

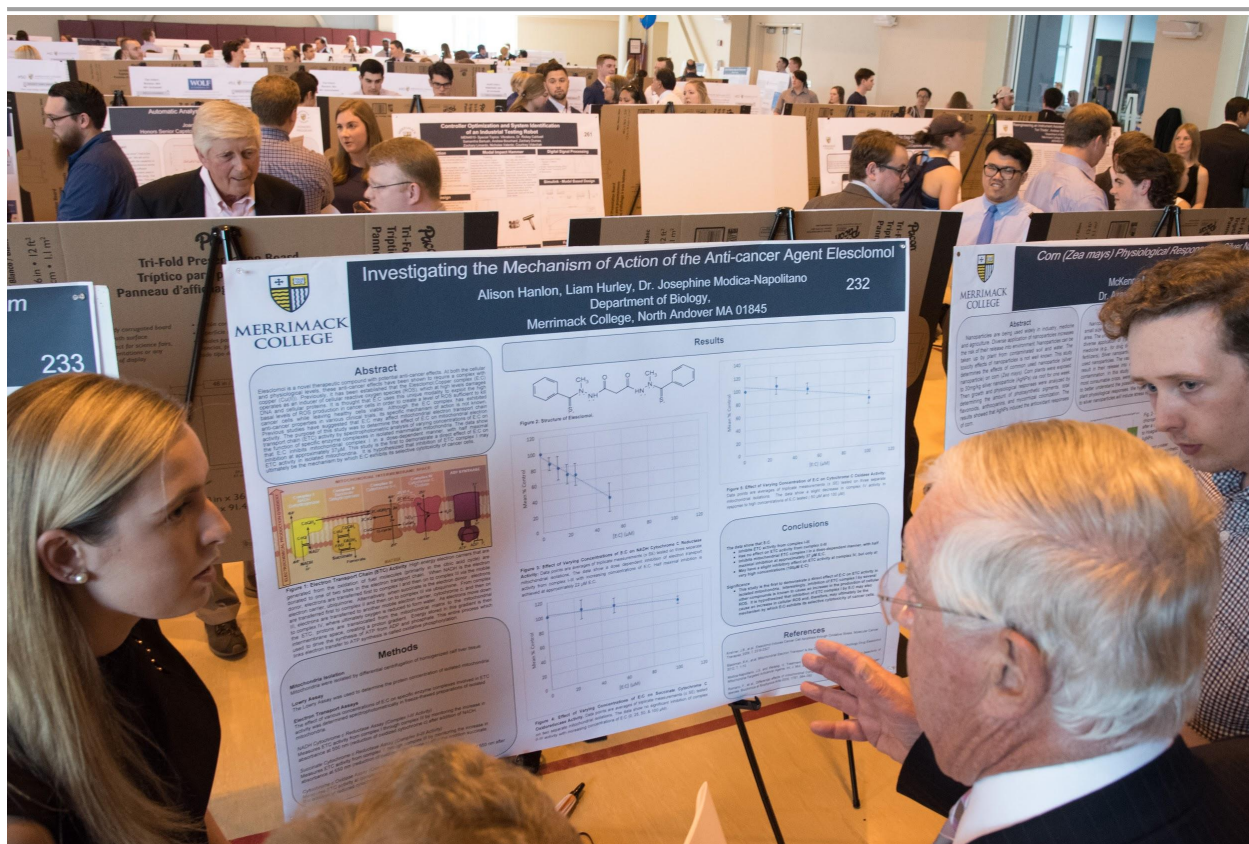


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*Undergraduate Alison Hanlon presents her research project entitled *Investigating the Mechanisms of Action of the Anti-Cancer Agent Elesclomol* at the 2018 Research and Creative Achievement Conference May 3 session.*

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

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2018 Commencement Weekend

May 19-20

Saturday, May 19

Legacy Reception

10:30 AM - Merrimack Stadium Viewing Patio

Honors Convocation

1:00 PM - Hammel Court, Merrimack Athletic Complex

Faculty lineup is at 12:00 pm in the Writers House. Please arrive dressed in regalia, refreshments will be served.

Graduate Hooding Ceremony - *New this year*

4:00 PM - Hammel Court, Merrimack Athletic Complex

Faculty lineup is at 3:00 pm in the Writers House. Please arrive dressed in regalia, refreshments will be served. A reception will immediately follow the ceremony in the MAC Lot.

Baccalaureate Mass

4:00 PM - Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher

Faculty lineup at 3:30 p.m. in front of Austin Hall. Please arrive dressed in regalia (no caps). A reception will immediately follow Mass in the Crowe Hall Patio.

Sunday, May 20

Commencement (combined Undergraduate and Graduate)

10:00 AM - Merrimack Stadium

Faculty lineup is at 8:30 am in the Writers House. Please arrive dressed in regalia, refreshments will be served. A reception will immediately follow the ceremony in the MAC lot.

Open Office Hours with the Provost Moved to Tuesday - This Week Only

8:30 - 10:00 AM

Provost's Suite, Austin Hall

The Provost will have open office hours for faculty to drop-in Tuesday, May 8, 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.

Liberal Arts Dean Search Open Forum

Wednesday, May 9

2:00 - 3:00 PM

Murray Lounge, Sakowich Campus Center

The School of Liberal Arts Dean Search Committee invites you to attend an open forum to meet with Steve Leo, Vice President for the search firm Storbeck/Pimentel. The forum will take place Wednesday, May 9, from 2:00-3:00 pm in Murray Lounge. An on-line survey will also be made available for any comments or feedback you wish to share. We welcome your input in this important process.

2018 Research and Creative Achievement Conference

Wednesday, May 9

3:00 - 6:00 PM Graduate Session - MPR and Cascia Hall

Light refreshments will be served

You're invited! This conference celebrates the academic and creative excellence of graduate work. We are also honored to highlight mentored student work based on the College's commitment to engagement with our community partners. These reciprocal and collaborative partnerships serve to enrich the scholarship, research, and creative activity of our students and faculty while strengthening our institutional mission of fostering civic responsibility, addressing societal issues and contributing to the public good.

Proposal Writing Institute with the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR)

May 9, 2018 internal deadline

May 15, 2018 CUR deadline

The Office of the Provost will reimburse up to three Merrimack faculty to participate in the July 12-16, 2018 Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) Proposal Writing Institute at Georgia College in Milledgeville, GA.

This Institute is designed for faculty who have already identified an external funding opportunity or agency and are currently working on a draft proposal. The four-day institute will consist of one-on-one work with a mentor, writing, small group discussions, and critiquing of proposals. The institute has been developed to assist novice to experienced proposal writers in drafting complete proposals for submission.

By **May 9, 2018** please send a two paragraph outline of your proposal and the name of the intended funding agency and/or program to the Director of Sponsored Programs, Melissa Spragens at sieglm@merrimack.edu, for internal review.

General Education Faculty Dialogue

Wednesday, May 16

2:00 - 4:00 PM

Executive Room, Crowe Hall

The General Education Committee invites all faculty to a conversation about potential new structures of General Education at Merrimack College. The Committee will update the faculty on their work and present examples from our environmental scan, consultations with other Schools and work with Huron Consulting. Following a brief presentation, the Committee will engage the faculty in a facilitated general discussion. This faculty dialogue is a continuation of the previous discussion held on April 12th.

Call for Nominations for Last Lecturer 2018

The Merrimack College Honors Program is pleased to invite nominations for the Annual Last Lecture at Merrimack College. The Last Lecture will be delivered on November 13 in the Fall 2018 semester by a faculty member who will share with the community their research, values, and passions. This is their chance to share their wisdom as if it were the last opportunity they would have to speak to a group of students.

All members of the community are encouraged to nominate those faculty members who you believe exemplify the values of the Merrimack College community. We encourage you to think specifically about those faculty members who have had a positive effect on you in some way, or who were engaging, motivated, passionate, and inspiring. Self-nomination is acceptable and encouraged.

To nominate a faculty member, please fill out this [form](#) with the faculty member's full name and a brief, detailed description of why he or she should deliver the last lecture. Nominations are due by **Friday, May 11, 2018**.

The Honors Student Council in consultation with the Honors Program Director will review the nominations and select the 2018 Last Lecturer.

Now Accepting Applications for Winter Intensive Courses

The Office of Global Education announces the Faculty-Led Global Courses for 2018-2019. Opportunities for students include two new additions; winter intensive, Communications course in Dubai and spring semester, Biology course in Hawaii.

Sarah Benes' Public Health Issues Abroad which ran for the first last year returns, as does Daniel Herda's timely course on the Sociology of Immigration and Merrimack's signature Pellegrinaggio in Italia taught by Joseph Kelley.

Please advise your students of these opportunities. These courses offer students who may not have time for a full semester abroad to earn credit in their majors or to fulfill LS Core requirements in a more global context. They're also good opportunities for students who are uncertain about longer ventures abroad to test the proverbial waters. Whether they're interested in exploring the Middle East or the Augustinian tradition, your students have good short-term options.

N.B. that the Winter Intensive applications are now open. Applications for spring semester courses will open in September.

Winter Intensive (December 28-January 13):

- COM 4450 Global Media: Emerging Culture and Information Industries in the Arab World
Melissa Zimdars, School of Liberal Arts
Course Fulfills: 4000-level Communications course requirement; Experiential, Diversity in LS Core

Application Deadline: July 1, 2018

Spring Semester + Spring Break on-site:

- HSC 3150 Public Health Issues Abroad: Scotland
Sarah Benes, School of Health Sciences
Prerequisites: HSC3302: Introduction to Public Health
Course fulfills: Major elective for Public Health; Experiential in LS Core

- RTS 2425 Pellegrinaggio in Italia
Joseph Kelly, School of Liberal Arts
Prerequisites: RTS 1100; permission of professor
Course fulfills: Arts and Literature, Experiential in LS Core

Spring Semester + Summer on-site:

- SOC 3650 Sociology of Immigration in Berlin
Daniel Herda, School of Liberal Arts
Course Fulfills: Social Science, Experiential, Diversity in LS Core
- BIO3090 The Larry J. Kelts Global Field Studies Program, Hawaii
Azam Noori, School of Science and Engineering
Prerequisites: permission of instructor
Course Fulfills: 3000-level upper elective courses for B.S. and B.A in Biology

If you're interested in teaching a global course of your own, please contact Liesl Smith in the GEO (smithlr@merrimack.edu) and watch for the announcement about the GEO fall workshop on developing faculty-led courses (date TBD). Writing Center Announces Inaugural Awards.

Writing Center Announces Inaugural Awards

The Merrimack College Writing Center has instituted a pair of annual awards celebrating the cause of strong writing during the academic year. Candidates are nominated and winners are selected by the student writing consultants. Awards are announced at the end of each academic year.

Caroline Bradley, a junior English and Education major, was the inaugural recipient of the Writing Consultant of the Year award, given to the student employee of the Writing Center who best promotes tutoring, writing, and learning in the college community.

Kathleen Shine Cain, professor in the Global Education Office and former Director of the Writing Center, received the Writing Advocate of the Year award, winning from a field of nine nominees that included student, staff, and faculty candidates from the Liberal Arts, Health Sciences, Science and Engineering, and the Academic Success Center. The Writing Advocate of the Year award celebrates a non-writing center member of the Merrimack College community who advocates for strong writing through teaching, service, research, or other community engagement.

Merrimack Innovates! Faculty Tech Fair

Wednesday, May 23

12:00 - 2:00 PM

First Floor - Mendel

Join us for this first annual celebration of faculty edtech accomplishments! Share and connect with colleagues. Learn and play with some cool technologies. Take a glimpse at all the creativity: Virtual Reality Demo's (VPA, Health Sciences, Chemistry), Light Board Displays (Physics), College Algebra Course Redesign (Math), Coding (Education), Teradyne Robot (Mechanical Engineering), Multi-Touch Book Displays (Chemistry, Health Sciences, Math), Try Apple Teacher and Coding Stations, Blackboard Ultra Pilot Experiences (History, Education, Mechanical Engineering), Explore the Digital Syllabus (CETL). Enjoy plenty of food and a chance to win a variety of prizes!! [Registration Link](#)

CETL Ed Tech with Sue Burch from Apple

May 22 & 23

Merrimack Club Dining Room, Sakowich Center

Refreshments provided and all levels welcome!

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

Tuesday, May 22

Clips for Improved Video Making! 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Improve your video making skills and practice over the summer! Learn how to use clips for making and sharing fun videos with text, effects, graphics, and more.

Make it and Take it - Your way! 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Participants receive an Apple Pencil or iTunes gift card*!

During this interactive session, explore strategies to engage students and deepen learning among colleagues. Bring your ideas and 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)

Wednesday, May 23

Publishing Interactive Content with iBooks Author 9:00 - 10:30 AM

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.

Breakout Escape Room Activity! 2:30 - 4:00 PM

Participants receive an Apple Pencil or iTunes gift card*!

Fun, motivating and exciting! Put on your super-sleuth hat and find clues to solve problems with your colleagues! Use your critical thinking skills, collaborate with peers, and most of all muster your perseverance! Leveraging your iPad apps to escape and eventually find your way out, you will learn valuable tips and tricks to use in the classroom!

**One giveaway per person total.*

Assistive Technology Workshop

Wednesday, May 23

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Alden Classroom, 3rd floor McQuade Library

Come and learn more about TextHelp Read&Write software and how it can help English language learners, people with learning disabilities, and others.

Introduction to Team-Based Learning (TBL) Workshop with Dr. Jane Parent

Thursday, May 24

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (lunch immediately following)

Merrimack Club Dining Room, Sakowich Center

This session will offer the basic information about the ins and outs of using Team Based Learning in the classroom. If faculty are satisfied with their students completing their readings and assignments and showing up for class fully prepared and engaged, then TBL is NOT for you! If faculty are interested in an effective way to increase student's performance and engagement with class materials, then team based learning offers a different way to approach their class sessions. Participants will design a "take away" activity that they can use in their classes. [Registration Link](#)

Experiential Education: Doing it Right Workshop with Dr. Donna Qualters

Tuesday, May 29

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (includes lunch)

Merrimack Club Dining Room, Sakowich Center

In this workshop we will work together to explore questions related to experiential education: What are realistic experiential goal(s) for a class? How do I assess the learning that occurs during an experiential activity? What role does reflection play in experiential education? What are some models of reflection that will work for students? How do I convey to students the value of their experiences and the need to reflect on their learning?

At the end of the day you will have drafted experiential goals and learning objectives for your course; designed activities, both formative and summative, to assess those goals; have a variety of models to consider for reflective activities; and share with colleagues your ideas, experiences, and questions. [Registration Link](#)

The Merrimack College Community Engagement Program and the School of Education and Social Policy, in partnership with the Provost's Office, the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, and Campus Compact of Southern New England, are pleased to present the Community Engagement Institute.

Community Engagement Institute

Tuesday, May 29 & Wednesday, May 30

This institute provides an opportunity to come together with community partners and community-engaged faculty and staff from other local higher education institutions to dialogue, network, and learn from one another. We will deepen our professional relationships, learn about one another's community-engaged work, and share ideas about best practices. We will also reflect on the connections between our work and the national trends and initiatives pertinent to the community engagement field. Come for one day or two!

[Register Here](#)

Tuesday, May 29

5:00 – 7:00 PM

Rogers Center for the Arts Atrium

Please join us for dinner and dialogue. We will celebrate our collective accomplishments in community-engaged practices, honoring a Merrimack student and a community partnership.

Wednesday, May 30

8:30 AM – 7 PM

Crowe Executive Room

The schedule will include speakers, panels, breakout sessions, and site visits involving a wide range of local community organizations and partnerships. Following afternoon site visits to Hands to Help, Squash Busters, and the YMCA Lawrence, the program will end with dinner at El Taller, a café in Lawrence. Van transportation will be available to and from Merrimack College.

CETL Summer Book Reads

The CETL is offering summer book reading opportunities on teaching and learning:

Dynamic Lecturing ***Researched-Based Strategies to Enhance Lecture Effectiveness*** and ***Beyond the Skills Gap: Preparing College Students for Life and Work***. In mid July, participants will have the opportunity to discuss thoughts, ideas, and practical strategies at a fun off-campus lunch. The first 20 people to sign up will receive a complimentary copy of the book in the format of their choice, e-pub or hardcover. [Registration Link](#)

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