



# MERRIMACK COLLEGE



## PROVOST BRIEFING

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***Here are some of this week's top stories, and a look ahead.***

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## Communication Guidelines

The Provost's Office has created the Provost's Briefing in an effort to limit the number of emails coming from the office and to include events and information from departments and schools in one place for faculty. Please submit any announcements for the Provost Briefing to Vicki Bianchini, [bianchiniv@merrimack.edu](mailto:bianchiniv@merrimack.edu), by 10:00 AM on Fridays. If departments or schools would still like to send email messages with announcements about events, they should send them directly to the All Faculty, All Employees and/or All Students email addresses. Please allow 48 hours for review and distribution.

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## Open Office Hours with the Provost Moved to Tuesday This Week Only

8:00 - 9:00 AM

Provost's Suite, Austin Hall

The Provost will have open office hours for faculty to drop-in Tuesday, March 21 from **8:00 AM to 9:00 AM**. Whether you have a specific topic or just want to say "hello," all faculty are welcome to visit.

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## Faculty Dialogue on the Liberal Studies Core

March 21st

3:30 - 5:00 PM

Cascia Hall

As a result of the recent evaluation of the Liberal Studies Core, the Office of the Provost and the General Education Committee of the Faculty Senate invite all faculty to attend the first in a series of dialogues regarding the LS Core. The General Education Committee is organizing the dialogues to include discussion of next steps, such as institutional learning outcomes, other program models, possible common readings, and other suggestions from faculty. Please RSVP by clicking on the link to the Google doc below if you plan to attend on March 21 or if you would like to attend future dialogues: <https://goo.gl/forms/pwtKauCAg5jNR6dw2>.

We hope to have as many faculty as possible participate in these dialogues, so even if you can't make it at 3:30, come when you can.

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## CETL Faculty Funding Opportunity: Attend the 20th Annual International Best Teachers Institute

The CETL is pleased to offer sponsorship for five faculty members to attend the upcoming [Best Teachers Summer Institute](#): Summit for Concerned Faculty from Around the World: 20th Annual International Best Teachers Institute, June 20-22, 2017. For more information, please contact [nielsenk@merrimack.edu](mailto:nielsenk@merrimack.edu).

Application deadline: March 21.

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## March CETL Mobile Development Sessions with Apple's Sue Burch

All sessions held in the Provost's Conference Room

Registration Link: [March Mobile Development](#)

## **Wednesday, March 22**

### **Creating Exploratory and interactive Learning Experiences 8:30-9:45**

Make learning and evaluation more engaging by adding an element of gaming to lessons. Learn how to help students become thoughtful producers of data and creators of knowledge by using effective tools to gather, analyze, and share information.

### **Visualizing, Managing and Sorting Data 11:15 - 12:00**

Go deeper with data analysis. Discover powerful methods to visualize data using interactive charts, tables, graphs, and other dynamic features that show patterns, recognize trends, and illustrate relationships.

### **Publishing Interactive Content with iBooks Author 1:15 - 2:30**

Learn how to create and share interactive multi-touch books, study guides, reference examples, book chapters and more for learning and teaching. Please bring your Mac to the session or plan to look on.

## **Thursday, March 23**

### **Publishing Interactive Content with iBooks Author Open Faculty Session 12:00-1:30**

(Lunch will be served)

Learn how to create and share interactive multi-touch books for learning and teaching. Please bring your Mac to the session or plan to look on.

**You set the agenda! Book an individual session from 2:30- 3:30**

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## **Faculty Regalia Request**

We are taking requests for faculty regalia rentals. If you are in need of regalia for the 2017 Commencement, Honors Convocation, and/or Baccalaureate Mass, please access the Regalia Form via the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/4Gnud9vKKc2qE7Du2>

Please submit your request by **April 3, 2017**.

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## **Pivot Software, Sponsored Funding Database, Now Available to All Faculty**

The search for private and federal funding opportunities has just gotten easier. Merrimack has purchased a license agreement to Pivot, which is a comprehensive funding opportunity database. Pivot also enables users to create individual profiles based on research or program interests, opening up opportunity for collaboration with other Merrimack faculty or the broader international research community. Users will be able to run their own funding searches and/or request the assistance of Corporate and Foundation Development (CFD) and the Office for Sponsored Programs (OSP). Click [here](#), for more information about how to get started.

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## **Streaming Videos on Kanopy**



In addition to offering [Films on Demand](#) for streaming over 20,000 videos, McQuade can now subscribe to individual titles not in Films on Demand through Kanopy streaming.

The video [Starving the Beast: The Battle to Disrupt and Reform America's Public Universities](#) is now available to Merrimack through Kanopy Streaming. [Click here to watch.](#)

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## Technology Design Tip of the Week

Dr. Michael Stroud, Associate Professor of Psychology recently shared this tip at the Heat Up Your Teaching workshop:

For a simplified way of having students contribute continuous responses across the semester (e.g. curiosity questions about lectures, journal entries, participation, etc.) create a 'perpetual doc' through Google Classroom. Both student and instructor access are straightforward, which makes things easy. Click here for instructions to: [Create a Perpetual Document](#).

*Brought to you by the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning and Academic Technology.*

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## Other Events this Week

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### March 21st

**Minds on Fire** CETL Book Group facilitated by Dr. Sally Shockro

12:00-1:00 PM

Provost's Conference Room

Lunch will be provided

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### March 23rd

Writer in Residence: Jill McCorkle

4:00 PM

The Writers House

[Jill McCorkle](#), the acclaimed author of *Life After Life*, *Going Away Shoes*, and eight other novels and story collections, will be our spring Writer-in-Residence. This programming made possible through generous support from the Andrea '79 and Ken Robertson Writers House Innovation Fund.

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### March 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](mailto: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.

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## Future Events

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### Unveiled: Racism. Hate. Love. Islam. Culture. Language. Life. Rohina Malik

March 28

5:30 pm



### Cascia Hall

Rohina Malik is a critically acclaimed Chicago playwright and performance artist. She will perform her one-woman play, *Unveiled*, which, explores racism, hate crimes, love, language, and the Islamic faith. Co-sponsored by Women's and Gender Studies, Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations, the Interfaith Alliance, and the Writers House.

Find out more about Rohina Malik by visiting her [website](#).

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## The Writers House Event: Azara Santiago Rivera

March 29

4:00 PM

### The Writers House

Azara Santiago Rivera is a professor and director of the Mental Health Counseling Program at Merrimack College. She will discuss her latest research regarding counseling and diversity. Azara Santiago Rivera's publications and research interests include multicultural issues in the counseling profession, bilingual therapy, Latinos and depression, and the impact of environmental contamination on the biopsychosocial well-being of Native Americans. You can read more about her work [here](#).

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