



PROVOST BRIEFING

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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 \$4,400 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 1st**. For more information contact Stacey Phelps at phelpss@merrimack.edu.

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 (CETL Teaching Circle)

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

Environmental Film Series: Switch

Wednesday, February 27

7:00 PM

Crowe Hall Room 126

This 2012 documentary is focused on energy visionary Dr. Scott Tinker crossing the globe to investigate alternative sources of energy. The event is co-sponsored by the McQuade Library, the Student Green Team and the McLaughlin Martin Family Environmental Innovation Fund.

[Learn more.](#)

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 on:

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. You are welcome to drop by at any time during the meetings. Food will be provided. For more information contact gec@merrimack.edu.

CETL Workshop: Let's Talk about SoTL!

Facilitators: Drs. Stephanie Garrone-Shufron, Audrey Falk, Jessica Peacock, Leah Poloskey, and Stephen Theberge

Tuesday, March 5

12:00 - 1:00 PM, Lunch Provided

CETL Classroom, Sullivan Hall

This session stems from the facilitators' participation in the Lilly College on Teaching this fall which was supported by CETL. Facilitators will share their experiences at the conference, and their own experiences with **the scholarship of teaching and learning**. We will discuss:

- Rationale for SoTL
- Approaches and resources
- Suggestions for getting started
- Connections with promotion and tenure

Register Here: [Let's Talk about SoTL!](#)

The Merrimack Institute for New Teacher Support (MINTS) Presents: Determining Differences in Bilingualism and Learning Disabilities

Guest Speakers Rachel G. Aghara, Ph.D. and Mayreni Villegas, B.A.

Tuesday, March 5

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Crowe Hall, Room 207

You're invited to attend the upcoming MINTS professional development workshop, Determining Differences in Bilingualism and Learning Disabilities! This workshop will provide new teachers with the tools needed to identify when children may have a language barrier and/or different ability levels when learning, and in regard to making appropriate referrals for disability testing. The workshop will also include culturally responsive teaching strategies in the classroom when there are ELL students present.

[Register here](#)

CETL Open Classroom 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 CETL 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.

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 18th**. 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 27th

Health Sciences Undergraduate Networking Breakfast

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

February 28th

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 28th

Ask an Employer: Science & Engineering

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>

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February 28th

Kevin Salemme: Tryptics - Phantom Light, Artist Reception
5:30 – 7:30 PM
Rogers Center for the Arts

March 1st

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March 2nd

Admitted Students Day

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!

Future Events

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, Goiste 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, 2019

2:00 - 4:30 PM

Multipurpose Room, Sakowich Campus Center

The Merrimack College Spring Career Fair is our largest recruiting event of the year with nearly 100 companies across all degree programs and industries. Please 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

Environmental Film Series: Before the Flood

Wednesday, March 6

7:00 PM

Crowe Hall Room 126

Before the Flood (2016) presents a riveting account of the dramatic changes now occurring around the world due to climate change, as well as the actions we as individuals and as a society can take to prevent the disruption of life on our planet. [Learn more.](#)

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

19th Annual St. Germain Memorial Lecture

Guest Speaker: Lawrence Mayor Dan Rivera

Wednesday, March 20

Reception: 6:00 PM

St. Germain Lecture & 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. Please [click here](#) to RSVP for the event

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

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