



# 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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## Davis Grant Recipients, Fall 2017

Congratulations to Experiential Education Davis Grant recipients. Each faculty member will receive a \$1000 stipend from the Davis Educational Foundation to develop experiential learning opportunities in their courses. They will also disseminate their final projects within the academic community.

**Dr. Audrey Falk**, Associate Professor and Director, Community Engagement Program, School of Education and Social Policy, for her proposal, *Alternative Spring Break: Train the Advisor*.

**Dr. Jimmy Franco**, Associate Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry, School of Science & Engineering, for his proposal, *The Development of a CSI Themed FYE Course*.

**Dr. Raymond Lavoie**, Assistant Professor, Marketing, Girard School of Business, for his proposal, *Funding for Marketing Research Student Conference Attendance* to present marketing research project.

The next deadline for new proposals is January 31, 2018. Please submit your proposal to [officeoftheprovo@merrimack.edu](mailto:officeoftheprovo@merrimack.edu).

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## Create Your Impact: Conversations on Women, Work and Leadership

**Monday, November 27**

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

**Merrimack Club, Sakowich Campus Center**

Light refreshments and wine will be served.

### **Session 2: Do women and men have different leadership styles?**

Or is it just that we have different expectations for women and men in leadership positions?

Join us for a lively discussion about leadership styles – and gender-based assumptions about them. This conversation is inspired by *Through the Labyrinth: The Truth About How Women Become Leaders*(chapter 8).

This group will meet several times during the academic year to discuss hot topics related to gender issues at work, using the book *Through the Labyrinth* as our jumping off point. You can read the chapters before the meetings or just come and share your thoughts!

Registration Link: <https://merrimack.wufoo.com/forms/r1dgzlw51t104ki/>

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## Experts on College Autism Spectrum Disorders Speak on

## Campus to Faculty and Staff

Wednesday, November 29

The increasing numbers of students on the autism spectrum entering post-secondary education present us with new challenges, including reconsidering issues around behavior management and conduct, sensory, relational, and stress management. Dr. Jane Thierfeld Brown, Assistant Clinical Professor at Yale Child Study, Yale Medical School and Dr. Lorraine E. Wolf, Director of Disability Services at Boston University will be here November 29 to provide campus-wide development opportunities. Please consider attending:

### **Open Campus Lecture and Info Session for Faculty and Staff:**

**9:30 - 11:30 AM**

**Location: The Blue Line Club (Come for all or part, no registration required)**

**Faculty Lunch and Learn: 12:00 - 1:15** [Registration Link](#)

**Location: Provost Conference Room (Please register using link)**

\*This session will focus on faculty and student needs central to teaching and learning.

*Sponsored by the Office of the Provost, CETL, Accessibility Services, Hamel Health and McQuade Library.*

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## FYE Poster Symposium

Thursday, November 30th

**4:00 PM**

**Blue Line Club**

Please join us for the first annual FYE 1050 Poster Symposium. The new FYE 1050 course combines the transitional and academic preparedness curriculum with an experiential component. During the experiential or active-learning portion of the course, students worked together on a project or problems that were relevant to the academic theme. The Fall FYE 1050 courses that will be represented are:

- "The Science of CSI" (Dr. Jimmy Franco and Laurie Gibbons),
- "Global Leadership in Action" (Timothy Lebel). Students will be available to discuss their project outcomes. Please contact Kathy Vaillancourt, x5090 if you have questions.

This event will be held in the Blue Line Club, refreshments will be served.

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## CETL Mobile Training with Sue Burch from Apple

Friday, December 1

**Provost Conference Room**

Whether you're new to teaching and learning with mobile technology or a seasoned mobile instructor, we encourage you to further your pedagogical reach by registering for development sessions with one of Apple's best faculty developers. To attend any of the following sessions, register here:

[Registration Link](#)

**Leverage iOS 11 Tech Updates 11:30 - 1:00 PM (All levels welcome, lunch provided)**

Did you know that the recent updates to iOS 11 can improve workflow, note taking, navigation speed, and multitasking inside and outside the classroom? This popular session will show you how the Notes app now has a document scanner, inline drawing, and the ability to search handwritten text. Learn how your students can use the enhanced Slide Over and Split View to review content, review a web page, and take notes. Get students to a designated website quickly and easily with a QR code. These are just a few of the many features that Sue will go over in this session.

**Build Your Skills - Become an Apple Teacher 1:00 - 2:00 PM (All levels welcome, light refreshments provided)**

Apple Teacher is a professional learning program designed to support and celebrate educators. During this session, you will sign up for the Apple Teacher program and start working on your first badge! Keep earning badges on your own in this self-paced environment until you earn your official Apple Teacher logo (takes as little as a day or can be done over a few weeks). Being recognized as an Apple Teacher identifies you as a leader in tech innovation inside and outside the classroom.

**Coding with SWIFT Playgrounds 2:00 - 3:30 PM (All levels welcome, light refreshments provided)**

Coding is an essential skill for many of today's students. Experience coding through SWIFT Playgrounds, a stepping stone to deeper work with the SWIFT programming language that has been used to design some of the world's most powerful software.

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## **CETL and Academic Technology to Offer Digital Teaching and Learning Workshop**

**Designing Formative Assessments and Rubrics**

**December 4**

**12:00 - 1:00 PM**

**Provost Conference Room**

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.

[Registration Link](#)

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## **Ninth Annual First Lecture at Merrimack College: Call for Nominations**

The Merrimack College Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) is pleased to announce and invite nominations for the Ninth Annual First Lecture at Merrimack College. The First Lecture will be delivered on March 13th at 7:00 PM in the Rogers Center for the Arts by a student who will share with our community his or her deepest hopes, dreams, values, and passion just as the Last Lecture allows a faculty member to share the same.

All members of the community are welcome and encouraged to nominate those students from whom you would most want to hear. Every student is eligible to be nominated.

Self-nominations are welcomed. To nominate a student, please send an e-mail to the Merrimack College Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK@merrimack.edu), with the student's name and a brief description of why he or she should deliver the first lecture.

Nominations are due by Sunday, **December 2, 2017**.

A committee comprised of students from ODK and the Merrimack College Honors Program in consultation with Father Ray Dlugos, Vice President for Mission and Ministry will interview each nominee and select the 2018 First Lecturer before the end of fall semester.

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## Other Events this Week

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### November 28th

**Faculty Senate Meeting**

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

**Blue Line Club**

The Agenda supporting materials are available on the Faculty Senate Blackboard site.

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### November 29th

**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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### November 29th

**Employee Development and Well-being Workshop: How Employees Grow to Become Leaders**

**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Murray Lounge, Sakowich Campus Center**

Being a leader is not easy. This seminar focuses on the core competencies needed to grow into an effective leader. This session is open to all employees aspiring to become leaders.

To register for any of this session, click [here](#) (Please speak with your direct supervisor to ensure appropriate department coverage prior to registering).

Light refreshments will be served

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### November 29th

**Employee Development and Well-being Workshop: Happiness - A Recipe**

**12:30 - 1:30 PM**

**Murray Lounge, Sakowich Campus Center**

More than an emotion, happiness is a skill that can be learned. This session will help employees utilize their character strengths, develop gratitude, find meaning, and gain resiliency.

To register for any of this session, click [here](#) (Please speak with your direct supervisor to ensure appropriate department coverage prior to registering).

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## **November 29th**

### **Employee Development and Well-being Workshop: Chair Massages**

**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Fitness Studio 2, Sakowich Campus Center**

Back by popular demand! Take some time to de-stress and get a relaxing chair massage.

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## **November 29th**

### **Careers in Law Panel Discussion**

**6:30 PM**

**Crowe Hall Room 126**

Pre-Law Society will be holding a Guest Speaker Night to discuss careers in the law. The event will provide you with an opportunity to learn more about the law, career options in the law, and a chance to network with alumni attorneys. There will be a panel of five distinguished attorney speakers, consisting of alumni and friends of the College, who will speak about their careers in the law. The five distinguished lawyers on the panel are:

- Laura J. Cervizzi, Esq., Owner, Cervizzi & Associates  
Family Law, Divorce, and Father's Right  
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/laura-cervizzi-9a1063b0/>
- Michael Franco, Esq., Principal, Franco & Associates  
Commercial residential real estate, business law, estate planning, and probate, including business formation of limited liability companies, corporations and partnerships.  
<https://www.francoandassociates.com/michael-j-franco/>
- Ken Laverriere, Esq., Partner, Shearman & Sterling  
Executive Compensation, Governance, & ERISA Group in New York  
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/kenneth-laverriere-9301499/>
- Colleen Mejia, Esq., City Solicitor, City of Everett, MA  
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/colleen-mejia-3048b99/>

Refreshments will be served.

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## **Future Events**

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## **A Merrimack College Christmas**

**Sunday, December 3**

**7:30 PM**

**Rogers Center for the Arts**

Join our student and guest musicians in a new holiday tradition. Mix the sweet sounds of the Jazz Ensemble with the powerful voices and instruments of the combined Concert Band and Choir, then add a touch of cheer, and you have the perfect recipe for a Christmas event to remember!

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## **A Festival of Lessons and Carols**

**Monday, December 4**

**7:30 PM**

**Roger Center for the Arts**

A centuries-old tradition, Lessons, and Carols is a heartwarming journey that leads you through centuries of prophecy, culminating in the birth of Christ. This traditional program blends the lyricism of spoken sacred texts with the joy of live choral music from time-honored hymnody and carols of the season for all to reflect upon and enjoy. Performed on the main stage in the Rogers Center, as we journey through the quiet of Advent towards the Feast of Christmas, Lessons, and Carols is a poignant way to pause and mark this important time of the year.

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## **A Celebration of Light and Hope**

**Tuesday, December 5**

**5:15 PM**

**Rogers Center for the Performing Arts**

The Annual Lighting of the Campus Christmas Tree will be immediately followed by food and drink in the DeCroce Family Lobby and open skating in Lawler Rink (skates provided). All are welcome and all are welcome to bring their families especially children.

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## **Mturk Workshop**

**January 12, 2018**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Psychology Group Testing Room, Ground Floor of O'Reilly**

The Psychology Department invites you to attend a workshop on the process of collecting data through mturk. You can learn more about mturk here: <https://www.mturk.com/mturk/welcome>. Mturk can be combined with Qualtrics (to which the College already subscribes) to collect data from a diverse pool of participants (both nationally and internationally). Please see the following link for a description of that process: <https://blog.mturk.com/tutorial-getting-great-survey-results-from-mturk-and-qualtrics-f5366f0bd880>. Adam Berinsky will conduct this workshop and cover the following topics:

1. The logistics of setting up data collection with mturk
2. Who the participants are in these studies and how they are reimbursed
3. The ethics of using mturk to collect data
4. Best practices in survey design and collection
5. Collecting panel data
6. Running experiments with incentives

Workshop participants will leave with an understanding of how to set up mturk data collection in an ethical manner as well as an understanding of the pros and cons to this way of collecting data. Members of Merrimack's IRB will also be attendance.

If you are interested, please sign up here: <https://goo.gl/forms/vgoEW4P2xOjicG3D2>. If you have questions, please contact Christina Hardway at [hardwayc@merrimack.edu](mailto:hardwayc@merrimack.edu). Readings will be disseminated prior to the workshop.

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