



PROVOST BRIEFING

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Mack Talk Breakfast, featuring faculty members Birgid Hopkins, Michael Stroud and Nancy Wynn as well as Kevin Goncalves '19, talking about the latest academic innovations and programs at Merrimack. Moderated by Associate Provost Kathryn Nielsen.

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

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School of Liberal Arts Dean Candidates

A nationwide search has identified three truly outstanding finalists for the deanship of our School of Liberal Arts. The next two candidates will be visiting campus this week and next, and we want you to have the opportunity to engage with them in open forums. We ask that you save these dates and times for the candidate forums, and we will provide more details including CVs for review before each candidate's visit:

- Monday, November 12, 2:00-3:00 PM, Executive Room, Crowe Hall
- Monday, November 19, 2:00-3:00 PM, Executive Room, Crowe Hall

Public forums are a vital step in the dean selection process. We ask that you make every effort to attend these forums and take part in the public discussion that will inform this decision, which is so important to the college's future successes. You will be able to share your feedback and comments on the candidates. That information will be shared with the committee and the president as the process proceeds. CVs will be posted [here](#) the night prior to each candidate's visit.

Welcome Deborah Esparza-St. Louis

Deborah recently joined the Office of the Provost staff as the director of Sponsored Programs. She is charged with continuing efforts to collaborate with Merrimack College faculty and staff to support the College's goal of streamlining the administrative burden and grow its sponsored research portfolio. Deborah will be updating the OSP website that will provide information and guidance for faculty interested in research.

Please stop by the Sponsored Programs office located just outside the doors to the Provost's Office, and introduce yourself. If you need to speak with Deborah directly, you can reach her at 837-5611 or email her at research@merrimack.edu.

Davis Grant Recipients, Fall 2018

Congratulations to the following faculty on receiving a Fall 2018 Davis Educational Foundation Grant to grow Experiential Education at Merrimack.

Name	Department	Project
Dr. Taesoo Ahn	Sport Management	Podcast Hosting in Sport Business
Dr. Brittanie Aiello	Criminology & Crim Justice	Practicum in Correctional Education
Dr. Valerie Bell	Management	Emerging Markets Course with Embedded Global Experience
Dr. Jessica Peacock	Health Sciences	Using Technology to Improve Experiential Learning in Exercise Science
Prof. Dan Vlahos	Visual & Performing Arts	Interdisciplinary Arts Workshop Series

November Festival of Remembrance and Gratitude

Please join us for all of the events of this month during which we remember those who have gone before us in life and death, those who have served us in military service, and give thanks for all that we enjoy and try to share it with others.

Agape Latte with Joe Jenkins

Thursday, November 15

7:30 PM

Sanctuary Café

Join us for delicious coffee, tea, and dessert, and the opportunity to hear Joe Jenkins, Assistant Director of Career Advising for the Girard School of Business and a Military Veteran share the story of his faith journey.

Thanksgiving Basket Drive Collection

Tuesday, November 20

7:30 - 8:30 AM

Parking Lot M (Sakowich Lot)

The Grace J. Palmisano Center for Campus Ministry would like to invite YOU to participate in this year's Thanksgiving Basket Drive. Contact Campus Ministry's Augustinian Volunteer Gina Hackett (hackettg@merrimack.edu) for information and to sign up to donate basket from your department or class.

Last Lecture: Dr. Alicia Malone

Tuesday, November 13

7:00 PM

Cascia Hall

Please join us on Tuesday, November 13th as Dr. Alicia Malone, associate professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, gives the annual "Last Lecture." The Last Lecture has become a staple event on the Merrimack campus and provides a beloved faculty member with the opportunity to speak to our community as if this were their final chance to do so. Sponsored by the Honors Program in collaboration with the Merrimack Chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa.

Author Readings

Wednesday, November 14

12:00 - 12:30 PM

McQuade Library, Room 103

Please join five of our talented RTS faculty in a celebration of their recently published works.

Joe Kelley, Autumn Ridenour, Laurie Cozad, Emma Polyakov, and Dorie Mansen will read from their recent publications in the McQuade Conference Room on the 1st floor of the library. Feel free to bring your lunch!

Environmental Film Series: Journey of the Universe

Wednesday, November 14

7:00 PM

Stevens Auditorium

This 2011 documentary explores the birth of the universe, evolution, and the impact we, as humans, have on the planet.

The event is co-sponsored by the McQuade Library, the Green Team and the McLaughlin Martin Family Environmental Innovation Fund.

CETL Book Read: iGen by Dr. Jean M. Twenge

Please click [Book Read Sign-Up](#) by 11/26 to receive a complimentary copy. Texts or ePubs to arrive early December. Brief description:

"With generational divides wider than ever, parents, educators, and employers have an urgent need to understand today's rising generation of teens and young adults. Born after 1995, iGen is the first generation to spend their entire adolescence in the age of the smartphone. With social media and texting replacing other activities, iGen spends less time with their friends in person – perhaps why they are experiencing unprecedented levels of anxiety, depression, and loneliness." Click [here](#) for more on iGen and Dr. Twenge's work.

Teaching and Tech

Please make sure you update your mobile devices when notifications are pushed.

AirPlay

Devices running iOS 12.0.1 may experience audio issues when attempting to Airplay a video to an Apple TV. Upgrading devices to 12.1 will correct this issue. If you need assistance contact the help desk at askit@merrimack.edu.

Measure App

So long tape measure! Try this augmented reality app to measure objects and spaces. Draw lines across surfaces or in free space to measure. Tap on a line's label to see even more

information like adding points along the way. You can also capture, share, and markup screenshots of your measurement.

Blackboard Ultra

Blackboard continues to improve the Ultra platform and has recently released some important new features. Please visit the Academic IT website for details or the CETL for course design and pedagogical assistance.

Changes to Human Subjects Research/IRB Guidelines Revised Common Rule Takes Effect January 21, 2019

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and fifteen other Federal Departments and Agencies have issued the new Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects, known as the Common Rule. Starting on January 21, 2019, the Merrimack College Institutional Review Board (IRB) will begin following the guidelines outlined in the revised Common Rule. For detailed information, [click here](#). All IRBs nationwide will be required to operate under the provisions of the revised Common Rule.

The implementation of the new Common Rule will require researchers to fill out a revised application form on Merrimack's Cayuse IRB online application system. All researchers will be required to fill out the new form for all applications submitted on or after January 21st 2019. To avoid having to redo an application in process, the IRB strongly recommends that all researchers wishing to submit under the existing provisions do so before **December 15, 2018**. This will allow the IRB to review all applications before the January 21 transition date.

All IRB proposals received on or after January 21 will have to follow the new application process. Details on the new application process and an outline of the changes in the Common Rule will be made available in early November 2018 on the Merrimack IRB Website.

It should also be noted that research studies already approved as exempt, expedited or full (convened IRB review) before January 21, 2019 will not be required to comply with the changes in the revised Common Rule. Such research may continue to completion or closure under the old rules. If you have any questions please contact the IRB at irb@merrimack.edu.

Book Orders are Due!

Spring 2019 semester textbook and/or e-reader orders are due by **November 20, 2018**. Please submit all orders into the faculty portal at facultyportal.com. This includes textbooks and e-pubs that have been previously used and orders for "no textbook required", as orders are not automatically renewed. Please remember that first-year, sophomore, and junior-level students have mobile devices with affordances that support learning needs and preferences, cost, and Lifestyle. Please feel free to contact the bookstore at X5431 or send an email to merrimackbookstore@bbasolutions.com.

The CETL is also on hand to assist you in curating electronic content with ePubs, OER, and other source materials.

Tolle Lege Call for Submissions

McQuade Library recognizes the academic scholarship and creativity of the Merrimack College community by collecting published works by faculty, staff, students and alumni for the Tolle Lege Collection. Each winter, authors of books, journal articles and papers published during the previous year are honored with a reception. This years reception will be held at the Writers House on Thursday, **February 7, 2019** at 4:00 PM (snow date: Feb 14th at 4:00PM).

We at McQuade Library ask the Merrimack community to please submit copies and/or citations of any book(s), article(s) or papers that were published between **January 1, 2018** and **December 31, 2018**. Please submit all materials/citations by Wednesday, **December 12, 2018** to Frances Nilsson, nilssonf@merrimack.edu and/or to Michaela Keating, keatingm@merrimack.edu.

2019 Academic Convocation Speaker: Call for Nominations

The Office of the Provost is preparing for Convocation 2019. Similar to last year, we are requesting faculty input on potential speakers. This year we would like to focus on speakers who could address the theme of Experiential Interdisciplinary Learning and Community Engagement. All faculty are welcome and encouraged to make speaker suggestions. If you would like to make a recommendation, please send a brief paragraph with the name and qualifications of your suggested speaker, and describe why and how they would be able to speak to the topic. Also, it would be very useful if you could provide evidence of the person's speaking abilities, either with links to a video, transcripts of other talks, or personal testimonials. Suggestions sent to Officeoftheprovost@merrimack.edu by November 19th will receive full consideration. Please feel free to contact the Provost's Office with any questions.

Other Events this Week

November 12th

Building Community, Reaching for Justice Fall 2018 Speaker Series: Michelle

Muffett-Lipinski

5:00 - 6:30 PM

Crowe Hall, room 210

Michelle Muffett-Lipinski is the founding principal Northshore Recovery High School and founder of icanhelp. icanhelp(SM) is a program for early engagement by establishing "safe" places for at-risk adolescents to develop a trusting rapport with adults in the community.

November 13th-14th

Create Your Impact: DiSC Training

Join us for the Create Your Impact event, DiSC Training, featuring DiSC facilitator Bonnie Reiner of BHR Training. DiSC is a behavior assessment tool centering on four behavior traits: dominance, influence, steadiness, and conscientiousness. This assessment tool can be used to create more effective and productive communication and working relationships.

DiSC 1

Tuesday, November 13

9:00 am - 2:00 PM (Lunch will be provided)

Executive Room, Crowe Hall

DiSC 1 is for those who have not yet taken the assessment or, taken the assessment but not yet attended a training.

DiSC 2

Wednesday, November 14

9:00 am - 2:00 PM (Lunch will be provided)

Executive Room, Crowe Hall

DiSC 2 is for those employees who have taken the assessment, attended a DiSC 1 training and would like to refresh and practice their people reading skills in a lab type of environment with other CYI members.

[RSVP Here](#)

November 14th-15th

TIAA Enhancement Meetings

Wednesday, November 14, 9:30-10:30, 11:00-12:00 or 3:30-4:30

Thursday, November 15, 9:00-10:00, 2:00-3:00 or 4:00-5:00

Bouchard Center, Crowe Hall

Exciting enhancements are coming to the Merrimack College 403(b) Retirement Plan with TIAA in January 2019. These enhancements will be focused on improving the participant experience by:

- Streamlining the overall retirement plan design
- Simplifying how you can manage your retirement account

Join us for a discussion about the enhancements to your retirement plan. No RSVP required.

November 14th

Atrium Concert Series: Mike Semonelli and Kevin Wilson

12:30 PM

Rogers Center for the Arts

Mike Semonelli and Kevin Wilson perform Alice's Restaurant and Other Songs of Mass Destruction.

November 14th

MINTS Presents: Storytelling PD Workshop

3:00 - 5:00 PM

Cascia Hall

The Merrimack Institute for New Teacher Support, along with the Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society, is hosting this exciting professional development workshop for students and K-12 teachers on incorporating storytelling into the classroom as a practice to increase student retention. This workshop will be facilitated by Professional Storyteller and Enrichment Teacher, Nicolette Nordin Heavey. Food and refreshments will be served, and certificates of participation will be awarded for the event.

November 15th

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.

November 15th-17th

All in the Timing: by David Ives

7:30 PM daily with 2:00 PM matinees on Saturday and Sunday

Rogers Center for the Arts

Absurdly funny, this series of short comedies explores the funnier and weirder sides of life. From comic con men to monkeys named Kafka, Milton, and Swift to really bad dates to "opposite days," you'll enjoy a performance of short plays that are long on laughs! Directed by Brianne Beatrice.

November 16th

Climate Cafe

11AM to Noon

2nd floor McQuade

Engage in discussion about arising climate issues with the women in STEM FYE class. All are invited!

Future Events

2018 MURRAY SYMPOSIUM

Thursday, December 6

4:00 PM

Mendel 169

The 2017 - 2018 Murray Fellow and Assistant Professor of Biology, Azam Noori will present her work titled: "Plant Molecular and Physiological Responses to silver nanoparticles"
(hot cider and donuts will be served)

MINTS Presents: Teaching the Holocaust: Empowering Students

Thursday, December 6

4:30 - 7:30 PM

Location TBD

The Merrimack Institute for New Teacher Support is hosting a professional development workshop for students and K-12 teachers on resources for teaching the Holocaust across a variety of classroom disciplines. The workshop will be facilitated by Echoes & Reflections, a professional development organization specializing in increasing competency and capacity around teaching the Holocaust. Food and refreshments will be served, and certificates of participation will be awarded for the event.

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