Blugold FYI: Nov. 2, 2021

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Important announcements

Call for nominations: hiring committee for director of Center for Racial and Restorative Justice
The search for a director to lead the newly established Center for Racial and Restorative Justice is underway. The position has been posted on the UW-Eau Claire employment website and on several digital platforms. Please consider serving on this important hiring committee, which will include five to nine members from throughout the university. All meetings will be held virtually. If you are interested in serving, please follow this link to add your name by 5 p.m. today, Tuesday, Nov. 2, for consideration.

Faculty, staff invited to participate in National First-Generation College Celebration Day
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.
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**Fall commencement to be in person Dec. 18**
The celebration of our fall 2021 graduates will be in person on **Saturday, Dec. 18**, with ceremonies at **9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in Zorn Arena.** Graduates who choose 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 offered three guest tickets. Faculty and staff who would like to participate as name readers should contact [commencement@uwec.edu](mailto:commencement@uwec.edu). Learn more on the [commencement website](#).

**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.
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

Congratulations to Dr. Michael Axelrod, professor of psychology and director of the Human Development Center; Neil Ostlund, sport facilities operations manager in Recreation and Sport Operations; and Samantha Pearson, budget manager in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, for completing the Growth Mindset for Leaders program and earning the Chancellor’s Certificate.

Dr. Dorothy Chan, assistant professor of English, will present a virtual reading at 6 p.m. (Central time) Thursday, Nov. 4, as part of the Echoes & Visions Reading Series at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, Maryland. Join the event via Zoom.

Dr. Pamela Guthman, assistant professor of nursing, along with nursing graduate Payton Kaldenberg ’20 and Cara Cook of the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments, co-authored the article “Climate and environmental health: education for rural communities,” which was published Oct. 25 in The Journal for Nurse Practitioners.

Dr. Jennifer Johs-Artisensi, professor of management and marketing/academic program director for the Center for Health Administration and Aging Services Excellence (CHAASE), had her paper “Faith Community Nursing: A Home-and-Community-Based Partner in Long-Term Care” published in a special issue — “Symposium on Rural Health Challenges” — in the Journal of Health and Human Services Administration, Vol. 44, No. 2, pages 179-194, 2021. This project as well as Johs-Artisensi’s sabbatical work were recognized at UW-Eau Claire’s 2021 Celebration of Scholarship event Oct. 12, which was hosted by Provost Patricia Kleine and the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

Dr. Chuck MacLean, lecturer in political science, worked with UW-Eau Claire student researchers Dan Benthein, Melissa Collier, Regynne Doepke, Jenna Heil and Makayla Romundstad in October to prepare a Wisconsin Legislative Landscape report detailing the status of sexual assault survivors’ rights in Wisconsin and where gaps needed to be filled. The report will be used to draft suggested legislative amendments for consideration by the Wisconsin Legislature. As MacLean notes, “By working on this project, these UWEC students helped sexual assault victims across Wisconsin receive a greater quantum of justice.”
Dr. Jim Oberly, professor emeritus of history, is featured in the video “How Wisconsin Indian Tribes Got Their Casinos,” which is part of the PBS Wisconsin series “PBS Wisconsin Tribal Histories.”

Dr. Cathy Rex, professor of English, had her edited collection “Public Memory, Race and Heritage Tourism of Early America” published by Routledge Publishing on Oct. 21. Rex, who co-edited this collection with Dr. Shevaun Watson of UW-Milwaukee, co-wrote the introduction and contributed a chapter on Jamaican great houses to the book.

Dr. Linda Young, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, and Dr. Susan D. Moch, professor emerita of nursing, co-authored with Veronica G. Parker and Kathleen L. Valentine an article titled “Teamwork and Coaching for Successful Manuscript Development by Nurse Faculty: A Novel Approach,” which was published in Nursing Education Perspectives, 2021, September/October; 42(5):325-326. doi: 10.1097/01.NEP.0000000000000775. PMID: 33481490.

Submit award/achievement item

In memoriam

Condolences to Connie Russell, registrar emerita at UW-Eau Claire, whose husband, Charles Russell, passed away Oct. 15 in Eau Claire. View full obituary.

In the news

Paul Agbashi, a UW-Eau Claire student, Olu Famule, a May graduate, and Dang Yang, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, were quoted in the Oct. 28 Leader-Telegram article “Documentary explores what it’s like to be Black and African in Eau Claire.”

Robert Baca, professor of music and head of jazz studies, was a guest on Wisconsin Public Radio’s “Spectrum West” Oct. 28 for a special tribute to the late Dominic Spera and Ron Keezer, Baca’s forerunners who built the jazz studies program. Dr. Geoff Peterson, professor and chair of the political science department, also joined the show to highlight the Chippewa Valley Jazz Orchestra’s upcoming concert. Read more and listen.

Dr. Dorothy Chan, assistant professor of English, and her newest book, “Babe,” were featured in the Oct. 27 Volume One article “BABE: Chan’s Newest Book is a Cinematic, Tantalizing Collection.”
Dr. Randal Dickerson, professor of music and director of the Blugold Marching Band, was interviewed for the Oct. 25 WEAU-TV story “A Look Inside: Blugold Marching Band.”

Dr. Eric Kasper, professor of political science and director of the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies, and his daughter and first-year student, Maddie Kasper, were featured in the story “Father and daughter share UW-Eau Claire campus, passion for political science,” in the Oct. 28 issue of The Chronotype.

Dr. Justin Patchin, professor of criminal justice and co-director of the Cyberbullying Research Center, was quoted in the Oct. 28 WEAU-TV story “Recent study finds increase in cyberbullying.”

Dr. Crispin Pierce, professor of public health and environmental studies, and student Laura Horstman, vice president of the Conservation Club, were interviewed for the Nov. 1 WEAU-TV story “UWEC students supporting Adopt-A-Highway, brightening Wisconsin.”

The Sonnentag Event Center and Field House project was highlighted in the Oct. 26 Leader-Telegram article “Eau Claire sets terms for city contributions to new event center,” the Oct. 26 WEAU-TV story “Eau Claire City Council approves new terms for Sonnentag Event Center,” the Oct. 28 Volume One article “City of E.C. Will Provide Millions to Help Make New UWEC Event Center Possible” and the Oct. 27 Leader-Telegram editorial “Our View: Sonnentag vote keeps excitement building.”

Sarah Stackhouse, an international admissions counselor, was quoted and had her new children’s book featured in the Oct. 28 Leader-Telegram article “‘Opening Our Eyes to the World’ available now.”

UW-Eau Claire’s ranking in the 2022 Princeton Review Guide to Green Colleges was highlighted in the Oct. 28 WEAU-TV story “UWEC makes ‘Green Colleges’ list.”

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.

The Accounts Payable department in the ASK Center is excited to welcome Margie Thornton as a new member of their team. Margie primarily will be responsible for purchase order (PO) payments, payment to individual reports (PIRs) and computer, software and hardware invoice payments. Welcome to Accounts Payable, Margie!
Campus news and features

- **Tip top idea: Hibbard Hall studios to be renamed Henry Lippold Broadcast Suite**
- **Continuing Education announces November program offerings**
- **UW-Eau Claire on list of ‘green colleges’**
- ‘Thursdays at the U’ to host presentation by Barron County conservationist and local farmer
- **UW-Eau Claire celebrates Native American Heritage Month throughout November**

Read/view more campus news and features

Professional development

**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](http://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](mailto: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:

- **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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- **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
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**Regional COVID-19 vaccine clinic expands hours for 5-11-year-olds**
The COVID-19 vaccine now is available in Wisconsin for 5-11-year-old children. To meet the increased demand for adult booster shots and vaccines for children, a regional community vaccination site at Jacob’s Well in Lake Hallie has expanded its hours. View additional vaccine information from the Eau Claire City-County Health Department.

Appointments remain for COVID-19 booster vaccination clinic on campus Nov. 10
Capacity has been increased for a COVID-19 booster vaccination clinic on campus for students, faculty, staff and community members from 3:45-7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, in the Marketplace on Davies Center’s first floor. The campus clinic will offer the Moderna vaccine. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has authorized three vaccine boosters — Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson — and determined that it is safe for individuals to receive a vaccine booster or additional dose that is a different brand than the initial dose or doses. UW-Eau Claire students and employees can register here for the booster vaccine and are reminded to bring their record of previous vaccination card with them to the clinic. Anyone with questions about the vaccine should contact their medical provider. Additional vaccination options are available through Eau Claire County and Barron County. Parking for the clinic will be available starting at 3:30 p.m. in F, S and G stalls in the Phillips and Hibbard parking lots. Permits are not required. All other parking regulations will be enforced.

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Universal Air Travel Plan (UATP) airfare updates
Travelers who purchase airfare may discover that the ticket does not show up on their credit card statement. Upon review of the ticket invoice, the form of payment gives a clue as to why. If the form of payment starts with the letters “TP,” the airfare was automatically assigned to available UATP funds. The credit card was not charged; however, the funding that would have supported the airfare will be charged by UW System. Regardless of whether a U.S. Bank Corporate Travel card or a procurement travel (PT) card was used, UATP-funded airfare must be expensed through an expense reimbursement report. For further explanation, refer to Unused
Ticket Guide – UATP Cards and Expense a Ticket Paid for by UATP Card – UW Eau Claire. Contact the Firstsource Support Team at askcenter@uwec.edu or 715-836-3131 for assistance.

Managing rental vehicle shortages
Shorts Travel Management has shared the following information about disruptions they have encountered and tips for avoiding them:

Disruptions seen:
- When multiple minivans are rented in one person’s name, the rental counter assumes duplication and cancels all but one.
- Each driver must provide their own credit card at the counter.
- Driver’s name could not be changed at the counter, resulting in the need to rebook additional minivans, only to discover there is no availability.

Tips:
- Provide all drivers’ names at the time of booking.
- Drivers provide their own credit card at the counter and then, upon returning, change to trip leader’s card for final payment.
- Call the counter in advance to confirm rentals.

The UW-Eau Claire travel manager recommends contacting the local contracted Enterprise vendor directly when booking multiple vehicles. Contact the Firstsource Support Team at askcenter@uwec.edu or 715-836-3131 for assistance.

Migrating to cloud: e-forms unavailable Nov. 19-28
The UW-Eau Claire e-form system will be offline and unusable from Friday, Nov. 19, through Sunday, Nov. 28. During this time, no electronic forms and associated workflows will be available. The Learning and Technology Services e-form team has been working to migrate from our on-premises instance of BP Logix e-forms to the UW System BP Logix cloud instance. The final steps of this process require us to shut down all services associated with the e-forms, including access to electronic forms and associated workflows. During the final migration, all 900-plus UWEC e-forms will be verified in the cloud instance. Once this process is completed, online access via this link will continue as normal. If you have concerns about the e-form migration, please contact the LTS Help Desk at helpdesk@uwec.edu or 715-836-5711, or visit VLL 1106.

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**Dr. Dorothy Chan**, assistant professor of English, has two new poems published on Hobart: “Triple Sonnet Because She’s a Little Pornish” and “Ode to Role Play.”

**Dr. Douglas Faulkner**, professor of geography, was invited to give the R. James Kirkpatrick Lecture at the fall colloquium of the department of geology at the University of Illinois on Oct. 28. The title of his presentation was “The Paraglacial Chippewa River, West-Central Wisconsin: A Case Study of Long-Term Complex Response to Abrupt Base-Level Fall.”

**Kate Hinnant**, head of instruction and communication for McIntyre Library, serves as poetry editor for the Barstow & Grand literary journal, which will launch its fifth issue on Wednesday, Nov. 17. **B.J. Hollars**, associate professor of English, serves as consulting editor for the journal. Read more about the journal’s latest issue.

**B.J. Hollars**, associate professor of English, had his “Sawdust Stories” article “May the toys be with you” published in the Nov. 4 Leader-Telegram.

**Dr. Ming-Li Hsieh**, assistant professor of criminal justice, had her article “Treatment Combinations: The Joint Effects of Multiple Evidence-Based Interventions on Recidivism Reduction” published in the Oct. 27 issue of Criminal Justice and Behavior.

**Dr. Jennifer Johns-Artisensi**, professor of management and marketing/academic program director for the Center for Health Administration and Aging Services Excellence (CHAASE), had her article “Assembling the Ingredients: Recipes for Building Successful Academic Programs in Long-Term Care Administration and Leadership” published in the summer 2021 issue of The Journal of Health Administration Education.

**Dr. Chuck MacLean**, lecturer in political science, with two former teaching colleagues, filed an amicus brief on Oct. 26 in favor of Petitioners in Whole Woman’s Health v. Jackson, U.S. Supreme Court No. 21-463. The brief is available on the U.S. Supreme Court docket. MacLean’s new book, co-authored with Adam Lamparello, “Lamparello and MacLean on Legal Writing: Curricular Reform & Practical Instruction,” recently was published by Eliva Press. In addition, MacLean delivered remarks on “The Social Contract and the Ethics of Police Tactics” Nov. 5 at the virtual 2021 International Criminology Conference.
Rob Mattison, a videographer in Learning and Technology Services, recently had his “Born Losers” models of failed dictators Napoleon, Hitler and Castro featured in two pages of issue No. 72 of *Amazing Figure Modeler* magazine. [View one of the featured pages.](#)

CV Peterson, associate lecturer in the Honors Program, has been exhibiting an *installation* as part of the Terrain Biennial, an art experience in Chicago and the surrounding areas. The project is an outdoor and public art adventure that is focused on bringing art out of the gallery and into the community.

Dr. Briana Rockler, assistant professor of public health and environmental studies, presented findings from her research, titled “The role of SNAP and WIC participation and racialized legal status in farmworker health” at the American Public Health Association’s annual meeting, held Oct. 24-27 in Denver, Colorado.

Dr. Jessica Sertling Miller, professor of French in the languages department, presented “Academic Integrity in the Virtual Language Class” at the virtual conference of the Wisconsin Association For Language Teachers (WAFLT), held Nov. 5-6.

Dr. David Tschida, associate professor of communication and journalism, and director of liberal studies, had his essay “‘Rendezvous with History’: Grand Portage National Monument and Minnesota’s North Shore” featured in the book “Public Memory, Race, and Heritage Tourism of Early America,” which was published by Routledge in October.

Dr. Frank A. Watkins, associate professor of music and director of choral studies, was selected as conductor of the Wisconsin School Music Association’s 2021 High School State Honors Mixed Choir. [View the program](#) from the Oct. 28 performance at the Overture Center for the Arts in Madison.

Dr. Mckenzie West, assistant professor of mathematics, presented a talk titled “Explicit Examples of Codes from Curves” at the [2021 American Mathematical Society Fall Western Sectional Meeting](#), held virtually Oct. 23-24.

Dang Yang, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, has been recognized by Madison365, a nonprofit online magazine, on its list of Wisconsin’s 34 Most Influential Asian American Leaders. [Read more about Yang’s honor](#).

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**In memoriam**
Condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Marjorie Smelstor. Smelstor, who served as provost and vice chancellor at UW-Eau Claire from 1990-98 and interim chancellor from 1998-99, passed away Oct. 30 in Kansas City, Missouri. View full obituary.

In the news

Quincy Chapman, director of Housing and Residence Life, was interviewed for the Nov. 8 WQOW-TV story “UW-Eau Claire holds First-Generation College Celebration event.”

Billy Felz, interim vice chancellor for enrollment management, was interviewed for the Nov. 5 WQOW-TV story “UWEC sees drop in enrollment; out-of-state students on rise.”

B.J. Hollars, associate professor of English, was quoted in the Nov. 4 Chippewa Herald article “Hope amid global uncertainty: Local writer brings together 100 Wisconsin writers in new book.”

Maggie Jensen, associate student services coordinator in the Office of Multicultural Affairs, was interviewed for the Nov. 1 WQOW-TV story “UW-Eau Claire kicks off Native American Heritage Month.”

Dr. Paula Kleintjes Neff, professor of biology, was quoted in the Nov. 4 Leader-Telegram article “Battling with buckthorn.”

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New employees, position updates and retirements

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Wyatt Opelt has joined the Desktop Support unit of Learning and Technology Services as a computer support specialist. A 2016 UW-Eau Claire College of Business graduate, he holds a bachelor of business administration degree in information systems with an emphasis in business analysis. During his undergraduate work, Wyatt worked as a student employee in LTS, assisting with the packaging and deployment of Windows software. Welcome back to campus, Wyatt!

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Campus news and features

- Blugold makes the most of ‘golden opportunity’ to be a soldier and a student
- Blugolds on list of Wisconsin’s most influential Asian American leaders
- Blugolds' app project wins statewide business competition
- Sisters and alumni both working ‘dream jobs’ in video game development
- Artists Series welcomes ‘The Second City: Remix’ Nov. 16
- First-generation students, graduates are diverse group
- Naturalist Emily Stone to lead program on unsung heroes of nature

Read/view more campus news and features

Professional development

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:

- 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.

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- Save the date: Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022 (Two EDI Tier 2 opportunities)
  - Including Race and Racism in Your Courses: Why It Matters and How to Do It: 9 a.m.-noon.
  - Inclusive Dialogues: Building Capacity to Respond: 1-3 p.m.
  - Lunch provided if you attend one or both sessions.

Equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) professional development for faculty and staff
View and register for sessions and groups.
Coming up:
- They Served, We Care: Supporting Our Military Connected Students: Wednesday, Nov. 10, noon-1:30 p.m.
- The Gender Gap: What is it and what can we do?: Thursday, Nov. 11, noon-1 p.m.
- Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Classroom: Friday, Nov. 12, 1-3 p.m.
- Racing Toward Justice: In Conversation with Andre M. Perry: Tuesday, Nov. 16, 6-7 p.m.
- Film Screening: The Trans List: Wednesday, Nov. 17, noon-1 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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Blugold FYI: Nov. 16, 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.
Important announcements

BluBox reusable food container program begins Dec. 6
On Monday, Dec. 6, UW-Eau Claire will implement the BluBox Program that uses reusable food containers in Davies Center’s Marketplace and at Hilltop for the to-go program. The blue plastic clamshell containers will replace most single-use plastic or cardboard food containers, except for select prepackaged cold items. Students, faculty and staff will receive one free token to obtain their container. After use, individuals deposit the used containers in designated receptacles and take a new token for future use. The program is the first major initiative of the Chancellor’s Advisory Council on Sustainability and Climate Action. See more details and a video about the BluBox Program.

Health department working with partners to get COVID-19 vaccine to kids
With the recent approval of the COVID-19 vaccine for 5-11-year-olds, the Eau Claire City-County Health Department continues to collaborate with schools, health care and pharmacy partners to ensure that parents have reliable information about the COVID-19 vaccine for kids, as well as easy access to vaccine clinics. See the most recent updates from the health department.

Blugold Beginnings food drive underway
Many students on our campus continue to struggle with food insecurity. Blugold Beginnings is hosting a food drive for UW-Eau Claire’s Campus Harvest Food Pantry through Friday, Nov. 19. Please consider donating nonperishable food items and/or financial donations. Drop-off boxes are available in the Blugold Beginnings office (Brewer 271), near the Office of Multicultural Affairs (Centennial 1106) and near Room 100 in Hibbard Hall. Blugold Beginnings staff also would be happy to pick up on-campus donations. For pickups, call 715-836-4100.

Celebrate International Education Week through Nov. 19
Join the Center for International Education in celebrating the benefits of international education and exchange by attending an event in November or enjoying a special international meal at the Dulany Inn this week. See the Dulany’s International Food Week menu, featuring Mexican, Greek, Indian, Pan Asian and European cuisines.

ORSP Faculty/Academic Staff Forum fall series concludes Nov. 17
Dr. Xiaoyu (Shawn) Yang, assistant professor of management and marketing, will present “CEOs in the National People’s Congress of China” from 12:10-12:50 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, to close the fall Faculty/Academic Staff Forum series hosted by the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. The presentation will be in the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) in VLL 1142 and livestreamed at uwec.ly/live. Seating in CETL is limited to 25 attendees, first come, first served. Overflow seating will be available in VLL 1128.
Call for interest: faculty/staff leaders for Winterim domestic immersion
The Intercultural Immersions office and Council on Internationalization and Global Engagement (CIGE) are accepting statements of interest from faculty and staff for one- or two-week immersions during Jan. 3-15, 2022, near Tomah on the topic “Understanding the Refugee Experience in Western Wisconsin.” Housing and all meals are provided (including mileage), plus a $250 per week stipend. Please send an email indicating which week you prefer and a few sentences about a) your interest in this program; and b) what you believe you are able to contribute. Questions? Contact Dr. Colleen Duffy, chair of CIGE, or Dr. Jeff DeGrave, immersions coordinator. The priority application deadline is Friday, Nov. 19. Learn more.

Chemistry and biochemistry seminar to feature Dr. David Lewis
Dr. David Lewis, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, will present “From the Australian Bush to the Siberian Steppes: Chasing Chemistry and its History” from 4-5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, in the Woodland Theater of Davies Center. He will be available to meet informally with attendees beginning at 3:30 p.m. Lewis, who will be retiring at the end of the fall 2021 semester, will speak about his educational and professional journey. All are welcome to attend.

ASK Center has switched to new client ticketing system
The Administrative Support and Knowledge (ASK) Center has joined the UW System and LTS in switching to a new client ticketing solution. As a result, when you contact the ASK Center for business services or human resources-related issues, you will receive email responses from either BusSvcs-ServiceDesk@wisconsin.edu or HR-ServiceDesk@wisconsin.edu starting Thursday, Nov. 11. These are legitimate emails. You can log an Alemba Service Manager (ASM) call on the self-service portal, email us at BUSsupport@uwec.edu or HRsupport@uwec.edu, or contact the ASK Center and its various units as you have before by emailing askcenter@uwec.edu, calling 715-836-3131 or by stopping in person at Schofield 230. Thank you for your patience as we learn to navigate this new ticketing system.

Universal Air Travel Plan (UATP) airfare updates
Travelers who purchase airfare may discover that the ticket does not show up on their credit card statement. Upon review of the ticket invoice, the form of payment gives a clue as to why. If the form of payment starts with the letters “TP,” the airfare was automatically assigned to available UATP funds. The credit card was not charged; however, the funding that would have supported the airfare will be charged by UW System. Regardless of whether a U.S. Bank Corporate Travel card or a procurement travel (PT) card was used, UATP-funded airfare must be expensed through an expense reimbursement report. For further explanation, refer to Unused Ticket Guide – UATP Cards and Expense a Ticket Paid for by UATP Card – UW Eau Claire. Contact the Firstsource Support Team at askcenter@uwec.edu or 715-836-3131 for assistance.

Managing rental vehicle shortages
Shorts Travel Management has shared the following information about disruptions they have encountered and tips for avoiding them:
Disruptions seen:
• When multiple minivans are rented in one person’s name, the rental counter assumes duplication and cancels all but one.
• Each driver must provide their own credit card at the counter.
• Driver’s name could not be changed at the counter, resulting in the need to rebook additional minivans, only to discover there is no availability.

Tips:
• Provide all drivers’ names at the time of booking.
• Drivers provide their own credit card at the counter and then, upon returning, change to trip leader’s card for final payment.
• Call the counter in advance to confirm rentals.

The UW-Eau Claire travel manager recommends contacting the local contracted Enterprise vendor directly when booking multiple vehicles. Contact the Firstsource Support Team at askcenter@uwec.edu or 715-836-3131 for assistance.

Migrating to cloud: e-forms unavailable Nov. 19-28
This is a reminder that the UW-Eau Claire e-form system will be offline and unusable from Friday, Nov. 19, through Sunday, Nov. 28. During this time, no electronic forms or associated workflows will be available. If you have concerns about the e-form migration, please contact the LTS Help Desk at helpdesk@uwec.edu or 715-836-5711, or visit VLL 1106.

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Please consider submitting a workshop proposal via [this link](#). The deadline to complete the survey is **Friday, Nov. 19.**

**Seeking nominations for Campus Ambassadors**
Faculty and staff are invited to nominate standout students with unique Blugold stories to apply for the Campus Ambassadors organization. This group of volunteer student leaders represents the university and shares their enthusiasm for life at UW-Eau Claire through prospective student visits and tours, Foundation and alumni events, student panels and more. Please submit nominations via [this form](#). Multiple submissions are welcome if you have multiple students to nominate. Contact campus visits coordinator [Katy Braunsky](mailto:) or admissions counselor [Maggie Meyers](mailto:) with questions.

**Call for proposals: fall 2022 honors colloquia**
The University Honors Program invites proposals for fall 2022 honors colloquia. We’re looking for courses that will excite and challenge our highly motivated, high-achieving students from all majors, while helping them to grow intellectually, personally and professionally. Colloquia are limited to 26 students and are specifically designed for the University Honors Program. We welcome interdisciplinary, innovative and inclusive pedagogies and invite proposals on all topics. Click [here](#) for examples. Compensation (to departments or through PARF/overload) is available. For priority consideration, please submit an e-form proposal to teach a [new](#) or [existing](#) colloquium by **Monday, Dec. 6.** Questions? Contact [Dr. Heather Fielding](mailto:), Honors Program director.

**Reminders: vaccination documentation and testing requirements**
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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](https://teams.uwec.edu)
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**Dr. Frances Hawes**, assistant professor of health care administration, presented findings from two of her papers, “The Effects of Religiosity on Depression Trajectories Before and After Widowhood” (in press, 2021, *Journal of Death and Dying*) and “The Impact of Supervisor
Support on the Job Satisfaction of Immigrant and Minority Long-Term Care Workers” at the 2021 Gerontological Society of America 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting, held online Nov. 11-13.


Dr. Kaishan Kong, associate professor of Chinese in the languages department, co-presented with Dr. Fanghui Ouyang (Sun Yat-sen University, China) on “A Tale of Two Cities: Fostering intercultural citizenship and learner enjoyment in China and the U.S.” Nov. 6 at the Minnesota Council on the Teaching of Languages and Cultures virtual fall conference. Kong also presented a workshop titled “Interweaving Culture into the Language Classroom: Planning, Delivering, Assessing” for the University of Minnesota’s Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition on Nov. 13.


Dr. Jessica Sertling Miller, professor of French in the languages department, was invited to participate in a virtual discussion as a guest expert for an event hosted by the Center for Open Educational Resources and Language Learning at the University of Texas at Austin on Nov. 11. The topic of the discussion was “Accessibility and Universal Design for Learning.” See notes from the session.

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In the news

Robert Baca, professor of music and director of jazz studies, and alumnus Quentin Volk, executive director of Eau Claire Jazz Inc., were quoted in the Nov. 11 WEAU-TV story “Gatsby’s Gala returning to UWEC.”

Dr. Scott Bailey-Hartsel, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, and Dr. James Boulter, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, and public health and environmental studies, were
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After 20-plus years of serving faculty, staff and students at UW-Eau Claire, **Jeri Weiser**, senior instructional specialist in the College of Business, has decided to redesign her mornings by sleeping in late and slowly sipping her cup of coffee. The only deadline she is going to worry about is if it’s too late to eat the bananas on her kitchen counter. Her contributions will always be valued and remembered. Schneider’s halls will feel empty without Jeri’s contagious smile and laugh. Her last day on campus is Friday, Dec. 3. Congratulations and happy retirement, Jeri!

**Katie Wilson** from the Office of Health Promotion will be leaving her position as a health educator and will join the University Police as a police officer. She will attend the 18-week Law Enforcement Academy program at Chippewa Valley Technical College starting in January and then return to campus for additional training and assumption of her new role. Wilson’s last working day as a health educator will be Dec. 1.

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**Managing rental vehicle shortages**
Shorts Travel Management has shared the following information about disruptions they have encountered and tips for avoiding them:

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- Driver’s name could not be changed at the counter, resulting in the need to rebook additional minivans, only to discover there is no availability.

**Tips:**
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The UW-Eau Claire travel manager recommends contacting the local contracted Enterprise vendor directly when booking multiple vehicles. Contact the Firstsource Support Team at askcenter@uwec.edu or 715-836-3131 for assistance.

The Forum and Artists Series seek committee members
Both The Forum and Artists Series committees are seeking faculty/staff committee members. If you are interested in participating on making decisions regarding our professional performing arts or speaker series, please consider joining. Email Nicole Rindone with interest or questions.

Blugold Dining news
• Dulany Inn. Faculty, staff and students are welcome to have lunch at the Dulany Inn from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday to try the fantastic new menu created by campus executive chef Angel Alcantar. Rent out the Heritage Room for an elevated dining experience with no extra charge. Reservations are welcome, but not required; they can be made by calling 715-836-5261 or emailing dining@uwec.edu. Weekly menus can be found here.

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.

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!

Fall commencement to be in person Dec. 18
The celebration of our fall 2021 graduates will be in person on Saturday, Dec. 18, with ceremonies at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in Zorn Arena. Graduates who choose 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 offered three guest tickets. Faculty and staff who would like to participate as name readers should contact commencement@uwec.edu. Learn more on the commencement website.

Save the date: CERCA 2022
CERCA 2022 will be April 25-29, 2022, on the third floor of Davies Center. We are pleased to return to an in-person format. Please keep your eyes open for more information from the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs about the application process.

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

Logan Bergevin ’19, a UW-Eau Claire environmental geography graduate, had a paper titled “Locating an ancient anchorage at Tel Akko (Israel) using subsurface imaging: 2019 results” published by the Society of Exploration Geophysicists in the program of the 18th International Conference on Ground Penetrating Radar, which took place in June 2020 in Golden, Colorado. Bergevin’s co-authors included Dr. Harry Jol, professor of geography and anthropology; Ethan Sailer-Haugland ’20, a UW-Eau Claire environmental geography graduate, and several colleagues from other institutions.

Dr. Patricia Cleary, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry, among other co-authors including three UW-Eau Claire students, have had their article “Impacts of lake breeze meteorology on ozone gradient observations along Lake Michigan shorelines in Wisconsin” published in the journal Atmospheric Environment. Preprints are available online and the article will be published in print in 2022.

Dr. Anne Cummings Hlas, professor of languages, presented “Best of Punto com: Silver and Gold Edition,” with UW-Eau Claire alumni Trisha Koch and Pamela Larson at the Wisconsin Association for Language Teachers Virtual Conference Nov. 5-6. Hlas, Koch and Larson also manage the website Punto com, which provides activity suggestions and helps organize resources and websites for language teachers. Hlas also co-presented “Teacher’s Toolbox: Engaging Learners in a Virtual World” with Kelly Conroy (Metropolitan State University of Denver) at the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Virtual Conference, held Nov. 19-21.

Dr. Marcela Depiante, associate professor of languages, and Dr. AdolfoAusín (Michigan State University) on Nov. 18 presented a paper titled “Partial Agreement in Spanish” at the VARINT21: Workshop on Linguistic Variation at the Interfaces II at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona in Barcelona, Spain.

Dr. Kranti (Kran) Dugar, assistant professor of management and marketing, has received the 2021 Chuck Tomkovick Management and Marketing Teaching Excellence Award in the College of Business.

Dr. Eric Jamelske, professor of economics, hosted the 2021 Wisconsin Economics Association (WEA) conference, which was held virtually on Nov. 12. Jamelske, the WEA president, and his research team presented their work “Investigating Trends and Patterns in Chinese and American Climate Change Views Using an Index of Acceptance, Knowledge, Concern and Obligation to Act Using Survey Data from 2015, 2017 and 2020” and “Investigating Utilization Trends for a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Market Match Incentive Program at the Eau Claire Farmers’ Market Before and During the COVID Pandemic.”

Dr. Kate (Kyoungmi) Kim, assistant professor of management and marketing; Dr. Kranti (Kran) Dugar, assistant professor of management and marketing; and Jennine Fox, associate lecturer of management and marketing, had their article “What Makes an Object Smart?
Conceptualization, Development, and Validation of Scale to Measure the Smartness of a Thing (SoT)” accepted for publication in the *Journal of Business Research.*

**Dr. Damir Kovačević**, assistant professor of political science, presented the research paper “Don’t Cry No More: A Comparative Study of U.S. Domestic and Foreign Restrictions on Riot Control Agent Use” at the annual *International Studies Association-Midwest Conference,* held Nov. 19-21.

**Dr. Brent Opall**, assistant professor of management and marketing; **Dr. Kranti (Kran) Dugar**, assistant professor of management and marketing; **Dr. Nancy Hanson-Rasmussen**, associate professor of management and marketing; and **Bridget Kurtenbach**, lecturer of business communication, had their article “Hearing Diverse Perspectives: Authentic Signaling in Faculty Recruitment” accepted for publication at the *Journal of Higher Education Management.*

**Dr. Jack Reardon**, senior lecturer of economics at UW-Eau Claire and UW-Eau Claire – Barron County, had his recently published book “*Rebuild the Economy, Leadership, and You: A Toolkit for Builders of a Better World*” named a 2021 National Book Award finalist. The book was co-authored with Graham Boyd and published by Evolutesix, London.

**Patti See**, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women’s, gender and sexuality studies, had her column “*Coming Home*” published in the Nov. 12 Leader-Telegram and in the Nov. 15 issue of The Country Today.

**Dr. Stephanie S. Turner**, professor of English, had her found poem “Perfide subsidium vitae (Rogue Life Support),” published in “becoming-Feral,” a research-creation project that investigates human/other relationships as a means of ecological attunement, provocation and world-making. The project is led by Objet-a Creative Studio in association with The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, UW-Madison and the University of California, Santa Cruz.

**Dr. Amber Wilson**, assistant professor of criminal justice, co-authored the paper “*Exploring the perceived helpfulness of correctional programs and needs among incarcerated mothers,*” which was published Nov. 22 as an advance online publication in the *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation.* Wilson also presented the paper “*Community corrections officer orientation: Reintroducing the ‘passive officer’*” at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, held Nov. 17-20 in Chicago.

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In the news
The **Blugold women’s volleyball team**, the 2021 NCAA Division III national champions, were featured in the following stories: [Wisconsin-Eau Claire sweeps Calvin to win 2021 DIII women's volleyball national championship](https://ncaa.com), NCAA.com, Nov. 20; [Our View: Congratulations Blugold volleyball](https://www.leader-telegram.com), Leader-Telegram, Nov. 21; [UWEC volleyball wins program's first national championship](https://www.wqow.com), WQOW-TV, Nov. 20; [Blugolds return home as champions](https://www.wauetv.com), WEAU-TV, Nov. 22; and [UW-Eau Claire women's volleyball team wins Division III national championship](https://www.wisconsinpublicradio.org), Wisconsin Public Radio, Nov. 22.

**Olga Diaz**, vice chancellor for equity, diversity and inclusion and student affairs, was interviewed for the Nov. 16 WQOW-TV story “[UW-Eau Claire releases its 2021 campus climate survey results](https://www.wqow.com).”

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**Dr. Thomas Kemp**, professor and chair of the economics department, was interviewed in a Nov. 12 Wisconsin Public Radio story “[Inflation may be up, but there’s more to consider about the health of the economy](https://www.wisconsinpublicradio.org).”

**Henry Lippold**, UW-Eau Claire professor emeritus of communication and journalism, who passed away in 2018, was featured in the Nov. 18 WEAU-TV story “[UW-Eau Claire studios to be renamed ‘Henry Lippold Broadcast Suite’](https://www.wauetv.com).”

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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.*

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**Campus news and features**

- McIntyre Library launches new MVP donor program
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- Summer internship paints rosy picture of the future: Beck Ruzicka
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**Read/view more campus news and features**

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**Professional development**

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The fall 2021 issue of UW-Eau Claire’s libraries’ newsletter, Off the Shelf, now is available. Among the items in the newsletter are a director’s message, a list of recent acquisitions and news from around the libraries.

Updates on furniture purchases
Due to long lead times, all furniture purchases for 2021-22 need to be submitted to Jennifer Lonsdorf by Jan. 28, 2022.

Kaltura updates
- **Automatic machine captions to be enabled Dec. 1.** UW System will enable automatic machine captions for all Kaltura (My Media) videos recorded on or after Wednesday, Dec. 1. Refer to the Kaltura captioning knowledge base article for more information, and look for additional CETL sessions on this topic in January and February 2022. Contact Katie Larson with questions.
- **Kaltura (My Media) media retention changes.** Beginning in late December and continuing through early January 2022, UW System will be implementing a policy affecting Kaltura videos that have not been played within the past 2-4 years. Impacted users will be notified by Kaltura via email 30 days prior to action taking place on the identified video. To stop the altering or removal of media, simply play the video identified within the Kaltura email within Canvas or My Media for at least 10 seconds. This action will restart the clock for that video for another four years. For more information, please see the email sent through Academic Affairs on Nov. 15. More information will be posted and shared through the UWS DLE knowledge base soon. Contact Katie Larson with questions.

ASK Center has switched to new client ticketing system
The Administrative Support and Knowledge (ASK) Center has joined the UW System and LTS in switching to a new client ticketing solution. As a result, when you contact the ASK Center for business services or human resources-related issues, you will receive email responses from either BusSvcs-ServiceDesk@wiscosnin.edu or HR-ServiceDesk@wiscosnin.edu. These are legitimate emails. You can log an Alemba Service Manager (ASM) call on the self-service portal, email us at BUSsupport@uwec.edu or HRsupport@uwec.edu, or contact the ASK Center and its various units as you have before by emailing askcenter@uwec.edu, calling 715-836-3131 or by stopping in person at Schofield 230. Thank you for your patience as we learn to navigate this new ticketing system.

Universal Air Travel Plan (UATP) airfare updates
Travelers who purchase airfare may discover that the ticket does not show up on their credit card statement. Upon review of the ticket invoice, the form of payment gives a clue as to why. If the form of payment starts with the letters “TP,” the airfare was automatically assigned to available UATP funds. The credit card was not charged; however, the funding that would have supported the airfare will be charged by UW System. Regardless of whether a U.S. Bank Corporate Travel card or a procurement travel (PT) card was used, UATP-funded airfare must be expensed through an expense reimbursement report. For further explanation, refer to Unused Ticket Guide – UATP Cards and Expense a Ticket Paid for by UATP Card – UW Eau Claire. Contact the Firstsource Support Team at askcenter@uwec.edu or 715-836-3131 for assistance.

The Forum and Artists Series seek committee members
Both The Forum and Artists Series committees are seeking faculty/staff committee members. If you are interested in participating on making decisions regarding our professional performing arts or speaker series, please consider joining. Email Nicole Rindone with interest or questions.

Blugold Dining news
• Dulany Inn. Faculty, staff and students are welcome to have lunch at the Dulany Inn from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday to try the fantastic new menu created by campus executive chef Angel Alcantar. Rent out the Heritage Room for an elevated dining experience with no extra charge. Reservations are welcome, but not required; they can be made by calling 715-836-5261 or emailing dining@uwec.edu. Weekly menus can be found here.

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.

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!

**Fall commencement to be in person Dec. 18**
The celebration of our fall 2021 graduates will be in person on **Saturday, Dec. 18,** with ceremonies at **9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in Zorn Arena.** Graduates who choose 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 offered three guest tickets. Faculty and staff who would like to participate as name readers should contact commencement@uwec.edu. Learn more on the [commencement website](#).

**Save the date: CERCA 2022**
[CERCA 2022](#) will be **April 25-29, 2022,** on the third floor of Davies Center. We are pleased to return to an in-person format. Please keep your eyes open for more information from the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs about the application process.

**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. Michael Axelrod**, professor of psychology and director of the Human Development Center, has accepted an invitation from the editor of Clinical Pediatrics to review manuscripts for the journal. Clinical Pediatrics has been a trusted resource for pediatricians for more than 50 years, featuring original articles containing innovative clinical research on diagnosis, management and health care delivery; review articles on critical topics, with an emphasis on the basic science foundation of clinical practice; and brief reports on specific clinical and diagnostic insights.

**Dr. Dorothy Chan**, assistant professor of English, has had her third poetry book, “**Babe,**” published by Diode Editions. She also has had two poems published in the [latest issue of Colorado Review](#): “You Might Change Your Mind about Kids” and “Triple Sonnet for Batman Villains and Whatever This Is.”

**Dr. Lindsey Creapeau**, administrative residency coordinator and instructor in health care administration, and **Dr. Jennifer Johs-Artisensi**, professor and program director for health care administration, had their article “**Internship Partners for Long-Term Care Administrators — A**
**Model Sustainable Through COVID-19 Is a Model for the Future** published in the Nov. 16 issue of the *Journal of Organizational Psychology*.

**Dr. Christopher Davis**, associate professor of mathematics, presented a talk on a work in progress titled “An obstruction to concordance to a boundary link” Nov. 18 at the Princeton University topology seminar. He also spoke on the topic Oct. 5 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology geometry and topology seminar.

**Dr. Emily Freeman**, assistant professor of education for equity and justice, presented a paper titled “Curriculums of Unlearning: White U.S. Feminist English Language Arts Teachers Unlearning White Feminism” at the National Council of Teachers of English annual conference, held Nov. 18-21.

**Dr. Karly Grice**, assistant professor of English, recently was awarded the 2021 ALAN (Assembly on Literature for Adolescents of NCTE) Foundation Grant. The grant was awarded to support her research looking at how contemporary young adult literature is dealing with current drug issues — from stereotypes of drug users to harm-reduction drug education to the opioid epidemic and more — in ways that are challenging limiting views of adolescence and nuancing discussions of drugs and addiction in humanizing and global ways that diverge from the “Just Say No” messaging of the field’s past.

**Dan Guyer**, a UW-Eau Claire mathematics major, and **Dr. aBa Mbirika**, associate professor of mathematics, had a paper titled “GCD of sums of k consecutive Fibonacci, Lucas, and generalized Fibonacci numbers” published in the *Journal of Integer Sequences*.

**Dr. David Jewett**, professor of psychology, and **Dr. Brad Carter**, assistant professor of biology, hosted the annual undergraduate Midwest Regional Neuroscience Conference, also known as “MidBrains,” on Oct. 23. The conference was virtual due to COVID-19, which allowed a jointly hosted event with another undergraduate-focused neuroscience conference, the Midwest-Great Lakes Undergraduate Symposium in Neuroscience (mGluRs). The event was co-hosted with faculty colleagues from the College of Wooster in Ohio. The 2021 conference marked the first time a Wisconsin university hosted this undergraduate-focused event and attracted 200-plus registrants. In addition to presenting research and learning from neuroscientists, students learned about research-related careers and connected with regional neuroscience graduate programs. MidBrains included a graduate training panel, a “Beyond the bench” career panel and a graduate fair with representatives from 12 graduate programs. The keynote was delivered by Dr. Damien Fair, a cognitive neuroscientist and professor of pediatrics at the University of Minnesota. A 2020 MacArthur Fellow, Fair studies childhood brain health and its impact on quality of life in adulthood. UW-Eau Claire will host the MidBrains conference again in 2022, which is planned to be in person.

**Dr. Harry Jol**, professor of geography and anthropology, co-authored a paper titled “Geophysical investigations of mass graves at Holocaust sites in Lithuania” with Colin Miazaga, Alastair McClymont and Chris Slater (all of BGC Engineering); Richard Freund (Christopher
Newport University); Jon Seligman (Israel Antiquities Authority); and Philip Reeder (Duquesne University), which was published in the SEG Technical Program Expanded Abstracts 2020 of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists Annual Meeting, held Oct. 11-16, 2020, in Houston, Texas.

**Dr. David E. Lewis**, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, had his most recent name reaction biography published in *Synform*, the Thieme open-access supplement to its synthesis suite of journals. The article, “Arthur Rudolph Hantzsch (1857–1935) and the Synthesis of Nitrogen Heterocycles,” concerns the work of German chemist Arthur Rudolf Hantzsch, a pioneer in the synthesis of compounds that are now used in the production of important medications such as amlodipine (a calcium channel blocker and anti-hypertensive drug) and atorvastatin (an anti-cholesterol statin drug).

**Dr. Doug Matthews**, professor of psychology, presented a seminar titled “But it is the Wisconsin Culture: Age as a Factor in Understanding Alcohol Use and Misuse” at the Northwest Wisconsin Mayo Academic Grand Rounds.

**Sarah Stackhouse**, international admissions counselor in the Admissions office, received the Northeast Wisconsin Technical College’s Recent Soaring Alumni of the Year Award for 2021.

Submit award/achievement item

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**In the news**

**Rochelle Biegel Hoffman**, assistant director of the Blugold Beginnings program, was featured in the Nov. 29 La Crosse Tribune article “Marsh to table: How the holiday cranberry graces our tables each year.”

**Dr. Cheryl Jiménez Frei**, assistant professor of history, was interviewed for the Nov. 23 WQOW-TV story “New virtual exhibit by UWEC examines history of the public health crisis.”

The **Sonnentag Event Center and Field House project** was featured in the following stories: “Along the waterfront,” Leader-Telegram, Nov. 22; “City agrees to provide $5M to Cannery District buildings,” Leader-Telegram, Nov. 23; and “Eau Claire City Council approves rezoning for Sonnentag project,” WQOW-TV, Nov. 23.

Submit news item

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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 Firstsource Support Team welcomes **Travis Shipman**, a UW-Stout alumnus, to the frontline team of the ASK Center. You will see Travis in the front of the ASK Center as he assists walk-in, phone and email customers. Stop by and say hello to Travis!

Submit position update item

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**Campus news and features**

- Biology professor to discuss impact of microplastics in Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness
- Blugolds celebrate women’s volleyball national championship

Read/view more campus news and features

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**Professional development**

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

- Teaching and instructional technology Q&A and learning sessions (virtual): [View sessions](#).
- Transparent Design Framework Q&A sessions (virtual) and workshops (in person and virtual): Bring your questions or an assignment to work on. [View sessions](#). [View workshops](#).
- Digital Transformation in Teaching and Learning Course: This professional development opportunity is an online, asynchronous course to showcase planning, designing and teaching with technology. The course, which will continue through the fall 2021 semester, currently is open with rolling registration for those looking to re-imagine a spring 2022 course. [Learn more and register](#).
- Register Now: Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022 (Two EDI Tier 2 opportunities)
  - Including Race and Racism in Your Courses: Why It Matters and How to Do It: 9 a.m.-noon. [Learn more and register](#).
  - Inclusive Dialogues: Building Capacity to Respond: 1-3 p.m. [Learn more and register](#).
  - Lunch provided if you attend one or both sessions.

Equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) professional development for faculty and staff
View and register for sessions and groups.

Coming up:

- **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.
- **Including Race and Racism in Your Courses: Why It Matters and How to Do It**: Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022, 9 a.m.-noon
- **Inclusive Dialogues: Building Capacity to Respond**: Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022, 1-3 p.m.
- **Identity, Privilege and Oppression**: Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022, 1-2:30 p.m.
- **Reading Group: “Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do”**: Wednesdays, Jan. 19, Jan. 26 and Feb. 2, noon-1 p.m.
- **EDI Reading and Video Clip Dialogue Group: Whiteness, Allyship, and Taking Action**: Fridays, Jan. 21, Jan. 28 and Feb. 4, 10-11 a.m.

Submit professional development item

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**Meeting notices**

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

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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.*