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Campus Visits for School of Science and Engineering Dean Candidates

A nationwide search has identified three truly outstanding finalists for the deanship of our School of Science and Engineering. The candidates will be visiting the campus next week, 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:

- Tuesday, March 5, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Location: Arcidi Meeting Room A
- Wednesday, March 6, **2:00-3:00 PM (please note the new time)**, Location: Arcidi, Meeting Room A
- Thursday, March 7, 3:00-4:00, Location: Cascia 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.

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:

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.

Let's Talk about SoTL! (the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning)

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

Tuesday, March 5

Noon - 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
- Suggestions for getting started
- Connections with promotion and tenure

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

"Watching Our Weights" Book Signing

Tuesday, March 5

12:00 - 1:00 PM

McQuade Library, 1st floor

Melissa Zimdars will be signing her new book - first 50 attendees will receive a free copy courtesy of the Provost.

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](#)

Dr. 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.

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.

Faculty Regalia Request

We are taking requests for faculty regalia rentals. If you are in need of regalia for the 2019 Commencement, Honors Convocation, Graduate Hooding Ceremony and/or Baccalaureate Mass, please access the Regalia Form via the following link: [Request Form](#). Once your order is complete, you will receive an email confirmation. If you do not receive a confirmation for your order, please contact bianchiniv@merrimack.edu. All request must be submitted by **April 1, 2019**.

Edward G. Roddy Outstanding Teacher Award 2018-2019

Edward G. Roddy, 1921-1985, Merrimack College Professor of History. A scholar who throughout his life demonstrated a devotion to teaching excellence, care and concern for students and a deep dedication to learning.

NOMINATIONS: Faculty and graduating seniors are asked to nominate a full-time Merrimack College professor for the honor of the *Edward G. Roddy Outstanding Teacher Award*. Students and faculty should consider a wide variety of qualities when submitting a nomination, which may include but are not limited to:

- Ability to engage and inspire student learning, creativity, and independent thinking inside and outside the classroom
- Encouragement of student participation
- Enthusiasm and vitality toward teaching and learning
- Effective and/or creative course design and redesign
- Employment of pedagogical techniques that are fair and respectful of differences among students
- Advisement and/or mentoring of students that reflect care, concern, and expertise

- Adjustment to interests and needs of students based upon formal and informal assessments
- Active involvement in student research projects
- Significant effort in promoting mobile, tech-enriched teaching and learning environments

Please include in your comments any of the above qualities. Nominations will be accepted until **April 15**, using this [nomination 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.

WMCK is Live for the Spring

We are excited to announce that earlier in the semester WMCK, Merrimack College Radio, went live with a full slate of weekly programming! Please see the attached schedule for a quick look at what you'll be able to listen to on WMCK this semester. To listen to WMCK simply click on the following link or download the tunein app to your smartphone or tablet.

[tunein WMCK, Merrimack College Radio](#)

Other Events this Week

March 5th

Goitse

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.

March 6th

2019 Spring Career Fair

2:00 - 4:30 PM

Multipurpose Room, Sakowich Campus Center

Our 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

March 6th

Environmental Film Series: Before the Flood

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.

March 6th

Mid-term grades due at midnight

March 7th

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.

March 7th

Mendel Building Greenhouse Opening

4:00 - 5:00 PM

Mendel Hall, 4th Floor

Come celebrate the opening of the greenhouse. Refreshments will be served in the 3rd floor Lobby.

Future Events

Marcel Gregoire Student-Faculty Colloquium: “Improving Treatments for Parasites and Bacterial Biofilms”

Tuesday, March 19

5:30 PM

Cascia Hall

Join us for the Marcel Gregoire Student-Faculty Colloquium with Guest Speaker: Dr. Kirsten Meyer, Northeastern University. Dinner will be served. Please R.S.V.P. by March 6th:

<http://tinyurl.com/2019Gregoire>

Sponsored by the Department of Biology.

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.

Newly Tenured Faculty Reception

Tuesday, March 26

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Executive Room, Crowe Hall

Please join us to celebrate the newly Tenured Faculty.

Please RSVP to bianchiniv@merrimack.edu

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