



## PROVOST BRIEFING

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Dr. Melissa Zimdars signs her new book "Watching Our Weights"

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

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## 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](mailto:bianchiniv@merrimack.edu). All request must be submitted by **April 1, 2019**.

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## 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](#).

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## **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.

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## **GRAD Advantage Open House**

**Wednesday, March 20**

**9:00 AM-4:00 PM**

**The Office of Graduate Admission, Sakowich Campus, 2nd floor**

Students and Advisors are invited to drop by on March 20 anytime between 9am and 4pm to enjoy coffee, donuts, and snacks to hear about the Grad Advantage program. The Office of Graduate Admission is now located on the 2nd floor of the Sakowich Campus Center next to the Merrimack Club.

**If you can't make it to the GRAD Advantage Open House, please share these important points during student advising:**

- The Grad Advantage program allows students with a GPA of 3.0 or above to take up to 8 graduate credits during their senior year **tuition free**
  - Learn more about the program and participating degrees at [www.merrimack.edu/gradadvantage](http://www.merrimack.edu/gradadvantage)
  - Contact a graduate admissions counselor at 978-837-3563, or email us at [graduate@merrimack.edu](mailto:graduate@merrimack.edu)
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## **How Faculty Can Recognize & Manage Mental Health Issues In The Classroom**

**Wednesday, March 20**

**3:00-4:00PM**

**McQuade Library, 1st FI Conference Room**

In this webinar, you will learn the signs of several common mental health conditions and effective strategies to de-escalate problem behaviors and manage disruptions to teaching and learning due to mental health concerns. Tips for how to speak to a student when making a referral and general referral resources will also be reviewed. [RSVP Here](#)

**Sponsored by Hamel Health & Counseling Center and the Academic Success Center**

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## **Hernan del Valle**

**Wednesday, March 20**

**4:00 PM**

**The Writers House**

Hernan del Valle, currently a fellow at The Radcliffe Institute, is a lawyer who specializes in international law and human rights. In the last 15 years, he has led humanitarian aid operations on five continents, assisting people affected by armed conflict and forced displacement, most recently with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) operations in the Mediterranean Sea. Please join us for a talk and discussion, with refreshments.

<https://www.merrimack.edu/academics/the-writers-house>

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## **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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## **CETL Workshop: Small Changes in Teaching**

**Facilitators: Erin Courville and Janet Syed**

**Thursday, March 21**

**9:30 - 10:30 AM (Breakfast provided)**

**CETL Classroom, Sullivan Hall**

Set up the day's learning positively, shift students' attention to your content, and create time to reflect. Register Here: [CETL Professional Learning 2019](#)

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## **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](mailto:bianchiniv@merrimack.edu)

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## 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](mailto:smithlr@merrimack.edu).

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## Award Nominations

Each year, the Merrimack community is asked to nominate members of the current senior class for awards. The awards are meant to recognize the co-curricular accomplishments of these students as they complete their academic studies. All members of the College community are invited to submit their nominations and recommendations of graduating seniors for these awards. Nominations must be submitted by **March 22**. Use this [link](#) to nominate.

If you have any questions, please call 978-837-5175 or email [deanofstudents@merrimack.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@merrimack.edu).

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## 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.

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## Mandatory Employee Training

Spring break is a great time to complete the mandatory employee training.

The two courses are:

- **Mosaic: Prevent Discrimination and Harassment**
- **Mosaic: Prevent Sexual Violence Together**

Please log into Blackboard and complete these courses. Once logged into Blackboard, please click on the "Courses" tab on the left-side toolbar. These two (2) courses should appear within the "Discrimination and Harassment Training" link within your courses tab.

1. Within "Mosaic: Prevent Discrimination and Harassment", there are two (2) distinct courses: one for supervisors and one for all other faculty and staff. You do *not* need to complete both courses; any employee working in a supervisory capacity, including department chairs, should select and complete Mosaic: Prevent Discrimination and

Harassment Together – Supervisors (as opposed to the course designated as “Faculty and Staff”).

2. Within “Mosaic – Prevent Sexual Violence Together”, there is one (1) course for all employees to complete.

Please contact Merrimack College's IT helpdesk should you experience any difficulty with Blackboard or these courses.

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## Other Events this Week

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### March 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.

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### March 14th

**Lub Lukova: Designing Justice (Graphic Design)**

**Opens: March 14 | Closes: April 6**

**Artist Reception: March 30 | 6:00-7:00 PM**

**McCoy Gallery**

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## Future Events

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### Save the Date: Religion, Science & Ecology: Shared Responsibility for the Future

**Wednesday, April 10**

**11:30 AM-8:00 PM**

**Merrimack College**

Join us for this day-long conference in support of the Coalition of Massachusetts Religious Leaders & Scientists. The keynote speaker will be Gina McCarthy, Professor of Practice, **Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health** and former Administrator of the EPA.. Click here for a [schedule and full list of speakers](#).

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### Healthcare Leadership Summit - Social Determinants of Health

**Friday, April 29**

**715 AM - 8 AM Registration, Rogers Center Lobby**

**8 AM - Noon Summit, Rogers Center Auditorium**

**Noon - 1 PM Lunch, MPR**

The social determinants of health are the economic and social conditions that influence the health status of both individuals and entire communities. They are the health-promoting factors related to living and working conditions (such as distribution of income, wealth, influence, and



power), rather than the individual factors that influence the risk of a disease, or vulnerability to disease or injury. Lawrence General Hospital's sixth annual Healthcare Leadership Summit will bring a range of national and regional thought leaders and experts together to discuss the social determinants of health and the impact they have on vulnerable patient populations.

This event is free, but registration is required. Registration deadline is Friday, April 19. A light breakfast and lunch provided. Open to all Merrimack faculty, staff and students.

Click here for [registration, speaker list and agenda](#).

Brought to you by Lawrence General Hospital and sponsored by Merrimack College, School of Health Sciences

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## 2019 Commencement Weekend

May 18-19

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### Saturday, May 18

#### Legacy Ceremony

10:30 AM - Rogers Center for the Arts

#### Honors Convocation

1:00 PM - Lawler Rink, Volpe Athletic Center

Line up 12:15 - Writers House

#### Baccalaureate Mass

4:00 PM - Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher

Student/faculty line up 3:30 in front of Austin Hall

#### Graduate Hooding Ceremony

4:00 PM - Lawler Rink, Volpe Athletic Center

Line up 3:15 - Writers House

### Sunday, May 19

#### Commencement - Undergraduate and Graduate

10:00 AM - Merrimack Stadium

Faculty line up and additional details still to come.

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