Blugold FYI: Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022

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Announcements

Celebrate Lunar New Year today
The Center for International Education invites the university community to celebrate the 2022 Lunar New Year with our international students. The CIE has worked with Marketplace in Davies Center for a special meal today, Tuesday, Feb. 1, the day of the Lunar New Year. See the menu and more details.

Join virtual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Feb. 2
The UW-Eau Clare campus and the greater community are invited to a virtual celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2. Co-hosted by the division of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Student Affairs and the Office of Multicultural Affairs, this online gathering will allow students and the campus community to mark the occasion of Martin Luther King Jr. Day through song, visuals and spoken word. Learn more about the celebration.

BluBox reminders
At the end of fall semester, we launched the BluBox reusable food container program on campus. When dining in Davies Center or picking up food to go in Riverview Café, you will need to use your token to obtain a BluBox container. This program was developed in alignment with UW-Eau Claire’s sustainability goals and makes a significant impact on waste reduction on
campus. For more information, read about the BluBox program or email sustainability@uwec.edu.

New Blugold FYI schedule starts this week
Beginning today, Blugold FYI will be published on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with different content shared each day. The Tuesday newsletter will feature announcements, professional development opportunities and meeting notices, and the Thursday version will highlight faculty/staff awards and achievements, media mentions, condolences, new employee/retirement updates and campus news and features. We ask that content for the Tuesday edition be submitted by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, and updates for the Thursday newsletter be submitted by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. Submission requests should be sent via the Blugold FYI submission form. If you have questions or comments about these changes or the newsletter in general, feel free to email the Blugold FYI team.

Fundraiser planned for staff member’s daughter
Kiana Killinger, a staff member in University Accounting, has shared that her daughter, Adilynn, born in October 2019, has been diagnosed with a severe brain malformation, bilateral polymicrogyria, as well as epilepsy, hypotonia, scoliosis, cerebral visual impairment, infantile spasms and hypotonic cerebral palsy. Each year the Das Loop Foundation of Eau Claire selects one recipient for their annual fundraiser, and this year Adilynn was chosen. All proceeds from the fundraiser will go to her. For details about the fundraiser and how to join, please email Kiana Killinger.

Save the date, attend interest meeting for CultureFest 2022
CultureFest 2022, a celebration of cultures from around the world through music, art and food, will be Sunday, April 24, in Davies Center. Meetings for groups interested in participating in CultureFest are set for noon-1 p.m. and 2-3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, in the Council Oak Room (Room 260) of Davies Center. See more details here.

Plan to attend ‘The Bias Inside Us’ exhibit this semester
As you finalize your syllabus for spring semester, consider incorporating the Smithsonian traveling exhibit “The Bias Inside Us,” on display at Pablo Center at the Confluence Feb. 26-March 27. Admission is free. Exhibit hours will be Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., with additional evening hours when Pablo Center is open for performances. “The Bias Inside Us” is an interactive learning experience about the science and consequences of implicit bias, and how all of us can disrupt bias. Instructors may choose to incorporate a class field trip to Pablo Center or encourage students to attend independently or for credit. Robin Miller and Manny Fernandez are available to answer questions about the exhibit. Please note that Pablo Center’s COVID-19 safety policy applies to all UW-Eau Claire students and employees. Students unable to visit Pablo Center can view the exhibit virtually and complete a tutorial to demonstrate participation. Check the Center for EDI Training, Development and Education’s website for updates about UWEC’s involvement in “The Bias Inside Us.”

Vaccination documentation, testing requirements and availability
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. Through Feb. 6, testing will be offered in Hilltop Lounge from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. From Feb. 7-April 1, testing will be 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 use off-campus antigen testing to satisfy their weekly requirement need to upload results through this online form. See more details and testing information for the Rice Lake and Marshfield campuses on the university's antigen testing protocols webpage.

Grant funds to assist university staff available
There is still time for university staff members to apply for tuition reimbursement for courses taken in fall 2021. Complete the application online by Sunday, Feb. 13. For details, visit the University Staff grants and scholarships webpage.

Calendars available through Printing Services
Large and small flat calendars are available through Printing Services. Please email printingservices@uwec.edu for more information, to place orders and to give delivery instructions.

Administrative Professionals Collaboration Group (formerly Administrative Support Collaboration Group) supports administrative professionals on campus
The Administrative Professionals 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 Microsoft Teams, a collaboration tool the group uses for communication and resource sharing. 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!

Blugold Dining news
- **Baked goods.** Baked goods can be ordered on Blugold Dining’s e-commerce website. All orders are for pickup in Marketplace; you choose the day and time!
- **Smoothies at The Cabin.** The Cabin has an exciting new product — Island Oasis smoothies! Stop by and try some delicious flavors, such as Mango Madness, Strawberries & Cream and Berry Good.
- **Dining hours and menus.** For dining hours and menus, visit the Blugold Dining website.

Join the Couch to 5K Challenge and Shamrock Shuffle 5K!
Get yourself ready for the Shamrock Shuffle 5K! Here’s how to participate: 1) Join the free, five-week Couch to 5K Challenge and view the easy-to-follow training schedule, which begins Monday, Feb. 7. The goal is to ready yourself to walk or run the Shamrock Shuffle on Saturday, March 12; 2) Sign up for the Shamrock Shuffle 5K by Thursday, Feb. 17, to guarantee yourself a race shirt at raceentry.com; 3) All Couch to 5K participants will receive a retro Shamrock Shuffle 5K T-shirt!; 4) Once you register, you will be sent the training schedule and will be contacted for your T-shirt size. Learn more about the challenge and race.

New resource for youth activities and programs
The Youth Protection Program is a new, central resource for anyone offering activities to youth under 18 years of age. Staff can help you register your activity with Risk Management; understand UW System and university expectations, policies and compliance; and implement best practices for youth protection. Learn more and register your youth activity at uwec.ly/youth.

Call for nominations for Provost’s Honors Symposium
Faculty and staff are invited to nominate outstanding student research, scholarship or creative activity by Friday, Feb. 25, for presentation at the 12th Annual Provost’s Honors Symposium on Friday, April 29. PHS is a professional-style conference where selected students from any major on campus have the chance to present exceptional work. In 2022, PHS will return to a live, face-to-face format. Visit the Provost’s Honors Symposium website for updates, and submit a nomination via e-form.

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

Professional Development Committee seeks proposals for 2022 conference
The 2022 University Staff Professional Development Conference will be Wednesday, June 8, which will be virtual, and Thursday, June 9, which will be in person at UW-Eau Claire. This annual event is open to all UWEC employees, as well as external attendees from other UW System campuses, Wisconsin technical colleges and community partners. It is designed as a collaborative environment of networking and ongoing learning opportunities for employees who work outside the classroom. Sessions are selected to promote both professional and personal development for achieving work-life balance through enhanced skills, inspiring innovation/creative thinking and establishing goals to continuously improve the workplace. The committee appreciates your help in building a meaningful event with a variety of opportunities, and is seeking session proposals for a diverse body of topics between the two days. Visit the Professional Development Conference website for more information, and contact LIST.USC.PRODEV@uwec.edu with questions or suggestions.

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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Professional development

Professional development for faculty and staff

- **New! Tuesday TED Talks:** Feb. 15: [How to Speak so People want to Listen](#); and March 15: [Inside the Mind of a Procrastinator](#).
- **New! Personal development podcasts:** Feb. 24: [How To Have Better Conversations](#) (relationships); and March 24: [Celebrate the Opportunities](#) (viewing disappointment positively).
- **7 Habits of Highly Effective People:** Learn the habits that can help you be an effective person at work, at home and in your community. Join this three-session Zoom course from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 1, 8 and 15. [Learn more and register](#).
- **6 Critical Practices for Leadership:** Explore six skills and tools to get things done with and through others. Join this three-session Zoom course from 1-4 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 3, 10 and 17. [Learn more and register](#).
- **Hire to Retire:** Learn about the employee career cycle at UWEC. This class will concentrate on the hiring process, goal setting and strategic plan alignment, onboarding, benefits and retirement. Join this MS Teams course from 8-11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9. [Learn more and register](#).
- **Policies, Benefits & Career:** Discover and gain an understanding of the making of policies at UWEC, meet ALEX and discuss the importance of career paths and learning plans. The course will be from 9 a.m. - noon Wednesday, Feb. 16. [Learn more and register](#).
- **Leadership in the New Normal:** This self-paced, 30-minute, Canvas course is available for all management levels as an exploration of the new normal. From the perspective of UW-Eau Claire and the UW System, it shares ways to support the well-being of all employees. [Click here](#) to access the course.

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 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, Feb. 2,** 2-2:45 p.m.: Common Grant Writing Pitfalls.
- **Thursday, Feb. 10,** noon-12:45 p.m.: Finding Funding: Spotlight on the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture.
Wednesday, March 2, 2-2:45 p.m.: Finding Funding: Spotlight on the National Science Foundation.

Thursday, March 10, noon-12:45 p.m.: Collaborative Grantseeking.

Wednesday, April 6, 2-2:45 p.m.: Finding Funding for Your Scholarship and Creative Endeavors.

Thursday, April 14, noon-12:45 p.m.: Funding for New and Early-Stage Investigators. In addition to the scheduled webinars, the following on-demand webinars also are available: Getting Started! An Introduction to PIVOT/Grants Resource Center; Improving Your Odds for Success BEFORE the Writing Begins; Finding Funding: Spotlight on the NIH Academic Research Enhancement Award; Planning for Grants Success; Accelerate and Diversify Your Funding Search Results with Pivot-RP; Finding Funding: Spotlight on the National Science Foundation Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Program; Exploring Administrator Tools for Maximizing Benefits from Pivot-RP Functionality; and Budget Building Fundamentals. The webinar series 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.

Next ‘ASK Us Anything!’ forum set for Feb. 16
The Firstsource Support Team of the Administrative Support + Knowledge (ASK) Center is providing virtual discussion forums on topics of interest and to answer your administrative questions. The next “ASK Us Anything!” forum will be Wednesday, Feb. 16, from 11 a.m.-noon on Teams. Click here to join the meeting or call 414-435-2332 and enter conference ID 359 373 414#. The forum will focus on expense reimbursement. The forums will be recorded and saved on the Firstsource + Travel webpage. You are welcome to submit your questions and topics of interest in advance by emailing ASKCenter@uwec.edu.

Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) professional development
- Teaching and Technology Q&A sessions (virtual): View sessions.
- Transparent Design Framework Q&A sessions (virtual) and workshops (in person and virtual): View sessions, View workshops.
- Summer Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Grant: This program supports educator-student collaborative projects for development and assessment of new curriculum (courses or other educational experiences). Development of curriculum will occur during the summer in collaboration with one to two students, and the implementation and assessment will occur during the following academic year. Awards include an educator stipend ($2,300), up to two student stipends ($2,300 each) and up to $600 for materials. Applications are due Wednesday, Feb. 16. Learn more.
- New: Teaching Boost Short-Course Series: Want to make a change in your teaching or course but need some flexibility to commit to the process? Our new series of asynchronous courses are open for five weeks and take about two to four hours to complete. Select one or more of the following courses to work on this semester: Academic Integrity: Feb. 7-March 11; Having Better Discussions: March 7-April 8; and Facilitating Learning Online: April 4-May 6.
• **CETL Certificate Program:** Fridays, Feb. 11, 18 and 25; and March 4, 11 and 18, 10-10:50 a.m. This program is designed for early-career educators who are interested in expanding their knowledge about teaching, learning and instructional technology. Certificates are awarded upon completion of a small teaching project. [Learn more and register](#).

• **Reading Group Series: White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism (EDI Tier 2):** Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15 and 29, 11-11:50 a.m. Referring to the defensive moves that white people make when challenged racially, white fragility is characterized by emotions such as anger, fear and guilt, and by behaviors including argumentation and silence. Author Robin DiAngelo examines how white fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality and what we can do to engage more constructively. [Learn more and register](#).

• **Reading Group Series: Small Teaching Online: Applying Learning Science in Online Classes:** Tuesdays, March 1, 15 and 29, and April 12, 11 a.m.-noon. We will explore how small changes in course design, online engagement strategies and motivational techniques can make a big impact on the student (and instructor) experience. [Learn more and register](#).

• **Midterm Student Evaluations:** March 7-18. Collect midterm feedback from students to help you and your students be successful. The process will be completed virtually through Qualtrics, so you don’t have to give up any class time. [Learn more](#).

• **Two EDI Tier 2 opportunities:**
  - Including Race and Racism in Your Courses: Why It Matters and How to Do It: Wednesday, May 25, 9 a.m.-noon. [Learn more and register](#).
  - Inclusive Dialogues: Building Capacity to Respond: Wednesday, May 25, 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:**

• **Harry Potter and the Sacred Text-Book 1: Themes of Inclusion, Prejudice, Privilege, and Justice:** Fridays, Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25, noon-1 p.m.

• **Sexual Assault Bystander Intervention Training:** Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1-3 p.m.

• **Safe Space Training:** Wednesday, Feb. 9, 10 a.m.-noon.

• **Identity, Privilege and Oppression:** Tuesday, Feb. 15, 3-4:30 p.m.

• **Identifying and Responding to the Mental Health Needs of UWEC Students: A Comprehensive Guide for Faculty and Staff:** Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1:30-3 p.m.

• **Trans 101:** Monday, Feb. 21, 10 a.m.-noon.

• **Campus Connect: Suicide Awareness and Intervention:** Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1-3 p.m.

• **Allow Me to Translate:** Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

• **Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Classroom:** Friday, Feb. 25, 9-11 a.m.

• **Reading Group: “Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do”**
• **Group 1**: Fridays, Feb. 25, March 4 and March 11, noon-1 p.m.
• **Group 2**: Mondays, March 14, March 28 and April 4, 3-4 p.m.
• **RESCHEDULED**: The Gender Gap: What is it and what can we do?: Thursday, March 3, noon-1 p.m.
• **Student Accommodations Panel**: Monday, March 7, 2-3 p.m.

Submit professional development item

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### Meeting notices

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

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### Awards and achievements

**Dr. José Alvergue**, associate professor of English and director of undergraduate studies, recently was named senior poetry editor for literary journal *Tupelo Quarterly*. An [interview](#) with Alvergue has been published in the latest issue, No. 267, of The Poetry Project’s nationally circulated newsletter.
The following faculty and staff have completed the Growth Mindset for Leaders program and earned the Chancellor’s Certificate: **Nikki Andrews**, executive director of enrollment management; **Joey Bohl**, associate director of Admissions; **Craig Ernst**, information technology manager in Learning and Technology Services; **Cheri Falkner**, procurement director in Purchasing; **Greg Falkenberg**, power plant manager; **Dr. Pam Forman**, professor and chair of sociology; **Kent Gerberich**, chief information officer and director of Learning and Technology Services; **Allison Hannah**, dean assistant in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences; **Dr. Erik Hendrickson**, professor and chair of physics and astronomy; **Tami Langfeldt**, assistant registrar; **Dr. Kristy Lauver**, professor and chair of management and marketing; **Dr. Ling Liu**, professor and chair of accounting and finance; **Dr. Karen Mumford**, associate professor and director of public health and environmental studies; **Erin Olson**, associate registrar; **Dr. Jonathan Rylander**, assistant professor and director of the Center for Writing Excellence; and **Scott Siegenthaler**, assistant director of Financial Aid.

**Dr. Dorothy Chan**, assistant professor of English, presented “**100 Ways to Edit a Poem**” Jan. 21 for the University of Michigan’s Helen Zell Writers’ Program. On Jan. 24 and 25, she met one-on-one with University of Michigan MFA students and Zell fellows for manuscript consultations. Chan also has had a short essay on Las Vegas published in Hayden’s Ferry Review’s new blog column, “**Solid Objects**.”

**Dr. Rahul Gomes**, assistant professor of computer science, and **Dr. Sudeep Bhattacharyay**, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry, have received a National Science Foundation (NSF) award for $385,762 to host a Summer Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) site at UW-Eau Claire in the field of multidisciplinary computational science. Gomes is principal investigator, with Bhattacharyay serving as co-principal investigator, on the three-year NSF award. The REU site will host 10 undergraduate students from diverse backgrounds, primarily from two-year colleges, for a 10-week research program during each summer of the award period. Students will work one-on-one with faculty mentors from several departments, including chemistry and biochemistry: **Dr. Sudeep Bhattacharyay, Dr. Stephen Drucker, Dr. Sanchita Hati and Dr. Thao Yang**; computer science: **Dr. Rahul Gomes and Dr. Rakib Islam**; geography and anthropology: **Dr. Papia Rozario**; physics and astronomy: **Dr. William Wolf**; and materials science and biomedical engineering: **Dr. Ying Ma and Dr. Michael Walsh**. The research will be conducted using the supercomputing infrastructure of the Blugold Center for High-Performance Computing. Read more about the NSF award.

**Dr. Eric Jamelske**, professor of economics, has had an article titled “**Impact of teacher encouragement on children’s consumption and non-eating behaviour in a Wisconsin elementary school vegetable snack programme**” published in the Jan. 22 issue of *Health Education Journal* with co-authors Dr. Sydney Chinchanachokchai (University of Akron) and Dr. Erin Vernon (Seattle University).

**Dr. Peter Myers**, professor of political science, has had a chapter titled “Frederick Douglass: The Agitator as Statesman” published in the book “American Statesmanship,” edited by Joseph R.
Submit award/achievement item

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**In memoriam**

Condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Walter Cogswell. Cogswell, a former staff member in the music and theatre arts department, passed away Jan. 13. [View full obituary](#).

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**In the news**

Dr. Silviana Amethyst, assistant professor of mathematics, was quoted in the Jan. 26 American Mathematical Society article “[Printing mathematics in 3 dimensions.](#)”

Dr. April Bleske-Rechek, professor of psychology, and alumna Michaela Gunseor were quoted in the Jan. 24 WisBusiness.com article “[Men, women often divide child care and house care tasks by attitudes rather than expectations, researcher says.](#)”

Grace Crickette, vice chancellor for finance and administration; and Dr. Linda Young, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, were quoted in the Jan. 27 WEAU-TV story “[UWEC hosting vaccine clinic before spring semester.](#)”

Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, professor of history, was interviewed for the Jan. 28 WQOW-TV story “[Local professor reacts to President Biden's SCOTUS plans.](#)”

Dr. Matt Evans, professor of physics and astronomy, was quoted in the Jan. 31 WEAU-TV story “[Running to the finish line: UWEC offers students, community members semester-long marathon prep course.](#)”

Dr. Heather Fielding, associate professor of English and director of the University Honors Program, was quoted in the Jan. 30 Leader-Tribune article “[Russia’s Lavrov: NATO wants to ‘drag’ Ukraine into alliances.](#)”

Jessica Franson, UW MBA Consortium managing director, was quoted in the Jan. 25 La Crosse Tribune article “[UW MBA Consortium among best online programs, says U.S. News & World Report.](#)”
Dr. Stacey Jackson, assistant professor of psychology and women’s, gender and sexuality studies, and a counselor in Counseling Services; Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, professor of history; and Dr. Kong Pheng Pha, assistant professor of women’s, gender and sexuality studies, were quoted in the Jan. 30 Leader-Telegram article “UW-Eau Claire to host virtual MLK celebration on Wednesday.” Dang Yang, former director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, also was featured in the article.

Dr. Crispin Pierce, professor of public health and environmental studies, was quoted in the Jan. 25 Leader-Telegram article “Wastewater offers another way to track COVID-19 in Eau Claire.”

Sheryl Poirier, assistant director of Recreation and Sport Operations, and student Ben Johnson were quoted in the Jan. 28 Volume One article “The Jig’s Up: Ninth Annual Ice Fishing Contest Slated for Feb. 12.”

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.

Please join us in welcoming Colton Lunemann, our new institutional research policy analyst in the Office of Institutional Research. Colton will be graduating from UW-Eau Claire’s master of science in data science program this spring.

Congratulations to the following faculty and staff members who recently retired: Mark Andrle, printing services manager, Printing Services; Dawn Dock, academic department associate, management and marketing; Dr. Pamela Guthman, assistant professor of nursing; Nuria Ibarrechevea Hoff, senior lecturer of languages; Jack Kapfer, associate professor of communication and journalism; Dr. David Lewis, professor of chemistry and biochemistry; Jonathan Loomis, professor of English; Dr. Garry Running, professor of geography and anthropology; Charles Vue, associate director, Office of Multicultural Affairs; Jeri Weiser, instructional designer, College of Business; and Dr. Todd Wellnitz, professor of biology.

Campus news and features

- Guatemalan immersion program helps Blugolds build Spanish skills, cultural awareness
- Blugold excited to begin teaching career despite ongoing pandemic
- ‘Thursdays at the U’ opens spring series Feb. 3 with presentation on natural lawn alternatives
• Virtual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration set for Feb. 2
• Ninth annual Jig’s Up Blugold ice fishing contest set for Feb. 12
• UW-Eau Claire to host vaccine clinic Friday, Jan. 28, at Haas Fine Arts Center

Read/view more campus news and features

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Announcements

Dr. Rose-Marie Avin receives Board of Regents diversity award
In her 35 years at UW-Eau Claire, Dr. Rose-Marie Avin has been passionate about mentoring students as they find their voices. Read the full story.

Presentation on free expression set for tonight
Attorney and journalist Alex Morey of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) will present “Promoting Free Expression on Campus” virtually from 6-7 p.m. tonight. The presentation may be viewed in Room 1804 of Centennial Hall or via Zoom. Morey will speak and lead a Q&A session about the current threats to student speech rights, and how student governments and student organizations can help promote free speech rights on campus. The event, which is free and open to the public, is co-sponsored by the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate and Menard Center for Constitutional Studies. Register for the Zoom webinar and learn more.

Interest meetings this week for CultureFest 2022
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‘Racing Toward Justice’ to feature Dr. Celine Gounder
Dr. Celine Gounder, an infectious disease specialist who served on the 2020-21 COVID-19 Advisory Board for the transition team of then-President-elect Joe Biden, will speak at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, as part of the “Racing Toward Justice” speaker series. Gounder will offer a virtual presentation and conversation about the state of the COVID-19 pandemic. Learn more about the event and featured speaker.

University emergency notification system test set for Feb. 17
UW-Eau Claire will conduct a universitywide test of Omnilert, the university’s emergency notification system, at approximately 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17. See details about the test and how to sign up for Omnilert.

‘Thursdays at the U’ to offer livestream
The “Thursdays at the U” spring lecture series at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County is underway, with a wide variety of presentations planned for 12:30-1:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Blue Hills Lecture Hall (Room 234) of Ritzinger Hall. Those who cannot attend in person may watch the livestream, which will be available starting Thursday, Feb. 10. See a preview of Thursday’s talk.

Jig’s Up Blugold ice fishing contest set for Feb. 12
The Jig’s Up Blugold ice fishing contest will run from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, on Lake Wissota. The event, co-hosted by University Recreation and Sport Operations, Blugold athletics and the Lake Wissota Lions Club, once again will provide anglers and winter-weather enthusiasts with a fun-filled family activity. Learn more about the event.

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‘Parents Night Out’ event set for Feb. 14
UW-Eau Claire’s Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is hosting a Parents Night Out event from 6-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14. Have your kids hang out with Blugolds in McPhee while you enjoy a night out! See flyer for details.

Encourage students to become Orientation assistants
Orientation assistant applications for summer 2022 are now live on Handshake. Please encourage students to apply. The application deadline is Sunday, Feb. 20. See more details.

End of fiscal year deadlines for technology purchases
Orders for the following technology items should be placed no later than **Friday, Feb. 25:**

- Desktop and laptop computers.
- Computer monitors.
- Laptop docking stations for both Dell and Apple.
- iPads.

Ordering now will allow for items to arrive and invoice prior to the close of the fiscal year. Dell and Apple docking stations and iPads continue to have lengthy shipping delays of several months. Docks ordered late in October are now just arriving. Some audio/video equipment also is taking months to arrive. Departments also should plan ahead and be ready to submit any new or renewal software purchases that are approaching at fiscal year-end. Look for additional updates on end-of-year purchasing deadlines coming soon from the ASK Center. To begin orders for hardware and software, please visit the [Knowledge Base article on technology purchasing](#).

**Children’s Nature Academy conducting child care survey**

UW-Eau Claire’s Children’s Nature Academy and Caregiving Task Force are conducting a survey to assess how to better meet child care needs on both the Eau Claire and Barron County campuses. If you have young children, please take a moment to [complete this short survey](#).

**Employee wellbeing newsletter now available**

Be sure to read the [February employee wellbeing newsletter](#) for information on work-life balance, the Kepro employee assistance program (EAP), group exercise and health coaching availability on campus, and details about Wintermission, the Shamrock Shuffle and more.

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**CIE to offer classroom presentations on study abroad**

Staff from the Center for International Education (CIE) would like to speak to your students about opportunities to study abroad. Presentations are approximately 10 minutes long. Please [complete this form](#) to request a presentation. Questions? Email [Jackson Schmidtke](mailto:jackson.schmidtke@uwec.edu).

**In-person CERCA 2022 set for April 25-29; registration open**

Staff members in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) are excited for the return of an in-person Celebration of Excellence in Research and Creative Activity (CERCA) event April 25-29 in Davies Center. Registration forms now are available by following these instructions: 1) [Log in to e-form](#); 2) Select “Start new form”; 3) Select “ORSP”; and 4) Select
“Celebration of Excellence in Research and Creative Activity (CERCA).” Submissions will be accepted through Friday, March 4. For more information, visit the updated CERCA webpage.

Join the Couch to 5K Challenge and Shamrock Shuffle 5K!
Get yourself ready for the Shamrock Shuffle 5K! Here’s how to participate: 1) Join the free, five-week Couch to 5K Challenge and view the easy-to-follow training schedule. The goal is to ready yourself to walk or run the Shamrock Shuffle on Saturday, March 12; 2) Sign up for the Shamrock Shuffle 5K by Thursday, Feb. 17, to guarantee yourself a race shirt at raceentry.com; 3) All Couch to 5K participants will receive a retro Shamrock Shuffle 5K T-shirt!; 4) Once you register, you will be sent the training schedule and will be contacted for your T-shirt size. Learn more about the challenge and race.

Call for nominations: Provost’s Honors Symposium
Faculty and staff are invited to nominate outstanding student research, scholarship or creative activity by Friday, Feb. 25, for presentation at the 12th Annual Provost’s Honors Symposium on Friday, April 29. PHS is a professional-style conference where selected students from any major on campus have the chance to present exceptional work. In 2022, PHS will return to a live, face-to-face format. Visit the Provost’s Honors Symposium website for updates, and submit a nomination via e-form.

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Calendars available through Printing Services
Large and small flat calendars are available through Printing Services. Please email printingservices@uwec.edu for more information, to place orders and to give delivery instructions.

Administrative Professionals Collaboration Group (formerly Administrative Support Collaboration Group) supports administrative professionals on campus
The Administrative Professionals 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 Microsoft Teams, a collaboration tool the group uses for communication and resource sharing. 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!

**Blugold Dining news**
- **Baked goods.** Baked goods can be ordered on Blugold Dining’s [e-commerce website](#). All orders are for pickup in Marketplace; you choose the day and time!
- **Smoothies at The Cabin.** The Cabin has an exciting new product — Island Oasis smoothies! Stop by and try some delicious flavors, such as Mango Madness, Strawberries & Cream and Berry Good.
- **Dining hours and menus.** For dining hours and menus, visit the [Blugold Dining website](#).

**Furniture purchase updates**
Due to long lead times, the deadline for furniture purchases for 2021-22 has passed. Contact Jennifer Lonsdorf to start planning furniture purchases for 2022-23.

**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**

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**Professional development**

**Upcoming Faculty/Academic Staff Forum presentations**
The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs will host the spring [Faculty/Academic Staff Forum series](#) from 12:10-12:50 p.m. Wednesdays. Most presentations will be in the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) in VLL 1142 and [livestreamed](#), 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 first presentations in the series:
- **Feb. 16:** Dr. Thomas Kemp, economics; Dr. Abby Hemmerich, communication sciences and disorders; and Dr. Rahul Gomes, computer science, “Exploring Avenues for Embedding Research Activities in Your Curriculum.”
- **Feb. 23:** Dr. Jidong Zhang, accounting and finance, “The Strategy of CPA Firms in Merger & Acquisition: Greed or Ethics?”

**Professional development for faculty and staff**
• **Tuesday TED Talks**: Feb. 15: *How to speak so that people want to listen*; and March 15: *Inside the mind of a master procrastinator*.

• **Personal development podcasts**: Feb. 24: *How To Have Better Conversations* (relationships); and March 24: *Celebrate the Opportunities* (viewing disappointment positively).

• **Hire to Retire**: Learn about the employee career cycle at UWEC. This class will concentrate on the hiring process, goal setting and strategic plan alignment, onboarding, benefits and retirement. Join this MS Teams course from **8-11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9.** [Learn more and register](#).

• **Policies, Benefits & Career**: Discover and gain an understanding of the making of policies at UWEC, meet ALEX and discuss the importance of career paths and learning plans. The course will be from **9 a.m.-noon Wednesday, Feb. 16.** [Learn more and register](#).

• **Leadership in the New Normal**: This self-paced, 30-minute, Canvas course is available for all management levels as an exploration of the new normal. From the perspective of UW-Eau Claire and the UW System, it shares ways to support the well-being of all employees. [Click here](#) to access the course.

**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 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, Feb. 10, noon-12:45 p.m.**: Finding Funding: Spotlight on the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture.
- **Wednesday, March 2, 2-2:45 p.m.**: Finding Funding: Spotlight on the National Science Foundation.
- **Thursday, March 10, noon-12:45 p.m.**: Collaborative Grantseeking.
- **Wednesday, April 6, 2-2:45 p.m.**: Finding Funding for Your Scholarship and Creative Endeavors.
- **Thursday, April 14, noon-12:45 p.m.**: Funding for New and Early-Stage Investigators.

In addition to the scheduled webinars, the following **on-demand webinars** also are available: Getting Started! An Introduction to PIVOT/Grants Resource Center; Improving Your Odds for Success BEFORE the Writing Begins; Finding Funding: Spotlight on the NIH Academic Research Enhancement Award; Planning for Grants Success; Accelerate and Diversify Your Funding Search Results with Pivot-RP; Finding Funding: Spotlight on the National Science Foundation Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Program; Exploring Administrator Tools for Maximizing Benefits from Pivot-RP Functionality; and Budget Building Fundamentals. The webinar series 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 [wi.sys.org/grants/webinars](http://wi.sys.org/grants/webinars).

**Join ‘ASK Us Anything!’ forum Feb. 16**
The Firstsource Support Team of the Administrative Support + Knowledge (ASK) Center is providing virtual discussion forums on topics of interest and to answer your administrative questions. The next “ASK Us Anything!” forum will be **Wednesday, Feb. 16**, from 11 a.m.-noon on Teams. **Click here** to join the meeting or call 414-435-2332 and enter conference ID 359 373 414#. The forum will focus on expense reimbursement. The forums will be recorded and saved on the Firstsource + Travel webpage. You are welcome to submit your questions and topics of interest in advance by emailing **ASKCenter@uwec.edu**.

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

- **Teaching and Technology Q&A sessions (virtual):** [View sessions](#).
- **Transparent Design Framework Q&A sessions (virtual) and workshops (in person and virtual):** [View sessions](#), [View workshops](#).
- **Summer Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Grant:** This program supports educator-student collaborative projects for development and assessment of new curriculum (courses or other educational experiences). Development of curriculum will occur during the summer in collaboration with one to two students, and the implementation and assessment will occur during the following academic year. Awards include an educator stipend ($2,300), up to two student stipends ($2,300 each) and up to $600 for materials. Applications are **due Wednesday, Feb. 16**. [Learn more](#).
- **New: Teaching Boost Short-Course Series:** Want to make a change in your teaching or course but need some flexibility to commit to the process? Our new series of asynchronous courses are open for five weeks and take about two to four hours to complete. Select one or more of the following courses to work on this semester: [Having Better Discussions: March 7-April 8](#) and [Facilitating Learning Online: April 4-May 6](#).
- **CETL Certificate Program:** Fridays, Feb. 11, 18 and 25; and March 4, 11 and 18, 10-10:50 a.m. This program is designed for early-career educators who are interested in expanding their knowledge about teaching, learning and instructional technology. Certificates are awarded upon completion of a small teaching project. [Learn more and register](#).
- **Reading Group Series: White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism (EDI Tier 2):** Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15 and 29, 11-11:50 a.m. Referring to the defensive moves that white people make when challenged racially, white fragility is characterized by emotions such as anger, fear and guilt, and by behaviors including argumentation and silence. Author Robin DiAngelo examines how white fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality and what we can do to engage more constructively. [Learn more and register](#).
- **Reading Group Series: Small Teaching Online: Applying Learning Science in Online Classes:** Tuesdays, March 1, 15 and 29, and April 12, 11 a.m.-noon. We will explore how small changes in course design, online engagement strategies and motivational techniques can make a big impact on the student (and instructor) experience. [Learn more and register](#).
- **Midterm Student Evaluations:** March 7-18. Collect midterm feedback from students to help you and your students be successful. The process will be completed virtually through Qualtrics, so you don’t have to give up any class time. [Learn more](#).
• **Two EDI Tier 2 opportunities:**
  - Including Race and Racism in Your Courses: Why It Matters and How to Do It: Wednesday, May 25, 9 a.m.-noon. Learn more and register.
  - Inclusive Dialogues: Building Capacity to Respond: Wednesday, May 25, 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:

- [Sexual Assault Bystander Intervention Training](#): Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1-3 p.m.
- [Safe Space Training](#): Wednesday, Feb. 9, 10 a.m.-noon.
- [Identity, Privilege and Oppression](#): Tuesday, Feb. 15, 3-4:30 p.m.
- [Identifying and Responding to the Mental Health Needs of UWEC Students: A Comprehensive Guide for Faculty and Staff](#): Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1:30-3 p.m.
- [Trans 101](#): Monday, Feb. 21, 10 a.m.-noon.
- [Campus Connect: Suicide Awareness and Intervention](#): Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1-3 p.m.
- [Allow Me to Translate](#): Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- [Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Classroom](#): Friday, Feb. 25, 9-11 a.m.
- Reading Group: “Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do”
  - [Group 1](#): Fridays, Feb. 25, March 4 and March 11, noon-1 p.m.
  - [Group 2](#): Mondays, March 14, March 28 and April 4, 3-4 p.m.
- [The Gender Gap: What is it and what can we do?](#): Thursday, March 3, noon-1 p.m.
- [Student Accommodations Panel](#): Monday, March 7, 2-3 p.m.
- [“Crip Camp” Film Viewing and Discussion](#): Monday, March 7, 4-6:30 p.m.
- [“Valentine Road” Film Viewing and Discussion](#): Tuesday, March 8, 4-6 p.m.

[Submit professional development item](#)

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**Meeting notices**

- [See all meetings and agendas](#).
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Please note: The Feb. 8 Blugold FYI included an incorrect start time for the Feb. 15 “Racing Toward Justice” event. The presentation will begin at 6 p.m., as noted in the corrected announcement below.

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Dr. Celine Gounder, an infectious disease specialist who served on the 2020-21 COVID-19 Advisory Board for the transition team of then-President-elect Joe Biden, will speak at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, as part of the “Racing Toward Justice” speaker series. Gounder will offer a virtual presentation and conversation about the state of the COVID-19 pandemic. Learn more about the event and featured speaker.

Awards and achievements

Dr. Dorothy Chan, assistant professor of English, is this year’s judge for New Delta Review’s 11th Annual Chapbook Contest.

Dr. Frances Hawes, assistant professor of health care administration, had an article, titled “The Effects of Religiosity on Depression Trajectories After Widowhood,” published Feb. 9 in OMEGA - Journal of Death and Dying with co-authors Dr. Jane Tavares, University of Massachusetts Boston; Corina Ronneberg, University of Illinois Chicago; and Dr. Edward Miller, University of Massachusetts Boston.

Dr. Kate Kim, assistant professor of management and marketing, and Woojung Chang, associate professor of marketing at the University of Seoul, had their article, titled “Appropriate service robots in exchange and communal relationships,” published in the Journal of Business Research, Vol. 141, March 2022, pages 462-474.

Dr. Ying Ma, associate professor of materials science and biomedical engineering, had a chapter titled “Computation and Simulation” published in the book Advances in Rechargeable Lithium–Sulfur Batteries, which was edited by Arumugam Manthiram and Yongzhu Fu. It is Vol. 59 in the “Modern Aspects of Electrochemistry” series that presents the latest advances in the field of electrochemistry and electrochemical engineering.

Mykola Haleta, assistant professor of art & design; CV Peterson, associate lecturer in the University Honors Program; and Dr. Stephanie Turner, professor of English, have collaborated to present an evening of live electronic music, poetry and performance from 5-7 p.m. tonight in Gantner Concert Hall of the Haas Fine Arts Center. The event is presented by the art & design department and the Eau Claire Cybernetics Group. For more information, email Mykola Haleta, the program curator, or see the event poster.

Dr. Justin Patchin, professor of criminal justice in the political science department, co-authored a paper with Dr. Sameer Hinduja of Florida Atlantic University, titled Bullying and Cyberbullying Offending Among US Youth: The Influence of Six Parenting Dimensions, which was published Jan. 27 in the Journal of Child and Family Studies.

Dr. Nic Ploeger-Lyons, associate professor of business communication, had an article titled “The Role of Hierarchy and Relational Closeness in Confrontations about Idea Stealing” accepted for publication in an upcoming issue of Ohio Journal of Communication. Ploeger-Lyons co-authored the article with Dr. Jennifer Butler and Dr. Daniel Modaff, both associate professors of communication studies at UW-La Crosse. Ploeger-Lyons also had the paper “Unsought Work: Funeral Directors’ Occupational Stigma Management” accepted for presentation at the upcoming Central States Communication Association Annual Convention. The paper, which has been selected to receive the Diamond Anniversary Award for Top Paper from the Organizational and Professional Communication Interest Group, was co-authored with Da Bi, a doctoral student, and Dr. Ryan Bisel, professor of communication, both at the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. Karen O’Day, professor and chair of the art & design department, had her chapter, titled “A View from Sitio Conte,” published in the book Pre-Columbian Central America, Colombia, and Ecuador Toward an Integrated Approach. Ned Gannon, professor of art & design, created two illustrations that appear in the chapter. O’Day’s catalog records for 24 objects were published in the book Pre-Columbian Art at Dumbarton Oaks 5: Pre-Columbian Art from Central America and Colombia at Dumbarton Oaks. Both volumes were edited by Colin McEwan and John Hoopes, and published by Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection in 2021.
Dr. Louisa Rice, interim associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs; Dr. Charlotte Sortedahl, professor and chair of the nursing department; and Renee Strehlau, associate director of Facilities, have completed the Growth Mindset for Leaders program and earned the Chancellor’s Certificate.

Dr. Scott Swanson, professor of marketing, had an article, titled “An Exploration of Vicarious Embarrassment in the College Classroom,” published in the Journal for Advancement of Marketing Education, Vol. 28, No. 2, pages 25-37.

Dr. Stephanie Turner, professor of English, had her guest blog post, titled “From Rogue to Riches: Increasing My Value as a Wikipedia Educator,” published Feb. 2 by Wiki Education.

Submit award/achievement item

In the news

Dr. Michael Carney, assistant chancellor for strategic partnerships and program development, was quoted in the Feb. 3 WisBusiness.com article “WEDC: Creating a workforce to build healthier communities” and was interviewed for the Feb. 3 WQOW-TV story “Roundtable discusses how UWEC will use its $9.4 million workforce innovation grant.”

Dr. Frances Hawes, assistant professor of health care administration, and UW-Eau Claire student Maria de los Angeles Woodburn were quoted in the Feb. 6 Leader-Telegram article “UW-Eau Claire students make connections with Afghan refugees.”

Andy Jepsen, director of University Recreation and Sport Operations, was interviewed for the Feb. 4 WLAX-TV story “’Jig’s Up’ ice fishing competition kicks off next week.”

Dr. Thomas Kemp, professor and chair of the economics department, was interviewed for the Feb. 4 WEAU-TV story “A look at COVID-19 lockdown economic impact.”

Dr. Carmen Manning, dean of the College of Education and Human Sciences, and Dr. Michael Carney, assistant chancellor for strategic partnerships and program development, were quoted in the Feb. 3 Leader-Telegram article “At UW-EC roundtable, leaders seek fixes for health care worker, educator shortage.”

Dr. Katherine Schneider, senior psychologist emerita in Counseling Services; Jeremy Gragert, a UW-Eau Claire graduate; and Judy Gatlin, a retired UW-Eau Claire staff member, were quoted in the Feb. 5 Leader-Telegram article “‘Unsung heroes:’ Transit Equity Day celebrates progress, acknowledges work remains.”
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.

Please help us welcome Tim Johnson to the UWEC campus. Tim comes to Printing Services with over 20 years of experience in the printing world. We are excited to have him join our team.

Arjen Van Dijk has been selected to serve as project coordinator to help manage the $9.4 million Workforce Innovation Grant UW-Eau Claire received in December. Arjen has extensive experience in project management, financial reporting and facilitating communications across multiple internal and external organizations. His skills will be invaluable in bringing this three year project to fruition. In this role, Arjen will report directly to Dr. Michael Carney, interim assistant chancellor for strategic partnerships and program development, and Dr. Carmen Manning, dean of the College of Education and Human Sciences.

Campus news and features

- UW-Eau Claire hosts Wisconsin Workforce Innovation Grant roundtable
- Dr. Rose-Marie Avin receives Board of Regents diversity award
- 'Racing Toward Justice': In conversation with Dr. Celine Gounder on Feb. 15
- UW-Eau Claire Artists Series presents Time for Three on Feb. 21
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**Announcements**

**University emergency notification system test set for Feb. 17**

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**Appointments available for COVID-19 booster vaccines**

Student Health Service (SHS) will provide COVID-19 booster vaccination clinics over the next few weeks, open by appointment to students, faculty and staff. Available dates and times are: **Wednesday, Feb. 16, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 23, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Wednesday, March 2, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.** SHS will offer the **Moderna** vaccine, and is able to accommodate first and second doses, as well as the Moderna booster. The U.S. Food & 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 call SHS at 715-836-5360 with questions regarding eligibility or to schedule an appointment. Please bring a record of previous vaccinations with you to the clinic.

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Next Chancellor Briefing is March 3
The next campuswide Chancellor Briefing will be Thursday, March 3, beginning at 3 p.m. using the Zoom webinar platform. (This replaces the briefing previously scheduled for Feb. 23.) 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. Please use this link to join the briefing. You may submit questions in advance to questions@uwec.edu or during the briefing by using the Q&A button in Zoom. The remaining briefings will be at 3 p.m. Wednesdays, March 30 and April 27.

Viennese Ball tickets now on sale
We are thrilled to bring back the in-person Viennese Ball on Friday and Saturday, April 8 and 9! Join us for an evening of music, dancing and dining during this formal event recalling the romance and elegance of 19th-century Vienna, Austria. Through your attendance and support of the ball, we have raised more than $1.5 million in scholarships and awards for our students. Proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test will be required for entry. Reserve your spot at the ball! If you can't make it this year but would like to support this scholarship fundraiser that celebrates and supports music, service and international study for UW-Eau Claire students, please consider making a gift to the Viennese Ball Scholarship Fund.

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Hair and skin-care drive underway
The Office of Multicultural Affairs is collecting Black/multicultural hair and skin care products through Monday, Feb. 28. Please consider donating unopened products for college students
and community members in need. Items may be dropped off at the OMA office in Room 1106 of Centennial Hall weekdays from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For ideas about products you can donate, visit Hairstuffllc.com. Learn more about the drive.

Direct students to Foundation scholarship opportunities
Applications for most UW-Eau Claire Foundation scholarships have due dates throughout the spring semester. Many Blugolds don’t know where or how to apply for these scholarships and miss out on valuable opportunities. Please encourage the students you interact with to visit uwec.ly/scholarshipinfo for scholarship criteria and availability. Demonstrated financial need is not a requirement for many of these scholarships, and all students are encouraged to apply.

‘Thursdays at the U’ to offer livestream
The “Thursdays at the U” spring lecture series at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County is underway, with a variety of presentations planned for **12:30-1:30 p.m. Thursdays** in the Blue Hills Lecture Hall (Room 234) of Ritzinger Hall. Those who cannot attend in person may watch the livestream. Learn more about the **Feb. 17 talk, “Ma’iingan (wolf) and the Ojibwe.”**

Reserve a time slot for ‘The Bias Inside Us’
Pablo Center at the Confluence has created a reservation system to help UW-Eau Claire groups attend “The Bias Inside Us,” which will be on display from **Feb. 26-March 27.** Use this system to reserve a time for classes or student/staff groups to view the exhibit. Most people find that 45-50 minutes is sufficient. More information about how you can incorporate the exhibit into teaching and learning is available through the Center for EDI Training, Development and Education.

Academy for Lifelong Learners volunteer opportunity
Looking for a volunteer opportunity? The Academy for Lifelong Learners (formerly Senior Americans Day) is looking for volunteers to help run the event on **Tuesday, June 7.** Volunteers are an essential part of making the event a success. All volunteers will receive a complimentary lunch ticket and T-shirt. If you are interested in volunteering, please complete this survey and contact Tamara Mumm in Continuing Education for more information.

Encourage students to become Orientation assistants
Orientation assistant applications for summer 2022 are now live on Handshake. Please encourage students to apply. The application **deadline is Sunday, Feb. 20.** See more details.

Surplus Store’s reclaim wish list available
Remember to add your wish-list items to the Surplus Store’s faculty/staff reclaim form. The university has reclaimed over $40,000 this fiscal year alone. 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; 3) Select Faculty/Staff Reclaim Form. A Surplus Store staff member will contact you once they have items that fit your needs. Questions? Contact Matthew Haller in the Surplus Store.
Save the date: Lecture on criminal justice reform is March 3
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**Submit announcement**

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**Professional development**

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**Professional development for faculty and staff**
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• **Personal development podcasts:** Feb. 24: *How To Have Better Conversations* (relationships); and March 24: *Celebrate the Opportunities* (viewing disappointment positively).

• **Policies, Benefits & Career:** Discover and gain an understanding of the making of policies at UWEC, meet ALEX and discuss the importance of career paths and learning plans. The course will be from **9 a.m.-noon Wednesday, Feb. 16. Learn more and register.**

• **International Women’s Day Webinar:** Join a global panel of leaders from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, March 8, which is **International Women’s Day**, for “Emotionally Intelligent Leadership,” a virtual event in the Own Your Growth: Women’s Leadership Series. Panelists will explore the personal and organizational advantages of emotional intelligence in workplaces across the globe. Attendees will strengthen their emotional intelligence skills by identifying key emotional intelligence traits and how they contribute to professional growth; by gaining ideas to build relationships through empathy and active listening; and by assessing opportunities to tackle difficult conversations. **Learn more and click on calendar icon to register.**

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

• **Teaching and Technology Q&A sessions (virtual):** [View sessions.](#)

• **Transparent Design Framework Q&A sessions (virtual) and workshops (in person and virtual):** [View sessions. View workshops.](#)

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• **New: Teaching Boost Short-Course Series:** Want to make a change in your teaching or course but need some flexibility to commit to the process? Our new series of asynchronous courses are open for five weeks and take about two to four hours to complete. Select one or more of the following courses to work on this semester: **Having Better Discussions: March 7-April 8** and **Facilitating Learning Online: April 4-May 6**.

• **Reading Group Series: White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism (EDI Tier 2):** Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15 and 29, 11-11:50 a.m. Referring to the defensive moves that white people make when challenged racially, white fragility is characterized by emotions such as anger, fear and guilt, and by behaviors including argumentation and silence. Author Robin DiAngelo examines how white fragility...
develops, how it protects racial inequality and what we can do to engage more constructively. Learn more and register.

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- **Midterm Student Evaluations**: March 7-18. Collect midterm feedback from students to help you and your students be successful. The process will be completed virtually through Qualtrics, so you don’t have to give up any class time. Learn more.

- **Two EDI Tier 2 opportunities**:
  - Including Race and Racism in Your Courses: Why It Matters and How to Do It: Wednesday, May 25, 9 a.m.-noon. Learn more and register.
  - Inclusive Dialogues: Building Capacity to Respond: Wednesday, May 25, 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:

- **Identity, Privilege and Oppression**: Tuesday, Feb. 15, 3-4:30 p.m.
- **Identifying and Responding to the Mental Health Needs of UWEC Students: A Comprehensive Guide for Faculty and Staff**: Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1:30-3 p.m.
- **Trans 101**: Monday, Feb. 21, 10 a.m.-noon.
- **Campus Connect: Suicide Awareness and Intervention**: Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1-3 p.m.
- **Allow Me to Translate**: Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- **Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Classroom**: Friday, Feb. 25, 9-11 a.m.
- Reading Group: “Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do”
  - **Group 1**: Fridays, Feb. 25, March 4 and March 11, noon-1 p.m.
  - **Group 2**: Mondays, March 14, March 28 and April 4, 3-4 p.m.
- **The Gender Gap: What is it and what can we do?**: Thursday, March 3, noon-1 p.m.
- **Student Accommodations Panel**: Monday, March 7, 2-3 p.m.
- **Crip Camp Film Viewing and Discussion**: Monday, March 7, 4-6:30 p.m.
- **Valentine Road Film Viewing and Discussion**: Tuesday, March 8, 4-6 p.m.
- **Trans 101**: Wednesday, March 9, 10 a.m.-noon
- **Sexual Assault Bystander Intervention Training**: Wednesday, March 9, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

**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 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, March 2,** 2-2:45 p.m.: Finding Funding: Spotlight on the National Science Foundation.
• **Thursday, March 10, noon-12:45 p.m.:** Collaborative Grantseeking.
• **Wednesday, April 6, 2-2:45 p.m.:** Finding Funding for Your Scholarship and Creative Endeavors.
• **Thursday, April 14, noon-12:45 p.m.:** Funding for New and Early-Stage Investigators.

In addition to the scheduled webinars, the following **on-demand webinars** also are available: Getting Started! An Introduction to PIVOT/Grants Resource Center; Improving Your Odds for Success BEFORE the Writing Begins; Finding Funding: Spotlight on the NIH Academic Research Enhancement Award; Planning for Grants Success; Accelerate and Diversify Your Funding Search Results with Pivot-RP; Finding Funding: Spotlight on the National Science Foundation Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Program; Exploring Administrator Tools for Maximizing Benefits from Pivot-RP Functionality; and Budget Building Fundamentals. The webinar series 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).

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**

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**Blugold FYI: Feb. 17, 2022**

Welcome to today’s **Blugold FYI**, which highlights faculty/staff awards and achievements, condolences, media mentions, new employee/retirement updates and campus news and features. Tuesday’s edition will feature announcements, professional development opportunities and meeting notices.

• **Have content for an upcoming edition?** Send it via the [Blugold FYI submission form](#).
Awards and achievements

Dr. Dorothy Chan, assistant professor of English, had her new poem, “Ode to Heavy Appetizers and Many Big Loves,” published in the latest issue of Denver Quarterly.

Mary Mero, professor emerita of kinesiology, has been elected to the L.E. Phillips Senior Center board of directors by LEPSC members.

Patti See, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women’s, gender and sexuality studies, had her column “Dear Wise and Handy Women” published in the Feb. 4 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram and in the Feb. 7 issue of The Country Today.

Dr. James Walker, professor emeritus of mathematics, will have his book chapter, titled “Symmetry and Art” published March 7 in the “Handbook of Complex Analysis,” edited by Steven Krantz, CRC Press. Walker co-authored the chapter with his former student, Emily Gullerud, a 2018 UW-Eau Claire mathematics graduate, who is pursuing a Ph.D. in mathematics at the University of Minnesota.

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In the news

Dr. Rose-Marin Avin, professor of economics and director of the women’s, gender and sexuality studies program, was featured in the Feb. 9 Volume One article “UWEC prof receives Board of Regents Diversity Award” and the Feb. 12 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “UW-Eau Claire prof receives Board of Regents diversity award.”

Dr. Jeff DeGrave, intercultural immersions coordinator, was quoted in the Feb. 10 WEAU-TV story “UWEC students and faculty spend time with Afghan families.”

Andy Jepsen, director of University Recreation and Sport Operations, was interviewed for the Feb. 12 WEAU-TV story “Jig’s Up Blugold Ice Fishing Contest returns” and was quoted in the Feb. 12 WQOW-TV story “Hundreds brave negative temperatures for Jigs Up ice fishing contest.”
Kristen Schumacher, director of University Centers and executive director of the Viennese Ball, was interviewed for the Feb. 15 WQOW-TV story “UW-Eau Claire to host Viennese Ball in person.”

Charles Vue, who retired in January as associate director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, was featured in the Feb. 12 Spectrum News 1 article “It feels like I broke the ice': First Hmong graduate of UW-Eau Claire retires.”

Kimera Way, president of the UW-Eau Claire Foundation, was quoted in the Feb. 14 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “Sonnentags make list of top U.S. donors.”

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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.

Adam Coolidge has joined the UW-Eau Claire Foundation as a program and administrative support staff member for major gift officers and research. He will assist in maintaining donor records, managing donation/pledge processes and communications, and prospect research. Adam is a UW-Eau Claire mathematics graduate and previously served in multiple roles within Continuing Education for 12 years. He comes to the Foundation after most recently working in the information systems department at Marshfield Medical Center.

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Campus news and features

- UW-Eau Claire, UW-Stout, UW-River Falls release joint statement on decision to lift campus mask requirements in March
- Annual Martin Mogensen Lecture to focus on STEM education for global and local change
- Traveling Smithsonian exhibit at Pablo Center to examine bias
- Blugold still swinging for the fences after spinal cord injury changed his life
- UW-Eau Claire receives major NSF grant for summer undergraduate research
- UW-Eau Claire students and Afghan refugees offer each other support, friendship during immersion
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Announcements

Next Chancellor Briefing is March 3
The next campuswide Chancellor Briefing will be Thursday, March 3, beginning at 3 p.m. using the Zoom webinar platform. (This replaces the briefing previously scheduled for Feb. 23.) 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. Please use this link to join the briefing. You may submit questions in advance to questions@uwec.edu or during the briefing by using the Q&A button in Zoom. The remaining briefings this semester will be at 3 p.m. Wednesdays, March 30 and April 27.

Martin Mogensen Education Lecture set for Feb. 24
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Appointments available for COVID-19 booster vaccines
Student Health Service (SHS) will provide COVID-19 booster vaccination clinics over the next few weeks, open by appointment to students, faculty and staff. Available dates and times are: **Wednesday, Feb. 23, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Wednesday, March 2, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.** SHS will offer the **Moderna** vaccine, and is able to accommodate first and second doses, as well as the Moderna booster. The U.S. Food & 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 call SHS at 715-836-5360 with questions regarding eligibility or to schedule an appointment. Please bring a record of previous vaccinations with you to the clinic.

**Vaccination documentation, testing requirements and availability**

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. **Through April 1, testing will be offered in 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 use off-campus antigen testing to satisfy their weekly requirement need to upload results through this online form. See more details and testing information for the Rice Lake and Marshfield campuses on the university's antigen testing protocols webpage.

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**Direct students to Foundation scholarship opportunities**
 Applications for most UW-Eau Claire Foundation scholarships have due dates throughout the spring semester. Many Blugolds don’t know where or how to apply for these scholarships and miss out on valuable opportunities. Please encourage the students you interact with to visit uwec.ly/scholarshipinfo for scholarship criteria and availability. Demonstrated financial need is not a requirement for many of these scholarships, and all students are encouraged to apply.

**Check out ‘Thursdays at the U’**
The “**Thursdays at the U**” spring lecture series at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County is underway, with a variety of presentations planned for **12:30-1:30 p.m. Thursdays** in the Blue Hills Lecture Hall (Room 234) of Ritzinger Hall. Those who cannot attend in person may watch the livestream. Learn more about the Feb. 24 talk, “Modern Roundabouts: Why They Work.”

**Reserve a time slot for ‘The Bias Inside Us’**
Pablo Center at the Confluence has created a reservation system to help UW-Eau Claire groups attend “The Bias Inside Us,” which will be on display from **Feb. 26-March 27**. Use this system to reserve a time for classes or student/staff groups to view the exhibit. Most people find that 45-50 minutes is sufficient. More information about how you can incorporate the exhibit into teaching and learning is available through the Center for EDI Training, Development and Education.
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Viennese Ball tickets on sale
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Upcoming Faculty/Academic Staff Forum presentations
The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs will host the spring Faculty/Academic Staff Forum series from 12:10-12:50 p.m. Wednesdays. Most presentations will be in the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) in Room 1142 of VLL Hall and also will be livestreamed, unless otherwise noted. Seating in CETL is limited to 25 attendees, first come, first served. Overflow seating will be available in Room 1128 of VLL Hall. Following are the first presentations in the series:

- **Feb. 23:** Dr. Jidong Zhang, accounting and finance, “The Strategy of CPA Firms in Merger & Acquisition: Greed or Ethics?”
- **March 2:** Dr. Lesley Mayne, communication sciences and disorders, “Autism Spectrum Disorder: Understanding the Mask of Attention.”

Professional development for faculty and staff

- **Personal development podcasts:** Feb. 24: How To Have Better Conversations (relationships); and March 24: Celebrate the Opportunities (viewing disappointment positively).
- **International Women’s Day Webinar:** Join a global panel of leaders from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, March 8, which is International Women’s Day, for “Emotionally Intelligent Leadership,” a virtual event in the Own Your Growth: Women’s Leadership Series. Panelists will explore the personal and organizational advantages of emotional intelligence in workplaces across the globe. Attendees will strengthen their emotional intelligence skills by identifying key emotional intelligence traits and how they contribute to professional growth; by gaining ideas to build relationships through empathy and active listening; and by assessing opportunities to tackle difficult conversations. Learn more and click on calendar icon to register.
- **Leadership in the New Normal:** This self-paced, 30-minute, Canvas course is available for all management levels as an exploration of the new normal. From the perspective of UW-Eau Claire and the UW System, it shares ways to support the well-being of all employees. Click here to access the course.

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

- **Teaching and Technology Q&A sessions (virtual):** View sessions.
- **Transparent Design Framework Q&A sessions (virtual) and workshops (in person and virtual):** View sessions, View workshops.
- **New: Teaching Boost Short-Course Series:** Want to make a change in your teaching or course but need some flexibility to commit to the process? Our new series of asynchronous courses are open for five weeks and take about two to four hours to complete. Select one or more of the following courses to work on this semester: Having Better Discussions: March 7-April 8 and Facilitating Learning Online: April 4-May 6.
• **Reading Group Series: White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism (EDI Tier 2):** Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15 and 29, 11-11:50 a.m. Referring to the defensive moves that white people make when challenged racially, white fragility is characterized by emotions such as anger, fear and guilt, and by behaviors including argumentation and silence. Author Robin DiAngelo examines how white fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality and what we can do to engage more constructively. [Learn more and register.](#)

• **Reading Group Series: Small Teaching Online: Applying Learning Science in Online Classes:** Tuesdays, March 1, 15 and 29, and April 12, 11 a.m.-noon. We will explore how small changes in course design, online engagement strategies and motivational techniques can make a big impact on the student (and instructor) experience. [Learn more and register.](#)

• **Midterm Student Evaluations:** March 7-18. Collect midterm feedback from students to help you and your students be successful. The process will be completed virtually through Qualtrics, so you don’t have to give up any class time. [Learn more.](#)

• **Two EDI Tier 2 opportunities:**
  - Including Race and Racism in Your Courses: Why It Matters and How to Do It: Wednesday, May 25, 9 a.m.-noon. [Learn more and register.](#)
  - Inclusive Dialogues: Building Capacity to Respond: Wednesday, May 25, 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:**
- **NEW:** “Ndani Eau-Claire” Film Viewing and Discussion: Tuesday, Feb. 22, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- **Campus Connect: Suicide Awareness and Intervention:** Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1-3 p.m.
- **Allow Me to Translate:** Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- **Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Classroom:** Friday, Feb. 25, 9-11 a.m.
- **The Gender Gap: What is it and what can we do?:** Thursday, March 3, noon-1 p.m.
- **Student Accommodations Panel:** Monday, March 7, 2-3 p.m.
- “Crip Camp” Film Viewing and Discussion: Monday, March 7, 4-6:30 p.m.
- “Valentine Road” Film Viewing and Discussion: Tuesday, March 8, 4-6 p.m.
- **Trans 101:** Wednesday, March 9, 10 a.m.-noon
- **Sexual Assault Bystander Intervention Training:** Wednesday, March 9, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Reading Group: “Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do”:** Mondays, March 14, March 28 and April 4, 3-4 p.m.
- **NEW: Reading Group: “An Unkindness of Ghosts”:** Tuesdays, April 12, 19 and 26, and May 3, 11-11:50 a.m.

**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 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, March 2**, 2-2:45 p.m.: Finding Funding: Spotlight on the National Science Foundation.
- **Thursday, March 10**, noon-12:45 p.m.: Collaborative Grantseeking.
- **Wednesday, April 6**, 2-2:45 p.m.: Finding Funding for Your Scholarship and Creative Endeavors.
- **Thursday, April 14**, noon-12:45 p.m.: Funding for New and Early-Stage Investigators.

In addition to the scheduled webinars, the following **on-demand webinars** also are available:
- Getting Started! An Introduction to PIVOT/Grants Resource Center;
- Improving Your Odds for Success BEFORE the Writing Begins;
- Finding Funding: Spotlight on the NIH Academic Research Enhancement Award;
- Planning for Grants Success;
- Accelerate and Diversify Your Funding Search Results with Pivot-RP;
- Finding Funding: Spotlight on the National Science Foundation Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Program;
- Exploring Administrator Tools for Maximizing Benefits from Pivot-RP Functionality; and
- Budget Building Fundamentals.

The webinar series 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).

**Next ‘ASK Us Anything!’ forum is March 16**
The Firstsource Support Team of the Administrative Support + Knowledge (ASK) Center will provide virtual discussion forums on topics of interest and will answer your administrative questions. The next “ASK Us Anything!” forum will be from **11 a.m.-noon Wednesday, March 16**, on Teams. [Click here](#) to join the meeting or call 414-435-2332 and enter conference ID 359 373 414#. The forum will focus on PT card use and log reporting. The forums will be recorded and saved on the [Firstsource + Travel webpage](#). You are welcome to submit your questions and topics of interest in advance by emailing [ASKCenter@uwec.edu](mailto:ASKCenter@uwec.edu).

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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.*
Welcome to today’s Blugold FYI, which highlights faculty/staff awards and achievements, condolences, media mentions, new employee/retirement updates and campus news and features. Tuesday’s edition will feature announcements, professional development opportunities and meeting notices.

- 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.

Awards and achievements

The following faculty and staff have completed Tier 3 of the EDI professional development program by participating in 10 or more Tier 2 sessions and a project within their scope of duties to help improve EDI on our campuses: Dr. Mohammad Alasagheirin, nursing, “A Place to Breathe: Documentary Viewing, Panel and Pre/Post Reflective Essays”; Dr. Theresa Dachel, nursing, “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Medicine in Older Adults”; Dr. Laura Dunbar, music and theatre arts, “EDI Training/Workshops for Music and Theatre Faculty”; Dr. Chia-Yu Hsu, music and theatre arts, “EDI Training/Workshops for Music and Theatre Faculty”; Heather Iverson, nursing, “Promoting Civility in Nursing Education and Practice”; Rebecca Jarzynski, communication sciences and disorders, “Infusion of Culturally Responsive Teaching Practices and EDI and Antiracism Content within a Graduate Level Methods Course”; Tamara Mumm, Continuing Education, “Academy for Lifelong Learners”; Samantha Pearson, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, “Implementing University and Academic Staff Shared Governance in CONHS”; Jivanta Pride Stensby, University Centers, “Making Accessibility More Accessible”; Dr. Jill Prushiek, College of Education and Human Sciences, “Creating Cruelty-Free and Welcoming Syllabi”; Dr. Lisa Schiller, nursing, “A Place to Breathe: Documentary Viewing, Panel and Pre/Post Reflective Essays”; Kari Vanden Busch, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, “Implementing University and Academic Staff Shared Governance in College of Nursing and Health Sciences”; and Dr. Mary Worley, communication and journalism, “Microaggressions in Integrated Strategic Communication.” Learn more about Tier 3.


Dr. Josh Brown, professor of German and linguistics in the languages department, co-edited the Selected Proceedings of the 11th Annual Workshop on Immigrant Languages in the Americas, which is available with open access.
Dr. Dorothy Chan, assistant professor of English, is pleased to share that the third issue of Honey Literary, a literary journal and 501(c)(3) literary arts organization run by all women and femmes of color, has been published. Chan co-founded the journal and organization.

Dr. Lindsey Creapeau, instructor and administrative residency coordinator of the health care administration program, Dr. Jennifer Johs-Artisensi, professor and director of the health care administration program, and Dr. Kristy Lauver, professor and chair of the management and marketing department, had their article, titled “Leadership and Staff Perceptions on Long-Term Care Staffing Challenges Related to Certified Nursing Assistant Retention,” published in the March 2022 issue of JONA: The Journal of Nursing Administration.

Dr. Erna Kelly, professor emerita of English, had her poem, titled “Remainder,” published in Ariel Anthology 2021, edited by Jan Chronister and Lucy Tyrrell.

Dr. Kaishan Kong, associate professor of Chinese in the languages department, gave a virtual presentation, titled “‘We are unempowered’: Exploring how world language teachers understand and integrate social justice in language classrooms,” Feb. 18 at the Taking Action! Conference on Social Justice in Language Classrooms and Teacher Education hosted by TU Dortmund University in Germany.

Dr. John Stewart, associate professor of music and director of concert bands, conducted the Minnesota All-State Concert Band Feb. 19 at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis, and presented a session titled “Programming for Inclusivity: A Need for Diversity in Wind Band Programming” as part of the Minnesota Music Educators Association Midwinter Clinic.


Dr. Quentin Vierregge, associate professor of English at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County, had his piece, titled “It’s the Jets and the Sharks but with verbiage; watch out!” published in the Ink Blog column of the Feb. 21 Rice Lake Chronotype.

Dr. Kyle Whipple, assistant professor of education for equity and justice, attended the 26th Annual Conference of the Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators, a national conference, Feb. 10-12 in Henderson, Nevada. Whipple gave two presentations, “LGBTQ+ Teacher Mentors: Creating a Social Safety Net for LGBTQ+ Preservice Teachers” and “LGBTQ+ (Micro)Aggressions in Mathematics Teacher Education,” and facilitated the LGBTQ+ Issues in Mathematics Education Community Circle.

Submit award/achievement item
In memoriam

Condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Michael Cunningham, professor emeritus of music. Cunningham, who served on the UW-Eau Claire faculty from 1973 until his retirement in 2006, passed away Feb. 10 in Eau Claire. View full obituary.

In the news

**Grace Crickette**, vice chancellor for finance and administration, and students **Oliver Espinoza** and **Bella Sackey** were interviewed for the Feb. 16 WEAU-TV story “**UWEC to drop mask mandate March 11.**” Crickette also was interviewed for the Feb. 16 WQOW-TV story “**UW-Eau Claire, UW-Stout to end mask requirements.**”

**Robin Miller**, head of discovery and assessment in McIntyre Library, was quoted in the Feb. 21 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “**Smithsonian exhibit coming to Pablo, teaches important lesson**” and the Feb. 12 Volume One article “**The Bias Inside Us: Traveling Smithsonian Exhibit Coming to Pablo Center.**”

**Dr. Dale Taylor**, professor emeritus of music, was a guest on Wisconsin Public Radio’s “**The Morning Show**” Feb. 23 to discuss the benefits of music therapy. Learn more and listen.

**Dr. Shanise Walker**, assistant professor of mathematics, was featured in the Feb. 22 UGA Today article “**UGA-led program furthers underrepresented student opportunities.**”

**Dr. Michael Walsh**, assistant professor of materials science and biomedical engineering, and student **Zach Caterer** were interviewed for the Feb. 22 Spectrum News 1 story “**Wisconsin professor, student team up for kidney transplant research.**”

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.
Campus news and features

- **Blugold ‘shoots for the stars’ as his journey takes him from homeless to medical school**
- **UW-Eau Claire Foundation receives gift to endow largest scholarship in College of Business**
- **UW-Eau Claire to host 10th Annual Sonia Kovalevsky Math Day on March 12**
- **International Women’s Day speaker on March 2: Dr. Fawzia Afzal-Khan**
- **Learn about roundabouts from WisDOT engineers during ‘Thursdays at the U’**

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