



PROVOST BRIEFING

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Tolle Lege 2019

Left to right, back row, Autumn Ridenour, Meghan Smith '22, Rodrigo Bandeira de Mello, Zoe Sherman, Christy Pottroff, Karen Hayden, Joseph Vogel, Christopher Duston, Thomas Anderson, Luis Saenz De Viguera, Daniel Herda
Left to right, front row, Valerie Bell, Isabelle Cherney, Lyena Chavez, Jane Parent, Philip D'Agati '99, Emma O'Donnell Polyakov
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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

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Grants Available Now

NEH offers a variety of grant programs to individuals and organizations that do the highest quality work to promote the humanities. To find a funding opportunity, go to [NEH All Grant Program Opportunities](#). If you are interested in finding out how to apply for NEH grants, contact the Office of Sponsored Programs at research@merrimack.edu or 837-5611.

NEH announced \$14.8 million in funding to support innovative digital projects for the public, the preservation of collections at small institutions, and humanities initiatives on college campuses which include NEH Fellowships and Awards for Faculty. To learn more about the NEH grants recently awarded, go to [2019 Award Recipients](#)

Warriors at Work Department Planning Grants

Warriors at Work (W@W) is an institutional initiative intended to amplify the effect of career-related development activities across the campus to enrich and empower our graduates' lives. W@W benefits Departments by providing personnel, financial resources, and logistical support to expand the range of co-curricular and career-related experiential education opportunities for students.

W@W is seeking letter of intent submissions from academic departments and programs to receive a \$4400 planning grant to be used to research and build capacity to participate fully in the W@W program for AY 2020-2021. Two departments will be selected in this round. More details on W@W and the Department Planning Grants can be found by clicking here.

The deadline for the letters of intent is **March 1**. For more information contact Stacey Phelps at phelpss@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.

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](#)

Interdisciplinary Institute Events:

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

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](#)

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

Early Alert Requests

Faculty, please check your email for Early Alert Requests. So that we can do our best to help students achieve academic success, we encourage you to use the Early Alerts to identify those students who may already be showing signs of academic difficulty. Please read the email and submit your information on this [form](#).

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 the 2019 Research and Creative Achievement Conference will take place May 2 for graduate and undergraduate students. More details to follow.

Other Events this Week

February 12th

Sports Management Networking Breakfast

8:00 - 10:00 AM

Crowe Hall, Executive Suite

Encourage your students to attend the Sports Management Networking Breakfast, open to all majors. Students will be able to network with Merrimack alumni and industry professionals in the world of sports. Breakfast will be provided.

RSVP at <https://app.joinhandshake.com/events/244475>

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February 12th

Marketing Networking Lunch

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Crowe Hall, Executive Suite

Encourage your students to attend the Marketing Networking Lunch, open to all majors.

Students will be able to network with Merrimack alumni and industry professionals in the world of marketing. Lunch will be provided. All students interested are encouraged to attend.

RSVP at <https://app.joinhandshake.com/events/244506>

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February 12th

Faculty Senate

4:00 PM

Meeting room A, Arcidi Center

February 13th

Careers in Criminology & Criminal Justice

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Cascia Hall

Students have the opportunity to network with Merrimack alumni and criminal justice professionals at the Careers in Criminology & Criminal Justice event this week. All undergraduate students interested are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be available.

RSVP at <https://app.joinhandshake.com/events/244514>

Sponsored by the O'Brien Center for Career Development

February 14th

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.

February 14th

Merrimack-NASA Technology Transfer Program Partnership Competition Organizational Meeting

7:00 PM

Alden Classroom, McQuade Library 3rd Floor.

Please encourage your students who have an interest in the STEM-Business-Communication relationship to attend this meeting and find out more about this Competition. Teams of students will create small business proposals using NASA technologies to solve problems here on earth.

Click on the line to see the [flyer](#), and contact Dr. Robert Koch, Director of the Writing Center, kochr@merrimack.edu, for more details.

February 18th

President's Day

College closed; no classes

February 19th

Classes Meet on a Monday Schedule

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**

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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.

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