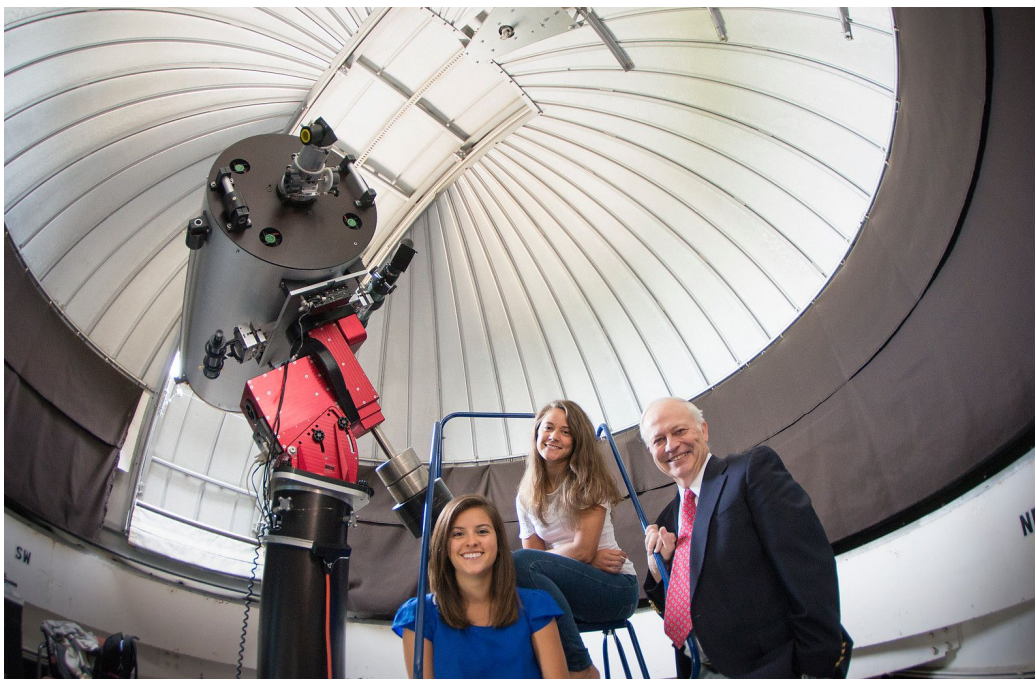




# MERRIMACK COLLEGE



## PROVOST BRIEFING

September 26, 2017

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## **Open Office Hours with the Provost Moved to Thursday - This Week Only**

**8:30 - 10:00 AM**

**Provost's Suite, Austin Hall**

The Provost will have open office hours for faculty to drop-in Thursday, September 28, 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.

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## **Merrimack College and Salem State University are Awarded \$60,000 as the co-leaders of the new Northeast Regional STEM Network**

Congratulations to Christine Shaw, Ph.D., in the School of Education & Social Policy, on Merrimack College's and Salem State University's award of \$60,000 as the co-leaders of the new Northeast Regional STEM Network as recently announced by Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito. The Northeast Regional STEM Network joins the statewide system of regional STEM networks, in existence since 2004, to strengthen the education to workforce pipeline of STEM skilled workers. The STEM Network will build off the previous STEM pipeline work, expanding on the dynamic partnerships and efforts currently existing in the Merrimack and North Shore regions. These efforts include strong partnership programs developed between lead partners Salem State University and Merrimack College, and including additional higher education partners such as Gordon College, Endicott College; community college partners such as Northern Essex Community College, Middlesex Community College and North Shore Community College; k-12 partnerships with Salem Public Schools, Lawrence Public Schools, North Andover Schools, Tewksbury Schools; and north shore industry representatives, non-profit organizations, and workforce development programs established by the regional Workforce Investment Boards.

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## **WACE Experiential Education Institute at Merrimack College is FULL!**

**October 22 – 25, 2017 (Sunday afternoon to Wednesday noon)**

**Crowe Hall Executive Room**

Thank you for the enthusiastic support of Experiential Education at Merrimack! If you would like to add your name to the waitlist, please email Marty Ford at [Marty\\_Ford@uml.edu](mailto:Marty_Ford@uml.edu) AND be sure to cc Patricia Sendall an email at [sendallp@merrimack.edu](mailto:sendallp@merrimack.edu).

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## **CETL Turnitin Training**

**Monday, October 2, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (for Blackboard users)**

**Thursday October 4 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (for Google Classroom users)**

Looking to promote academic integrity? Want to improve student writing and empower critical thinking and self-regulated learning? Come to a 1-hour session on using Turnitin. Sessions are remote, and you can log in from the convenience of your office or at home. For Blackboard

users, (Turnitin is integrated) please attend the session on Monday, October 2nd from 11-12. If you prefer a weblink to Turnitin to use in your Google Classroom or other, please attend the Thursday, October 4th session from 11-12. [Registration Link](#)

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## **Blackboard Student App**

Be sure to have your students download and use the Blackboard Student app when accessing Blackboard from mobile devices. This mobile solution helps students stay informed, up-to-date and connected. [Check it out in the iTunes store.](#)

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## **CETL Teaching Circles: Call for Proposals**

The Office of the Provost is pleased to support the CETL teachings circles program, the goal of which is to improve teaching and learning at Merrimack as well as promote community among faculty. A teaching circle is a group of 5-8 faculty members who will work closely together for two semesters to focus on an issue related to improving teaching and learning. The circle is composed of faculty from across departments and is self-directed within the general structure of the teaching circles program.

The collegial nature of the circle is intended to foster openness, mutual support, and innovation. Teaching circle facilitators will receive a \$1000 stipend per facilitator for organizing their circle. Each circle will also be allocated \$500 to support activities related to their work. Proposals for 2017/18 Fall-Spring teaching circles should be submitted to the CETL per Dr. Kathryn Nielsen no later than **October 10, 2017**. For more information on teaching circles or proposal details, please contact [nielsenk@merrimack.edu](mailto:nielsenk@merrimack.edu).

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## **Dr. David Thornton Moore is Coming to Campus**

### **Experiential Teaching: Assessment, Theory & Practice**

Facilitated by the CETL, Experiential Education and the Department of Psychology

All are Welcome to Attend

**Wednesday, October 12**

**11:00 AM – 1:00 PM (Lunch will be served)**

**Provost's Conference Room**

**Registration Deadline: October 4, 2017**

Merrimack is moving toward integrating more experience outside the traditional classroom into the undergraduate learning process: internships, service-learning, study away, and other forms of active learning. That commitment presents new challenges for faculty, as well as new opportunities. We will consider several major issues: assessment (how can we know whether our students and programs are meeting their goals?); theory (what are some of the best ideas about what and how students learn through experience?); and practice (what are the most effective methods used by experiential educators to guide and enhance that learning?).

Dr. Moore has been a practitioner and scholar in the field of experience-based education for nearly 40 years. He retired last year from New York University, where he had taught since 1982. An educational anthropologist with a doctorate from Harvard in Learning Environments, he has done several large-scale ethnographic studies of high-school and college-level experiential learning. His articles about internships and service-learning have been published in numerous journals.

Lunch will be served. Please register [here](#).

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## Mobile Update & Opportunity: Development with Sue Burch from Apple

Moving into its third year, the Mobile Merrimack initiative continues to evolve in exciting ways as faculty discover new ways to deepen student learning through tech integration. The Academic Success Center, Communications, IT, Admissions, Athletics, and Student Engagement are also leveraging the mobile platform to create a more integrated student experience. Dedicated to ongoing and continuous development, the CETL has invited Sue Burch to campus one day a month on the following dates: **October 12, November 3, December 1, February 22, March 14, and April 10**. Over the past two years, Sue has worked effectively with faculty and departments on tailoring pedagogy to deepen student engagement, promote creativity, increase productivity, and improve communication all with discipline-specific approaches. Whether you are an early adopter or new to tech integration, we can tailor development to your needs. If you would like to schedule an individual time for your department or area to meet with Sue, please contact the CETL at [nelsenk@merrimack.edu](mailto:nelsenk@merrimack.edu) by October 1.

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## Omicron Delta Kappa: Call for Nominations

The Merrimack College Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) is pleased to announce and invite nominations for the 9th Annual Fall Induction Ceremony at Merrimack College. We encourage you to nominate juniors or seniors who have great leadership qualities through student involvement and who have over a 3.4 GPA.

Omicron Delta Kappa is a 100-year old national leadership honor society that has initiated more than 300,000 members since its founding. The Society recognizes not only academic achievement but also campus leadership across the five phases of campus life:

- Scholarship
- Athletics,
- Campus or Community Service, Social or Religious Activities, and Campus Government
- Journalism, Speech, and the Mass Media
- Creative and Performing Arts

Members of the Society display:

- Exemplary character
- Responsible leadership and service in campus and community life
- Superior scholarship
- Genuine fellowship
- Consecration of democratic ideals

To nominate a junior or senior student that you believe would be a great addition to the Society, please send an email to the Merrimack College Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa ([ODK@merrimack.edu](mailto:ODK@merrimack.edu)). Nominations are due by **Friday, October 6th**. The ODK E-Board will review all nominations and send out applications within the next few weeks. For more information on ODK, please check out the website by clicking the following link: <http://odk.org/>

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## Other Events this Week

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### September 26th

**Faculty Workshop on Leading Short-Term Courses**

**4:00 - 5:00 PM**

**Sakowich Campus Center, Meeting Room B (218)**

Panelists: Sarah Benes, Daniel Herda, Kathleen Cain, Joseph Kelly

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### September 27th

**Melanie Brooks**

**4:00 PM**

**The Writers House**

Melanie Brooks reads from *Writing Hard Stories: Celebrated Memoirists Who Shaped Art from Trauma*, and from memoir in progress, *A Complicated Grief* (Working Title); Q&A and reception to follow, and all welcome.

See <http://www.merrimack.edu/live/events/967818-sept-28-melanie-brooks>

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### September 28th

**Making in Education Workshop**

**4:00 - 5:30 PM**

**McQuade Library ERC (2nd floor)**

McQuade Library and the School of Education & Social Policy invite you to a workshop entitled, "Making in Education: A Closer Look at the Maker Mindset." Join us for a hands-on workshop to explore the essence of making and the power of inquiry-based challenges that inspire deep learning, creativity, and play.

This [STEMsmart Teachers program](#) is brought to Merrimack College with federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

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### September 28th and 29th

**US National Tour of HAMLET**

**7:30 PM**

**Rogers Center for the Arts**

US National Tour of HAMLET premieres at the [Rogers Center](#): Directed by Desiree Sanchez, Aquila Theatre Company's Hamlet will use Sanchez's innovative use of movement, design, sound, and superb acting to vividly explore the depths of rage, madness, love and death brought about by a culture of obsessive personal ambition. Aquila's productions of Shakespeare have been critically acclaimed by The New Yorker as "beautifully spoken, dramatically revealing and crystalline in effect." The New York Times says that Aquila "makes Shakespeare perfectly comprehensible" and hails the company as "an extraordinarily inventive and disciplined outfit."

Employee Tickets are discounted to \$10 each

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## Future Events

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### President's Speaker Series: Ben Nemtin

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

6:00 PM

Rogers Center for the Arts

Please encourage your students to join [Ben Nemtim](#) for his poignant and inspirational keynote "How to Cross Anything Off Your Bucket List." Nemtim is the Creator and Executive Producer of MTV's hit series *The Buried Life* and #1 New York Times Bestselling Author of *What Do You Want To Do Before You Die?*

For more information and to reserve your seat, visit [www.merrimack.edu/speakerseries](http://www.merrimack.edu/speakerseries)  
This event is Sponsored by At&T, Robert McCusker '68 and the Office of the President.

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### Second Annual NEROC Research Symposium

Wednesday, November 8

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

MIT Haystack Observatory, Millstone Road, Westford, Massachusetts, 01886

MIT Haystack Observatory will host the second annual NEROC research symposium. The NEROC symposium is the second in a series designed to identify common interests, complementary capabilities, and specific collaboration opportunities among NEROC members. This event will highlight the radio science work of faculty, students, and research staff from NEROC member institutions as well as other local collaborating organizations.

Lunch will be provided and a reception at Haystack will follow. Additional details, including directions and hotel information, are available at  
<http://www.haystack.mit.edu/hay/neroc-series.html>

For additional information, please email [info@haystack.mit.edu](mailto:info@haystack.mit.edu).

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