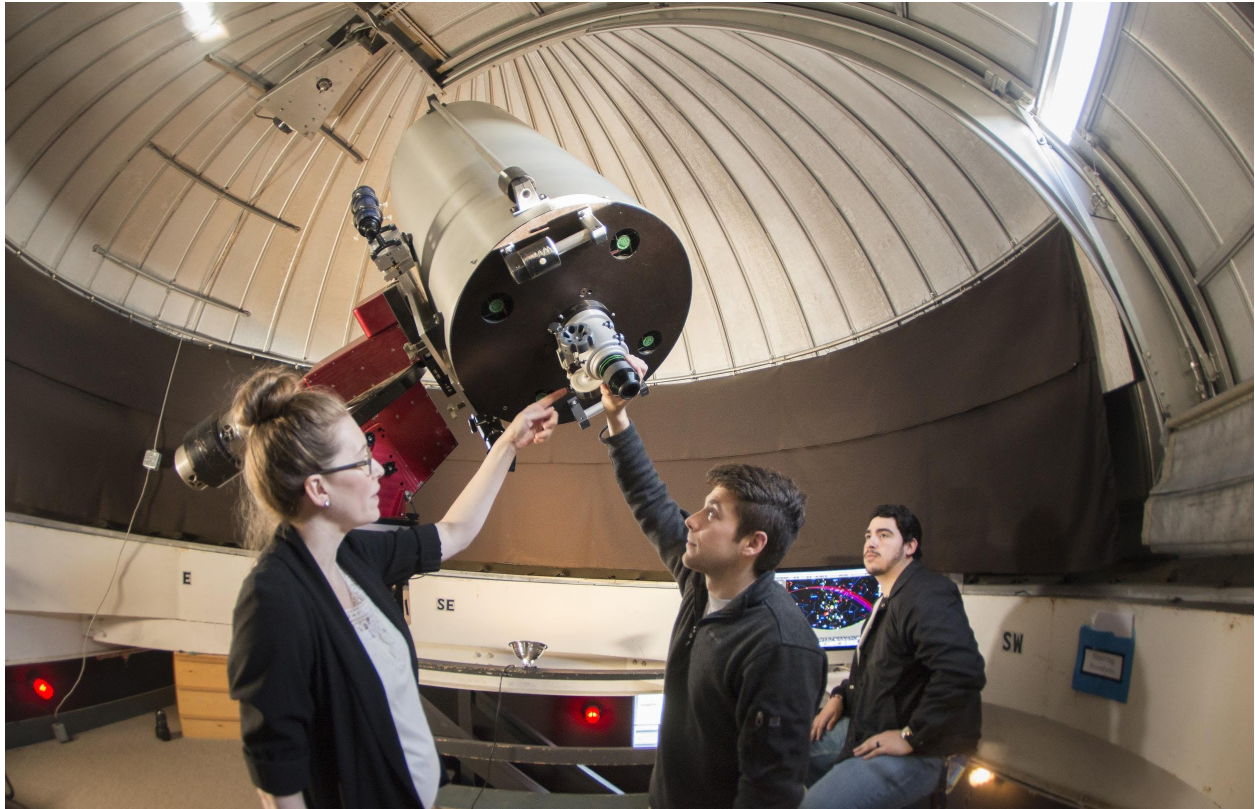




# MERRIMACK COLLEGE



## PROVOST BRIEFING

March 5, 2018

[www.merrimack.edu/provost](http://www.merrimack.edu/provost)

[www.facebook.com/merrimackprovost](https://www.facebook.com/merrimackprovost)

---

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

---

- From the Four Corners, March 6
- Social Justice Week, March 6 - 15
- 15th Annual Tolle Lege Reception, March 8
- CETL Mobile Training with Sue Burch from Apple, March 14
- Faculty Funding Opportunities: Taking Applications Now!
- Micro-Grants for Interdisciplinary Courses or Research
- CETL: Weaving Universal Design for ALL Learners into your Already Fantastic Course, March 21
- Research & Creative Achievement Conference Submission Update
- Stress Reduction with Mindfulness, March 6
- Emergency Preparedness Training Sessions, March 6 and 7

- *An Inconvenient Sequel*, March 7
- Empowered Breathing and Meditation for Anxiety and Stress Reduction, March 8
- M.I.N.T.S. Event: Knowledge is Our Power: Finding Your Voice About Islam and Muslims, March 8
- Midpoint of the Spring Semester, March 9
- Save the Date: Newly Tenured Faculty Reception, April 5
- Working with Students with Anxiety in the Classroom, April 19

---

## From the Four Corners

**Tuesday, March 6**

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

**Murray Lounge, Sakowich Center**

The Office of Global Education invites you to a panel of returning study abroad and international students who will share their learning experiences and challenges of studying abroad. The panel includes:

- Nora Baker, (Psychology and Spanish), Buenos Aires Global Institute
- Caitlin Broderick (International Business), London Global Institute
- Sergio Martinez (Mechanical Engineering), Merrimack College (Tamaulipas)

If you've ever wondered about the experience of the international students in your classes or our students around the world, join us and hear what they have to say.

---

## Social Justice Week

**March 6 - 15**

The annual Social Justice "Week" includes films, lectures, art performances, training sessions, discussions, and celebrations about social justice and making the world a better place for all.

For an overview of the events click [here](#).

### Feed the Green: Feminist Voices for the Earth

**Thursday, March 8 (6:00 - 7:30 PM) Stevens Auditorium**

This documentary film by Dr. Jane Caputi (the Interdisciplinary Institute Visiting Scholar), highlights an active global resistance movement and an alternative imagery communicating resistant green consciousness. Dr. Caputi will field questions after the film. For more click [here](#).

### Climbing PoeTree

**Tuesday March 13**

**Workshop (2:00 - 3:15 PM) Cascia Hall**

**Performance (4:00 - 5:15 PM) Cascia**

Climbing PoeTree is an award-winning multimedia theater, dual-voice spoken word, visual art, sustainable touring, and community organizing duo. Co-creators Alixa Garcia and Naima Penniman are cultural architects committed to re-framing the story through multi-voice spoken word, hip hop, world music, and multimedia theater that translate deep research around the most pressing issues of our time into stunning artistry that catalyzes their audiences to activate the transformation they wish to cultivate within themselves and their communities. For more visit their [website](#) or watch this [video](#) or download this [poster](#).

### Native Resistance in the Age of Trump by Nick Estes, Ph.D.

**Wednesday, March 14 (2:00 - 3:00 PM)**

**Cascia Hall followed by faculty and staff reception (4:00 - 5:00 PM) in the Merrimack Club.**

Dr. Estes is currently a fellow at Harvard University. His research focuses on the Missouri River's environmental history and politics using indigenous studies, oral history, decolonization methodologies, settler colonial theory, affect theory, and new materialism. For more, click [here](#).

---

## 15th Annual Tolle Lege Reception

Thursday, March 8  
4:00 PM

### Writers House

Please join us and congratulate your colleagues. This year's speakers include **April Bowling, Cynthia Carlson, Fan Chen, Anne Flaherty, Autumn Ridenour, Rory Tannebaum, and Allan Weatherwax.** Refreshments will be served.

---

## CETL Mobile Training with Sue Burch from Apple

Wednesday, March 14

### Provost Conference Room, Austin Hall

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 this week's development sessions with one of Apple's best faculty developers. Consider one of the following sessions and register here: [Registration Link](#)

#### **Make it and Take it - Your way! 12:00 - 2:00 (All levels welcome, lunch provided)**

During this interactive session, participants will move around the room exploring strategies to engage students and assist with classroom management. Bring your ideas and a fully charged/updated device. Create interactive content with iMovie, GarageBand, and Explain Everything. Explore creative classroom management strategies with Apple Classroom, Plickers, Socrative, and Poll Everywhere. Create virtual packets (Numbers) and reflective journals (Keynote).

**You set the agenda! Book an individual session with Sue (various appointment slots throughout the day, noted on registration link)**

Personalized 15-minute appointments

---

## Faculty Funding Opportunities

### Taking Applications Now!

Click on the link below for detail and how to apply.

- [Sakowich Center for Undergraduate Research](#) - March 16, 2018
- [Provost Innovation Fund](#) - March 16, 2018
- [CETL Teaching Fellows](#) - April 6, 2018
- [Zampell Faculty Fellows](#) - April 6, 2018
- [Davis Educational Foundation Experiential Education Grants](#) - April 6, 2018

---

## Micro-Grants for Interdisciplinary Courses or Research

The Interdisciplinary Institute is offering \$1,000-2,000 micro-grants to support development of interdisciplinary courses and research. For more information click the link below or contact Dr. Mark Allman, Interim Director at [allmanm@merrimack.edu](mailto:allmanm@merrimack.edu). Application deadline is **March 15**.

[Micro Grant Application](#)

---

## Weaving Universal Design for ALL Learners into your Already Fantastic Course

Wednesday, March 21

Offered at two different times: 9:00 - 10:00 AM and 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Provost Conference Room

### [Registration Link](#)

Workshop led by: Jodi Rachins, Director of Accessibility Services Office in collaboration with Academic Services, the CETL, and the Office of the Provost

Workshop Description: Looking around your classroom, you easily see today's diverse learners. Students are more auditory or visual, have sensory or learning disabilities, and/or English is not their primary language. This faculty workshop will introduce you to some simple techniques for leveraging Universal Design, an approach for creating instructional goals, methods, materials and assessments that work for all students. Participants will leave with quick, tangible tips for providing multiple means of representation, action and expression, and engagement in your courses and course materials to connect with all of your learners.

---

## **Research & Creative Achievement Conference Submission Information (Student Intent-to-Present deadline extended to March 15)**

The Office of the Provost, The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, and representatives from each of the academic schools will be working together to organize and celebrate the diverse work across campus at the upcoming Merrimack College Research and Creative Achievement Conference.

The college-wide event is designed to highlight the academic and creative excellence of student (both undergraduate and graduate) and faculty work, to foster engagement among faculty members, students, their families, and the community, and to develop presentation skills needed for future endeavors. The conference invites and encourages representation from all five schools and all majors; as such, diverse formats are encouraged including, but not limited to posters, talks, videos, papers, recitations, and other forms of creative expression. The purpose of the conference is not only to provide an outlet for student work, but also means for integrative pedagogy and allowing students opportunities not typically available through the traditional classroom.

**Please encourage students to present their work by sharing this message and general information with them.** Please direct questions to Dr. Kathryn Nielsen, [nielsenk@merrimack.edu](mailto:nielsenk@merrimack.edu) and/or Dr. Michael Stroud, [stroudm@merrimack.edu](mailto:stroudm@merrimack.edu).

### **General Information**

- Dates/Times: May 3 from 3:30 - 5:30 PM (Undergraduate Session) and May 9 from 3:00 - 6:00 PM (Graduate Session)
- Student Submission Deadline (Intent to Present Form): **Extended: March 15**
- Form must be completed by student presenter(s). Group submissions send in one form

[Research And Creative Achievement Conference \(Info & Submission Link\)](#)

---

## **Other Events this Week**

---

### **March 6**

**Stress Reduction with Mindfulness**  
**Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20 April 3**  
**4:00 - 5:00 PM**

### **McQuade Library Meditation Room Lower Level Room**

Instructor: Jim Howland, Ed.D., LICSW, Hamel Health and Counseling

Participants will learn mindfulness and meditation to help calm and focus the mind.

Commitment to attend all 4 groups is recommended. Pre-registration is required by emailing [howlandj@merrimack.edu](mailto:howlandj@merrimack.edu) or phoning 978-837-5441.

---

## **March 6 and 7**

### **Emergency Preparedness Training Sessions**

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

#### **Rogers Center for the Arts**

The Merrimack College Police Department will be holding the next round of emergency preparedness trainings for employees and students. Both trainings will highlight the protocol and measures the school takes to prevent or mitigate emergencies on campus. If you have not attended a training thus far, we strongly encourage you to attend in order to stay informed regarding best practices to prepare for, respond to and react to emergency situations. Registration is not required.

Merrimack's emergency policies, procedures and recommendations can be found at [www.merrimack.edu/emergency](http://www.merrimack.edu/emergency). The site provides important information about preparing for emergencies, reporting emergencies, and keeping all members of the campus community safe. It also includes guidelines for sheltering in place or locking down a building, and addresses such topics as: natural disasters; smoke and fire; bomb threats; active shooters, hostage situations and more.

---

## **March 7**

### **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.

---

## **March 7**

### ***An Inconvenient Sequel***

**7:00 PM**

#### **Stevens Auditorium, Cushing Hall**

There will be a public performance of *An Inconvenient Sequel*, the follow-up to Al Gore's award-winning documentary, *An Inconvenient Truth*, about the advance of climate change. Q and A with a trained Climate Reality Leader from MIT, Curt Newton, will follow.

Co-Sponsored by the Green Team and the McLaughlin Martin Family Environmental Innovation Fund.

---

## **March 8**

### **Empowered Breathing and Meditation for Anxiety and Stress Reduction**

**Thursdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and April 5, 12, 19, 26**

**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

#### **McQuade Library Meditation Room Lower Level Room**

**Instructor: Danielle Federico**

Students will be led through varying Pranayam practice (specialized breathing sequences and

techniques). Using the breath as a focus can be a very simple way to calm the body and mind as well as connect the two. They will be taught various breathing practices designed to stimulate the parasympathetic system, countering the overstimulation our bodies and mind go through when in times of stress. Using the breath in this way allows energy to flow and move around the entire body. The effect can be energizing, relaxing and healing. Students may like to bring a notebook and pen to record any experiences that may arise in class. Classes are 60 minutes. Drop-ins welcome, registration requested by emailing C.J. Wong, [wongc@merrimack.edu](mailto:wongc@merrimack.edu) or phoning 978-837-5350.

---

## March 8

**M.I.N.T.S. Event: Knowledge is Our Power: Finding Your Voice About Islam and Muslims**

**3:30 - 7:30 PM**

**Cascia Hall, Merrimack College**

[RSVP Here!](#)

The Merrimack Institute for New Teacher Support (MINTS) and the Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations, co-sponsored by the Abdelkadar Education Project, is hosting a dinner, dialogue, and practice for educators to help increase confidence and capacity to deal with difficult topics in the classroom - namely, the Muslim-American experience, terror, and Islamophobia.

The event will feature Daisy Khan, Founder and Executive Director of WISE (Women's Islamic Initiative in Spirituality & Equality) and former Executive Director of the American Society for Muslim Advancement.

Program:

3:30 pm - Check-In & Welcome

3:45 pm - Keynote Address: Daisy Khan

5:00 pm - Break & Merrimack Concert Choir

5:15 pm - Abdelkader in the Classroom & Harvard Pluralism Project Case Studies: Tamar Miller

6:00 pm - Dinner & Dialogue

7:00 pm - Deepening Knowledge, Continued Support & Follow-Up, Debrief & Conclusion

PreK-12 classroom teachers can earn a certificate of participation towards professional development or PDPs. This event is free and open to the public; dinner will be provided. Please contact Tim LeBel ([lebelt@merrimack.edu](mailto:lebelt@merrimack.edu)), New Teacher Support Specialist, with any questions.

---

## March 9

**Midpoint of the Spring Semester**

---

## Future Events

---

## Save the Date: Newly Tenured Faculty Reception

**Thursday, April 5**

**5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Merrimack Club, Sakowich Campus Center**

Join us for a reception to celebrate Merrimack College's Newly tenured faculty. A formal invitation to follow.

---

## **Save the Date: April 19**

**Working with Students with Anxiety in the Classroom**

**Offered twice at 10:00 - 11:00 and 4:00 - 5:00**

Workshop led by: Jodi Rachins, Director of Accessibility Services Office, Jennifer Evans Director of Compass, and Dr. Michael Mascolo, Academic Director of Compass in collaboration with Academic Services, the CETL, and the Office of the Provost

---

### **MERRIMACK COLLEGE PROVOST**

315 Turnpike Street | North Andover, MA 01845  
(978) 837-3563 or

[provost@merrimack.edu](mailto:provost@merrimack.edu)

[www.merrimack.edu/provost](http://www.merrimack.edu/provost)

<https://www.facebook.com/merrimackprovost>

