



MERRIMACK COLLEGE



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Heat up Your Teaching - *Live*

February 22nd (Provost Conference Room) and 23rd (Murray Lounge)

11:00-2:00

Watch faculty show off their contingency plans and share ideas for increasing student engagement! Staff from the CETL and Academic Technology will be on hand to assist. Be sure to check out the *Play with Tech* table to draw with Apple's Pencil, try out a document camera, or

see what's new in storage. *Learn about Augmented Reality.* Don't miss this one! Sessions will be continuous from 11 - 2 with lunch included and lots of tech items to be raffled!

[Register Here](#)

Five Minutes and a Mic

February 23rd

4:00 pm

The Writers House



No notes, no slides. Just Merrimack professors talking **very briefly** about the work they do and why they love it. With Rodrigo Bandeira de Mello, Susan Marine, Ryan Spalding, Rory Tannebaum, Joe Vogel, and Doug White.

Sponsored by the Writers House and CETL.

Academic Technology Tech Tip

Using Google Calendar Appointment Slots:

With Appointment Slots in Google Calendar you can have your students reserve time during office hours each week.

Watch the short video to learn how:

<https://youtu.be/v8nwb1Krh7c>

Another Notable Department in Merrimack ScholarWorks

Congratulations to the faculty of the Mathematics Department, for boosting Merrimack College into one the most popular institutions for works in Algebra. In November 2016, Merrimack College ranked as an institution with the most downloaded works in the field. Twenty works are available in the [Mathematics Faculty Publication](#) series in Merrimack ScholarWorks, and in the last year they received over four hundred downloads from users around the world.

Popular Institutions

Based on downloads in November 2016

 Follow

-  Western Kentucky University
-  The College at Brockport: State University of New York
-  Lake Forest College
-  University of Tennessee, Knoxville
-  Utah State University
-  California State University, San Bernardino
-  East Tennessee State University
-  City University of New York (CUNY)
-  Merrimack College

If you are interested in making your department's work more discoverable and putting Merrimack on the list with other top-ranking institutions, contact Merrimack ScholarWorks Administrator, Michaela Keating: keatingm@merrimack.edu

Academic Success Center Update

[Academic Success Center](#) on the third floor of the McQuade Library has been very busy. During the fall 2016 semester the following took place:

- There were **2922** individual meetings with an [Academic Success Coach](#). These took place with **662** distinct students. This included meetings with students in the [Compass Program](#) and [Promise Program](#). Compass had **68** freshmen enrolled and Promise had **84**.
- There were **1614** [Writing Center](#) student visits.
- There were **2129** Math tutoring visits at the [Tutoring and Math Center](#) by 500 unique students.
- There are **161** students currently on academic probation. This represents around 5% of our undergraduates. These students are closely monitored and are connected with an academic success coach so as to enhance their success.
- **402** exams were taken by students in our “testing center” through the Accessibility Services Office

Additionally, on January 18th, fifty Merrimack student tutors from across the college took part in a day-long **tutor training workshop**. More tutor training from the Tutoring and Math Center will be announced.

Finally, [The Accessibilities Office](#) has launched a new website. These new pages are designed to address questions and concerns of students, parents and faculty. Please take a look www.merrimack.edu/accessibility. The Director of Accessibility Services is happy to speak with faculty about specific issues and address questions. Please contact the Director, Jodi Rachins, with your questions at accessibilityservices@merrimack.edu. Currently, **350** students are signed up with the office and are seeking academic accommodations.

Other Events this Week

February 22th(and every Wednesday)

Open Office Hours with the Provost

8:30 - 10:00 AM

Provost's Suite, Austin Hall

The Provost will have open office hours for faculty to drop in every Wednesday from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM. Whether you have a specific topic or just want to say "hello," all faculty are welcome to visit.

February 24th (and every Friday)

Open Office Hours with Melissa Siegel

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Provost's Suite, Austin Hall

Melissa Siegel, Director of Sponsored Programs, will hold hours in the Office of the Provost every Friday from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. This is your opportunity to stop by with any and all questions about sponsored activities, programs, or grants. Please e-mail siegelm@merrimack.edu to set up an appointment or just plan on swinging by to say "hello." Melissa is excited to learn more about you and your teaching, scholarship and research interests.

Future Events

DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER

The Human Library comes to Merrimack College during Social Justice Week

April 3 - 7

Hosted by McQuade Library.

The Human Library™ is designed to build a positive framework for conversations that can challenge stereotypes and prejudices through dialogue. The Human Library is a place where real people are on loan to readers; a place where difficult questions are expected, appreciated and answered.

The concept is simple, yet very powerful: instead of checking out books, you sit with a random stranger and listen to his/her story. Just like a book, the "reader" will be exposed to a unique experience, but will also be able to ask questions and learn much more.

We are looking for volunteers to share their stories!

If you are interested in becoming a book in Merrimack's Human Library, please click on the link below to complete the application form, so we the organizers can learn more about you. If you know of someone else who might be interested, please feel free to pass this along.

[Register Here](#)

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