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

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 - Edtech Training with Sue Burch from Apple, May 23 and 24
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Open Office Hours with the Provost Cancelled this Week

There will be no office hours with the Provost this Wednesday, May 17. Please review next week's Briefing for new summer office hours with the Provost.

Commencement 2017

Friday, May 19

Graduate Commencement Exercises

6:00 PM

Merrimack Athletics Complex

Faculty lineup at 5 p.m. in Class 1182 (formerly CETL, near The Writers House), Merrimack Athletics Complex. Please arrive dressed in regalia. Refreshments will be served. A reception will immediately follow the commencement ceremony in the Sakowich Campus Center.

Saturday, May 20

Legacy Reception

11:00 AM

Cascia Hall

Honors Convocation

1:00 PM

Merrimack Athletics Complex

Faculty line up is at 12:30pm in Class 1182, (formerly CETL, near Writers House). Please arrive dressed in regalia, refreshments will be served.

Baccalaureate Mass

4:00 PM

Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher

Faculty lineup at 3:30 p.m. in front of Austin Hall. Please arrive dressed in regalia (no caps). A reception will immediately follow Mass in the Sakowich Campus Center.

Sunday, May 21

Undergraduate Commencement

10:00 AM

Merrimack Athletics Complex

Faculty lineup at 8:30 a.m. in McQuade Library, first floor. Please arrive dressed in regalia. A continental breakfast will be served. A reception immediately follows the commencement ceremony in the Sakowich Campus Center.

For additional information, please visit the [Faculty Commencement](#) page.

Edtech Training with Sue Burch from Apple

May 23 and May 24

[Registration Link](#)

Tuesday, May 23 (Provost Conference Room)

9:00 - 10:00, **Action Research: Creating and Implementing Assessment Plans for iBooks**
Author

Description: If you are using or thinking of using iBooks Author, this session will help you create and/or revise your assessment strategy that will inform your teaching practice

10:15 - 11:30, Make it and Take it - Using any Tools!

Mack Club, Sakowich Center

Description: This content development session is driven by you and your needs; bring your existing content in whatever form (worksheets, PowerPoints, PDFs, etc.) and transform into a seamless workflow. Tools include iWork Apps, iMovie, GarageBand, and iCloud.

11:45 - 1:00 (Lunch session), Merrimack Instructional Innovators "One Best Thing"

Mack Club, Sakowich Center

Description: Come learn with your MC colleagues to gather and share ideas!

1:15 - 2:30, Top 10 Basics

Mack Club, Sakowich Center

Description: Is your iPad still in the bottom drawer? This session will get you up and running with your iPad in the classroom. We promise! Topics include: Control Center, Icon Management, Apps and iOS Management, Spotlight Search, Camera Basic, Personalization through Setting, Safari Reader, and How to Play Videos!

3:00 - 4:00, Sign up for a personal appointment with Sue

Wednesday, May 24

All sessions will take place in the Provost Conference Room, Austin Hall

[Registration Link](#)

9:30 - 11:00, Top 10 Basics

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11:15 - 12:45 (Lunch Session), Make it and Take it - Using any Tools!

Description: This content development session is driven by you and your needs; bring your existing content in whatever form (worksheets, PowerPoints, PDFs, etc.) and transform into a seamless workflow. Tools include iWork Apps, iMovie, GarageBand, and iCloud.

1:00 - 2:30 Creative Engagement: Flip an assignment, a lesson, or flip your entire class!

Leverage the mobile platform to create engaging learning experiences for your students. Learn to: Provide incentives for students to prepare for class; flip assignments using Explain Everything, Numbers, and iMovie; and provide a mechanism to assess student understanding using Google forms or using responseware in class.

2:45 - 4:00 Productivity and Creativity Tools and Workflow

Move around the room and complete activities using tools that will promote creativity and productivity in your classroom. Featured Modules: Capturing and Sharing Learning with Keynote, Flipping Content with Explain Everything, Strengthening Learning by creating a Podcast with GarageBand, and Label, Learn, and Reflect with Notes and iMovie.

Experiential Education Workshop with Marty Ford from
[WACE](#)

Wednesday, May 24
9:00 - 12:00 (Lunch will be provided)
Mendel 169

[Registration Link](#)

Institutions of higher education are now faced with increasing pressure from a variety of stakeholders to provide both an outstanding campus based and non-campus based education experience. To meet these demands, institutions have to create a broad range of programs that remain true to the academic mission and culture of the institution while addressing the ever changing definition of what is a quality education. A well-defined and effective experiential education program has the ability to provide the types of experiences sought by students and their parents while remaining true the academic mission and culture of the institution.

This interactive workshop is designed to explore the various models of experiential education that fit each academic area of the institution; to address the challenges of designing or enhancing a program; to provide an overlay of best practices that speak to academic integration, assessment of learning outcomes and connection to the educational goals of the student; to identify strategies for implementation that are effective and measurable; and to identify the resources to support the program.

Reacting to the Past (RTTP) Workshop with Columbia's Dr. Rebecca Jane Stanton

Thursday, May 25
9:00 - 3:00 (Lunch will be provided)
Mendel 169

[Registration Link](#)

Join this highly interactive workshop with Reacting to the Past (RTTP) facilitator [Dr. Rebecca Stanton](#) from Columbia University. RTTP consists of elaborate interdisciplinary games, set in the past, in which students are assigned roles informed by classic texts in the history of ideas. Class sessions are run entirely by students; instructors advise and guide students and grade their oral and written work. It seeks to draw students into the past, promote engagement with big ideas, and improve intellectual and academic skills. Reacting to the Past was honored with the 2004 Theodore Hesburgh Award (TIAA-CREF) for outstanding innovation in higher education. Learn to facilitate RTTP class sessions by playing one yourself! This interactive session will introduce you to one of RTTP's most popular games, Greenwich Village. For more information on RTTP, visit [Reacting](#). **Participation is limited to 20.**

Game Details: Greenwich Village, 1913, Suffrage, Labor and the New Woman
For additional background information on the game: [Greenwich Village RTTP Game](#)

Pivot Software - Sponsored Funding Database Training

May 25, 12:00 - 1:00 (Lunch will be provided)
Provost Conference Room, Austin Hall

[Registration Link](#)

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). Please join us for an overview of how to make the Pivot Software system work for you.

Other Events this Week

May 18th

Faculty Senate Meeting

Thursday, May 18

12:00 PM (lunch will be provided)

Murray Lounge

May 18th

New GEO Programs

Presented at the Faculty Senate Meeting

12:00 PM

Murray Lounge

The Office of Global Education is adding over 15 new semester program options that will be available for student applications for the Spring 2018 Semester. With the addition of these new programs, the GEO hopes to better assist academic departments by providing options for majors in need of curricular options abroad.

The new programs afford our students opportunities to study more widely throughout the globe, from Chile to the Czech Republic, Belgium to the United Arab Emirates. Some of these new programs serve specific majors like the Monteverde, Costa Rica program in Environmental Studies and Sustainability. Other serve multiple departments like the Prague, Czech Republic program which has strong offerings in Art History, Communication Studies (including film studies and screenwriting), and Political Science. The Hyderabad, India and Sharjah, UAE programs provide both STEM and Liberal Arts with options. Additionally, the Sharjah program offers courses for Education. The three Global Institute sites--Berlin, Paris, and Rome—all have five academic tracks: Language, Literature, and Culture; Business; Communications, Journalism and New Media; Global and Community Health; and International Relations and Political Science. Lastly, there are programs that offer more regional studies for students interested in specific parts of the world, such as Rabat, Morocco and Iringa, Tanzania.

Dr. Liesl Smith, Director of Global Education, will be introducing the new programs at the final Faculty Senate meeting on May 18. The [Geo Programs Map](#) shows where the GEO programs fit with the various departments.

May 19th

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

President's Annual Town Hall Meeting & Service Recognition Awards

Monday, May 22

11:00 AM

Rogers Center for the Arts

Faculty/Staff Appreciation Barbecue to follow outside Sakowich Campus Center

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