



PROVOST BRIEFING

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

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Davis Educational Foundation: Funding Opportunity and CFP

The David Educational Foundation Grants (DEFG) support experiential course development with stipends of \$1,000 for up to 6 faculty for the 2018-2019 academic year. Proposals should result in a new or improved experiential education course or program with a preference for experiences 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; community engagement. Proposal should be one page and include a title, abstract, description and brief plan for dissemination and implementation. Send proposals (and any questions) to sendallp@merrimack.edu and copy nielsenk@merrimack.edu.

Fall Awards

Three (3) \$1000 awards

Proposals due: **October 15**

Awards announced October 30

Spring Awards

Three (3) \$1000 awards

Proposals due: January 31

Awards announced February 15

All Abilities Awareness Week Oct 9-12

Come check out the events scheduled throughout the week as well as library materials on topics of diversity, equity, representation, and inclusion on display on the 1st floor of McQuade Library.

MACKchats

Each Day: Tuesday, October 9 to Friday, October 12

12:00 - 1:00 PM

McQuade Library

Students of many different abilities share their stories, followed by Q & A period. Light refreshments will be provided.

Screening of *The Theory of Everything*

Thursday, October 11th

7:00 PM

Rogers Center for the Arts

The movie will be preceded by commentary, featuring Craig Looney and Nicole LabrequeBlue, beginning at 6:30 PM.

This week long event is sponsored in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, the McQuade Library, the Accessibility Services Office and the Rogers Center for the Arts.

Where We Come From: Request for Photos

Thagaste Gallery, Rogers Center for the Performing Arts

Opens: November 1

All are invited to participate in creating an art exhibition unlike anything we've done before.

Where We Come From draws off the longstanding tradition of honoring our ancestors and personal family histories through photography. We would like to create a living history of our community by offering the opportunity to contribute photographs representing our families' past, and relationships from several generations past up to more recent and immediate relationships.

Please send chosen photos to Father Rick Piatt at piattr@merrimack.edu or mail a COPY (please, do not send the original), to: Fr. Richard Piatt, O.S.A, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike Street, North Andover, MA 01845, by **October 15**. You may submit as many as you'd like. All photographs will be handled with great care and respect.

Please, identify the person or people by name and birth and death dates (if known) and share any information, from nick names to military service to their love for ice cream or something they said that impacted your life.

Fall Writer-in Residence: James Wood

October 16-18

Our Fall Writer-in-Residence will be James Wood. Wood is Professor of the Practice of Literary Criticism at Harvard University and a longtime staff writer at *The New Yorker*. Widely considered to be the preeminent critic of his generation, Wood is the author of *How Fiction Works*, as well as the essay collections *The Broken Estate* and *The Irresponsible Self*, and the novels *Upstate* and *The Book Against God*. **His keynote/reading will be on Thursday, October 18 at 4pm.**

A recent piece on Philip Roth here:

<https://www.newyorker.com/books/page-turner/the-unceasing-necessity-of-philip-roth>

A recent interview with Wood:

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2018/mar/02/james-wood-interview-upstate>

The Writer-in-Residence program is made possible with generous support from the Andrea '79 and Ken Robertson Writers House Innovation Fund.

Environmental Film Series: Death by Design

Wednesday, October 17

7:00 PM

Stevens Auditorium

This 2016 documentary explores the relationship between our addiction to new electronic devices and the human health and environmental impacts of these toxic choices.

Light refreshments served. All are welcome!

Co-sponsored by the McQuade Library, the Green Team, and the McLaughlin Martin Family Environmental Innovation Fund.

Other Events this Week

October 9th

Second Annual Austin Scholars Book Drive

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Main Street in the Sakowich Campus Center

Please bring your donation of decent-condition Children's books for ages 6-15 to be donated to the Lawrence Public School System.

October 10th

Political Science Alumni Career Event

11:00 AM and 2:00 PM

The Writers House

The Political Science department will host 14 of our Merrimack Political Science alumni to talk about their career paths and offer tips for our undergraduates thinking ahead to their post-Merrimack life. All students of any major or level are welcome. There are [two panels of alumni guests](#), 11:00-12:15 and 2:00-3:15. Please direct any questions to Anne Flaherty at flahertya@merrimack.edu

October 10th

Health Sciences Graduate Programs Fair

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

MPR, Sakowich Campus Center

The School of Health Sciences is hosting a Graduate Programs Fair for students interested in pursuing a career in the healthcare industry. Programs represented include Nursing, Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, Masters in Public Health, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Healthcare Administration and more. Schools attending include Boston College of Nursing, Mass College of Pharmacy, MGH Institute, Sacred Heart University, Simmons College, Tufts University, UMass Lowell, University of New England, University of Mass Medical School of Nursing and more

October 11th

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 Thursday from 8:30 to 10:00 AM. Whether you have a specific topic or just want to say "hello," all faculty are welcome to visit.

October 12th

Last day to withdraw with a "W" for Fall Session 1 graduate online courses

Future Events

Building Community, Reaching for Justice Fall 2018 Speaker Series: Marquis Victor

Monday, October 15

5:00 - 6:30 PM

Crowe Hall, Room 210

Marquis Victor is the Founding Executive Director of [Elevated Thought](#). Elevated Thought is an art and social justice Lawrence-based organization that actively serves and develops communities through youth empowerment curriculum, beautification projects, youth organizing, and public outreach.

Thomas Merton and the Religions: An Interfaith Conference

Tuesday, October 16

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Crowe Hall, Room 206

Join us to celebrate the life and legacy of Father Louis, OCSO (Thomas Merton) on the 50th Anniversary of his death. This day long conference aims to extend Merton's impact as a 20th century guide to spiritual exploration - and its link to a life of mercy, justice and peace - to another generation of students and to our wider community. Attend one session or come for the day; a [detailed schedule](#) is available. More information can be found on our [webpage](#). Please share this event using our [Facebook](#) page.

[RSVP](#) is appreciated, especially if you will send students.

Gender and Race in the Narratives of Crossing of Syrian Refugees into Germany

A Talk by Dr. Isis Nusair, Denison University

Thursday, October 18

2:00 - 4:00 PM

Cascia Hall

Join us for a presentation based on extensive ethnographic research conducted with Syrian refugees in Germany in the past three years. Dr. Nusair explores how gendered and racialized bodies of refugees become the site for the negotiation of the meaning and practice of both "refuge" and "border." The narratives of refugees underscore the search for an alternative to war and displacement and for new modes of transnational social and political transformations.

Sponsored by the Interdisciplinary Institute. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please visit [Event Page on Facebook](#).

Homecoming Weekend

October 26-28

Join us for a crisp fall weekend to celebrate all things Merrimack. [Homecoming](#) has grown into one of Merrimack's most beloved traditions. A time when alumni, parents, and friends return, relive their Merrimack experience, and reconnect with the best parts about being a Warrior!

MACK GIVES BACK

November 1-9

Remembering the roots of Merrimack College as an institution founded to serve the educational needs of military veterans of World War II, we honor those who served by serving others. In order to maximize the number of people able to volunteer, to spend a few hours recalling the what we ask of those willing serve in the military, and to maximize the quality of the service we are able to offer to our community, [MACK GIVES BACK](#) will take place throughout this week.

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