



PROVOST BRIEFING

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Provost's Office Temporary Relocated

This message is to let you know that a water pipe burst in Austin Hall over the weekend and a few offices in the Provost's Suite had damage. We have relocated while clean up is being done. As a result, Provost Office Hours will be canceled this week. For more information on where to find us please email bianchiniv@merrimack.edu or call Vicki at x5114.

Faculty Funding Opportunities for AY 2019-2020

The Office of the Provost offers a wide range of development and scholarship funding for faculty. This can be attributed to sustained internal funding (e.g. Faculty Development Grants, Provost Innovation Fund, Murray Fellowship and CETL Fellowships), as well as new endowed funding streams (e.g., Sakowich Foundation, McLaughlin-Martin Environmental Innovation Fund, Margaret "Fiz" Lake '62 and Orley "Leon" Lake, Ph.D. Fund, and the Zampell Family Faculty Fellowship Program) that were successfully secured during the College's capital campaign, Together for Good.

To better align the opportunities and recalibrate the timing of calls for proposals and funding timeframes to better match the cadence and cycle of faculty work, we are pleased to present the following funding options and corresponding application dates. Click on the links for more comprehensive information including details on the purpose, funding focus, level of support and other information.

- Combined [Sakowich Center for Undergraduate Research and Provost Innovation Fund](#) - February 15, 2019
- [CETL Faculty Fellowship](#) - February 15, 2019
- [Davis Education Foundation Grant](#) - February 15, 2019
- [Zampell Family Faculty Fellowship](#) - February 15, 2019

16th Annual Tolle Lege Reception

Thursday, February 7
4:00 PM

The Writers House

Please join us for this year's celebration of Merrimack scholarship and creativity. Speakers include **Thomas Anderson, Rodrigo Bandeira de Mello, Lyena Chavez, Juliana Cohen, Christopher Duston, Karen Hayden, Daniel Herda, and Allan Weatherwax**. Refreshments will be served.

Interdisciplinary Institute Events:

The Post Office, the Information Economy, and the U.S. 19th Century

Monday, February 11

12:30 - 2:00 PM

Sullivan Hall, CETL conference Room (B-2)

A conversation between Dr. Zoe Sherman, Economic & Dr. Christy Pottroff, English about overlapping research interests. Lunch will be served.

RSVP <https://goo.gl/forms/FpZ9FfIAWQALtna92>

National Interdisciplinary Honors Society Induction Ceremony

Tuesday, February 26

3:30 - 5:00 PM

Blue Line Club

Induction of the first cohort of Merrimack College students into Alpha Iota Sigma, a national interdisciplinary honors society. Refreshments will be served.

RSVP <https://goo.gl/forms/bZcl8ayupHydBXzK2>

Brave New Biology: Ethics in Genetic Research

with Lisa Fuller, Autumn Ridenour, and Janine LeBlanc

Thursday February 28

4:00 - 5:00 PM

Cascia Hall

Refreshments will be served.

RSVP <https://goo.gl/forms/gTaJFNopnfrToNbH2>

For more information contact: director.institute@merrimack.edu

CETL: Lunch and Winter Book Discussion: iGen by Dr. Jean M. Twenge

Wednesday, February 20

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Sullivan Hall, Office Suite B-2

Come discuss the pedagogical impact of teaching "a new generation growing up more slowly and more anxious - but also more socially tolerant and safe - than any generation in history."

RSVP kindly requested: [iGen Book Discussion and Lunch](#)

Introduction to Academic Governance

Monday, February 25

4:00 - 5:00 PM

Crowe Hall, Room 211

There will be a presentation given by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and the Merrimack AAUP Chapter introducing academic governance at Merrimack. This is part of the new faculty orientation, although all faculty are welcome and encouraged to attend. There will be an opportunity for discussion at the event and light refreshments will be served.

The event is being co-sponsored by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, the Merrimack Chapter of the AAUP, and the Office of the Provost.

Interdisciplinary Institute Presidential Fellowships 2019-2020

A new signature program is being launched to promote the Institute as a resource for faculty and students in the School of Liberal Arts and across campus by:

- Fostering curriculum transformation
- Supporting pedagogical innovations
- Encouraging faculty collaboration
- Nurturing professional development

Tenured and tenure-track Merrimack faculty members can apply to spend one semester in residence at the Interdisciplinary Institute. Selected faculty will receive office space, one course release and a \$5000 stipend. Departments will receive funds for faculty replacement. Fellows will also have the opportunity to apply for additional funding to support research and teaching innovation. Selected fellows will be expected to spend at least one full day at the Institute, engaging with faculty and students and to participate actively in a bi-weekly faculty seminar. At the conclusion of the semester, fellows will be expected to write a report, summarizing their accomplishments as well discuss their work as part of the program's bi-weekly seminar.

Click on the link below to apply by no later than midnight on **Friday, February 22**.

[Interdisciplinary Institute Presidential Fellowships 2019-2020](#)

Members of the Interdisciplinary Institute's Advisory Board will be available to answer questions about the fellowship on Friday, February 8 between Noon - 1:00 PM in Sullivan 307A.

For more information contact: director.institute@merrimack.edu

Merrimack Faculty-Led Global Education Course: Call for Proposals

The Office of Global Education invites proposals for 2019-2020 Faculty-Led courses. Deadline for proposals for Spring 2020 Semester or Summer Intensive Courses: Monday, **March 18**.

Questions: email Liesl Smith, Director of Global Education, smithlr@merrimack.edu.

Save the Date - 2019 Research and Creative Achievement Conference

Thursday, May 2

The Office of the Provost and The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning are excited to announce that the 2019 Research and Creative Achievement Conference will take place May 2 for graduate and undergraduate students. More details to follow.

Through Knowledge to Wisdom Faculty Retreat

May 14 - 16

Wylie Inn and Conference Center at Endicott College

Our second Through Knowledge to Wisdom Faculty Retreat at the end of the semester has been scheduled from the evening of Tuesday, May 14 through lunch on Thursday, May 16 at the Wylie Inn and Conference Center at Endicott College in Beverly, MA. As was the case last year, all faculty who participate will receive a stipend of \$500.00 for your time as well as accommodations and meals at the Wylie Inn for the course of the retreat. You may opt to stay at the Wylie Inn or commute to the retreat from your home depending on your needs and preferences.

Rory Tannebaum and Stephanie Garrone-Shufran of the School of Education and Social Policy have agreed to work with me to develop structures and content to facilitate deep and meaningful conversations among us. As we have more specific plans about that, we will let you know. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions for questions we might want to explore together or input we might want to experience in the form of guest speakers, readings, or other media, please let me, Rory, or Stephanie know about it.

Below is a Registration/Reservation link that you may use to secure a place on the retreat. In the event that we might need to limit the number of participants, we will do so on a first come, first served basis. Please complete your registration as soon as you can. Periodic reminders about this will be sent out during the course of the semester.

[Registration Link](#)

Other Events this Week

February 5th

Faculty Senate

4:00-5:00

Crowe Hall, 2nd Floor [note change of venue from our usual Arcidi Hall location]

Agenda and meeting documents can be found on the blackboard site.

February 5th

From Wall Street to Rwanda to the Vatican: A Personal Journey Linking Investment to Development

5:00 PM

Cascia Hall

Beth Collins, Director of Impact Investing, Catholic Relief Services, has a 30-year executive leadership career with global experience spanning corporate and NGO sectors throughout Africa, the Middle East, Southeast Asia, and other emerging market regions. Beth will provide an overview of her career path from Wall Street to the Vatican while providing a closer look at impact investing, corporate responsibility, and the work of Catholic Relief Services.

To register for the event, [click here](#). For questions, please contact Ryan Irwin in the Office of Development & Alumni Relations at IrwinR@merrimack.edu

February 6th

5th Annual Feed Your Neighbor

Interfaith day of service to benefit the Merrimack Valley Food Bank

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Multi Purpose Room, Sakowich Center

Last year we packed 15,000 meals for the Merrimack Valley Food Bank in the middle of a snowstorm! Join us this year to pack meals for our food insecure neighbors at a time of year when supplies tend to run low. This event is open to any individual, club, congregation, or community - religious or nonreligious - interested in participating.

Sign up for a [one-hour shift here](#).

Future Events

Professional Development Retreat: Juniors - Applications are Live!

At this two-day conference students will learn "soft skills" such as problem-solving, conflict resolution, critical observation and adaptability. Through an application and selection process, sixty juniors will be selected for the retreat. Our goal is to have all academic disciplines represented.

If you know a junior student who would benefit from this event please encourage them to apply at bit.ly/juniorspdr19. All applications are due by **February 17, 2019**

Sponsored by the O'Brien Center for Career Development

SILENT SKY: by Lauren Gunderson

February 21- 23

Thursday, Friday, Saturday 7:30 PM

Saturday matinee at 2:00 PM

Rogers Center for the Arts

As an employee at the Harvard Observatory in the 1900s, Henrietta Leavitt isn't allowed to touch a telescope, or even express an original idea. Instead, she's placed with a group of women—"computers"—who are tasked with charting stars for a renowned astronomer. As she tries to measure the light and distance of stars in her free time, Henrietta faces the challenge of balancing her dedication to science with family obligations and love. Based on the true story of women who changed how we understand the heavens, Silent Sky is a moving tribute to overcoming preconceptions and imposed limitations. A Department of Visual and Performing Arts Production. Directed by Dr. Kathleen Sills.

Emma Duffy-Comparone & Joe Vogel

Tuesday, February 26

4:00 PM

Writers House

Merrimack College English professors Emma Duffy-Comparone and Joe Vogel will read from their creative work. For More Information please visit the [Merrimack College Calendar of Events](#)

“Where We Dwell Together” 16th Annual Interfaith Prayer

Tuesday, February 26

7:00 - 8:00 PM

Cascia Hall

Join us in Shalom, Peace, Salaam, Shanti!

Guest sermon by Cantor Vera Broekhuysen, spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-El of Haverhill, with Rev. Ray Dlugos, OSA, presiding.

For more information: [web event](#) and [Facebook event](#)

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