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

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- The Writers House Event: Tyehimba Jess, April 4
- Yawkey Nonprofit Undergraduate Internship Program, April 7 Application Deadline
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- One Human Family: Social Justice Week, April 3 - 7
- *Minds of Fire* CETL Book Group, April 4
- The Human Library at McQuade Library, April 4
- Open Office Hours with the Vice Provosts, April 5
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- MINTS Collaborative Learning and Team-based Approaches, April 5
- Open Office Hours with Melissa Siegel, Director of Sponsored Programs, every Friday
- Edward G. Roddy Outstanding Teacher Award - 2016-2017

Faculty Regalia Request Due Today

Today is the last day to request 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>

Faculty Dialogue on the Liberal Studies Core

Tuesday April 4

3:30 - 5:00 PM

Mendel 273

The General Education Committee will be hosting a second discussion of the LS core on Tuesday, April 4th, from 3:30-5:00 in Mendel 273. We will be discussing the survey results and the consolidation of Institutional Learning Outcomes. Please RSVP to the link below if you plan to attend. 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.

[LS Core dialogue link--April 4](#)

Technology Design Tip of the Week

Reading at ease & adding keyboards!

- Tip #1 Did you know that for some students inverting colors or changing to grayscale makes reading on iPad easier? To enable this feature, go to Settings > General > Accessibility. This works with text, graphics, and video.
- Tip #2 English language learners in your classroom? Teaching a language? Take advantage of international keyboards. Choose Settings > General > Keyboard > Keyboards > Add New Keyboard. Next choose the language you wish to add. When you are ready to type, simply touch and hold the Globe button and choose the new keyboard.

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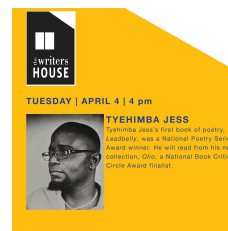
The Writers House Event: Tyehimba Jess

Tuesday April 4

4:00 PM

Writers House

Tyehimba Jess's first book of poetry, *Leadbelly*, was a National Poetry Series Award winner. He will read from his new collection, *Olio*, a National Book Critics Circle Award finalist.



Yawkey Nonprofit Undergraduate Internship Program

Six Non-credit Paid Internship Grants Available in the Following Nonprofit Areas:

- Central Catholic High School
 - Digital Media Intern

- CLASS, Inc.
 - Justice Health Collaborative Intern
- Family Services of the Merrimack Valley
 - Marketing & Communications Intern
- Greater Lawrence Family Health Center
 - Graphic Design & Communications Intern
- Groundwork Lawrence
 - Program Development & Community Engagement Intern
- Merrimack Valley YMCA
 - Volunteer Program Intern (HR)

Application Process & Deadlines:

- ☐ March 17: Job descriptions posted in Advantage under “Yawkey Nonprofit Internship Program”
- ☐ April 7: Student application deadline
- ☐ April 24-28: Interview preparation/workshop
- ☐ May 1-5: Interview process
- ☐ May 15: Student notification

Faculty interested in nominating students should contact
 Jay Caporale: VP, Corporate & Foundation Engagement, (978) 837-5308
caporalej@merrimack.edu

You're Invited: Liberal Arts Career and Networking Event

Wednesday April 5

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Multi-Purpose Room, Sakowich Campus Center

Come reconnect with your former students and help your current students leverage their Liberal Arts degree. Merrimack alumni will be in attendance to share their professional journeys, how their Liberal Arts degree impacted their career paths, and how their degree continues to help them professionally.

This hybrid model of a panel and networking event will allow students to learn more about pathways through the liberal arts and will help build students' professional networks. Light hors d'oeuvres, beer & wine provided. Contact Emily Gehrdes, gehrdese@merrimack.edu with any questions.

Spring Trials: Research Methods and More

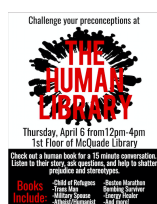
McQuade is assessing resources for our expanding curricula. We welcome your feedback on the value of these resources for your courses. Please send your comments to Frances Nilsson at nilssonf@merrimack.edu

Research Methodology Articles, Tips and Videos:

[SAGE Research Methods Online \(SRMO\)](#)- on trial through April 18, 2017

SRMO's base subscription provides reference book and journal articles on qualitative and quantitative research methods plus videos, cases and datasets. Is this resource helpful for senior, graduate and faculty research projects?

[CARMA](#) - Consortium for the Advancement of Research Methods & Analysis



Join us on the first floor of the McQuade Library to take part in The Human Library, an international movement to build understanding and tolerance. Stop in to check out a human book for a 15 minute conversation. Listen to their story, ask questions, and help to shatter prejudice and stereotypes.

April 5th

Open Office Hours with the Vice Provosts

8:30 - 10:00 AM

Provost's Suite, Austin Hall

This week the Provost will be traveling. Now is your chance to have Open Office Hours with Vice Provosts Kerry Johnson and Jon Lyon.

April 5th

SafeZone Training, Open to All

10:00AM-12:30PM, with lunch to follow

Murray Lounge, Sakowich Campus Center

For more details and to sign up: [SafeZone Training](#)

April 5th

MINTS Collaborative Learning and Team-based Approaches

4:30 - 6:15 PM

Murray Lounge (2nd floor of Sakowich Center)

Jane Parent, from the Girard School of Business, will be presenting and discussing the overall topic of collaborative learning, and team-based approaches specifically, as a useful strategy. Everyone will then divide into smaller groups by age level to delve a little further into examples and how TBL actually looks in different classrooms.

Please share this opportunity with your students (if you aren't already holding class during that time), as well as any local alumni or new teacher contacts you may have.

April 7th (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

Edward G. Roddy Outstanding Teacher Award - 2016-2017

Edward G. Roddy, 1921-1985, Merrimack College Professor of History

"A scholar who throughout his life demonstrated a devotion to teaching excellence, care and concern for students and a deep dedication to learning"

Faculty and graduating seniors are asked to nominate a full-time Merrimack College professor for the honor of the “Outstanding Teacher Award.” Students and faculty should consider a wide variety of qualities when submitting a nomination, which may include but are not limited to:

- Ability to engage and inspire student learning, creativity, and independent thinking inside and outside the classroom
- Encouragement of student participation
- Enthusiasm and vitality toward teaching and learning
- Effective and/or creative course design and redesign
- Employment of pedagogical techniques that are fair and respectful of differences among students
- Advisement and/or mentoring of students that reflect care, concern, and expertise
- Adjustment to interests and needs of students based upon formal and informal assessments
- Active involvement in student research projects
- Significant effort in promoting mobile, tech-enriched teaching and learning environments

Please include in your comments any of the above qualities. Nominations will be accepted until April 15, using this [nomination form](#).

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