



PROVOST BRIEFING

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Move-in Day for First Year Students

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

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Mass of the Holy Spirit

Tuesday, September 4

4:15 PM

Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher

The entire Merrimack community, of all faith traditions, is invited to celebrate of the Mass of the Holy Spirit. Students are asked to wear clothes that identify their membership on athletic teams, fraternities, sororities, clubs or organizations. Faculty need not wear regalia to Mass, but are asked to sit together in reserved seating.

Immediately following Mass of the Holy Spirit, a community barbeque will take place at O'Brien Plaza, Sakowich Campus Center.

Academic Convocation

Keynote Speaker [Father Gregory Boyle](#)

Thursday, September 6

4:00 PM

Hamel Gym, Merrimack Athletics Complex

Faculty line up is at 3:30 pm, first floor of McQuade Library. Please arrive dressed in regalia, (no tams). Regalia rentals can be picked up at line up. **Classes are being dismissed at 3:30 PM.**

A Welcome Back Faculty Reception will immediately follow in the Executive Room, Crowe Hall.

Second Tuesday First-Year Student Advising Meetings

Tuesday, September 11

4:00 PM

The Academic Success Center has organized our annual "Second Tuesday First-Year Student Advising Meeting", which takes place on the the second Tuesday of the semester during the free block. The primary goal is to give first-year students an opportunity to meet their primary advisor earlier. Last year's inaugural event was met with resounding praise.

Faculty who have first-year student advisees will meet with a group of their advisees. The meeting will take place in the faculty member's office - if the group is small enough - or in a classroom. For more information on how this serves as an opportunity for advisors, visit the [Second Tuesday First-Year Student Advising](#) page.

CETL Teaching Circles: 2018/19 Call for Proposals

Consider forming a CETL Teaching Circle for the upcoming academic year. Circles are faculty led and composed of faculty from across departments. The collegial nature of the circle is intended to foster openness, mutual support, and innovation and is founded on the idea that

teachers can learn from each other. Proposal Deadline is **September 20**. For more information click [Teaching Circle Information and Call](#) or contact Dr. Kathryn Nielsen at nielsenk@merrimack.edu.

IRB Update

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) will continue its review of full proposals this fall. The IRB meeting schedule is shown below. It is important that proposals get submitted to the IRB at least 10 business days prior to the formal IRB meeting dates.

Meetings for the fall semester

Monday, September 10, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Monday, September 24, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Wednesday, October 10, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Wednesday, October 24, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Monday, November 5, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Monday, November 26, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Monday, December 3, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Tuesday, December 11, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

In other IRB news, the Merrimack College Institutional Review Board (IRB) would like to remind you that **CITI (Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative) training** is now required for all faculty and students interested in getting certification to work on human subjects. Beginning in September 2018, we will no longer accept NIH training certification for any research requiring IRB review.

Why the transition to CITI? CITI training is a nationally recognized human subjects research and compliance training program. CITI provides a comprehensive and holistic training certification that is more widely recognized and accepted than our previous NIH training.

If you are not familiar with the CITI Program site, you can click [here](#) for a quick tutorial. If you are familiar with the CITI Program site, you can click [here](#). Please remember to change your affiliation to Merrimack College if you registered while at another institution.

The Media Center

The Media Center offers a creative learning environment for our faculty and students. They introduce you to new media and technology. They also provide support and access to video and photography services. As a reminder, the Media Center is now located in Cushing 201. Kevin Salemme, the Director, will be available to provide in-class tutorials in video and photography, as well as guest lectures in visual literacy.

Other services include:

- **Faculty Portraits** - If you would like an updated faculty portrait, please make an appointment using this link: <https://kevinsalemme.youcanbook.me/>
- **Department Photos** - Kevin can also update department photos for web or brochure use. Please email him at salemmek@merrimack.edu. He often books about 10 days ahead, so make an appointment early.
- **Student Photographers** - The Media Center has four student photographers to cover weekend and evening events, and again it's important to make your reservation early.
- **Photo Database** - If you need campus photographs for any purpose, please visit: www.merrimack.smugmug.com

Updates from McQuade Library

Access Made Easy: We are excited to announce changes that will simplify how you access McQuade Library's off-campus resources. You can now sign in with your Merrimack credentials (MC username and password) to gain full access to McQuade Library's licensed electronic resources from off-campus. The barcode on the back of your MACKcard is still used to renew books, place holds and use popular Overdrive books.

Contact your [library liaison](#) this year to investigate library resources germane to your discipline, arrange for a library workshop, put materials on [course reserves](#), and suggest materials for purchase. More information on the [liaison program](#) and other library offerings can be found on the [Faculty Resources Guide](#).

Liaison librarians will be contacting department chairs soon with details on budget allocations, new resources, and other matters specific to the department.

Check out the [Summer McQuade Messenger](#) for more news including streaming video changes.

Other Events this Week

September 3

Upperclassmen Move in

September 4

Fall Classes begin

September 6

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.

September 6

Across the Universe

6:30 PM Pre-Screening Lecture

7:00 PM Screening

Rogers Center for the Arts

Julie Taymor's Beatles inspired film *ACROSS THE UNIVERSE* (PG-13) 6:30 pre-screening lecture with Dr. Laura Moore Pruitt. 7:00 screening. Free.

Future Events

Broadway Through the Ages: A New Musical Review featuring Merrimack OnStager Alumni!

Saturday, September 15

7:30 PM

Rogers Center for the Arts

In one special performance, alumni from both the Department of Visual and Performing Arts and Merrimack's OnStagers return to the Rogers Center stage to present Broadway classics from the "golden age" to the present. Backed by a professional music ensemble, these talented alumni will bring their unique touch to your Broadway favorites.

Building Community, Reaching for Justice Fall 2018 Speaker Series: McKersin Previlus

Monday, September 17

5:00 - 6:30 PM

Crowe Hall, Room 210

The Building Community, Reaching for Justice Fall 2018 Speaker Series presents McKersin Previlus founder, Bridge 4 My Brothers, Artistic Director Laka Dance Theatre, and Co-Founder Racines Black Dance Festival. Sponsored by the Community Engagement Graduate Program.

Global Education Fair

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

4:00 - 6:00 PM

MPR, Sakowich Campus Center

The Office of Global Education will host its Fall Fair on Wednesday, September 19 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Program representatives and alums will be available to talk about semester programs. Plus, Merrimack faculty leading this year's short-term opportunities will be there for interested students to find out more. **Please encourage your students to come to the Fair and consider stopping by yourself.**

Interdisciplinary Institute Mini-Lecture and Reception

Thursday, September 20

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Blue Line Club, Merrimack Athletic Complex

An opportunity to meet the institute's new director, Dr. Simona Sharoni, and the 2018-2019 Scholar in Residence, Dr. Ellen Fitzpatrick. Dr. Fitzpatrick's lecture is titled "Transcending Borders: Reflections on the Synergy between Interdisciplinary and Global Studies." The event will include light refreshments and an open bar.

Dan Kaufman

Tuesday, September 25

4:00 PM

Writers House

Dan Kaufman will read from/discuss his new book, *The Fall of Wisconsin: The Conservative Conquest of a Progressive Bastion and the Future of American Politics*. Kaufman's writing has appeared in *The New York Times Magazine* and *The New Yorker*.

A review of *The Fall of Wisconsin* in *The New York Times*:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/07/11/books/review-fall-of-wisconsin-dan-kaufman.html>

A piece in *The New Yorker*:

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/the-fall-of-wisconsin-and-the-rise-of-randy-bryce>

Please SAVE the Date: 3rd Annual Liberal Arts Career Night

Wednesday, September 26

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Liberal Arts alumni from a wide variety of fields (including not-for-profits; social, human and clinical services; law; education; media and creative arts; marketing/PR; public service and government; and financial services) will be in attendance to meet and network with current students. The event will begin with a keynote address from alumnus Sean Kavanagh (B.A. in Psychology), who is the CEO of the Ariel Group. Students, faculty and staff from all five schools are welcome and encouraged to attend. Food and drink will be provided. More information to come.

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.

Weaving the Maps: Tales of Survival and Resistance

Thursday, October 18, 2018

4:00-6:00 PM

Cascia Hall

A world premiere performance, a result of a collaboration of Drs. Laila Farah (DePaul University) and Dr. Isis Nussair (Denison University), followed by Q & A.

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