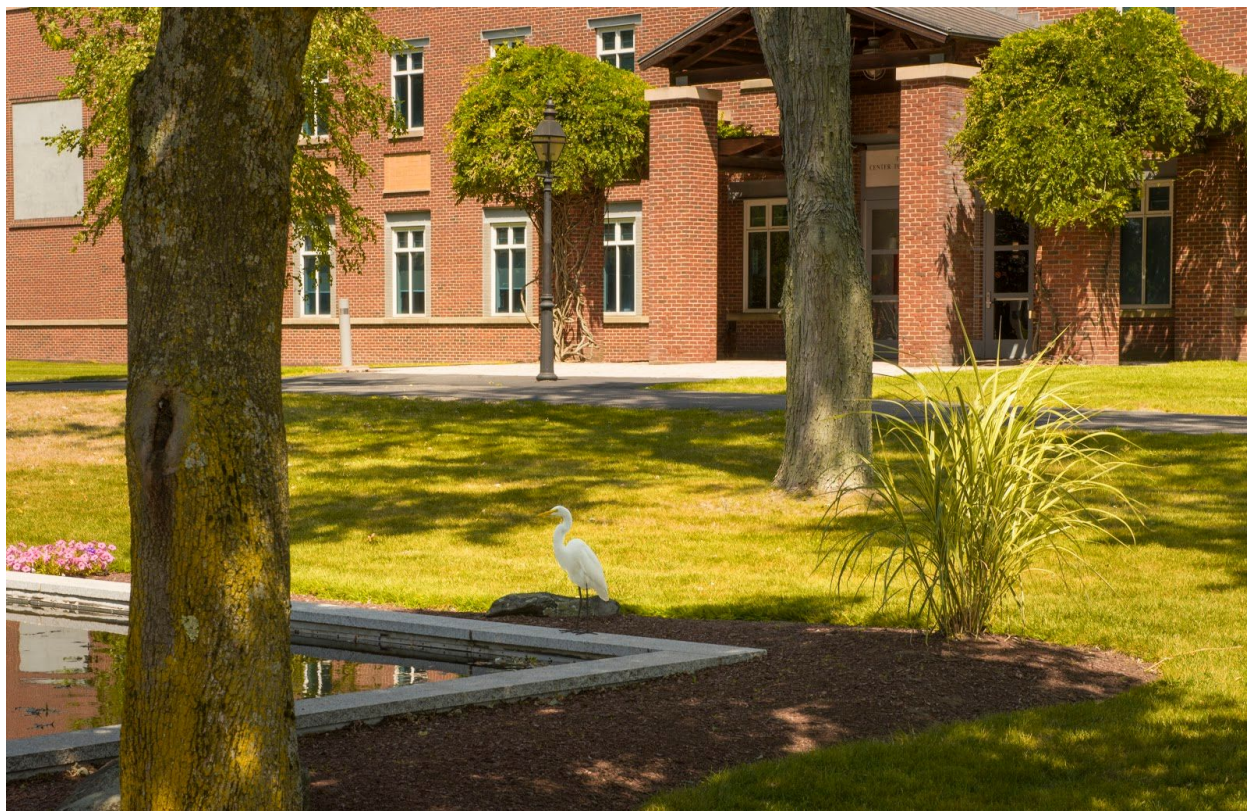




# MERRIMACK COLLEGE



## PROVOST BRIEFING

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

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- President's Speaker Series: Ben Nemtin, October 3
- David Thornton Moore is Coming to Campus, October 12 (Please note the date change)
- CETL Turnitin Training, October 2 & 4
- CETL Teaching Circles: Call for Proposals
- CETL presents Edtech Training with Sue Burch from Apple, October 12
- Open Office Hours with the Provost, every Wednesday
- Michele Lauriat Exhibition Reception, October 5
- Concert: Reflections and Refractions, October 5

- SET THE TONE: Bring your faith to everything you do!, October 26
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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 Nemtin](#) for his poignant and inspirational keynote "How to Cross Anything Off Your Bucket List." Nemtin 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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## Dr. David Thornton Moore is Coming to Campus

Experiential Teaching: Assessment, Theory & Practice

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE)

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, as well as new opportunities, for faculty. 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.

Facilitated by the CETL, Experiential Education and the Department of Psychology  
All are welcome to attend. Lunch will be served. Please register [here](#).

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## CETL Turnitin Training

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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## 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 (1-2 per group) 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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## CETL & EdTech Training with Sue Burch from Apple

Thursday, October 12

[Registration Link](#)

### **Productivity and Creativity Tools and Workflow 10:00 - 11:30 (All levels welcome, light refreshments provided)**

Move around the room to complete activities using tools designed to 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.

### **Make it and Take it - Using any Tools! 12:00 - 1:30 (All levels welcome, lunch provided)**

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

### **You set the agenda! Book an individual session from 2:00 - 2:30**

Personalized 15-minutes appointments

### **Publishing Interactive Content with iBooks Author (Advanced and Beginner, light refreshments provided) 3:00 - 4:30**

Create and leverage interactive multi-touch books, study guides, reference examples, book chapters and more for learning and teaching. This session is designed for both advanced iBook innovators and newcomers to multi-touch book creation. The session will include an overview of possibilities followed by breakouts tailored to skill and comfort level. We encourage those who are already creating/using iBooks to invite a colleague to the session, where they can get hands on experience. Please bring your Mac to the session.

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## Other Events this Week

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## October 4th

### 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.

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## October 5th

### Michele Lauriat Exhibition Reception

5:30 - 7:30 PM

#### McCoy Gallery

Come celebrate the opening of the Michele Lauriat exhibition: paintings and drawings. Michele will be on hand to talk about her work. Lauriat's work will be on display until October 22. For more information on this and exhibits, visit the [McCoy Gallery website](#).

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## October 5th

### Concert: Reflections and Refractions

#### Roger's Center for the Arts

7:30 PM

Classical Duets for Piano starring Nina Ferrigno and Hugh Hinton. The program includes works by Mozart, Poulenc, Schumann and Saint-Saens. Employee Tickets are only \$8.

For more information, visit the [Roger's Center for the Arts](#) website

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## Future Events

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## SET THE TONE: Bring your faith to everything you do!

Thursday, October 26th

7:00 PM

#### Murray Lounge

Austin Scholars are presenting Father Rob Hagan, the Associate Director of Athletics at Villanova University and chaplain of Villanova's Men's Football and Basketball Teams. Fr. Hagan accompanied the 2016 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Champions on their journey through a season that resulted in ultimate success for a team. He will share his experience of that team becoming not only champions but a true spiritual community. His message can enlighten any team, group, club, or community about how real success is achieved.

For further information, contact Sister Jeanne [gribaudoj@merrimack.edu](mailto:gribaudoj@merrimack.edu)

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