



MERRIMACK COLLEGE



PROVOST BRIEFING

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5 Minutes & A Mic

Thursday, November 2nd

4:00 PM

The Writers House

No notes, no slides, just Merrimack professors talking about the work they do and why they love it: Drs. Omer Unsal, Lauri Kurdziel, Kathleen Shine Cain, Luis Saenz de Viguera Erkiaga, and Autumn Ridenour. Co-sponsored by the Writers House and the CETL.

For more information about this and other events, please visit the Writers House website:

<https://www.merrimack.edu/academics/the-writers-house/>

Girard School of Business Dean Candidates

A nationwide search has identified four truly outstanding finalists for the deanship of our Girard School of Business. The candidates will be visiting campus in just a couple of weeks, and we want you to have the opportunity to engage with them in open forums.

We ask that you save these dates and times for the candidate forums, and we will provide more details including the location and CV, for review before each candidate’s visit:

- Monday, November 13, 2:00-3:00 PM
- Tuesday, November 14, 2:00-3:00 PM
- Wednesday, November 15, 2:00-3:00 PM
- Thursday, November 16, 2:00-3:00 PM

Public forums are a vital step in the dean selection process, where we pride ourselves on our sense of community and shared responsibility. We ask that you make every effort to attend these forums and take part in the public discussion that will inform this decision, which is so important to the college’s future successes.

Davis Educational Foundation Grant

Call for Proposals: 2017-2018

The Davis Educational Foundation Grants (DEFG) will support experiential learning course development with stipends of \$1,000 for up to six faculty during the 2017-2018 academic year. Proposals should result in a new or improved experiential education course or program with a preference for courses geared toward first and second-year students. Experiential components include work-integrated learning (co-op, internship, externship); undergraduate research; study abroad; study away; service learning; travel stipend for student/professor conference paper presentation; and community engagement. Proposals should be one page and include a brief plan for peer dissemination and implementation. Send proposals to Dr. Patricia Sendall, Dean of Experiential Education, at sendallp@merrimack.edu.

Fall Awards

Three (3) \$1000 awards

Proposals due **November 3**

Awards announced November 17

Reports due January 12*

*Status report if project is not yet complete. Final report due upon completion.

Spring Awards

Three (3) \$1000 awards

Proposals due **January 31**

Awards announced February 15

Reports due April 15*

*Status report if project is not yet complete. Final report due upon completion.

Summer Awards

One or two Davis grants will be awarded for work done in the summer. Look for a call for proposals in the March - April time frame.

Provost Innovation Fund - Call for Proposals

The 2017-2018 Provost Innovation Fund (PIF) Call for Proposals is focused on supporting innovative and collaborative faculty-led initiatives that employ interdisciplinary approaches to enhance teaching and learning in the classroom, laboratory, field and/or studio. Proposals should demonstrate clear linkage to the College's *Agenda for Distinction*.

The 2017-2018 grant program is open to all levels and types of interdisciplinary approaches, including but not limited to faculty collaborations, new program exploration, interdisciplinary seminar development, classroom/studio/lab enhancements and short-term study abroad proposals. All faculty applying for projects will need to demonstrate at least inter-Departmental level impact for their proposal. Priority will be given to proposals that emphasize fully interdepartmental or inter-School collaborations. In addition, collaborations between faculty and

campus offices such as the McQuade Library, Global Education Office, the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning and other Centers are encouraged.

To download the Call for Proposals and the proposal guidelines, please click [here](#). Proposals are due **November 21st**. If you have any questions or inquiries, please contact the officeoftheprovo@merrimack.edu

Creating Learning Continuity with Contingency Plans

To keep learning active and moving along during times of school-wide closures, inclement weather, or when participating in other professional activities, consider these strategies for creating learning continuity in your classes: [Creating Learning Continuity Resource](#). Please contact the CETL for additional information on tailoring your instructional design.

MACK GIVES BACK DAY

November 4, 2017

Registration is open right now. You can register by clicking on the following link to the Mack Give Back Homepage and selecting the category that applies to you.

<https://www.merrimack.edu/mackgivesback>

On MACK GIVES BACK DAY the entire Merrimack College Community, including Faculty and Staff, all students, alumni, and the families of all of the above are encouraged to join together to honor our nation's military veterans and reflect on the sacrifices we have asked of them by engaging in a few hours of service to others. Please join us as we honor those who served by serving others through MACK GIVES BACK DAY.

The centerpiece of MACK GIVES BACK DAY is the gathering together of as many Warriors as possible on Saturday morning, November 4 at 7:30 AM in the Multi-Purpose Room in the Sakowich Campus Center. After registration, a breakfast compliments of our friends in Sodexo and a brief prayer service, those gathered are then sent out to spend a few hours in service to our neighboring communities at a wide variety of locations, agencies, and institutions.

This year MACK GIVES BACK Day will reach farther and wider than ever before as our buses full of Warriors will go to service locations in 11 cities in 2 states. All should expect to be back on campus by 12:30 PM.

All logistics for this year's MACK GIVES BACK DAY are being handled through the Office of Community Outreach and the Hands to Help Resource Center with support from the entire Division of Mission and Ministry. If you have any questions about the registration process, the service sites, or to let us know where else you might be serving please contact Alisha Reppucci at Reppuccia@merrimack.edu.

We look forward to seeing the entire Merrimack College Community join together to honor those who served by serving others on November 4, MACK GIVES BACK DAY 2017.

FACULTY AND STAFF ADVISORS ARE STILL NEEDED. Please contact Alisha Reppucci if

you are able to help in that capacity.

New IRB Software Now Online

Thanks to funding from the Office of the Provost, Merrimack now has new Cayuse IRB software that can be used for both the submission and review of IRB Applications. Information on the new software and the application process can be found on the IRB website by clicking [here](#). Simply click on “*Submit an Application*” for more information on how to log into and use the new application system. In the coming days, the IRB will be hosting a series of workshops on how to use the new software and answer any questions that faculty, students and other users might have. Those dates will be communicated through the Provost Briefing. If you have any initial questions, please contact the IRB at irb@merrimack.edu.

Please note, as of **November 1**, only applications submitted using the Cayuse site will be accepted.

Merrimack College Website Updates

As many of you know, the Office of Communications is in the midst of redesigning the Merrimack College website, which is scheduled to launch in January.

A key feature of the redesign is a new searchable directory by name, department and expertise. This will enable prospective and current students, faculty colleagues, journalists and others to more easily learn about the college's greatest asset: you.

To help facilitate this process, we ask that you fill out and submit [this brief questionnaire](#) within the next few weeks. It only takes 10 or 15 minutes to complete, and is crucial to ensuring that our website contains the most accurate, up-to-date information about our faculty.

As part of this initiative, we would also urge all faculty to update their portraits that accompany their online biographical pages. You may schedule an appointment online with Kevin Salemme using this link: www.merrimack.edu/headshot.

Thank you very much for your cooperation. If you have questions about the form, please contact Ken Gornstein in the Office of Communications at ext. 3587 or gornsteink@merrimack.edu.

CETL Mobile Training with Sue Burch from Apple, November 3 - **Postponed, reschedule TBD**

CETL and Academic Technology Offer Digital Teaching & Learning Workshop Series

All Sessions: 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Location: Provost Conference Room

Join Janet, Karen and your faculty colleagues in sharing strategies and take-a-ways around hot topics in today's classrooms. Sessions are interactive and light fare will be offered.

[Registration Link](#)

Creating Instructional Activities that Support Active Learning (November 6)

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Move around the room to complete activities using tools designed to promote creativity and productivity in your classroom. Featured modules: Higher-order processing with Mindmeister, Promote critical thinking with videos, Document classroom lectures with Notability, Annotate, record, and share with Explain Everything, and check-in frequently using Socrative for formative assessments.

Promoting Academic Integrity, Ownership, and Responsibility (November 8)

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Share and discuss strategies for self-motivation and accountability in your daily classroom, when assessing online and when students are collaborating during group work.

Designing Formative Assessments and Rubrics (December 4) 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Let's discuss and design formative assessments - both formal and informal. We'll also review the benefits of using rubrics for students proficiency and instructor sanity with grading. Rubric templates will be shared.

CETL Faculty Fellow Call

As part of its mission to engage faculty in developing creative, effective, and innovative pedagogies that enhance student learning and support academic success, and in support of its goal of developing a program of sponsored research to analyze, develop, adopt and assess best practices in teaching that draw on a scientific understanding of how students learn, the Merrimack College Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) is pleased to announce a call for applications for CETL Faculty Fellows program for the Spring-Fall 2017/18 academic year. Deadline for applications is **November 17**. Please see email invitation or contact Dr. Kathryn Nielsen for further information.

PAUSE: An Opportunity for Sophomores to “PAUSE” at the Champion Renewal Center in Weston

Last year, Merrimack College received a \$47,290 [NetVUE](#) Program Development Grant from the Council of Independent Colleges and the Lily Foundation to support programming designed to foster a sense of vocational awareness in our students. The grant calls for a collaborative effort among faculty and professionals from Student Affairs and Mission and Ministry to develop this programming over the next two years.

To provide some background on the foundation work already conducted, since last February informational sessions were offered in which people from across campus worked to develop an experience geared toward sophomores. As a result of these discussions, Merrimack College will inaugurate the program **PAUSE**, an opportunity for sophomores to “pause” for 3 days at Champion Renewal Center in Weston, Massachusetts. This type of student formation program has had incredible success at Boston College and many other faith-based institutions throughout the nation.

Our hope is that it will have similar success here at Merrimack. **PAUSE**, to be held January 18-20, 2018, will invite students to step back from their busy lives to think about how their major, course of study and future career fit in with who they really are. We are planning for this to be an opportunity for sophomores to have real conversations with students, faculty and staff about finding and pursuing passions...and yes, to “pause.” One significant component of PAUSE is to have faculty and staff share their own personal reflection in dialogic panels (a nod to our Augustinian heritage). In these panels, faculty and staff will be invited to share on one of the following sets of questions:

- What do you know of yourself? Why are these things important?
- Who has been important to you and why? Who has carried you? Whom have you carried?
- How have you turned your unique talent into a gift for others and the world? How wide are your circles of service and care for others?

In order to reach a diversity of students, please encourage sophomores to register using the **PAUSE** registration link below. We are also asking for you to nominate students - kindly send nominations to pause@merrimack.edu. We'd appreciate registrations and nominations to be submitted by **November 15**. The planning committee will follow up with an invitation to nominated students. [PAUSE Registration Link](#)

Thank you in advance for your support of this new and exciting initiative. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any of the members of the planning committee at pause@merrimack.edu.

Best Regards,
Rev. Ray Dlugos, OSA, Vice President for Mission and Ministry
Allan Weatherwax, Ph.D., Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Other Events this Week

November 2nd

Feast of All Souls Mass of Remembrance

12:30 PM

Chapel of Our Mother of Good Counsel on the 2nd Floor of Austin Hall

We will celebrate a Mass of Remembrance in memory of all those close to anyone in our community who have passed away during the past year. Please join us in offering your prayerful support by participating with us in this Mass. All are welcome and a light lunch will be served immediately following the Mass in the lobby outside the chapel.

Future Events

The Last Lecture - Kevin Salemme

November 14th

7:30 PM

Cascia Hall

The Last Lecture is delivered as if it were the very last opportunity a professor has to speak before students and colleagues on any subject that is of the greatest importance and value in her/his professional life. It also reveals passion and commitment to her/his vocation as an educator. Don't miss Kevin Salemme's "Last Lecture" on November 14.

Sponsored by the Honors Program and Omicron Delta Kappa.

Office of Global Education Open House

November 16

The "Red House" at 23 Rock Ridge Road

2-3:30 p.m. All Students Welcome

4:30-6:30 p.m. "Thirsty Thursday" for Faculty and Staff

The Office of Global Education (GEO) is hosting an Open House from 2-3:30 p.m. on November 16 for students to come over to the GEO and discover what "global education" at Merrimack College is all about, all while enjoying a little light refreshment. Please encourage your students to attend or bring them over yourself!

A special invitation is extended to all faculty and staff to visit the "Red House" for the year's first Thirsty Thursday at the GEO from 4:30-6:30 p.m. If you're not sure what the GEO does or who we are, what better way to find out than over drinks and hors d'oeuvres?

We hope to see you then.

2017 Murray Symposium Presentation

Thursday, November 16

4:00 PM

Mendel 169

Please join Dave MacLaren, Associate Professor of Biology, as he presents his work for the 2016-2017 Murray Fellowship, entitled: *Investigating the effects of ecologically relevant levels of pharmaceutical exposure on fish behavior and physiology*.

Hot cider and donuts will be served.

Archived [Provost Briefings](#) can now be found on the Office of the Provost webpage.

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