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2019 Commencement Weekend

May 18-19

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 PM - Writers House

Baccalaureate Mass

4:00 PM - Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher

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

Graduate Hooding Ceremony

4:00 PM - Lawler Rink, Volpe Athletic Center

Line up 3:15 PM - Writers House

Sunday, May 19

Commencement - Undergraduate and Graduate

10:00 AM - Duane Stadium

Faculty line up and additional details still to come.

Faculty Regalia Request

We are taking requests for faculty regalia rentals. If you need 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 requests must be submitted by **April 1**.

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 students, undergraduate and graduate, 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 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](#).

Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month and here are some ways you are invited to help celebrate women's contributions to US history:

- **Tribute to changemakers.** Drop by McQuade and check out the book display and student posters celebrating women who changed US history. The posters were created by students in the fall section of WGS3300 US Women's History, taught by Dr. Debra Michals.
- **Student presentations and reception.** On March 26 in the Conference Room in McQuade Library students will discuss their women's history projects creating digital timelines on an array of topics from women and money, quackery, women in journalism, politics, sports, and more. The Anne Bradstreet Fellows and assistant professor Christy Pottroff will share their search for the bones of the nation's first female poet on the grounds of the campus. Take Note, student *a cappella* group, will perform and refreshments will be served.
- **Honors Program field trip** to the Lowell Mill and Textile Museum, March 29. Vans will leave campus by 3:00. For more information, email Dr. Debra Michals or Lisa Cavallaro. (Co-sponsored by the Honors Program).

Sponsored by Women's and Gender Studies with great assistance from librarians Gabby Womack and Michaela Keating.

Alan Shapiro

Tuesday, March 26

4:00 PM

The Writers House

Alan Shapiro, the author of a dozen books, will read from his most recent one, *Against Translation*. His awards include the Kingsley Tufts Award, the Los Angeles Book Prize, and a Lila Wallace–Reader's Digest Writers' Award. He teaches at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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

The Islamic Council of New England

Tuesday, March 26

7:00 PM

Third Floor Conference Room, Sakowich Campus Center

The Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations, together with the Archdiocese of Boston, will host a meeting of the Islamic Council of New England. This meeting will include statements of solidarity with our Muslim brothers and sisters in response to the massacre in the mosque in Christchurch, New Zealand, and discussion of the main themes in the Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together, issued by Pope Francis and the Grand Imam of Al Azhar (Egypt) Ahmed el-Tayeb. They co-signed and issued this document at the end of Pope Francis' visit to the Global Conference on the topic in Abu Dhabi several weeks ago.

Graduate Open House

Wednesday, March 27

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Crowe Hall, Executive Room

The Graduate Open House is a great opportunity for prospective graduate students to talk directly with a program director and learn more about our career-focused curriculum, field experience, and faculty. Admissions, student services, financial aid and career counselors will also be there to answer any questions they may have about the application process, scholarships, and more.

CETL Workshop: Going Paperless

Facilitators: Dr. Brandy Benedict and Dr. Michael Stroud

Friday, March 29

12:00 - 1:00 PM (Lunch provided)

CETL Classroom, Sullivan Hall

Learn techniques and strategies to create a paperless classroom from the professors who have! Register here: [CETL Professional Learning 2019](#)

Design Incubation: Research in Communication Design

Saturday, March 30

10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

We are hosting the Design Incubation Colloquium 5.3: Merrimack College on Saturday, March 30. Please join us for a great day of presentations on design topics that range from design for voting education, to the impermanence of design, to presentations on game design, with many more topics in-between. Just click on a title presentation and read the abstract.

[Register for the Design Incubation Colloquium 5.3: Merrimack College](#)

- Professor Emerita from Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Elizabeth Resnick, will deliver our feature presentation at 11:30 AM, “Developing Citizen Designers: Our Civic Responsibility.” It is the topic of her most current publication.
- The day will conclude with a reception at the Rogers Center for the Arts at 6:00PM. View the fabulous work of international and New York based artist/designer [Luba Lukova](#) and hear the artist talk at 6:30 PM.

Both Resnick's and Lukova's presentations coincide with Social Justice Month! Please use this link to [register for the Colloquium](#) (small donation to register). The reception is free.

Research and Creative Achievement Conference Registration is Open!

Thursday, May 2

3:30 - 6:30 PM

MPR, Sakowich Center

Mark your calendar for the campus-wide celebration of student research and creative achievement! Please encourage your graduate and undergraduate students to present on May 2 and share with them the website linked below that includes forms, resources, and general information. Students must register to present and share their presentation information by **April**

3. Posters must be submitted by **April 17**. Questions? Email:

researchconference@merrimack.edu

[Research and Creative Achievement Conference Website](#)

Welcome Kate Parsons, Assistant Director of Student Success: Writing Center

The Writing Center is pleased to have Kate Parsons join the team as Assistant Director. Kate brings ten years of writing center experience to her role, including five years as a Writing Consultant at MIT's Writing and Communication Center. Most recently, at Salem State University, she worked with a wide range of disciplinary faculty to improve the teaching of writing across campus as part of the Writing Intensive Curriculum Program, and she also supported multilingual writers at SSU's writing center through tutoring and program development. With an MA in English from Tufts University and a nearly complete MATESOL from SSU, Kate is a seasoned instructor of first-year writing and academic writing for multilingual writers. She looks forward to supporting writing in diverse ways in the Merrimack Community. Please email Kate at parsonsk@merrimack.edu if you'd like to partner with the Writing Center to enhance writing in your department or class.

Advising Information for 2019 Summer Sessions

During the upcoming advising periods, please talk with your advisees about taking a course during the summer. It's a great way for them to earn credits towards graduation.

Summer Session: I - May 20 – June 28

II - July 8 – August 16

III - May 20 – August 16

- Registration is currently opened with more than 100 undergraduate Summer Session courses to choose from – many are online.
- Students register through myMack.
- See the list of course offerings at www.merrimack.edu/summer

Contact the Office of Professional and Continuing Studies at professionalstudies@merrimack.edu or x5484 with any questions.

Book Orders are Due!

Textbook and/or e-reader orders for Fall 2019 semesters are due by **April 12**. Please submit all orders into the faculty portal at facultyportal.com. This includes textbooks and e-pubs that have been previously used and orders for "no textbook required", as orders are not automatically renewed.

Please remember that **all undergraduate students** have mobile devices with affordances that support learning needs and preferences, cost, and lifestyle. If your textbook requires access codes or additional materials, please specify. Please feel free to contact the bookstore at X5431 or send an email to merrimackbookstore@bbasolutions.com.

All textbook and/or e-reader for Summer 2019 should have already been ordered. If you have not done so, please order as soon as possible.

Backpack Drive 2019

During this season of Lent, we have again been asked by the Massachusetts Department of Children and Family Services for help as they deal with the tragic brokenness of families and the unfortunate need to relocate children in danger to safety. Specifically, they are requesting donations of items that would fill overnight backpacks with supplies a teenager would need when they must be placed in Emergency Foster Care for one or two nights.

Please see the [type of items](#) that would be appropriate to donate. Backpacks themselves may be gently used but the clothing and other supplies should be new. Donations can include anything from fully loaded backpacks, to single items on the list. We also welcome donations of cash with which we will purchase needed items. Please bring any donations you would like to make to Campus Ministry on the 3rd Floor of the Sakowich Campus Center. We are accepting donations from now until **April 15th**.

For more information or questions please contact our Augustinian Volunteer, Gina Hackett, at hackettg@merrimack.edu.

Grief Support Group

Grief Support Group meets twice monthly to provide solace and community for faculty and staff on experiencing the loss of a loved one. To join us or more information contact Fr. Raymond Dlugos, dlugosr@merrimack.edu.

From Merrimack to India and Back: Faculty and Students Reflect on a Global Interdisciplinary Field Experience.

Wednesday, April 3

4:00 - 5:30 PM

Cascia Hall

Dr. Ellen Fitzpatrick, Dr. Simona Sharoni, Dr. Elaine Ward, Tiana Lawrence, and Eden MacDugall will reflect on their experiences and learning during a field experience in India over Spring Break.

Sponsored by the Interdisciplinary Institute. Refreshments will be served.

Tapped: A Documentary about the Bottled Water Industry

Wednesday, April 3

7:00-9:00 PM

Crowe Hall 126

Please join us for a screening of *Tapped*, a film about the impacts the bottled water industry has on human health, climate change, and water rights. Presented by McQuade Library, Center for Sustainability and the Environment, and the Green Team. Free and open to the public.

Burned: The Movie with Guest Dr. William Moomaw

Friday, April 5

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Conference Room A, Arcidi Center

Please join a screening of the movie *Burned*, followed by a discussion with Dr. William Moomaw, Professor Emeritus of International Environmental Policy at Tufts, who served on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Presented by North Parish UU Climate Justice and the Merrimack College Center for Sustainability and the Environment.

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

Wednesday, April 10

Conference 11:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Merrimack College

Join us for this day-long conference in support of the Coalition of Massachusetts Religious Leaders and Scientists. The keynote speaker at 7:00 PM 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](#).

Faculty Retreat: Team Teaching and Curriculum Transformation

Friday, April 26 & Saturday, April 27

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sullivan Hall, CETL Conference Room B-2

The Interdisciplinary Institute invites applications for participation in a curriculum transformation retreat, focusing on team teaching and curriculum transformation to be held Friday and Saturday 4/26 & 4/27 at Merrimack College. The retreat will be facilitated by Dr. Joye Hardiman, Interim Director of the Washington Center and Professor Emeritus of Arts and Humanities at the Evergreen State College.

To apply please send a brief message (1-2 paragraphs) stating your interest in the retreat and how participation will enhance your professional development to director.institute@merrimack.edu by **Friday, April 5, 2019**. Applicants selected will receive \$500 stipend.

2nd Annual Community Engagement Institute: Save the Dates

Wednesday, May 22 & Thursday, May 23

This institute provides an opportunity for local colleges and community organizations to come together to dialogue, network and learn from one another. We will deepen our understandings of how to learn with and in the community in just and equitable ways. We will reflect on and support one another in identifying how we can apply these understandings to our community engaged work.

Wednesday, May 22nd

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Please join us for dinner and dialogue. We will celebrate our collective accomplishments in community-engaged practices, honoring a Merrimack student and a community partnership.

Thursday, May 23rd

8:00 AM - 6:30 PM

Crowe Executive Room and Lawrence Site Visits

The schedule will include panels, presentations, and breakout sessions at Merrimack College, El Taller, and community organizations. All of the sessions provided will center around this year's theme: "Learning With & In the Community" and will be presented by community-engaged Merrimack faculty, staff, students, Lawrence community leaders and service-learning practitioners at local higher education institutions.

Lunch and dinner will be provided. Van transportation will be provided to and from Merrimack College. Sponsored by the Office of the Provost and the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning

Other Events this Week

March 26th

Faculty Senate Meeting

4:00 - 5:00 PM

126 Crowe Hall

March 27th

Dawnland: a Documentary about Cultural Survival and Stolen Children with Guest Dr. Mishy Lesser

7:00- 9:00 PM

Crowe Hall 126

Join us for a screening of Dawnland: a Documentary about Cultural Survival and Stolen Children with discussion and Q & A with the Learning Director for the film, Dr. Mishy Lesser. Dawnland is about the first truth and reconciliation commission for Native Americans. Free and open to the public. [Dawnland Teachers Guide](#) or [Dawnland Viewer's Guide](#)

March 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.

March 28th

Digging into AAS Historical Periodicals

Thursday, March 28

12:30-1:30 PM

McQuade, Alden Lab (3rd floor)

Clive Wright, V. P. of EBSCO's Archives division, will be giving a content overview and search demonstrations of the American Antiquarian Society (AAS) Historical Periodicals Collections 1692 - 1877. These collections made possible by the Interdisciplinary Institute cover subjects reaching into every facet of American life, including science, literature, medicine, agriculture, women's fashion, family life, and religion. All are invited to bring their lunch and learn how they can use this valuable collection of 18th and 19th century primary sources.

March 28th - March 29

Professional Development Retreat: Juniors

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Hotel Commonwealth, Boston, MA

The Professional Development Retreat is a two-day career initiative hosted at the Hotel Commonwealth designed to build students' emotional intelligence and provide students with soft skills such as problem-solving, conflict resolution, critical observation and adaptability. Through an application and selection process, sixty students from all academic disciplines have been selected, along with more than 20 faculty and staff to serve as facilitators. If you have any questions regarding the Professional Development Retreat, please email obriencenter@merrimack.edu for more details.

Sponsored by the O'Brien Center for Career Development

March 31st

Admitted Student Day

Future Events

Bob Hicok

Tuesday, April 2

4:00 PM

The Writers House

Bob Hicok is the author of ten books of poetry, including his most recent, *Hold*. His awards include fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and The Guggenheim Foundation. He is a professor of creative writing at Virginia Tech.

LUCKY STIFF: A Drop Dead Funny Musical Comedy

Thursday, April 4 - Saturday, April 6

7:30PM Saturday matinee April 6 at 2:00 PM

Rogers Center for the Arts

An unassuming shoe salesman is forced to take the embalmed body of his recently murdered uncle on vacation to Monte Carlo. If he succeeds in passing his uncle off as alive, he stands to inherit \$6,000,000! If he can't, however, the money goes to a home for dogs in Brooklyn, or his dead uncle's gun-toting ex! Written by the Tony Award-winning team of Flaherty and Ahrens, this hilarious, offbeat musical murder mystery is filled with twists, turns, great music and great fun. Based on the novel *The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo* by Michael Butterworth. Directed by Sarah Rozene-Wolski.

An OnStagers Production; Music by Stephen Flaherty; Book and Lyrics by Lynn Aherns

Screening of the acclaimed film *Angst* with Facilitated Discussion

Tuesday, April 9

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Join us for a free screening of *ANGST*, a film about anxiety, truth & hope. Let's start the conversation (Spanish subtitles). Open to the public, students, staff and faculty encouraged to attend. Register here: <http://www.merrimack.edu/angst-screening>

Health Sciences Graduate Networking Reception

Thursday, April 11

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Dr. Alfred L. Arcidi Center, Room 201 A

The O'Brien Center for Career Development and the School of Health Sciences are hosting their annual Health Sciences Graduate Networking Reception. Graduate students will network with industry professionals and Merrimack alumni from Massachusetts General Hospital, the Boston Public Health Commission, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Spaulding Rehabilitation Network, Goodwin Community Health and many more. Business professional attire & RSVP through Handshake preferred. Refreshments provided.

RSVP at bit.ly/hsggradreception

Sponsored by the O'Brien Center for Career Development & School of Health Sciences

Weaving the Maps: Tales of Survival and Resistance

A Multimedia Performance by Dr. Laila Farah and Dr. Isis Nusair

Monday, April 15th

12:30 - 1:45 PM

Cascia Hall

Sponsored by the Interdisciplinary Institute. Refreshments will be served.

Healthcare Leadership Summit - Social Determinants of Health

Monday, April 29

7:15 - 8:00 AM Registration, Rogers Center Lobby

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Summit, Rogers Center Auditorium

12:00 - 1:00 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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