



MERRIMACK COLLEGE



PROVOST BRIEFING

March 12, 2018

www.merrimack.edu/provost

www.facebook.com/merrimackprovost

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

- 15th Annual Tolle Lege Reception to be Rescheduled
- Midterm Grade Due Date Extended to March 15
- Faculty Funding Opportunities
- Micro-Grants for Interdisciplinary Courses or Research
- Research & Creative Achievement Conference Submission Information
- Open Office Hours with the Provost, March 14
- CETL Mobile Training with Sue Burch from Apple - Update
- Weaving Universal Design for ALL Learners into your Already Fantastic Course, March 21
- Win an award? Publish a paper? Quoted in a news article? Share your good news!

- Edward G. Roddy Outstanding Teacher Award 2017-2018
- 2018 Newman Civic Fellowship Awarded
- Social Justice Week Events
- Stress Reduction with Mindfulness, March 13
- An Inconvenient Sequel Rescheduled
- Empowered Breathing and Meditation for Anxiety and Stress Reduction, March 15
- Anna & Elizabeth, March 15
- The Young Irishers, March 15
- Newly Tenured Faculty Reception, April 5
- Noises Off, by Michael Frayn, April 12

15th Annual Tolle Lege Reception to be Rescheduled

Due to another impending snowfall event, the 15th annual Tolle Lege Reception originally scheduled for March 13, is going to be rescheduled. The new date and time will be provided in an upcoming Briefing.

Midterm Grade(s) Due Date Extended to March 15th

Midterm Grades Due by Midnight

The Office of the Registrar would like to remind all faculty that midterm Grades are due by midnight on **March 15th**. The date has been extended due to the anticipated snow event on March 13. Midterm grades are due for all students enrolled in full-semester courses. The midterm grade option is currently open in MyMack, and faculty may enter grades anytime between now and midnight on Thursday the 15th. Instructions for entering grades can be found on MyMack. Full participation in submitting midterm grades gives the Academic Success Center the opportunity to identify all of the students who are struggling academically and work with them on successfully completing the semester.

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. Application deadline is **March 26**.

[Micro Grant Application](#)

Research & Creative Achievement Conference Submission Information: Graduate and Undergraduate 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 and/or Dr. Michael Stroud, 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 \(Info & Submission Link\)](#)

Open Office Hours with the Provost

Wednesday, March 14

8:30 - 10:00 AM

Provost's Suite, Austin Hall

The Provost will have open office hours for faculty to drop in 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.

CETL Mobile Training with Sue Burch from Apple - Update

Wednesday, March 14

Provost Conference Room, Austin Hall

This event has been cancelled owing to weather and rescheduled for April 10.

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.

Win an Award? Publish a Paper? Quoted in a News Article?

Share your good news! Send your accolades to [Ken Gornstein](#) in the Office of Communications for inclusion in the [Notable & Quotable blog](#).

Edward G. Roddy Outstanding Teacher Award 2017-2018

Edward G. Roddy, 1921-1985, Merrimack College Professor of History. A scholar who throughout his life demonstrated a devotion to teaching excellence, care and concern for students and a deep dedication to learning.

NOMINATIONS: Faculty and graduating seniors are asked to nominate a full-time Merrimack College professor for the honor of the *Edward G. Roddy Outstanding Teacher Award*. Students and faculty should consider a wide variety of qualities when submitting a nomination, which may include but are not limited to:

- Ability to engage and inspire student learning, creativity, and independent thinking inside and outside the classroom
- Encouragement of student participation
- Enthusiasm and vitality toward teaching and learning
- Effective and/or creative course design and redesign
- Employment of pedagogical techniques that are fair and respectful of differences among students
- Advisement and/or mentoring of students that reflect care, concern, and expertise
- Adjustment to interests and needs of students based upon formal and informal assessments
- Active involvement in student research projects
- Significant effort in promoting mobile, tech-enriched teaching and learning environments

Please include in your comments any of the above qualities. Nominations will be accepted until April 15, using this [nomination form](#).

2018 Newman Civic Fellowship Awarded

Congratulations to Yina Cordero for being awarded a 2018 Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellowship. Ms. Cordero will join 268 community-committed students representing Campus Compact member colleges and universities from 40 states, Washington, D.C., Mexico, and Greece. Yina is expected to graduate in 2019 with an M.Ed. in Community Engagement. She was nominated for the fellowship by President Christopher Hopey. Dr. Audrey Falk, Associate Professor and Director, Community Engagement Program, will serve as her mentor.

The Newman Civic Fellowship supports the next generation of public problem solvers in their personal, professional, and civic growth. The 2018 Newman Civic Fellows National Conference will take place on November 17-18, 2018, in Boston. Costs of lodging, meals, and programming are covered by [Campus Compact](#). Ms. Cordero's profile can be found on the Campus Compact site.

Social Justice Week Events

Feed the Green: Feminist Voices for the Earth

Friday, March 16: 12:30 - 2:00 PM Crowe Hall 207

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 be joined by participants in the teaching circle on interdisciplinary teaching and pedagogy for a discussion of the film. For more click [here](#).

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](#).

Climbing PoeTree -- Rescheduled, details will follow.

Other Events this Week

March 13th

***An Inconvenient Sequel* Rescheduled**

7:00 PM

Stevens Auditorium, Cushing Hall

There will be a public showing of *An Inconvenient Sequel*, the follow-up to Al Gore's award-winning documentary, *An Inconvenient Truth*, about the advance of climate change. Our original Climate Reality Speaker can't make it, but there will be a sub so we'll still have a trained climate activist here on campus for Q and A!

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

March 15th

Empowered Breathing and Meditation for Anxiety and Stress Reduction

Thursdays, March 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 or phoning 978-837-5350.

March 15th

Anna & Elizabeth

4:00 PM

The Writers House

The group Anna & Elizabeth has performed at the Cambridge Folk Festival, Brighton Festival, Newport Folk Festival, Atlanta Museum of Modern Art, Brooklyn Folk Fest, as well as intimate theaters across the U.S., U.K., and Europe. The duo has received fellowships to develop their work at the MacDowell Colony, Virginia Center for Creative Arts, and elsewhere. They have released two acclaimed full-length albums: Sun to Sun (2012) and Anna & Elizabeth (2015). This event is free and open to the public.

Watch Anna & Elizabeth perform on NPR's Tiny Desk Concert

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

March 15th

The Young Irelanders

Sunday, March 18

3:00 PM

Rogers Center for the Arts

Every year, the Irish Cultural Academy brings together some of the finest exponents of traditional Irish music, song and dance to create a terrific group known as The Young Irelanders. These performers have the cultural traditions of "the olde sod" running through their veins and are world and Irish national champions in their disciplines. Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy some of the most talented young Irish singers, dancers and musicians in the world.

Future Events

Newly Tenured Faculty Reception

Thursday, April 5

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Merrimack Club, Sakowich Campus Center

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

Noises Off, by Michael Frayn

Thursday, April 12

7:30 PM

Rogers Center for the Arts

Get ready for an outrageously funny look at the love, lies, and deceit that take place behind the scenes, as a group of ridiculously inept actors rehearse for a Broadway-bound play! Just when members of this chaotic cast finally get their performances right, everything starts going wrong! Directed by Evan Kelly (Avenue Q!).

MERRIMACK COLLEGE PROVOST

315 Turnpike Street | North Andover, MA 01845

(978) 837-3563 or

provost@merrimack.edu

www.merrimack.edu/provost

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



