



PROVOST BRIEFING

February 19, 2019

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Community Engagement Meeting

Faculty and community partners meet to collaborate and work to develop the College's civic and community engagement institutional narrative.

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

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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

Davis Education Grant (Extension to February 25, 2019)

The David Educational Foundation Grants (DEFG) support experiential course development. 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 should include a title, abstract, description and brief plan for dissemination and implementation. Send proposals to nielsenk@merrimack.edu.

Davis Grant Goals:

1. Reinforce theoretical frameworks to strengthen and enhance experiential education across academic and co-curricular units;
2. Create more opportunities for first- and second-year students;
3. Increase paid internships and build cooperative education opportunities;
4. Expand global education experiences.

Experiential education will be more clearly linked to major and course learning goals; Students will learn to articulate the knowledge, skills and abilities they acquire through experiential learning. Experiential learning will be more fully integrated into the first and second years, with each experience building on the last. Spring Awards: Three (3) \$1000 awards

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 a 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.

Institutional Civic and Community Engagement News

February 8th Community Engagement Meeting Recap

On Friday February 8th, 2019, the Office of Civic and Community Engagement, the Office of the Provost and the CETL partnered to bring together over 30 faculty, staff, administrators and community partners to reflect on Merrimack's civic and community engagement efforts and to discuss ideas for how we can continue to strengthen and deepen our community-engaged work. The meeting was a part of an ongoing effort to strengthen cross-campus collaboration and dialogue on civic and community engagement and to deepen our relationships with the broader community. As part of this ongoing effort, the College is preparing for its application to the [Carnegie Elective Classification for Community Engagement](#). If you are interested in becoming involved with Merrimack's efforts to further institutionalize civic and community engagement, please contact Mary McHugh at mchughm@merrimack.edu.

Faculty Senate Assessment Committee Survey

The Faculty Senate Assessment Committee would like learn more about current assessment practices and needs across academic departments at the College. Through [this survey](#), we hope to identify ways to add value to assessment efforts across the College. There are 3 questions. We would be grateful if you could respond by February 26th.

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](#)

Open Office Hours with the Provost Cancelled this Week

There will be no office hours with the Provost for this week. Office hours will return on **Thursday, February 28**.

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](#)

General Education Open Forum to Discuss Learning Outcomes

Tuesday, February 26

3:30 - 5:00 PM

Arcidi Center, Conference Room A

The General Education Committee is hosting an open forum to discuss revised learning goals and outcomes for the core curriculum. This will be an interactive working session and all are invited. Snacks will be provided. For more information contact gec@merrimack.edu.

“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

Thursday February 28

4:00 - 5:00 PM

Cascia Hall

Join the discussion led by three experts in the fields of biology and bioethics as we explore this brave new world. Panelists include Dr. Autumn Ridenour, religious and theological studies, **Dr. Janine LeBlanc-Straceski**, biology and **Dr. Lisa Fuller**, philosophy. Refreshments will be served.

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

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

Civic and Community Engagement in Times of Crisis: Faculty Roles and Responsibilities

Wednesday, February 27

12:30-1:30 PM

CETL Conference Room (B-2) in Sullivan Hall.

Everyone is invited to the next meeting of the Teaching Circle. Lunch will be provided.

Kindly RSVP via email to Madison Savage at savagem@merrimack.edu

CETL Open Classrooms Week April 1-5

Call to Participate

A new CETL initiative, Open Classroom Week provides the opportunity for MC faculty and staff

across disciplines to visit colleagues' classrooms and watch how others approach teaching. Sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning and the Office of the Provost, Open Classroom Week is designed to promote reflection and conversation about learning and teaching. Open Classroom Instructors are NOT expected to be teaching experts! Anyone who is willing to share their efforts and techniques is encouraged to apply.

Interested instructors are asked to respond by **March 1st** to: [Open Classrooms Week 2019](#) . Please contact the cetl@merrimack.edu for more information.

Early Alert Requests

Faculty, please check your email for Early Alert Requests. To 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 19th

Classes Meet on a Monday Schedule

February 21st - 23rd

SILENT SKY: by Lauren Gunderson

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.

Future Events

Health Sciences Undergraduate Networking Breakfast

Wednesday, February 27

9:00 - 11:00 AM

Arcidi Center, Conference Room A

Encourage your students to attend the undergraduate Health Sciences Networking Breakfast open to all majors. Students will be able to network with Merrimack alumni and industry professionals in the world of healthcare and health sciences. Breakfast will be provided.

RSVP at <https://app.joinhandshake.com/events/238290>

Sponsored by the O'Brien Center for Career Development

Ask an Employer: Science & Engineering

Thursday, February 28

3:30 - 5:30 PM

Mendel Hall Lobby

The Ask an Employer: Science & Engineering event is a perfect time for students interested in engineering and life sciences to connect with industry employers and Merrimack alumni in a more informal, meet-and-greet setting. A snapshot of current employers attending include: Pfizer, VHB, Silvertex, Creagen, United Civil, Pare Corporation, Eversource Energy, Draper Labs and more to come!

RSVP is not required. For more information visit

<https://app.joinhandshake.com/events/238304>

Sponsored by the O'Brien Center for Career Development

17th Annual A Cappella Night: BALL IN THE HOUSE

Saturday, March 2

7:30 PM

Rogers Center for the Arts

The 17th Annual A Cappella Night will also featuring Boston Jazz Voices, a long-standing and respected a cappella ensemble, as well as Merrimack's own talented Mackapella. This evening is sure to please and expected to sell out, so get your tickets early!

General Education Drop-Ins to Discuss Core Curriculum Learning Outcomes

The General Education Committee is hosting two drop-ins to discuss learning outcomes for the core curriculum. All are welcome. The two drop-in dates are:

Monday, March 4 9:00 - 10:30 AM

Executive Room Crowe Hall

Breakfast Provided

Tuesday , March 5 12:00 - 1:30 PM
Executive Room Crowe Hall
Lunch Provided

These will be interactive sessions and please drop by at any time during the meetings. Food will be provided. For more information contact gec@merrimack.edu.

Goitse

Tuesday, March 5
7:30 PM

Rogers Center for the Arts

The popular and multi-award-winning quintet from Ireland, Goitse (pronounced Go-WITCH-ah), was forged in the white-hot creative crucible of Limerick's Irish World Academy. Named Live Ireland's "Traditional Group of the Year," Chicago Irish American News' "Group of the Year," as well as winning the prestigious "Freiburger International Leiter 2016" award in Germany, Goitse have become a leader of the new generation of traditional Irish ensembles.

William C. Campbell

Wednesday, March 6
4:00 PM

Writers House

William C. Campbell Hon.'17 received The Nobel Prize in 2015 for a discovery concerning a novel therapy against infections caused by roundworm parasites. His talk, "A Life in Science with One Foot in the Arts," will be followed by a Q & A and light refreshments. All are invited.

Save the Date: 2019 Spring Career Fair

Wednesday, March 6
2:00 - 4:30 PM

Multipurpose Room, Sakowich Campus Center

Merrimack College's Spring Career Fair is our largest recruiting event of the year with nearly 100 companies across all degree programs and industries. Encourage your students to join us on March 6th to network with companies offering full-time, part-time, internship & co-op opportunities. See a full list of current employers attending at

https://app.joinhandshake.com/career_fairs/8594 Sponsored by the O'Brien Center for Career Development

19th Annual St. Germain Memorial Lecture

Guest Speaker: Lawrence Mayor Dan Rivera

Wednesday, March 20

Reception: 6:00 PM

St. Germain Lecture and Honor Society Inductions: 7:00 PM

Lawrence Mayor Dan Rivera was elected to his second term in November 2017. Since 2014, he has worked to make the City of Lawrence's services more responsive, more transparent, and financially healthy. He has devoted his life to meaningful community involvement and works across party lines to unify the city of Lawrence and the state of Massachusetts. Recently, he emerged as a central figure in response to last year's gas explosion crisis in the Merrimack

Valley. Presented by Merrimack College's Department of Political Science and International Studies Program.

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