSP fall [Faculty/Academic Staff Forum series](#) are Wednesdays from 12:10-12:50 p.m. Most presentations will be in the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) in VLL 1142 and livestreamed at uwec.ly/live, unless otherwise noted. Seating in CETL is limited to 25 attendees, first come, first served. Overflow seating will be available in VLL 1128. Following are the next presentations in the series:

- **Oct. 20: Dr. Damir Kovačević**, assistant professor of political science, “[Don't Cry No More: A Comparative Study of U.S. Domestic and Foreign Restrictions on Riot Control Agent Use.](#)”
- **Oct. 27: Dr. Nicole Ploeger-Lyons**, associate professor of business communication, “Confronting Idea Stealers in the Workplace: The Unfortunate Moral Credentialing Granted to Power Holders.”
- **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**.

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Interested in 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](#).

Fall commencement to be in person Dec. 18

The celebration of our fall 2021 graduates will be in person on Dec. 18. We will be back in the W.L. Zorn Arena for ceremonies at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Graduates who elect not to attend in person will be given the option to submit their name for the virtual walk. And as always, the ceremonies will be livestreamed. Graduates who attend in person will be allowed to claim three guest tickets. Faculty and staff who would like to participate as name readers should contact commencement@uwec.edu. Additional information can be found on the [commencement website](#).

UW-Eau Claire travel resources

- [Reimbursement](#) status update: Processing time for expense reimbursement requests is approximately 19 days.
- [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 \(Procurement + Travel Cards\)](#).

Consider volunteering 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](#).

Bookstore news

Stop by the bookstore in Davies Center for great deals on Blugold swag, including these [crew neck sweatshirts](#) and [hoodies](#). See the [bookstore website](#) for hours.

Reminder: 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 [Kyrán 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.

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, will receive email notifications from IT-ServiceDesk@wisconsin.edu **starting Monday, Oct. 11**. Currently, they come from IT-helpdesk@wisconsin.edu. You should 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. Josh Brown, professor of German and linguistics in the department of languages, presented the paper “Ideology and Språkfrågan: Paths Leading to Language Shift in Four Swedish-American Congregations” with Angela Hoffman (Uppsala University) at the 12th Annual Workshop on Immigrant Languages in the Americas, hosted by the University of Helsinki Oct. 6-9.

Dr. Elena N. Casey, assistant professor of Spanish and Latin American and Latinx studies; and nursing faculty members **Dr. Lisa Schiller**, associate professor and graduate programs director; **Dr. Lorraine Smith**, assistant professor; and **Dr. Mohammad Alasagheirin**, associate professor, have received a Professional Development Grant from the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs for their event and EDI Tier 2 workshop “A Place to Breathe: Culturally Responsive Community Healing Documentary Viewing and Panel.” “A Place to Breathe” is a new full-length documentary on immigrant and refugee experiences in the health care system and culturally responsive, community-led healing from trauma. A virtual film viewing and panel composed of filmmakers and health care providers from the documentary and the UW-Eau Claire community will stimulate dialogue on best practices in culturally responsive health care and the importance of centering community health workers and providers who come from the communities they serve. The documentary is available Oct. 6-22; the panel is on Zoom Oct. 21 from 5-6:30pm. See [panel registration and documentary viewing details](#).

Dr. Dorothy Chan, assistant professor of English, had her triple sonnet “[Triple Sonnet, Because She Makes Me Hot](#)” nominated by The Account for Best of the Net poetry. Chan’s interview with Jane Wong on her latest poetry book, “[How to Not Be Afraid of Everything](#)” (Alice James Books) has been published on the Honey Literary website. In addition, Chan visited Dr. Katie Jean Shrinkle’s MFA writing workshop at Sam Houston State University on Oct. 4, speaking as an editor for her class series, “The Writer’s Life.”

Dr. Marcela Depiante, associate professor of Spanish, and Dr. Adolfo Ausín, Michigan State University, presented the paper “Person Restrictions in Non-Canonical Agreement Patterns in Spanish” at the [Hispanic Linguistics Symposium 2021](#), an online symposium hosted Oct. 7-9 by Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Congratulations to **Dr. Heather Fielding**, associate professor and director of the University Honors Program; **Jill Markgraf**, director of McIntyre Library; and **Brian Drollinger**, director of Risk Management and Safety, for completing the Growth Mindset for Leaders program and earning the Chancellor’s Certificate.

Leslie Huntington, head softball coach, was a recent guest on the “[Coaching Matters](#)” Podcast, hosted by Brian Cain, one of the world’s top mental performance coaches. On the podcast, she discussed leadership strategies used by the Blugold softball team, as well as mental performance tips for coaches in any sport. Huntington is a certified mental performance coach through Cain’s Mental Performance Mastery certification program, and she works with individual and team clients in a variety of sports.

Dr. Jennifer Johs-Artisensi, professor and director of the Health Care Administration (HCAD) program, and **Dr. Lindsey Creapeau**, HCAD administrative residency coordinator and instructor, had their article "[A Robust Assurance of Learning Plan for a Long-Term Care Administration Program](#)" published in the *Journal of Health Administration Education*, 2021.

The following UW-Eau Claire staff members received awards at the Wisconsin College Personnel Association Conference on Friday, Oct. 8: **Dani Olson**, residence hall director, WCPA New Professional of the Year Award; **Quincy Chapman**, director of Housing and Residence Life, Annabelle E. Wolf Outstanding Service in College Student Personnel Award; and **Jodi Thesing-Ritter**, executive director for diversity and inclusion; **Katy Rand**, senior coordinator of Student Leadership and Greek Life; and **Khong Meng Her**, former student services coordinator, WCPA Program Award: EDI Student Leadership Certificate. [Learn more about the WCPA awards.](#)

Patti See, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's, gender and sexuality studies, had her column "[Southside Rules](#)" published in the Oct. 1 Leader-Telegram and in the Oct. 5 issue of the Country Today.

Jodi Thesing-Ritter, executive director for diversity and inclusion, presented three program sessions at the [Wisconsin Personnel Association Fall Conference](#) Oct. 7 and 8: "Creating a Project Based EDI Professional Development Program," "Deepen Your Understanding of Identity, Privilege and Oppression to Improve Your Work" and "Build a Budget: Give Every Dollar a Job!" which was co-presented with Jacqueline Bonneville, associate dean of students at UW-Stout.

Vicky Thomas, director of Services for Students with Disabilities and TRIO Project AIM, co-presented "[Accessibility/Disability Services: Transitioning to College](#)" with Debbie Reuter, director of the Center for Students with Disabilities at UW-Whitewater, Oct. 7. The presentation was hosted by UW Help and UW Campus Webinars for counselors, teachers, parents and students around the state.

Dr. Michael Walsh, assistant professor of materials science and biomedical engineering, co-authored the new review article "[Clinical applications of infrared and Raman spectroscopy in the fields of cancer and infectious diseases](#)," which was published online Oct. 6 in *Applied Spectroscopy Reviews*. This also is Walsh's 50th peer-reviewed article published.

[Submit award/achievement item](#)

In memoriam

Condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Edward Young, professor emeritus of economics. Young, who passed away Sept. 27, was a member of the UW-Eau Claire faculty from 1977-2008,

serving as department chair for 18 years. A [Celebration of Life](#) is planned for **1:30-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, with a program at 2:30 p.m.**, in the Ojibwe Grand Ballroom (Room 330) of Davies Center at UW-Eau Claire. If you would like to contribute to a memorial book being created for Young's Celebration of Life, please email your photos, memories or tributes to Jessica Austin at austinj@uwec.edu by **Friday, Oct. 15**. All friends and family are welcome. [Read more about Young](#) and view his [full obituary](#).

In the news

Dr. Jeff DeGrave, intercultural immersions coordinator, **Dr. Chiayu Hsu**, associate professor of composition, and students **Anna Green** and **Emma Knudson** were quoted in the Oct. 6 Wisconsin Public Radio story "[UW study abroad programs ramp back up following year of COVID-19 cancellations.](#)"

Dr. Robert W.D. Lodge, associate professor of geology, and co-authors from the Metal Earth program at Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada, had their manuscript, titled "[Imaging Neoproterozoic crustal structures: An integrated geologic-seismic-magnetotelluric study in the western Wabigoon and Winnipeg River terranes, Superior craton,](#)" published Sept. 15 in the journal *Precambrian Research*.

Dr. Justin Patchin, professor of criminal justice and co-director of the Cyberbullying Research Center, was interviewed for the Oct. 6 KSTP-TV story "[New report on cyberbullying in schools during pandemic shows smaller than expected increase](#)" and the WAOW-TV story "[Local impact of social media](#)" and was quoted in the Good Life Family Magazine article "[How to Protect Your Kids from Cyberbullying](#)" and the Oct. 8 District Administration article "[9 ways school leaders can protect privacy while protecting kids online.](#)"

Dr. Ryan Weichert, professor of geography, was quoted in an Oct. 6 *Le Devoir* (Montreal, Quebec) [article](#) regarding recent U.S. election audits and misinformation.

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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.

[Submit position update item](#)

Campus news and features

- [Eau Claire to host Toward One Wisconsin conference Oct. 12-13](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire to celebrate Free Speech Week with multiple events](#)
- [Multiple research projects help Blugold gain skills, direction as she looks to future](#)
- [Homecoming 2021, Oct. 10-17: A great week to be a Blugold](#)
- [Five to receive UW-Eau Claire alumni awards](#)
- [College of Business alumna honored for national leadership in STEM](#)

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

Professional development

Next budget manager meeting is Oct. 19

The next budget manager meeting will be at **9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19**, via Teams. Please contact [Tracy Drier](#) to be added to the invitation. All previous sessions are available on the [Budget SharePoint site](#).

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:

- 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 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, 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.

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

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

Coming up:

- [Identity, Privilege and Oppression](#): Tuesday, Oct. 12, 10-11:30 a.m.
- [Indigenous Peoples' Celebration](#): Thursday, Oct. 14, 1:30-3 p.m.
- [Campus Connect: Suicide Awareness and Intervention](#): Monday, Oct. 18, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- [Sexual Assault Bystander Intervention Training](#): Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2-4 p.m.
- [A Place to Breathe: Culturally Responsive Community Healing Documentary Viewing and Panel](#): View documentary now through Thursday, Oct. 21 and attend the Zoom panel on Thursday, Oct. 21, from 5-6:30 p.m.

- [Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Classroom](#): Friday, Oct. 22, 1-3 p.m.
- [Identifying and Responding to the Mental Health Needs of UWEC Students](#): Tuesday, Oct. 26, 10-11:30 a.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.
- [Safe Space Training](#): Friday, Nov. 5, 1-3 p.m.
- [They Served, We Care: Supporting Our Military Connected Students](#): Wednesday, Nov. 10, 12-1:30 p.m.
- [The Gender Gap: What is it and what can we do?](#): Thursday, Nov. 11, 12-1 p.m.
- [Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Workplace](#): Friday, Nov. 19, 9-11 a.m.

[Submit professional development item](#)

Meeting notices

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

Blugold FYI: Oct. 19, 2021

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

- **Have content for an upcoming edition?** Send it via the [Blugold FYI submission form](#).
 - **Interested in the latest UW-Eau Claire news stories?** [Visit the news page](#).
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Important announcements

Reminder: Annual benefits enrollment deadline is Oct. 22

The annual benefits enrollment (ABE) period, which runs **through 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](#).

Inaugural Keezer Legacy Concert set for Oct. 21 at Pablo Center

Last year UW-Eau Claire and the Wisconsin music community lost two standout performers and supporters of music education. Ron Keezer, associate professor emeritus of music at UW-Eau

Claire, and his wife, Mary Keezer, passed away on June 14 and March 31, 2020, respectively, leaving a 55-year music legacy of enthusiasm, talent and generosity. The tribute concert, set for **7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at Pablo Center at the Confluence**, will feature Ron and Mary's son, Geoffrey Keezer, a renowned jazz pianist, composer and producer nominated for multiple Grammy awards. All concert ticket proceeds will provide Blugold students with financial support to pursue their passion for jazz at UW-Eau Claire. [Learn more about the concert.](#)

Next Chancellor Briefing is Oct. 27

The next campuswide Chancellor Briefing is scheduled for **Wednesday, Oct. 27, beginning at 3 p.m.** Chancellor James Schmidt will be joined by other university leaders to provide campus updates and answer your questions. All faculty and staff from all campuses are welcome. Briefings are [streamed live](#) and you can submit your questions at any time to chancellor@uwec.edu. Remaining briefings will be at 3 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 1, Feb. 23, March 30 and April 27.

Free Speech Week continues through Oct. 24

The [Menard Center for Constitutional Studies](#) will sponsor several events during Free Speech Week (FSW), a celebration aimed at promoting the importance of freedom of speech and the press for all Americans in our democracy. Events, which are free and open to all, will include:

- **Wednesday, Oct. 20, 7 p.m.:** "What is Critical Race Theory (and why are we talking about it)?" Centennial Hall Room 1415. Join faculty and staff panelists as they discuss the discourse and legislative action around critical race theory and what this means for educators. The Menard Center, history department and the UW-Eau Claire student group Aspiring Educators will co-sponsor the discussion.
- **Thursday, Oct. 21, 6-7:30 p.m.:** FSW speaker: [Mary Beth Tinker of Tinker v. Des Moines \(1969\)](#). Join Mary Beth Tinker as she tells her story about the events of this landmark First Amendment case and talks with local students about why it is still relevant. [Register](#) for Zoom webinar.

[Read more about Free Speech Week at UW-Eau Claire.](#)

Intercultural immersion program updates

Thinking about submitting an intercultural immersion proposal for 2022-23 — or perhaps even summer 2022, if funding is available? Here are the [details about domestic intercultural immersions, faculty-led intercultural immersions and the International Fellows Program](#). Contact [Dr. Jeff DeGrave](#), intercultural immersions coordinator, with questions.

Chippewa Valley Book Festival begins Oct. 25

The UW-Eau Claire Foundation supports the annual Chippewa Valley Book Festival, which will run **Monday-Friday, Oct. 25-29**, and is free and open to the public. Come see and hear from amazing authors at both in-person and virtual events. [Learn more about the Chippewa Valley Book Festival.](#)

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Sponsor a care package for a first-year student

The Campus Ambassadors organization has some welcome kits left over that are now being offered at a discounted cost of \$15 (originally \$25). If you're interested in sponsoring one or more welcome kits to be delivered to students who could use a little boost at this point in the semester, send cash or check payment to Sarah Tweedale in Welcome Center 215 or reach out to tweedasa@uwec.edu to coordinate electronic payment. Thank you for helping support this organization's efforts and sending a special touch to students to show them they belong at UW-Eau Claire.

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Dr. Dorothy Chan, assistant professor of English, has several of her triple sonnets featured on the Johns Hopkins [Sonnets from the American](#) website/sonnets database. Chan also is part of an accepted panel, titled “No F*cks to Give: Women on the Poetics of Sex and Raunch,” with Kendra DeColo, Tiana Clark, Erika Meitner and Diane Seuss, for the Association of Writers & Writing Programs Conference in March 2022.

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Dr. Jeanette Olsen, associate professor and director of assessment and evaluation in nursing, along with 2020 nursing graduates **Madeline Norman** and **Omid Razmpour** had their research paper “[Women’s use of self-care interventions for endometriosis pain](#)” published in *Nursing for Women’s Health* (advance online publication).

[Submit award/achievement item](#)

In memoriam

Condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Edward Young, professor emeritus of economics. Young, who passed away Sept. 27, was a member of the UW-Eau Claire faculty from 1977-2008, serving as department chair for 18 years. A [Celebration of Life](#) is planned for **1:30-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, with a program at 2:30 p.m.**, in the Ojibwe Grand Ballroom (Room 330) of Davies Center at UW-Eau Claire. All friends and family are welcome. [Read more about Young](#) and view his [full obituary](#).

In the news

Dr. Kim Frodl, medical director for Student Health Service, was quoted in the Oct. 14 Leader-Telegram article "[Fewer cases of COVID-19 at UW-Eau Claire this year, compared to last fall's surge.](#)"

The **Indigenous Peoples Celebration** at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County was featured in the Oct. 13 Barron News-Shield article "[Indigenous Peoples Celebration planned in Rice Lake](#)" and in the Oct. 14 WEAU-TV story "[UWEC-Barron County hosts Indigenous Peoples Celebration.](#)"

Dr. Eric Kasper, professor of political science and director of the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies, was interviewed by Rob Ferrett of Wisconsin Public Radio's "Central Time" Oct. 5 for the story "[The US Constitution protects our liberty, but what does that mean?](#)"

Lt. Chris Kirchman, UW-Eau Claire Police, was interviewed for the Oct. 14 WEAU-TV story "[UW-Eau Claire Police launch SafeWalk/SafeRide program.](#)"

Caitlin Lee, administrative program specialist for affirmative action; **Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton**, professor of history; **Dr. Dorothy Chan**, assistant professor of English; and **Dang Yang**, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, were quoted in the Oct. 12 Leader-Telegram article "[Conference focuses on equity, diversity, inclusion.](#)"

Dr. Justin Patchin, professor of criminal justice and co-director of the Cyberbullying Research Center, had his research cited in the Oct. 13 issue of Good Life Family Magazine.

Kimera Way, UW-Eau Claire Foundation president, was quoted in the Oct. 13 Leader-Telegram article "[Youth sports score for Wisconsin economy.](#)"

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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.

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs is happy to welcome Cheryl Sandoval as the new interim grants director. Cheryl will be taking over for Jeremy Miner who has accepted a new position at the UW System. Congratulations, Cheryl, and good luck, Jeremy!

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Campus news and features

- [New grad creates documentary telling stories of African students at UW-Eau Claire](#)
- [Inaugural Keezer Legacy Concert set for Oct. 21 at Pablo Center](#)
- [New program educates high schoolers about Wisconsin waterways, inspires interest in freshwater science careers](#)
- [Presenter to share history of women's voting in Wisconsin, goals for future](#)

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

Professional development

Next budget manager meeting is Oct. 19

The next budget manager meeting will be at **9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19**, via Teams. Please contact [Tracy Drier](#) to be added to the invitation. All previous sessions are available on the [Budget SharePoint site](#).

Authentic leadership to be focus of professional development event

Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Leadership (WWHEL) is hosting a free virtual professional development event on authentic leadership from **9-10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27**. Contact [Faith Pawelski](#), WWHEL institutional representative, for program and registration information.

WiSys grant-writing webinar series continues

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, 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.

(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. The next virtual monthly meetings will be at **4 p.m. Fridays, 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.

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

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

Coming up:

- [A Place to Breathe: Culturally Responsive Community Healing Documentary Viewing and Panel](#): View documentary now through Thursday, Oct. 21, and attend the Zoom panel from 5-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21.
- [Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Classroom](#): Friday, Oct. 22, 1-3 p.m.
- [Identifying and Responding to the Mental Health Needs of UWEC Students](#): Tuesday, Oct. 26, 10-11:30 a.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.
- [Safe Space Training](#): Friday, Nov. 5, 1-3 p.m.
- [They Served, We Care: Supporting Our Military Connected Students](#): Wednesday, Nov. 10, 12-1:30 p.m.
- [The Gender Gap: What is it and what can we do?](#): Thursday, Nov. 11, 12-1 p.m.
- [Refugees in America](#): Tuesday, Nov. 16, 3-3:50 p.m.

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Meeting notices

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

Blugold FYI: Oct. 26, 2021

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

- **Have content for an upcoming edition?** Send it via the [Blugold FYI submission form](#).
 - **Interested in the latest UW-Eau Claire news stories?** [Visit the news page](#).
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Important announcements

Chancellor Briefing is Oct. 27 via Zoom webinar platform

The next campuswide Chancellor Briefing will be **Wednesday, Oct. 27, beginning at 3 p.m. using the Zoom webinar platform**. Chancellor James Schmidt will be joined by several colleagues to discuss a new land acknowledgement statement for UW-Eau Claire – Barron County, counseling services provided to our students, the recent \$10 million gift to the Foundation and answers to your questions. Please use [this link](#) to join the briefing on Wednesday. You may submit questions in advance of the briefing to questions@uwec.edu or during the briefing by using the Q&A button in Zoom. Remaining briefings will be at 3 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 1, Feb. 23, March 30 and April 27.

Campus fire evacuation drills continue Oct. 27

UW-Eau Claire continues its fire evacuation drills on **Wednesday, Oct. 27**, in its Eau Claire campus buildings in accordance with a state directive. The university will conduct the drills in all academic and support services buildings. [Click here](#) to review schedules, directions and information to prepare for the drills. This notice applies only to the Eau Claire campus. The Barron County campus will conduct a separate drill.

Chippewa Valley Book Festival runs through Oct. 29

The UW-Eau Claire Foundation supports the annual Chippewa Valley Book Festival, which will run **through Friday, Oct. 29**, and is free and open to the public. Come see and hear from amazing authors at both in-person and virtual events. [Learn more about the Chippewa Valley Book Festival](#).

No community trick-or-treating in residence halls this year

UW-Eau Claire's residence halls will not host community-member trick-or-treating on Halloween this year. Due to ongoing concerns with COVID, residence hall leaders have decided to suspend this traditional program for another year. They are hopeful that for Halloween 2022, they once again can invite community children into their residence hall communities.

Holiday Concert ticket sales open Nov. 1

The 47th annual UW-Eau Claire Holiday Concert will take place at **2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5**, at Pablo Center at the Confluence. Ticket sales open at **10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 1**, on the [Pablo Center website](#). The concert will feature the musical talents of hundreds of UW-Eau Claire students performing in Treble Choir, Novum Voce, Symphonic Choir, The Singing Statesmen, Concert Choir, Women's Concert Chorale, University Symphony Orchestra and Wind

Symphony. The music and theatre arts department and UW-Eau Claire Foundation look forward to sharing this special holiday tradition with you.

Faculty, staff invited to participate in National First-Generation College Celebration Day on campus

UW-Eau Claire faculty and staff who were the first in their families to earn a four-year college degree are invited to participate in [National First-Generation College Celebration Day on campus](#) on **Monday, Nov. 8**. Employees who identify as first-generation can select any of the following ways to participate: Place a celebration sticker on your office door; wear a celebration T-Shirt to work Nov. 8 and share your experiences as a first-generation student with classes or student groups; appear in a video testimonial for the university's updated [first-generation website](#); or volunteer to be listed in our directory for the First-Generation Professional Network. To volunteer your participation, please complete the [participant registration](#) by **Thursday, Nov. 4**, to allow time for materials delivery. Questions about the program can be directed to [Quincy Chapman](#).

Student wellness team offers COVID-19 information sessions

Interested in having a COVID-19 information workshop in your class? The session includes information about university protocols, what to do if you have COVID symptoms, where to get vaccinated locally and other details. The workshop lasts from 15-30 minutes and is facilitated by peer educators from the Student Wellness Advocacy Team of the Office of Health Promotion. [Request a workshop](#) and contact [Katie Wilson](#) with any questions.

Final Pink October Alert: EDI and Breast Cancer

To help promote breast cancer awareness throughout the UW-Eau Claire community, Dr. Dalete Mota, associate professor of nursing; Dr. Theresa Dachel, assistant professor of nursing; Heather Iverson, clinical assistant professor of nursing; and Kaitlyn Moore, doctor of nursing practice student, have provided a series of "Pink October Alerts" throughout October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The series concludes with [Week 4 Pink October Alert: EDI and Breast Cancer](#).

Reminders: vaccination documentation and testing requirements

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. Testing is offered in the Hilltop Lounge from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays. Blugolds can schedule a test online through [uwec.vivi.healthcare](#) and should remember to bring their Blugold ID to the appointment. Access the clinic through the west entrance of Hilltop and follow the signage. People who utilize off-campus antigen testing need to upload test results using this [online form](#).

Call for Interest: Wisconsin Teaching Fellows and Scholars Program

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Join educator lunch in CETL

Whether you are new to campus or not, bring your lunch to CETL in VLL 1142 from **noon-12:50 p.m. Thursdays** this fall to meet other educators and build collaborations across campus.

Administrative Support Collaboration Group supports administrative professionals on campus

The Administrative Support Collaboration Group is for administrative professionals on campus (academic department associates, assistants, associates, coordinators, office managers and specialists). This group was created to increase communication and share information; discuss policies, procedures, ideas and changes; and share tips and tricks that relate to our positions. Meetings are scheduled monthly during the academic year. **How to join:** Go to teams.uwec.edu to download the application. Once you are logged in, click on Join or Create Team in the upper right. Use the search bar to look for UWEC-Administrative-Support. Coordinators will be notified once you have submitted a request to join, and we'll get you added!

LTL announcement: Dell hardware ordering urgency

If you plan to order Dell hardware, submit orders as soon as possible for the following reasons:

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Dr. David E. Lewis, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, has had his most recent paper, “[Early Physical Organic Chemistry: Nikolai Aleksandrovich Menshutkin \(1842-1907\) and Reaction Velocities](#),” published online as an “early view” Oct. 13 in *Chemistry — A European Journal*, doi.org/10.1002/chem.202101823.

Dr. Katherine Schneider, senior psychologist emerita in Counseling Services, presented “All Are Welcomed: Faith Communities and Inclusion, Successes and Struggles” and “Fostering Resilience for Community Builders” at Toward One Wisconsin 2021: A Conference on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, held virtually Oct. 12-13.

On Oct. 14, UW-Eau Claire hosted “Sabor Latin[eau],” an annual celebration of Latinx and Hispanic students and community members. The event and fundraising initiative was organized by Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) director **Dang Yang** and student intern **Breida Torres Berumen**, with support from the Latin American and Latinx studies program and the Latinx Student Association. **Dr. Cheryl Jiménez Frei**, assistant professor of history and Latin American and Latinx studies, and **Dr. Elena N. Casey**, assistant professor of Spanish and Latin American and Latinx studies, presented the night’s keynote address on their Rural Voices/Voces del Campo COVID-19 oral history project. To date, Sabor Latin[eau] and the affiliated annual Neighbor to Neighbor Rummage Sale have raised over \$4,000. These funds will go directly to the Neighbor to Neighbor Scholarship Fund of the UW-Eau Claire Foundation, started by alumna Lidix Montoya for Latinx students who display commitment to social justice leadership on campus and in the community. OMA’s fundraising campaign will continue **through Dec. 31**. To donate directly to this cause, [follow this link](#).

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In the news

Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, professor of history, was quoted in the Oct. 19 Leader-Telegram article "[Report: 1 in every 36 Black Wisconsin residents is incarcerated.](#)"

Dr. Hyoseok Hwang, assistant professor of accounting and finance, was quoted in the "[Ask the Experts](#)" section of WalletHub's piece on car insurance in Wisconsin.

The **Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration** Oct. 14 at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County was featured in the story "[Indigenous Peoples Day celebration at UW-EC Barron County campus features music, food, speeches — and a hard-hitting lecture,](#)" published Oct. 20 in The Chronotype.

Greg Kocken, archivist in McIntyre Library, was quoted in the Oct. 19 6parknews article "[UWEC's COVID-19 Archive Project Receives ...](#)"

Dr. Kong Pheng Pha, assistant professor of critical Hmong studies and women's, gender and sexuality studies, was quoted in the Oct. 19 Volume One story "[Making History, Remembering History: UWEC Professor Co-Directs Hmong History Exhibit Project.](#)"

Chancellor James Schmidt and Foundation president **Kimera Way** were quoted in the Oct. 21 Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article "[UW-Eau Claire receives \\$10 million donation, launches \\$125 million fundraising campaign,](#)" and the Oct. 21 Leader-Telegram article "[Anonymous donor gifts UW-Eau Claire Foundation \\$10 million.](#)" Schmidt also was interviewed for the Oct. 21 WEAU-TV story "[UWEC Foundation receives \\$10 million gift.](#)"

Dr. Frank Watkins, associate professor of choral music education, was quoted in the Oct. 21 Leader-Telegram article "[Clearwater Choral Festival returns for 29th year.](#)"

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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.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) is excited to welcome **Jackie Nevarez** as a new member of their team. Jackie will support all students of color, with an emphasis on serving Latinx students. Welcome to OMA, Jackie!

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Campus news and features

- [Father and daughter share UW-Eau Claire campus, passion for political science](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire celebrating first-generation college students on Nov. 8](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire Foundation receives \\$10 million gift](#)
- [Foster Gallery art exhibition showcases works of UW-Eau Claire faculty, staff](#)
- [Professional mycologist to speak about unique mushrooms of northwestern Wisconsin](#)

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Professional development

Authentic leadership to be focus of professional development event

Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Leadership (WWHEL) is hosting a free virtual professional development event on authentic leadership from **9-10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27**. Contact [Faith Pawelski](#), WWHEL institutional representative, for program and registration information.

WiSys grant-writing webinar series continues

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, 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.

(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. The next virtual monthly meetings will be at **4 p.m. Fridays, 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.

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

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

Coming up:

- [Identifying and Responding to the Mental Health Needs of UWEC Students](#): Tuesday, Oct. 26, 10-11:30 a.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.
- [Safe Space Training](#): Friday, Nov. 5, 1-3 p.m.
- [They Served, We Care: Supporting Our Military Connected Students](#): Wednesday, Nov. 10, 12-1:30 p.m.
- [The Gender Gap: What is it and what can we do?](#): Thursday, Nov. 11, 12-1 p.m.
- [Refugees in America](#): Tuesday, Nov. 16, 3-3:50 p.m.
- [Safe Space Training](#): Thursday, Nov. 18, 2-4 p.m.
- [Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Workplace](#): Friday, Nov. 19, 9-11 a.m.
- [Campus Connect: Suicide Awareness and Intervention](#): Friday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m.-noon
- [Campus Connect: Suicide Awareness and Intervention](#): Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1-3 p.m.
- [Sexual Assault Bystander Intervention Training](#): Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1-3 p.m.

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Meeting notices

- [See all meetings and agendas](#).
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[Blugold FYI archive](#)

Blugold FYI compiles many bits of information and announcements about the business of working at UW-Eau Claire into one single email for your convenience. Reply to give us your feedback, or [head to the form](#) to submit items for a future issue.