Announcements

Join ‘Racing Toward Justice’ event April 7
Dr. Carolyn Finney, a cultural geographer and artist-in-residence in the Franklin Environmental Center at Middlebury College in Vermont, will speak at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 7, as part of UW-Eau Claire’s “Racing Toward Justice” series. The event, sponsored by the Center for Racial and Restorative Justice, will take place over Zoom. Finney’s presentation, “Unscripted: On Being Black, Dreaming ‘Green’ and Playing the Long Game,” will examine the role race plays in Americans’ enjoyment of the outdoors. Learn more.

Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week runs through April 8
April 4-8 is Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week in Wisconsin. It’s a great time to review your plans in the event that severe weather strikes. In addition to preparedness and education this week, the state of Wisconsin also is conducting statewide tornado drills at 1:45 and 6:45 p.m. Thursday, April 7. Due to technical limitations of the drill, we will not physically run through the exercise. Instead, we ask that you review the university’s Severe Weather Awareness Week webpage.

‘What Were You Wearing?’ on display at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County
Through Thursday, April 7, UW-Eau Claire – Barron County will host a display titled “What Were You Wearing?” in the campus Fine Arts Gallery. The display, provided in support of Sexual
Assault Awareness Month by the local nonprofit Embrace, depicts the clothing survivors were wearing while assaulted. Embrace offers comprehensive services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Learn more.

Help recognize graduate students this week
This week UW-Eau Claire will celebrate our graduate students and graduate education during Graduate Student Appreciation Week. On Friday, April 8, staff and faculty are encouraged to wear garb representing their graduate programs (shirt, hat, scarf, Zubaz, etc.) This is a great chance to talk to our undergraduate students about graduate education. Events and prizes will be available to UWEC graduate students throughout the week.

Viennese Ball updates
- **Friday tickets available.** Limited tickets are available for the Friday, April 8, Viennese Ball. Buy tickets [here](#).
- **Volunteers still needed.** Volunteers are still needed for Friday and Saturday nights. Sign up for a volunteer slot [here](#).
- **Davies Center and Marketplace hours modified.** Davies Center hours: Friday, April 8: 7 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 9: closed; Sunday, April 10: 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Marketplace dining hours: Friday, April 8: 7 a.m.-1 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, April 9 and 10: closed.

Celebration scheduled for UW-Eau Claire – Barron County professor emeritus
The UW-Eau Claire – Barron County Foundation will recognize and celebrate Mary Hoeft, professor emeritus of French and communication arts, for 50 years of exceptional service to students from 5-7:30 p.m. Friday, April 8, in the campus commons at 1800 College Drive, Rice Lake. hors d’oeuvres and cake will be served, and a cash bar will be available. Hoeft’s friends, family, former colleagues and students are invited, and are encouraged to share stories and memories. The Foundation has created the Professor Mary Hoeft Scholarship, which will be awarded to UW-Eau Claire – Barron County students who demonstrate a commitment to learning, determination to succeed and financial need. Donations in Hoeft’s honor will be accepted at the event, by mail at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County Foundation, 1800 College Drive, Rice Lake, WI 54868 or [online](#).

UW-Eau Claire to host cultural connections conference
UW-Eau Claire will host the conference “Cultural Connections: Languages and Cultures of the Upper Midwest” on Friday, April 8. Undergraduate students are encouraged to submit research, art or other scholarship about the arts, languages, folklore or cultural traditions in the Upper Midwest or from the cultures of people who now live in the Upper Midwest. Learn more about the conference.

Second teach-in on Russia-Ukraine war set for April 11
Join us for an interview with Dr. Oliha Poliukhovych, professor at Kyiv Mohyla University in Ukraine, from noon-1 p.m. Monday, April 11, in Room 2804 of Centennial Hall or [via Zoom](#). Poliukhovych will speak about the situation on the ground in Ukraine, the larger geopolitical context and how we can support Ukraine. Her recent articles and interviews about the war can
be found at LitHub, Prospect Magazine and Agni. For more information, contact Dr. Heather Fielding, director of the University Honors Program.

Appointments available for COVID-19 booster vaccines
Student Health Service (SHS) will provide COVID-19 booster vaccinations on Tuesday, April 12, from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. by appointment to students, faculty and staff. 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.

Join ‘Verse in the Valley’ April 12
To celebrate National Poetry Month, join visiting writers Abraham Smith and Mark Ehling, along with local poets Xin Obaid, Sara Bryan, Asha Sen, Alexander Zitzner, Katy Hackworthy and Patricia Hawkenson for “Verse in the Valley” at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at Artisan Forge Studios in Eau Claire. The event also will feature live music by Lee Mynott, visual art by Mindy Huntress and open mic opportunities. Verse in the Valley is co-sponsored by the Chippewa Valley Writers Guild — a joint program of Pablo Center at the Confluence and the UW-Eau Claire Foundation — Artisan Forge and the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library. Learn more.

‘Tunnel of Awareness’ is April 13
The “Tunnel of Awareness” will take place from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, in the Dakota Ballroom (Room 340) of Davies Center. This event is a valuable opportunity for faculty, staff and students to explore, discover and address the implicit biases they might carry. Questions? Email Joshua Gonzalez, graduate assistant in the Center for EDI Training, Education and Development.

Self-nominations open April 16 for University Staff Council and committees
Check out the University Staff Council Committees website to learn about ways to get involved and to see vacancies. Watch your email for the invitation to self-nominate for University Staff Council and/or university staff committees. Questions? Email usc@uwec.edu.

Red dress drive underway through April 25
Please consider donating any used or unwanted red dresses through Monday, April 25, for the annual Red Dress Display hosted by the Inter-Tribal Student Council (ITSC). The purpose of the display, which will take place on Thursday, May 5, is to spread awareness about missing and murdered Indigenous women. Dresses will be kept by ITSC for future displays. The dress drop-off location is in the Office of Multicultural Affairs in Room 1106 of Centennial Hall. Please leave your name and email address with your donation. Learn more about the Red Dress Display.

Working or studying domestically? Need additional peace of mind?
The UW System now encourages all participants working or studying away from their UW campus, but within the U.S., to consider purchasing domestic travel insurance through Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI). The domestic travel insurance policy, which is secondary to your personal insurance, covers out-of-area medical care and other emergency services not normally included in U.S. health insurance: medical and security evacuation, trip cancellation and delay, and emergency reunion benefit, etc. More information about the program, its requirements and coverages can be found here.

Air travel demand increasing UW System-wide
In recent weeks, travel volume has significantly increased in the UW System. Our contracted travel agency, Travel Inc., has been hiring and training to keep up with the significant sudden demand. Travelers and travel coordinators who do not need immediate assistance are advised to either email Travel Inc. or use Concur to book online if possible. If you call Travel Inc. (877-811-9898), be prepared for longer hold times. Airline hold times are often more than 30 minutes, which impacts travel agency hold times. Additional travel resources are found at UW System Travel Training and by contacting the Firstsource Support Team by email, phone at 715-836-3131 or by stopping by the ASK Center in Schofield 230.

Bicycles and airplanes and cars, oh my!
Do you know a student who needs transportation? Do you need transportation? Several options are available to get you where you want to go locally and long distance. Check out the Student Transportation Options — Local and Long Distance page on the UW-Eau Claire website. The article link also can be found on the UW-Eau Claire Campus Life and Firstsource + Travel pages. You will find information about bike rentals, buses, shuttles, cars and planes. Happy travels!

Attend CERCA April 25-29
Mark your calendars! From April 25-29, the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs will present the Celebration of Excellence in Research and Creative Activity (CERCA). There also will be an exciting lineup of companion events with explorations of math, nursing, women’s, gender and sexuality studies, NOTA Review, intercultural experiences, dance and music. Support your peers by giving them an opportunity to share their hard work with an engaged audience! Learn more.

Drs. Cornel West and Robert George to speak on campus May 5
UW-Eau Claire’s Menard Center for Constitutional Studies is proud to present “Freedom of Expression and Civil Discourse with Cornel West and Robert George” at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 5, in the Ojibwe Grand Ballroom of Davies Center. Join Drs. West and George as they discuss the importance of free and open discourse in a divided society. Space is limited. Reserve your free tickets for this in-person event at tinyurl.com/west-george. Learn more.

Academy for Lifelong Learners volunteer opportunity
Are you 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 or contact Tamara Mumm in Continuing Education for more information.

**Academic Skills Center offers peer academic coaching**
The Academic Skills Center now offers peer academic coaching. Available to all UW-Eau Claire students, these hourlong meetings offer students an opportunity to work with a trained peer to improve a variety of academic skills, including time management, study skills, note taking and reading comprehension. For more information or to schedule a session, contact Dr. Jack Reid in the Academic Skills Center.

**Call for proposals: UW System Virtual Showcase**
The UW System Administration’s Learning Technology Development Council (LTDC) is looking for session presenters for the 2022 Virtual Showcase, themed “On Resourcefulness and Resiliency.” The free event, which will take place from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, and Wednesday, June 22, will focus on how instructors and support staff are moving forward in the new normal post COVID. The three presentation tracks will be: student experience and success, instructional pedagogy and leveraging learning technology. Showcase sessions will be polysynchronous — some presentations will be pre-recorded and shared via the web, while others will be conducted synchronously online. Proposals may be submitted for presentations and/or TechTalks. The call for proposals will be open until Monday, May 2, and all presenters will be notified by Friday, May 13. See more details.

**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.

**Thank a Blugold!**
Have you thanked a Blugold through the Thank a Blugold! email service? It’s a fast and easy way to show your appreciation at any time. A thank you can go a long way, and it’s free!

**Think about your wellbeing**
Be sure to stay informed about the seven dimensions of wellbeing — physical, emotional, spiritual, intellectual, social, occupational and environmental — through the employee wellbeing website. The site also shares details about wellbeing activities and opportunities on campus and online.

**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 menu. 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.

- **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!
- **Dining hours and menus.** For dining hours and menus, visit the Blugold Dining website.

**Vaccination documentation and testing 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. **Antigen testing is offered on the Eau Claire campus in Hilltop Lounge from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays.** Testing is offered on the Barron County campus in the Student Center from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Tuesdays and Wednesdays.** 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. See more details and testing information for the Rice Lake and Marshfield campuses on the university’s antigen testing protocols webpage.

**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**

**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 final presentations for the spring series:

- **April 6:** Dr. Bradley Carter, biology, “**Exploring the Impact of Environmental Factors on Brain Formation Using Zebrafish.**”
- **April 13:** Dr. Ryan Weichelt, geography and anthropology, “**Observations and Analyses of the 2020 Elections: A Spatial Approach.**”

**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!

Next ‘ASK Us Anything!’ forum is April 20
Calling all travel planners! Do you plan or book travel for others? Do you prepare expense reimbursement reports for others? The Firstsource Support Team of the Administrative Support and Knowledge (ASK) Center is providing virtual discussion forums on topics of interest and answering your administrative questions. The next “ASK Us Anything!” forum will be Wednesday, April 20, 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 travel planning and booking travel and preparing reimbursement reports for others. The forums will be recorded and saved on the ASK Center’s 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 and Canvas sessions (virtual): View sessions.
- Transparent Design Framework Q&A sessions (virtual) and workshops (in person and virtual): View sessions. View workshops.
- 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. Academic Integrity: offered May 23-June 3 or Aug. 15-26. Facilitating Learning Online: Aug. 1-12.
- UW System OPID’s Spring Conference on Teaching & Learning: Fridays, April 22 and 29. Learn more and register.
- 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:
- The Gender Gap: Thursday, April 7, 12-1 p.m.
- Reading Group: “Dying of Whiteness”: Thursdays, April 7 and 21, 2-3 p.m.
• **Student Accommodations Panel**: Friday, April 8, 11 a.m.-noon.
• Safe Space Training: **Monday, April 11, 10 a.m.-noon, Monday, April 25, 5-7 p.m.**
• **Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Workplace**: Tuesday, April 12, 2-4 p.m.
• **Identity, Privilege and Oppression**: Wednesday, April 13, 10-11:30 a.m.
• **Tunnel of Awareness**: Wednesday, April 13, 5-8 p.m.
• **Campus Connect: Suicide Awareness and Intervention**: Monday, April 18, 2-4 p.m.
• **The Gender Gap**: Tuesday, April 19, 3-4 p.m.
• **Trans 101**: Wednesday, April 20, 10 a.m.-noon.
• **A Person of Color in Different Spaces**: Thursdays, April 21 and 28, and May 5, 11 a.m.-noon.

**Professional development for all faculty and staff**

**Ted Talk Tuesdays**: April 12: [Five Tips for Dealing with Meeting Overload](#); May 17: [The Power of Imagination: Lessons from Shakespeare](#)

**Personal Development Podcasts**: Thursday, April 21: [Showing Up In Life Even When You Don’t Feel Like It](#) (happiness); Thursday, May 26: [How To Conquer Self Doubt](#) (mindfulness)

**Hire to Retire**: Wednesday, April 6, 9 a.m.-noon via MS Teams. [See details and register](#).

**7 Habits of Highly Effective People**: Tuesdays, April 12, 19 and 26, 9 a.m.-noon via Zoom. [See details and register](#).

**Employee Performance Management Wednesday**: May 4, 9 a.m.-noon via MS Teams. [See details and register](#).

**6 Critical Practices Wednesday**: May 11, 18 and 25, 9 a.m.-noon via Zoom. [See details and register](#).

**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, 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).
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Meeting notices

- See all meetings and agendas.
- Submit your meeting notice.

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**Awards and achievements**

**Dr. Josh Brown**, professor of German and linguistics, delivered the plenary address “Murder Most Multilingual: At the Crossroads of Forensic Linguistics and Historical Sociolinguistics” at the Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference, held March 31-April 2 at the University of Georgia.

**Dr. Dorothy Chan**, assistant professor of English, read on April 2 for Joan Kwon Glass’ “NIGHT SWIM” book launch with Diode Editions. Chan also will read for the April 17 Sunday Reading Series at Hungry Brain Chicago and on April 21 for Felicia Zamora’s “QUOTIENT” (TinderBox Editions) book launch with Anthony Cody, Yesenia Montilla, Lynne Thompson and the author Felicia Zamora. In addition, Chan’s triple sonnet “Triple Sonnet for Batman Villains and Whatever This Is,” originally published in Colorado Review, is now published in Verse Daily.

**Ami Christensen**, Intensive English Program coordinator and senior lecturer in languages, presented “Wordplay: Exploring Creativity and Collaboration through Music” at the 2022 TESOL International Convention. This presentation was conducted live over Zoom, and a recording can be found here.

**Dr. Lindsey Creapeau**, instructor and administrative residency coordinator of the health care administration program, **Dr. Jennifer Johns-Artisensi**, professor and director of the health care administration program, had their guest column “Nursing assistants’ perspective holds the key to solving your staffing woes” published March 25 in McKnight’s Long-Term Care News.


**Dr. Frances Hawes**, assistant professor of health care administration, presented her paper “An Analysis of the Relationship between Organizational Social Capital and Occupational Stress: The Impact on the Job Satisfaction of Nursing Assistants” March 18 at the 8th MBAA International Conference.

**Shawn Larson**, admissions counselor, was awarded a Wisconsin Association for College Admission Counseling 2022 Conference Grant. This grant will allow attendance to the MIDWest Conference, which will take place May 22-24 in Eagan, Minnesota. During the conference, participants from Minnesota, Iowa, the Dakotas and Wisconsin will participate in a variety of professional development experiences to advance the work of college counseling.
Dr. David Lewis, professor emeritus of chemistry and biochemistry, and UW-Eau Claire student Carly Krause presented the poster “Electrophilic aromatic substitution by nucleophiles: Reactions of N-allyl-4-alkylamino-1,8-naphthalimides with halogen-like electrophiles” in the division of organic chemistry at the 263rd National Meeting of the American Chemical Society, held March 20-24 in San Diego, California. The poster also was selected for the highlights poster session, “Sci-Mix,” which is unusual in this division for an undergraduate poster. Lewis also presented two papers at the same meeting: “Controversial Arthur Rudolf Hantzsch and his polemics” and “Chemical history of color – but just two kinds of them.” This invited paper was part of the symposium in honor of Mary Virginia Orna for the 2021 HIST Award for Outstanding Achievement in the History of Chemistry. This is the preeminent international award in the sub-discipline.

Dr. Chuck MacLean, lecturer in political science, had his latest book, “Justice for All: Repairing American Criminal Justice,” released on March 31. The book, which was co-authored by Adam Lamparello of Georgia College and State University and published by Routledge Publishing/Taylor & Francis, is a No. 1 new release in criminal law on Amazon.


Dr. Jeanette Olsen, associate professor of nursing and director of assessment and evaluation for the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, is pleased to announce first-time certification exam pass rates of 100% in 2021 among doctor of nursing practice graduates from the family nurse practitioner and adult-gerontology primary care nurse practitioner specialty tracks. This accomplishment reflects results from both the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners National Certification Board exams and the American Nurses Credentialing Center exams for both specialty areas and exceeds the national first-time pass rates, which ranged from 81-91%. In addition, the pre-licensure bachelor of science in nursing graduates achieved a National Council Licensure Exam pass rate of 99.1%. This rate includes all exam takers (first-time and repeaters who passed) in 2021. These results are a reflection of the hard work, dedication and commitment to excellence among our students, faculty, staff and clinical partners. Olsen also co-authored with Selda Secginli, Merve Altiner Yas and Nesrin Ilhan from nursing departments in Istanbul, Turkey, the article “Investigating adverse childhood experiences and nutrition and physical activity behaviors using the Omaha System,” which was published in the Journal of Psychosocial Nursing & Mental Health Services, Vol. 60, No. 3, pages 23-30.

Chancellor James Schmidt was the recipient of a Public Employee of the Year Award from the Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce on March 31 at the organization’s annual meeting. The chancellor called the chamber honor “an institutional award for the university’s community-focused efforts during the pandemic.” UW-Eau Claire clinics have provided more than 108,000 COVID-19 tests and over 18,000 vaccines to students, employees and the community.
Dr. Asha Sen, professor of English, has had her article “Towards a Politics of Affect in Mohsin Hamid’s ‘East West’ (2017) and Kamila Shamsie’s ‘Home Fire’ (2017)” accepted for publication in the peer-reviewed Journal of Global and Postcolonial Studies, 9.1, 2022, pages 48-49. Sen also presented her paper “Understanding the Role of the Ogbanje in Akwaeke Emezi’s ‘Freshwater’” Feb. 14 at the 31st annual British Commonwealth and Postcolonial Studies Conference hosted by Georgia Southern University.

Dr. Scott Swanson, professor of marketing, was awarded the Faculty Advisor Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Marketing Association at the 2022 International Collegiate conference. Swanson is the faculty advisor for the UW-Eau Claire AMA student chapter and one of only 25 faculty advisors to receive the award since its inception in 2010. Individuals are recognized for the longevity of their role as a faculty advisor, proven track record of guiding their collegiate chapter toward success and a history of service to the AMA Collegiate community as a whole.

Dr. Jerry Young, professor emeritus of music, and co-author Scott Watson (University of Kansas) have had a new text, titled “A Practical Guide to Studio Teaching in Higher Education,” published by GIA Publications of Chicago.

Dr. Linda Young, dean emerita and professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, participated in a panel discussion on March 22 to examine the future of nursing and nursing education in Wisconsin. The panel, which was part of a virtual forum sponsored by Wisconsin Health News, also included Rep. Rachael Cabral-Guevara of Appleton; Gina Dennik-Champion, executive director of the Wisconsin Nurses Association; Nancy Korom, chief nursing officer, Children’s Wisconsin; and Pat Raes, president, SEIU Healthcare Wisconsin.

Submit award/achievement item

In the news

Staci Heidtke, director of Career Services, was quoted in the April 3 Associated Press story “Unemployment rates increase demand for college students.” The story was published by multiple regional media outlets.

B.J. Hollars, associate professor of English and executive director of the Chippewa Valley Writers Guild, was quoted in the April 1 Volume One article “Transform your form: Upcoming craft talks celebrate National Poetry Month.”

Dr. Chris Jorgenson, director of the Gender & Sexuality Resource Center, was quoted in the March 31 BizPac Review story “Wisconsin school district orders teachers to hide students’ gender identities: ‘Parents not entitled to know.’”
Dr. Mary Beth Leibham, professor of psychology, was quoted in the April 5 Chronicle of Higher Education article “A ‘Stunning’ Level of Student Disconnection.”

Dr. David Lewis, professor emeritus of chemistry and biochemistry, was quoted in the article “Ukraine’s World-Class Drug-Molecule Industry Imperiled by Russia Invasion,” in the March 20 issue of The Wall Street Journal. The article discussed the effects of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on the Ukrainian medicinal chemical industry.

Hannah Luedtke, associate lecturer in women’s, gender and sexuality studies, was quoted in the April 4 WQOW-TV story “Sexual assault advocate promotes supporting survivors.”

Dr. Justin Patchin, professor of criminal justice, was interviewed for the March 30 WEAU-TV story “Metaverse Mayhem: How to Keep Your Kids Safe in Virtual Reality.”

Dr. Tara Putnam, assistant professor of kinesiology, and UW-Eau Claire student Baillie Ollia will be guests on Wisconsin Public Radio’s “Spectrum West” today at 10 a.m. The show can be heard on 88.3 FM. They will discuss the university’s P.R.I.D.E. dance program for young people with disabilities. Learn more.

Dr. Tom Sather, associate professor of communication sciences and disorders, was interviewed for the March 31 WEAU-TV story “Discussion held about aphasia and its effects.”

Kristin Scheibe, senior lecturer in communication sciences and disorders, was interviewed for the April 1 WQOW-TV story “Local deaf community praises award-winning CODA movie.”

Chancellor James Schmidt was quoted in the April 5 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “UW-EC, Mayo partnership aims to add jobs, improve health in rural areas.”

Barbara Shafer, retired lecturer in art, and Andy Shafer, professor emeritus of art, were featured in the April 5 Volume One article “The Shafers: More Than Just Two Artists from Eau Claire.”

Dr. Dale Taylor, professor emeritus of music and theatre arts, was interviewed on Mobilized News on the topic of how implicit racial bias results from implanted bias. The interview was first broadcast on Free Speech TV (FSTV) April 1 and was rebroadcast on April 5 and 7. The show can be viewed directly here.

Vicky Thomas, director of Services for Students with Disabilities, was quoted in the March 30 WEAU-TV story “UWEC celebrates National TRIO Day with award ceremony.”

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.

Congratulations to Karl Frank, a groundskeeper in Facilities, who recently retired.

Submit employee updates

Campus news and features

- Hotel will be built adjacent to County Materials Complex
- UW-Eau Claire to host 'Tunnel of Awareness' event April 13
- Blugold senior geography student earns top honor from American Association of Geographers
- ‘Racing Toward Justice’: In conversation with Carolyn Finney on April 7
- ‘Thursdays at the U’ to focus on NASA’s plans for moon exploration and beyond
- UW-Eau Claire hosts Wisconsin Technology Council luncheon on rural health care innovation
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Student Health Service (SHS) will provide COVID-19 booster vaccinations today from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. by appointment to students, faculty and staff. 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.

Health coach, wellness specialist on campus this week
Appointments are available with a health coach and wellness specialist from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, April 14, in the Maintenance and Central Stores Building on upper campus. Health coaching, available at no cost to UW-Eau Claire employees and their family members, can assist in defining wellness goals and personalized action plans for change. See more details and make an appointment.

Join ‘Verse in the Valley’ tonight
To celebrate National Poetry Month, join visiting writers Abraham Smith and Mark Ehling, along with local poets Xin Obaid, Sara Bryan, Asha Sen, Alexander Zitzner, Katy Hackworthy and Patricia Hawkenson for “Verse in the Valley” at 6 p.m. tonight at Artisan Forge Studios in Eau
Claire. The event also will feature live music by Lee Mynott, visual art by Mindy Huntress and open mic opportunities. Verse in the Valley is co-sponsored by the Chippewa Valley Writers Guild — a joint program of Pablo Center at the Confluence and the UW-Eau Claire Foundation — Artisan Forge and the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library. Learn more.

‘Tunnel of Awareness’ is April 13
The “Tunnel of Awareness” will take place from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, in the Dakota Ballroom (Room 340) of Davies Center. This event is a valuable opportunity for faculty, staff and students to explore, discover and address the implicit biases they might carry. Questions? Email Joshua Gonzalez, graduate assistant in the Center for EDI Training, Education and Development.

Get set for Green Week!
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Read the latest employee wellbeing newsletter
Be sure to read the April employee wellbeing newsletter for helpful tips on eating to manage inflammation, alcohol awareness, the benefits of nature, the campus Wellbeing Fair and more.

Self-nominations open April 16 for University Staff Council and committees
Check out the University Staff Council committees website to learn about ways to get involved and to see vacancies. Watch your email for the invitation to self-nominate for University Staff Council and/or university staff committees. Questions? Email usc@uwec.edu.
Red dress drive runs through April 25
Please consider donating any used or unwanted red dresses through Monday, April 25, for the annual Red Dress Display hosted by the Inter-Tribal Student Council (ITSC). The purpose of the display, which will take place on Thursday, May 5, is to spread awareness about missing and murdered Indigenous women. Dresses will be kept by ITSC for future displays. The dress drop-off location is in the Office of Multicultural Affairs in Room 1106 of Centennial Hall. Please leave your name and email address with your donation. Learn more about the Red Dress Display.

Attend CERCA April 25-29
Mark your calendars! From April 25-29, the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs will present the Celebration of Excellence in Research and Creative Activity (CERCA). There also will be an exciting lineup of companion events with explorations of math, nursing, women’s, gender and sexuality studies, NOTA Review, intercultural experiences, dance and music. Support your peers by giving them an opportunity to share their hard work with an engaged audience! Learn more.

Drs. Cornel West and Robert George to speak on campus May 5
UW-Eau Claire’s Menard Center for Constitutional Studies is proud to present “Freedom of Expression and Civil Discourse with Cornel West and Robert George” at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 5, in the Ojibwe Grand Ballroom of Davies Center. Join Drs. West and George as they discuss the importance of free and open discourse in a divided society. Space is limited. Reserve your free tickets for this in-person event at tinyurl.com/west-george. Learn more.

UW-Eau Claire – Barron County ‘EATS’ event is May 14
EATS (Educational Assistance Through Scholarship) — also known as the tastiest night in Barron County — will take place from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County. Help the UWEC – Barron County Foundation raise funds while enjoying food and drink from area restaurants, caterers, bakers, food trucks, brewers/distillers, specialty shops and faculty/staff food enthusiasts. Bid on unique live auction experiences and creative silent auction items. Buy tickets here.

Check out the CIGE Canvas page
The Council on Internationalization and Global Engagement (CIGE) invites the campus community to visit its Canvas page to learn about events and professional development opportunities and access resources on internationalization and global engagement for professional development. CIGE assists UW-Eau Claire in preparing students, faculty and staff for active, informed and ethical participation in a pluralistic and globally interdependent world through meaningful learning opportunities on and off campus. CIGE supports a campus culture of global awareness and engagement, and the cultivation of mutually beneficial relationships between our university community and people of color, places and cultures within and beyond the borders of the U.S.

Working or studying domestically? Need additional peace of mind?
The UW System now encourages all participants working or studying away from their UW campus, but within the U.S., to consider purchasing domestic travel insurance through Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI). The domestic travel insurance policy, which is secondary to your personal insurance, covers out-of-area medical care and other emergency services not normally included in U.S. health insurance: medical and security evacuation, trip cancellation and delay, and emergency reunion benefit, etc. More information about the program, its requirements and coverages can be found here.

Air travel demand increasing UW System-wide
In recent weeks, travel volume has significantly increased in the UW System. Our contracted travel agency, Travel Inc., has been hiring and training to keep up with the significant sudden demand. Travelers and travel coordinators who do not need immediate assistance are advised to either email Travel Inc. or use Concur to book online if possible. If you call Travel Inc. (877-811-9898), be prepared for longer hold times. Airline hold times are often more than 30 minutes, which impacts travel agency hold times. Additional travel resources are found at UW System Travel Training and by contacting the Firstsource Support Team by email, phone at 715-836-3131 or by stopping by the ASK Center in Schofield 230.

Bicycles and airplanes and cars, oh my!
Do you know a student who needs transportation? Do you need transportation? Several options are available to get you where you want to go locally and long distance. Check out the Student Transportation Options — Local and Long Distance page on the UW-Eau Claire website. The article link also can be found on the UW-Eau Claire Campus Life and Firstsource + Travel pages. You will find information about bike rentals, buses, shuttles, cars and planes. Happy travels!

Academy for Lifelong Learners volunteer opportunity
Are you 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 or contact Tamara Mumm in Continuing Education for more information.

Academic Skills Center offers peer academic coaching
The Academic Skills Center now offers peer academic coaching. Available to all UW-Eau Claire students, these hourlong meetings offer students an opportunity to work with a trained peer to improve a variety of academic skills, including time management, study skills, note taking and reading comprehension. For more information or to schedule a session, contact Dr. Jack Reid in the Academic Skills Center.

Call for proposals: UW System Virtual Showcase
The UW System Administration’s Learning Technology Development Council (LTDC) is looking for session presenters for the 2022 Virtual Showcase, themed “On Resourcefulness and Resiliency.” The free event, which will take place from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, and
**Wednesday, June 22**, will focus on how instructors and support staff are moving forward in the new normal post COVID. The three presentation tracks will be: student experience and success, instructional pedagogy and leveraging learning technology. Showcase sessions will be polysynchronous — some presentations will be pre-recorded and shared via the web, while others will be conducted synchronously online. Proposals may be submitted for presentations and/or TechTalks. The call for proposals will be **open until Monday, May 2**, and all presenters will be notified by Friday, May 13. [See more details].

**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](http://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.

**Thank a Blugold!**
Have you thanked a Blugold through the [Thank a Blugold](http:// Thank a Blugold) email service? It’s a fast and easy way to show your appreciation at any time. A thank you can go a long way, and it’s free!

**Think about your wellbeing**
Be sure to stay informed about the seven dimensions of wellbeing — physical, emotional, spiritual, intellectual, social, occupational and environmental — through the [employee wellbeing website](http://employee wellbeing website). The site also shares details about wellbeing activities and opportunities on campus and online.

**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 menu. 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](http://here).
- **Baked goods.** Baked goods can be ordered on Blugold Dining’s [e-commerce website](http://e-commerce website). All orders are for pickup in Marketplace; you choose the day and time!
- **Dining hours and menus.** For dining hours and menus, visit the [Blugold Dining website](http://Blugold Dining website).

**Vaccination documentation and testing availability**
Employees are encouraged to get vaccinated and to upload their vaccine documentation (vaccine card, immunization record) through [MyUWPortal](http://MyUWPortal). Follow the directions on this [tip sheet](http://tip sheet) to ensure your profile is updated. **Antigen testing is offered on the Eau Claire campus in Hilltop Lounge from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Testing is offered on the Barron County campus in the Student Center from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays.** Blugolds can schedule a test online through [uwec.vivi.healthcare](http://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. See
more details and testing information for the Rice Lake and Marshfield campuses on the university's [antigen testing protocols webpage](#).

**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**

**Faculty/Academic Staff Forum presentations conclude April 13**
The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs will host the final presentation of the spring [Faculty/Academic Staff Forum series](#) from **12:10-12:50 p.m. Wednesday, April 13**, in the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) in Room 1142 of VLL Hall. The presentation also will be [*livestreamed*](#). Dr. Ryan Weichelt, professor of geography, will present “Observations and Analyses of the 2020 Elections: A Spatial Approach.” Seating in CETL is limited to 25 attendees, first come, first served. Overflow seating will be available in Room 1128 of VLL Hall.

**Join Community of Practice: Student Training and Employment Program**
The Division of Enrollment Management will host a Community of Practice: Student Training and Employment Program from **1-1:45 p.m. Mondays, April 18 and 25; and May 2 and 9**. Join the program for an interactive learning experience to share best practices, experiences, stories and tools to consider student employment as a high-impact practice. Email arcc@uwec.edu to register.

**Final WiSys grant-writing webinar is April 14**
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 conclude with the following webinar:

- **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.

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!

Upcoming sessions:
- WISER Tips & Training: Thursday, April 14, 1-2 p.m.
- Docs that Rock: Process Documentation for Admins: Thursday, May 12, 1-2 p.m.

Next ‘ASK Us Anything!’ forum is April 20
Calling all travel planners! Do you plan or book travel for others? Do you prepare expense reimbursement reports for others? The Firstsource Support Team of the Administrative Support and Knowledge (ASK) Center is providing virtual discussion forums on topics of interest and answering your administrative questions. The next “ASK Us Anything!” forum will be Wednesday, April 20, 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 travel planning and booking travel and preparing reimbursement reports for others. The forums will be recorded and saved on the ASK Center’s 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.
- 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. Academic Integrity: offered May 23-June 3 or Aug. 15-26. Facilitating Learning Online: Aug. 1-12.
- UW System OPID’s Spring Conference on Teaching & Learning: Fridays, April 22 and 29. Learn more and register.
- 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:
  • Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Workplace: Tuesday, April 12, 2-4 p.m.
  • Identity, Privilege and Oppression: Wednesday, April 13, 10-11:30 a.m.
  • Tunnel of Awareness: Wednesday, April 13, 5-8 p.m.
  • Campus Connect: Suicide Awareness and Intervention: Monday, April 18, 2-4 p.m.
  • The Gender Gap: Tuesday, April 19, 3-4 p.m.
  • Trans 101: Wednesday, April 20, 10 a.m.-noon.
  • NEW: The Role of Poverty in Child Maltreatment: Wednesday, April 20, 1-2 p.m.
  • A Person of Color in Different Spaces: Thursdays, April 21 and 28 and May 5, 11 a.m.-noon.
  • Safe Space Training: Monday, April 25, 5-7 p.m.

Professional development for all faculty and staff
Personal Development Podcasts: Thursday, April 21: Showing Up In Life Even When You Don’t Feel Like It (happiness); Thursday, May 26: How To Conquer Self Doubt (mindfulness)
Hire to Retire: Wednesday, April 6, 9 a.m.-noon via MS Teams. See details and register.
7 Habits of Highly Effective People: Tuesdays, April 12, 19 and 26, 9 a.m.-noon via Zoom. See details and register.
6 Critical Practices Wednesday: May 11, 18 and 25, 9 a.m.-noon via Zoom. See details and register.

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Meeting notices

• See all meetings and agendas.
• Submit your meeting notice.

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Awards and achievements

Several College of Nursing and Health Sciences faculty and students presented at the Midwest Nursing Research Society’s 2022 Annual Research Conference March 30-April 2. Dr. Mohammad Alasagheiri, associate professor of nursing; Dr. Mary Canales, professor of nursing; and nursing student Ellie Decker presented the paper “Somali Population Attitudes and Perceptions Toward COVID-19 Vaccines.” Dr. Dalete Mota, associate professor of nursing; Dr. Jeanette Olsen, associate professor of nursing; Catherine Wildenberg, lecturer in nursing; Alicia Sund, graduate assistant; and students Haley Bradley, Rita Donahue, Kinley Regan and Regan Thomas presented the poster “Evidence-Based Strategies for Standardized Exam Remediation in Nursing: An Integrative Review.” Dr. Arin VanWormer, associate professor of nursing, presented her poster “COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Student Attitudes (COVaCSA).”
Dr. Debra K. S. Barker, professor and director of the American Indian studies program, has been elected to serve a three-year term on the board of the Wisconsin Humanities Council. The council supports work in public humanities through its grants programs to bring scholarly knowledge into regional community conversations that span the range of the arts and humanities.

Dr. James Boulter, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, and public health and environmental studies, had his opinion piece “The choices we make” published in the April 6 La Crosse Tribune and the April 6 Winona Daily News.

Dr. Dorothy Chan, assistant professor of English and founding editor of Honey Literary, will be one of the featured panelists during a virtual event titled “Online Literary Journals: Founding and Curating Inclusive Spaces,” hosted by Iowa City Poetry at 6 p.m. tonight, April 14. The event will provide an inside look at the challenges and opportunities associated with managing online literary journals. Learn more and register.

The UW-Eau Claire geology department is highlighted in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources’ newly published StoryMap article “Working Together to Collect Wisconsin Water Quantity Data.” Dr. Sarah Vitale, assistant professor of geology, and undergraduate student researchers partnered with the DNR’s water-use section in 2019 to measure stream flow in western Wisconsin.

Dr. Jennifer Johns-Artisensi, professor and director of the health care administration program; Dr. Lindsey Creapeau, instructor and administrative residency coordinator of the health care administration program; and Dr. Kristy Lauver, professor and chair of the management and marketing department, presented their paper “Exploratory and Quantitative Analysis of Staffing Retention Practices in Long-Term Care” March 24 at the 58th MBAA International Conference.

Dr. David Lewis, professor emeritus of chemistry and biochemistry, has been announced as a member of the initial cohort of HIST Fellows by the Division of the History of Chemistry (HIST) of the American Chemical Society.

Dr. Chuck MacLean, lecturer in political science, gave a presentation titled “Utilitarian Pathways toward Peace Officer Oppression of Minorities,” about his research, and chaired a panel on epistemic injustice April 8 at the virtual Great Lakes Philosophy Conference. Presentation materials are available upon request from MacLean.

Dr. Jessica Miller, professor of French in the department of languages, and Erin Anderson, partnership coordinator at Putnam Heights Elementary, coordinated short French lessons taught in five classes at Putnam Heights on Friday, April 1. UW-Eau Claire students in FREN 401, “Contemporary Societal Issues,” designed and delivered lessons on French vocabulary and culture. See related photo.
Dr. Bob Nowlan, professor of English, had his opinion piece “It Seems to Me: CRT should be fully understood” published in the April 7 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram.

Chancellor James Schmidt had his opinion piece “Celebrating student athletes at UW-Eau Claire” published in the April 6 Chippewa Herald and the April 7 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram.

Patti See, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women’s, gender and sexuality studies, had her “Sawdust Stories” column “View from my window” published in the April 7 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram and the April 11 issue of The Country Today.

Submit award/achievement item

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In the news

Dr. Theresa Dachel, assistant professor of nursing, was quoted and Dr. Jeanette Olsen, associate professor of nursing, was mentioned in the April 12 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “Panel discusses potential benefit of insulin safety net programs.”

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Nicole Rindone, major events and conferences manager in University Centers, was interviewed for the April 8 WQOW-TV story “Viennese Ball returns for first time following COVID-19 pandemic hiatus.”

Dr. Tom Sather, associate professor of communication sciences and disorders, and Dr. CeCelia Zorn, professor emerita of nursing, were interviewed for the April 7 WQOW-TV story “Chippewa Valley aphasia advocates share experiences following Bruce Willis diagnosis.”

Kristin Schumacher, director of University Centers and executive director of the Viennese Ball, and Tyler Edmondson, event production coordinator in Event Services, were interviewed for
the April 9 WEAU-TV story “**UWEC’s Viennese Ball returns in-person after 2 years.**” Schumacher also was quoted in the April 8 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “**UW-EC’s Viennese Ball returns this weekend.**”

**Kimera Way,** president of the UW-Eau Claire Foundation, was quoted in the April 6 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “**Pablo Group details plans for hotel next to County Materials Complex**” and the April 6 Volume One article “**Pablo Group Unveils Plans for Hotel Next to Sonnentag Center.**”

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.*

**Samara Gaitan** has joined the UW-Eau Claire Foundation as a major gifts officer. Samy is a 2013 Spanish graduate and returns to the university after working in student affairs roles at Wallin Education Partners, Xavier University and Colorado State University, where she earned a master’s degree in student affairs in higher education.

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs is pleased to welcome **Kim Reed** as its new office manager. Kim previously worked in the Immersion Programs office. ORSP is excited and grateful to have her on board.

Submit employee updates

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**Campus news and features**

- [UW-Eau Claire to celebrate different cultures during CultureFest](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire awarded $150K by National Endowment for the Humanities](#)
- [International Poetry Reading returns to in-person event on April 20](#)
- [Blugold biochemistry/molecular biology major well positioned for medical school success](#)
- [Ann Devroy Memorial Forum to feature deputy managing editor at The Washington Post](#)
- [Business venture reflects Blugold’s love for Wisconsin](#)
• UW-Eau Claire English, music faculty write song about pandemic for San Francisco Choral Society
• ‘Thursdays at the U’ to focus on sources, health effects and remediation of PFA substances
• Dual-diploma students who ‘seized the opportunity’ prepare to graduate

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Join ‘Aphasia: Getting the Word Out’ event tomorrow
The communication sciences and disorders department, in partnership with colleagues at Mayo Clinic Health System in Eau Claire and members of the Chippewa Valley Aphasia Network and BluGold Aphasia Group, will present “**Aphasia: Getting the Word Out**” from **3:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, April 20**, in Room 226 of the Human Sciences and Services Building. Dr. Donn Dexter, a neurologist at Mayo Clinic Health System in Eau Claire will discuss aphasia, as will CSD faculty and students. The majority of the event will involve individuals with aphasia and their family members who will rotate among small group discussions to provide first-person accounts of what aphasia is and their aphasia experience. All are welcome — students, faculty, staff, health care providers and community members. For questions, please contact [Dr. Tom Sather](mailto:Dr. Tom Sather).

International Poetry Reading to be on campus April 20
After a virtual event last year, UW-Eau Claire will host the **2022 International Poetry Reading** in person from **6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 20**, in the Ojibwe Ballroom of Davies Center. During the event that is free and open to the public, students, faculty, staff and community members will read and listen to poetry written in more than 15 languages.

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Groundbreaking ceremony for County Materials Complex is April 25
A ceremonial groundbreaking for the Sonnentag Event Center, John and Carolyn Sonnentag Fieldhouse, Mayo Clinic Diagnostic Imaging and Sports Medicine Center and SpringHill Suites will take place at **11:30 a.m. Monday, April 25**, at the County Materials Complex site on Menomonie Street. Limited parking is available, and guests are encouraged to carpool. Please dress appropriately, with sturdy shoes, for the construction site.

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**Call for proposals: spring 2023 honors colloquia**

The University Honors Program invites proposals for spring 2023 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 **Friday, May 20.** Questions? Contact Dr. Heather Fielding, Honors Program director.

**Air travel demand increasing UW System-wide**

In recent weeks, travel volume has significantly increased in the UW System. Our contracted travel agency, Travel Inc., has been hiring and training to keep up with the significant sudden demand. Travelers and travel coordinators who do not need immediate assistance are advised to either email [Travel Inc.](#) or use [Concur](#) to book online if possible. If you call Travel Inc. (877-811-9898), be prepared for longer hold times. Airline hold times are often more than 30 minutes, which impacts travel agency hold times. Additional travel resources are found at [UW System Travel Training](#) and by contacting the [Firstsource Support Team](#) by email, phone at 715-836-3131 or by stopping by the ASK Center in Schofield 230.

**Academy for Lifelong Learners volunteer opportunity**

Are you 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](#) or contact Tamara Mumm in Continuing Education for more information.

**Academic Skills Center offers peer academic coaching**
The Academic Skills Center now offers [peer academic coaching](#). Available to all UW-Eau Claire students, these hourlong meetings offer students an opportunity to work with a trained peer to improve a variety of academic skills, including time management, study skills, note taking and reading comprehension. For more information or to schedule a session, contact [Dr. Jack Reid](#) in the Academic Skills Center.

**Call for proposals: UW System Virtual Showcase**
The UW System Administration’s Learning Technology Development Council (LTDC) is looking for session presenters for the 2022 Virtual Showcase, themed “On Resourcefulness and Resiliency.” The free event, which will take place from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, and Wednesday, June 22, will focus on how instructors and support staff are moving forward in the new normal post COVID. The three presentation tracks will be: student experience and success, instructional pedagogy and leveraging learning technology. Showcase sessions will be polysynchronous — some presentations will be pre-recorded and shared via the web, while others will be conducted synchronously online. Proposals may be submitted for presentations and/or TechTalks. The call for proposals will be [open until Monday, May 2](#), and all presenters will be notified by Friday, May 13. See more details.

**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.

**Thank a Blugold!**
Have you thanked a Blugold through the Thank a Blugold! email service? It’s a fast and easy way to show your appreciation at any time. A thank you can go a long way, and it’s free!

**Think about your wellbeing**
Be sure to stay informed about the seven dimensions of wellbeing — physical, emotional, spiritual, intellectual, social, occupational and environmental — through the [employee wellbeing website](#). The site also shares details about wellbeing activities and opportunities on campus and online.

**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 menu. 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.

- **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!
- **Dining hours and menus.** For dining hours and menus, visit the Blugold Dining website.

**Vaccination documentation and testing 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. **Antigen testing is offered on the Eau Claire campus in Hilltop Lounge from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Testing is offered on the Barron County campus in the Student Center from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays.** 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. See more details and testing information for the Rice Lake and Marshfield campuses on the university’s antigen testing protocols webpage.

**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**

**Join Community of Practice: Student Training and Employment Program**

The Division of Enrollment Management will host a Community of Practice: Student Training and Employment Program from 1-1:45 p.m. **Mondays, April 18 and 25; and May 2 and 9.** Join the program for an interactive learning experience to share best practices, experiences, stories and tools to consider student employment as a high-impact practice. Email arcc@uwec.edu to register.

**Next ‘ASK Us Anything!’ forum is April 20**

Calling all travel planners! Do you plan or book travel for others? Do you prepare expense reimbursement reports for others? The Firstsource Support Team of the Administrative Support and Knowledge (ASK) Center is providing virtual discussion forums on topics of interest and answering your administrative questions. The next “ASK Us Anything!” forum will be **Wednesday, April 20, 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 travel planning and
booking travel and preparing reimbursement reports for others. The forums will be recorded and saved on the ASK Center’s [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).

**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](https://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!

**Upcoming sessions:**
- **Docs that Rock: Process Documentation for Admins:** Thursday, May 12, 1-2 p.m.

**Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) professional development**
- **Teaching and Technology Q&A and Canvas sessions (virtual):** [View sessions](#).
- **Transparent Design Framework Q&A sessions (virtual) and workshops (in person and virtual):** [View sessions](#), [View workshops](#).
- **EDI Quads Program:** [Learn more and register](#).
- **Open Educational Resources (OER)/Course Design Grant Program:** [Learn more and register](#).
- **Creating Effective Group Projects Community of Practice:** [Learn more and register](#).
- **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. **Academic Integrity:** [offered May 23-June 3 or Aug. 15-26](#). **Having Better Discussions:** [June 6-17](#). **Course Redesign – Intentional Planning:** [July 10-16](#). **Course Redesign – Organization in Canvas:** [July 17-23](#). **Course Redesign – Accessibility for All:** [July 24-30](#). **Facilitating Learning Online:** [Aug. 1-12](#).
- **Two EDI Tier 2 opportunities:**
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  - 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:**
- **The Gender Gap:** Tuesday, April 19, 3-4 p.m.
• **Trans 101**: Wednesday, April 20, 10 a.m.-noon.
• **The Role of Poverty in Child Maltreatment**: Wednesday, April 20, 1-2 p.m.
• **A Person of Color in Different Spaces**: Thursdays, April 21 and 28 and May 5, 11 a.m.-noon.
• **Safe Space Training**: Monday, April 25, 5-7 p.m.
• **NEW: “Ouch! That Stereotype Hurts” Book Discussion**
  • **Option 1**: Wednesday, May 4, noon-1:30 p.m.
  • **Option 2**: Friday, May 6, noon-1:30 p.m.
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**Personal Development Podcasts**: Thursday, April 21: Showing Up In Life Even When You Don’t Feel Like It (happiness); Thursday, May 26: How To Conquer Self Doubt (mindfulness)
**7 Habits of Highly Effective People**: Tuesdays, April 12, 19 and 26, 9 a.m.-noon via Zoom. [See details and register](#).
**Employee Performance Management Wednesday**: May 4, 9 a.m.-noon via MS Teams. [See details and register](#).
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**Meeting notices**

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Dr. James Boulter, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, and public health and environmental studies, had his opinion piece “It Seems to Me: Cleaner future for U.S. possible” published in the April 15 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram.

Dr. Peter Hart-Brinson, associate professor of sociology and communication and journalism, presided over a session on sexualities and presented a paper, titled “Paths to Asexual Citizenship Under Conditions of Compulsory Sexuality: An Intersectional Approach,” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society April 13 in Chicago. The paper was co-authored with two former Blugold Fellows: ML Tlachac ’15, now a graduate student at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and current social work student Emily Lepien.

Dr. Harry Jol, professor of geography and anthropology, co-authored a peer-reviewed field guide, titled “A field trip to observe features of Lake Bonneville, mountain glaciation, and Great Salt Lake near Salt Lake City, Utah, USA,” which was published in “GSA in the Field in 2020:
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Jan Larson, professor and chair of the communication and journalism department, read her essay “Community gratitude: Lessons learned on the road to cancer recovery” April 19 on “Wisconsin Life,” a co-production of Wisconsin Public Radio and PBS Wisconsin.

Dr. Chuck MacLean, lecturer in political science, presented “The Roberts Court’s Devolving Standards of Capital Punishment Decency” April 12 at the First Annual Conference of the Center for Death Penalty Studies at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. He also presented “The Urban Dimension of African American Civilian Confidence in Local Police Agencies: An Exploratory Study” April 14 at the annual conference of the Urban Affairs Association in Washington, D.C. Slides from the presentations are available from MacLean upon request.

Jamie Tester Morfoot, assistant professor of social work, and student Andrea Peterson, a McNair Scholar, presented “The Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences on College Students” April 8 at the Wisconsin Council on Social Work Education Conference.

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In the news

Robert Baca, professor of music and director of jazz studies, was quoted in the April 14 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “Annual music festival brings America’s original art form to EC.” Baca also was interviewed for the April 19 WEAU-TV story “Jazz Festival returns to the streets of downtown Eau Claire.”

Dr. Michael Carney, acting provost and assistant chancellor for strategic partnerships and program development, was quoted in the April 13 WEAU-TV story “UWEC receives $150,000 from National Endowment for the Humanities.”
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Dr. Jennifer Muehlenkamp, professor of psychology, was quoted in the April 18 Knowridge Science Report article “Hurtful emotions: How to understand self-harm.”

UW-Eau Claire students Bailie Ollila and Averi Bohman were interviewed for the April 14 WEAU-TV story “Nothing but thanks: Blugolds bring new dance class for area youth with disabilities.” The P.R.I.D.E. Dance program also was featured in the April 19 Volume One article “Bust a Move: UW-Eau Claire Students Launch Dance Program for Kids with Disabilities.”

UW-Eau Claire student Malee Yang was interviewed for the April 13 WQOW-TV story “UW-Eau Claire students celebrate Hmong Heritage Month.”

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**In memoriam**

Condolences to the family and friends of John Baltes. Baltes, who passed away April 12 in Eau Claire, had served on the College of Business faculty for more than 40 years and retired as director of Loss Prevention and Safety. [View full obituary](#).

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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.*
Campus news and features

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Wiley open access fee waivers available
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Visiting international scholars from Changshu Institute of Technology will present their research from 10-11:30 a.m. Friday, May 6, in the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) in Room 1142 of VLL Hall. Topics will include carbon trading (economics), distributions (mathematics), algorithms for software security (computer science) and teacher experiences in a private school (mathematics and education). Refreshments will be provided by the Council on Internationalization and Global Engagement (CIGE). Questions? Contact Catherine Lee.

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Deadlines for most study abroad programs have been extended through Monday, May 9. If you are interested in having a student speaker present in your class, contact Jackson Schmidtke at schmidjh@uwec.edu. A video version of the presentation is available online.

**Join UW-Eau Claire – Barron County ‘EATS’ event May 14**

EATS (Educational Assistance Through Scholarship) — also known as the tastiest night in Barron County — will take place from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County. Help the UWEC – Barron County Foundation raise funds while enjoying food and drink from area restaurants, caterers, bakers, food trucks, brewers/distillers, specialty shops and faculty/staff food enthusiasts. Bid on unique live auction experiences and creative silent auction items. Buy tickets here.

**Call for proposals: spring 2023 honors colloquia**

The University Honors Program invites proposals for spring 2023 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 Friday, May 20. Questions? Contact Dr. Heather Fielding, Honors Program director.

**Towers parking lot construction to begin May 23**
The Towers parking lot will be under construction for much-needed resurfacing from **May 23 through the end of August.** During this project, those with active “F” parking permits will retain access to parking in any available “F”-designated stall in Governors, Hibbard, McPhee, Murray, Olson, Phillips, Priory, HSS and Water Street parking lots from 6 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday or in any Resident “R”-designated stall in Oakridge, Bridgman, Prairie or Chancellors lots from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday.

**Check out the CIGE Canvas page**
The Council on Internationalization and Global Engagement (CIGE) invites the campus community to visit its [Canvas page](#) to learn about events and professional development opportunities and access resources on internationalization and global engagement for professional development. CIGE assists UW-Eau Claire in preparing students, faculty and staff for active, informed and ethical participation in a pluralistic and globally interdependent world through meaningful learning opportunities on and off campus. CIGE supports a campus culture of global awareness and engagement, and the cultivation of mutually beneficial relationships between our university community and people of color, places and cultures within and beyond the borders of the U.S.

**Spring library newsletter available**
The spring 2022 issue of the UW-Eau Claire 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.

**Academy for Lifelong Learners volunteer opportunity**
Are you 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](#) or contact Tamara Mumm in Continuing Education for more information.

**Academic Skills Center offers peer academic coaching**
The Academic Skills Center now offers peer academic coaching. Available to all UW-Eau Claire students, these hourlong meetings offer students an opportunity to work with a trained peer to improve a variety of academic skills, including time management, study skills, note taking and reading comprehension. For more information or to schedule a session, contact [Dr. Jack Reid](mailto:) in the Academic Skills Center.

**Call for proposals: UW System Virtual Showcase**
The UW System Administration’s Learning Technology Development Council (LTDC) is looking for session presenters for the 2022 Virtual Showcase, themed “On Resourcefulness and Resiliency.” The free event, which will take place from **10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, and Wednesday, June 22,** will focus on how instructors and support staff are moving forward in the new normal post COVID. The three presentation tracks will be: student experience and success, instructional pedagogy and leveraging learning technology. Showcase sessions will be
polysynchronous — some presentations will be pre-recorded and shared via the web, while others will be conducted synchronously online. Proposals may be submitted for presentations and/or TechTalks. The call for proposals will be open until Monday, May 2, and all presenters will be notified by Friday, May 13. See more details.

Thank a Blugold!
Have you thanked a Blugold through the Thank a Blugold! email service? It’s a fast and easy way to show your appreciation at any time. A thank you can go a long way, and it’s free!

Think about your wellbeing
Be sure to stay informed about the seven dimensions of wellbeing — physical, emotional, spiritual, intellectual, social, occupational and environmental — through the employee wellbeing website. The site also shares details about wellbeing activities and opportunities on campus and online.

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 menu. 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.
- 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!
- Dining hours and menus. For dining hours and menus, visit the Blugold Dining website.

Vaccination documentation and testing 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. Antigen testing is offered on the Eau Claire campus in Hilltop Lounge from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Testing is offered on the Barron County campus in the Student Center from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays. 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. See more details and testing information for the Rice Lake and Marshfield campuses on the university’s antigen testing protocols webpage.

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
Professional development

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!

Upcoming sessions:

- **Docs that Rock: Process Documentation for Admins**: Thursday, May 12, 1-2 p.m.

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

- Teaching and Technology Q&A and Canvas sessions (virtual): [View sessions](#).
- Transparent Design Framework Q&A sessions (virtual) and workshops (in person and virtual): [View sessions](#). [View workshops](#).
- EDI Quads Program: [Learn more and register](#).
- Open Educational Resources (OER)/Course Design Grant Program: [Learn more and register](#).
- Creating Effective Group Projects Community of Practice: [Learn more and register](#).
- Teaching Boost Short-Courses: Want to make a change in your teaching or course but need some flexibility to commit to the process? Our new asynchronous courses are available for your convenience and can be completed in two to four hours anytime during the dates provided. **Academic Integrity**: offered May 23-June 3 or Aug. 15-26. **Having Better Discussions**: June 6-17. **Course Revisions to Enhance Learning**: July 10-16. **Course Redesign – Organization in Canvas**: July 17-23. **Course Redesign – Accessibility for All**: July 24-30. **Facilitating Learning Online**: Aug. 1-12.
- 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:
- Systemwide Caregiving Forum — Student Caregiving: Friday, April 29, 1-2:30 p.m. Learn more and register.
- Rescheduled: “Ouch! That Stereotype Hurts” Book Discussion
  - Option 1: Friday, May 13, noon-1:30 p.m.
  - Option 2: Wednesday, May 18, noon-1:30 p.m.
- May 25 workshops:
  - 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.
- NEW: At-Risk Mental Health for Faculty and Staff online learning module. Learn more and register.
- Summer programming coming soon!

Professional development for all faculty and staff
Employee Performance Management Wednesday: May 4, 9 a.m.-noon via MS Teams. See details and register.
6 Critical Practices Wednesday: May 11, 18 and 25, 9 a.m.-noon via Zoom. See details and register.
Personal Development Podcast: Thursday, May 26: How To Conquer Self Doubt (mindfulness).

Submit professional development item

Meeting notices

- See all meetings and agendas.
- Submit your meeting notice.

Blugold FYI archive

Blugold FYI compiles many bits of information and announcements about the business of working at UW-Eau Claire into one single email for your convenience. Reply to give us your feedback, or head to the form to submit items for a future issue.
Blugold FYI: April 28, 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.
- Interested in the latest UW-Eau Claire news stories? Visit the news page.

Awards and achievements

Dr. Debra K. S. Barker, professor of English and American Indian studies, had her co-edited critical essay collection, titled “Postindian Aesthetics: Affirming Indigenous Literary Sovereignty,” published by the University of Arizona Press in April. Barker, who co-edited the book with Dr. Connie Jacobs of San Juan College, wrote the preface and introduction, as well as the chapter “‘Not All Indians Dance’: Counterhistorical Aesthetics in the Work of Joseph M. Marshall III.”

Dr. Erica Benson, professor of linguistics in the English department, presented “Hiding in Plain Sight: Standard Language Ideology and Linguistic Bias” April 19 at the L.E. Phillips Senior Center as part of the Chippewa Valley Learning in Retirement speaker series.

Dr. Emily Freeman, assistant professor of education for equity and justice, presented the paper “Feminist Schoolwork: Attitudes Towards a Feminist Teacher Education” April 21 at the American Educational Research Association annual meeting.

Dr. Elizabeth Glogowski, associate professor of materials science and biomedical engineering, has been named the first recipient of UW-Eau Claire’s Ramsey Research Professorship. During this three-year appointment, Glogowski will work with undergraduate students on projects that advance the Mayo Clinic-UW-Eau Claire research collaboration.

Dr. Louisa Rice, professor of history and interim associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, has been awarded a $150,000 National Endowment for the Humanities grant for the project “Implementing an Integrative Health Humanities Program.” Learn more about the NEH grant.

Dr. Katherine Schneider, senior psychologist emerita in Counseling Services, had her column, titled “A Look at a Not-So-Lazy Retirement,” published in the April 25 issue of Volume One.

Jodi Thesing-Ritter, director of the Center for EDI Training, Development and Education, and Dr. Catherine Chan, executive director of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, presented “Supporting Diverse Students Through Professional Development of Mentors” April 22 for the UW System OPID Conference “The Joys of Teaching & Learning — Cultivating Community.”

UW-Eau Claire staff members gave the following presentations at the Wisconsin College Personnel Association spring Professional Development Institute “Keep This in Mind: Supporting Mental Health on our Campuses” on April 21: Nancy Xiong, counselor, and Cindy Yang, counselor, Counseling Services, “Serving the Mental Health Needs of Marginalized and Minoritized Students”; Dr. Riley McGrath, director, Counseling Services, “Quick Mental Health Activities”; Quincy Chapman, director, Housing and Residence Life, “Using the ‘Insight Timer’ Mindfulness App”; Jodi Thesing-Ritter, director, Center for EDI Training, Development and Education, “How to Use Gratitude Journals for Yourself and with Your Students”; Christy Prust, health educator, Student Health Service, “What Our Students Need from Our Campuses”; Ben Bechle, counselor, “Kognito: Conversations that Change Lives”; and Dani Olson, residence hall director, “Simple Joys.” Links to the Professional Development Institute presentation recordings can be found here.

Happy Arbor Day on April 29! UW-Eau Claire has been honored with its fifth year of Tree Campus Higher Education recognition for its commitment to effective urban forest management. Tree Campus, an Arbor Day Foundation program, honors colleges and universities and their leaders for promoting healthy trees and engaging students and staff in the spirit of conservation. For more information about the campus arboretum, visit uwec.ly/trees.

Dr. Ryan Weichelt, professor of geography and anthropology, was a co-editor, co-cartography editor and contributor of four entries to the newly published book “Atlas of the 2020 Elections.” This atlas also included two entries from 2020 geography graduates Cameron Wingren and Wyatt Pajtash, and one entry from former geography instructor Katie Weichelt.

Congratulations to UW-Eau Claire’s 2021-22 years of service recipients on reaching their milestone years. Be sure to congratulate your colleagues and join us at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, in the Ojibwa Ballroom of Davies Center for the annual Service Recognition and Retirement Reception.

Submit award/achievement item

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In the news

Student Jackson Buchholz and Dr. Doug Faulkner, professor of geography and anthropology, were quoted in the April 22 Spectrum News 1 story “Frigid UW-Eau Claire footbridge gains national fame.

The County Materials Complex groundbreaking event was featured in numerous stories this week, including: “Construction of new complex begins after a decade of planning, donations and challenges,” Eau Claire Leader-Telegram, April 25; “Groundbreaking for John and Carolyn Sonnentag Fieldhouse and Event Center,” WEAU-TV, April 25; “Ground ceremoniously broken on $107M Sonnentag Event Center, County Materials Complex,” WQOW-TV, April 25; “Dig In: Ground Broken for Huge New UWEC Event Facility,” Volume One, April 26; and “Sonnentag Complex construction began yesterday,” WLAX-TV, April 26.

Dr. Chia-Yu Hsu, associate professor of music-composition, and B.J. Hollars, associate professor of English, were featured in the April 26 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “Two UW-EC professors team up to write song.”

Maddie Loeffler, Student Office of Sustainability director, was interviewed for the April 22 WEAU-TV story “UWEC Student Office of Sustainability opens Resource Center.”

Jaden Mikoulinskii, Student Senate president; Maddie Loeffler, director of the Student Office of Sustainability; and Dr. James Boulter, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, and public health and environmental studies, were quoted in the April 22 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “UW-EC Sustainability Resource Center opens today.”

Drs. Tom Sather and Jerry Hoepner, associate professors of communication sciences and disorders; and Dr. CeCelia Zorn, professor emerita of nursing, were quoted in the April 25 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “‘Connection and community:’ People with aphasia stress importance of supportive relationships.”
Sustainability plans for the **Sonnentag Event Center and John and Carolyn Sonnentag Fieldhouse** were the focus of several stories last week, including: “Making Sonnentag sustainable,” Eau Claire Leader-Telegram, April 21; “County Materials Complex project receives $12 million investment for sustainability efforts,” WEAU-TV, April 21; “Sonnentag Center goes green: $12M pledged toward UWEC facility’s sustainability,” Volume One, April 21; and “$12 million investment made toward sustainability efforts at Sonnentag,” WQOW-TV, April 21.

**Taylor Valek**, CultureFest marketing intern, was interviewed for the April 24 WEAU-TV story “UW-Eau Claire’s annual cultural fair returns.”

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.*

**Matt Haller**, the inventory control coordinator in the Facilities Surplus Store, will have his last day on campus on Thursday, May 5. We wish him well in his new endeavor.

Submit employee updates

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**Campus news and features**

- Construction to begin on County Materials Complex
- UAC spring concert: Bryce Vine with Landon Conrath
- Groups contribute $12 million toward sustainability efforts in Sonnentag Event Center, fieldhouse
- ‘Thursdays at the U’ to highlight citizen diplomacy through sister cities
- New Student Sustainability Resource Center opens its doors
- Continuing Education announces May program offerings

Read/view more campus news and features

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