



# PROVOST BRIEFING

September 16, 2019

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*FYE students in the health sciences section for health literacy and mindfulness harvesting potatoes in the campus garden.*

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

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## Want to see your event in the Provost Briefing?

Please send information to Vicki Bianchini [bianchiniv@merrimack.edu](mailto:bianchiniv@merrimack.edu) no later than **Thursday, 1:00 PM** for the following Monday's issue. Information should be sent in the following format:

### Title

Date

Time

Location

Please include a few sentences describing the event. Feel free to add an RSVP request and/or links to more details, however please keep it brief.

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## Through Knowledge to Wisdom Conversations

Join in conversations on topics related to the Catholic and Augustinian Mission and Identity of the College.

### September's topic: How might Saint Augustine of Hippo influence our thoughts, words, and actions in the 21st century?

- Wednesday, September 18, 8:00-9:30 AM, in the Boardroom of Arcidi Hall
- Tuesday, September 24, 2:00-3:30 PM, in the Boardroom of Arcidi Hall
- Friday, September 27, 10:30 AM-Noon, in the Boardroom of Arcidi Hall

Register to participate in on of these conversations: [TKTW Conversation September 2019](#).

### October's topic: How might we move toward being and becoming more fully human in the face of the dehumanizing forces and stressors of the 21st Century?

- Thursday, October 10, Noon-1:30 PM, Board Room in Arcidi Hall
- Wednesday, October 16, 8:00-9:30 AM, Taylor Chapel of St. Augustine on the 3rd Floor of the Campus Center
- Tuesday, October 22, 2:00-3:30 PM, Board Room in Arcidi Hall
- Friday, October 25, 10:30 AM-Noon, Board Room in Arcidi Hall
- Monday, October 28, 3:30-5:00 PM, Board Room in Arcidi Hall

Register to participate in on of these conversations: [TKTW Conversation October 2019](#)

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## Fall Global Education Fair

**Tuesday, September 17**

**4:00 - 6:00 PM**

**MPR, Sakowich Campus Center**

Encourage your students to explore their semester opportunities and talk to faculty teaching the Spring/Summer 2020 faculty-led international/away courses at the Fall Global Education Fair.

The Office of Global Education offers semester programs all around the world to equip students with an international understanding of their profession and to develop critical intercultural skills for engaging our changing world. From Health Science in Berlin to International Management in Sydney, from Engineering in Sharjah to Theatre Arts in London - it can be done.

**Spring 2020 Semester Application Deadline** - October 5 (Some programs have earlier deadlines. Students should check [www.merrimack.edu/GEO](http://www.merrimack.edu/GEO) for details.) **Faculty-Led Spring/Summer 2020 Courses Application** Deadline - October 20.

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## Interdisciplinary Institute Events for September

### Reception for 2019-2020 Presidential Fellows

**Thursday, September 19, 4:00 - 6:00 PM**

**Cascia Hall**

### Team Teaching Workshop

**Friday, September 20 & Saturday, September 21, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**CETL Conference Room**

For a list of additional events planned for Fall 2019, see the [Interdisciplinary Institute's webpage](#). For more information contact Simona Sharoni at [director.institute@merrimack.edu](mailto:director.institute@merrimack.edu)

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## MINTS Workshop: Academic Conversations with English

**Thursday, September 19, 2019**

**4:30 - 6:30 PM**

**Crowe Hall, Room 107**

Workshop participants will brainstorm ideas for anchor charts with sentence frames and prompts, create a well-crafted prompt, participate in discussions, and analyze video recordings of students' language production using rubrics and other tools. This [MINTS workshop](#) will be facilitated by Dr. Sara Hamerla, Administrator of ELL Programs in the Waltham Public Schools.

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## CETL Professional Learning: Fall 2019

Sessions held in the CETL classroom, Sullivan Hall, B-2

[Registration Link for All Sessions](#)

### **iPad Basics, Thursday, September 19, 3:00 - 4:00**

Getting to know your classroom environment and how to seamlessly let technology work to your advantage is essential for every busy faculty member. Learn to deploy just-in-time formative assessments, set up your iPad to read out-loud to you, take dictation, project your iPad screen to the device in your classroom without wires, and add your signature to documents with your Apple Pencil - no scanner needed!

### **Video & Screen Capture Basics, Monday, September 23, 11:00 - 12:00**

Create videos - introductory & explanatory or upload existing videos to Panopto, Merrimack's video hosting solution. Learn how to add quizzes, discussion points, and create captions to your videos so that all students can enjoy your resources.

### **Learning Continuity, Wednesday, September 25, 3:00 - 4:00**

Educational opportunities are endless, but time is finite. Learn how you can still hold class on snow days, bring in guest speakers virtually, communicate with students abroad, hold virtual office hours and more.

### **Grading & Feedback in Ultra, Tuesday, October 8, 1:00 - 2:00**

Leverage the grade book to grade student submissions and provide valuable feedback (audio and text) to promote instructor efficiency and student learning transferability.

### **Content Creation using iPad, Thursday, October 10, 3:00 - 4:00**

Create presentations and digital materials using general i-Work Apps. Add illustrations and notations using Apple Pencil. Show data creatively by structuring spreadsheets your way, with charts, tables, images, and much more!

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## **Donna Harrington-Lueker**

**Tuesday, September 24**

**4:00 PM**

### **The Writers House**

Donna Harrington-Lueker's *Books for Idle Hours: Nineteenth-Century Publishing and the Rise of Summer Reading* draws upon letters, diaries, archival materials, and an array of nineteenth-century popular novels set at summer resorts, to show how the practice of light summer reading (AKA the "beach read") takes shape in the nineteenth century. In addition to this book, her academic work has appeared in the *Keats-Shelley Journal*, *Journalism History*, and *Nineteenth Century Studies*. The campus visit is a homecoming for Harrington-Lueker who graduated from Merrimack College in 1976 with a major in English.

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## **Environmental Movie Nights/Programs:**

**Celebrating [Climate Preparedness Week](#) September 24-30**

### **Caring for Our Common Home: Ecology Walk for the Campus**

**Tuesday, September 24**

More information can be found [here](#)

- **5:00 - 6:00 PM, McQuade Library**

Help yourself to the vegan chili bar while you make a ribbon for the [International Climate Ribbon Project](#).

- **6:00 - 7:00PM Eco Walk Starts from McQuade**

Local faith leaders will speak at each stop, with reflections on caring for our campus, each other, and the Earth as we enter a new year together. [RSVP](#) appreciated.

## **Empowered: Power from the People**

**Film Screening, Thursday, September 26, 7:00 PM**

**McQuade Library**

Part of the Environmental Movie Series. Documentary telling the story of Tompkins County, NY residents who are meeting their own energy needs through renewable resources. [Find More information here](#)

These events are made possible by support from the McLaughlin Martin Family Environmental Innovation Fund through the Center for Sustainability and the Environment..

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## **2019 Fall Internship & Job Fair**

**Thursday, September 26, 2019**

**2:00 - 4:30 p.m.**

**Multipurpose Room, Sakowich Campus Center**

Merrimack College's first annual Fall Internship & Job Fair is one of our largest recruiting events of the year with 60 companies across all industries, focusing on accounting, finance and engineering. Encourage your students to join us on September 26th to network with companies offering full-time, part-time, internship & co-op opportunities. See a full list of current employers attending [here](#). Sponsored by the O'Brien Center for Career Development.

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## **Pivot Workshop - Finding Funding Opportunities**

**Thursday, September 26**

**4:00 PM**

**CETL Classroom, Sullivan Hall, B-2**

Interested in looking for grant funding opportunities for your program or project? The Office of Sponsored Program and McQuade Library will be conducting a Pivot workshop for faculty. Space is limited so please RSVP to [research@merrimack.edu](mailto:research@merrimack.edu) by **September 25th** if you would like to participate.

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## **Open House: 21st Century Literacy Partners**

**Tuesday, October 1**

**2:00 - 5:00 PM**

**McQuade Library (3rd Floor), Tutoring/Math & Writing Center**

All are welcome to attend the first-ever open house of [21C: 21st Century Literacy Partners](#). 21C is a network of Merrimack College centers and programs dedicated to helping students prepare for the demands of the knowledge economy. Recognizing the interconnectedness of information, numerical, and disciplinary literacies, 21C seeks to support and enhance student learning outside the classroom. [Registration link](#)

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# Improving Student Writing: Faculty Workshop Series on Best Practices

Sessions held in the CETL classroom, Sullivan Hall, B-2

[Registration link](#)

## Providing Effective Feedback on Student Writing

**Wednesday, October 9, 2:00 - 3:15 PM**

Do you find that students don't use your feedback on their writing the way you would like, or worse, don't seem to use it at all? This interactive workshop will focus on best practices for improving student writing through effective, efficient commenting. Participants will leave with concrete strategies for maximizing the impact of their feedback while simultaneously reducing the time and effort it takes to give it.

## Designing Quality Writing Assignments

**Tuesday, December 3, 4:00 - 5:15 PM**

Clear, engaging, and meaningful writing assignments provide opportunities for students to both enhance their writing abilities and demonstrate their learning. This hands-on workshop will explore a variety of objectives for formal assignments, strategies for linking them effectively to course content, and methods for increasing student engagement. Participants will have the chance to analyze one of their own assignments in light of the discussion.

Co-sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, The Writing Intensive Committee, and The Writing Center

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## Grant News

Congratulations to the following faculty members who have received grant funding:

Juliana Cohen - Year 4 grant funding \$126,992

Leena Bharath - Year 2 grant funding \$116,002

Allan Weatherwax - Year 4 funding \$56,079

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## Lunch in Lawrence

The Office of Mission and Ministry and the Hands to Help Community Outreach Center would like to cordially invite you to participate in a new initiative called "Lunch in Lawrence."

Throughout the academic year we will be hosting a series of lunches at restaurants in the Lawrence area. Our goal is to offer people a chance to experience the community of Lawrence in a positive light, take a break from your ordinary work routine, meet new friends, and enjoy some delicious and diverse cuisine. To accommodate varying schedules, these lunches will be scheduled on different days of the week each month, but the time frame will always be from 11:30-1:30 pm. The dates will be communicated well in advance via email. Vans will leave the Arcidi Center parking lot at 11:30 am. The first will be held on Monday, September 23rd. We will be traveling to the [Terra Luna Cafe](#) which serves Latin cuisine.

The September 23 Lunch in Lawrence event is full. Thank you for your interest. The next lunch will take place in October, and will be announced in the Briefing.

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## Campus Ministry Send Trips: Apply To Be An Advisor

Would you like to dedicate a week of your winter, spring, or summer break to service - and be more deeply involved in the life of our community at Merrimack? Apply to be an Advisor on a campus ministry Send Trip! Week-long service trips through campus ministry have a 50+ year tradition here at Merrimack College. In 2019-2020, our students will travel to nine different locations in January, March, and June to answer the call to solidarity with communities across our country and the world. But we can't do it without your help.

As an advisor, you will:

- participate alongside student leaders and participants in service & immersion opportunities
- make connections with students off-campus
- support the formation of student-leaders
- learn about the intersection between justice and faith in our Augustinian Catholic tradition

Faculty, staff, and graduate students are all welcome to apply for this unique role.

Advisor applications (and more information about the Send Program) for this year's trips are now available on the [campus ministry website](#). Applications are due **September 27**. Please email Nicole Benevenia at [benevenian@merrimack.edu](mailto:benevenian@merrimack.edu) or visit the Grace J. Palmisano Campus Ministry Center if you have any questions.

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## Professional Development Retreat: Seniors - Applications are Live!

At this two-day conference students will learn "soft skills" such as problem-solving, conflict resolution, critical observation and adaptability. Through an application and selection process, sixty seniors will be selected for the retreat. Our goal is to have all academic disciplines represented. If you know a senior student who would benefit from this event please encourage them to apply at [bit.ly/seniorspdr19](http://bit.ly/seniorspdr19). All applications are due by **Sunday, October 6 at midnight**. Sponsored by the O'Brien Center for Career Development

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## Other Events this Week

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### September 17th

**Accounting Networking Breakfast**

**8:00 - 10:00 AM**

**Executive Room, Crowe Hall**

Encourage your students to attend the Accounting Networking Breakfast, open to all students. Students get the chance to network with over 20 Merrimack alumni and industry professionals in the world of accounting. Breakfast will be provided. Students can click [here](#) to RSVP.

Sponsored by the O'Brien Center for Career Development

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### September 17th

**Faculty Senate Meeting**

**4:00 - 5:00 PM**

**Crowe 107**

**Welcome Back Reception will follow in the Executive Room**

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### September 17th

## **Pre-Law Society Constitution Day Panel Discussion/Debate**

**6:30 - 8:00 PM**

**Cascia Hall**

The pre-law society will be holding a panel discussion/debate of 1st Amendment rights in light of the lower court case of Knight First Amendment Institute v. Trump. There will be a panel discussion/debate moderated by Prof. Kevin McGravey of the Political Science Department. Panelists include four lawyers, three alumni and one parent of a current student.

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## **September 18th**

**Finance Networking Brunch**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Executive Room, Crowe Hall**

Encourage your students to attend the Finance Networking Brunch, open to all students. Students get the chance to network with Merrimack alumni and industry professionals in the world of finance and economics. Brunch will be provided. Student can click [here](#) to RSVP. Sponsored by the O'Brien Center for Career Development.

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## **September 19th**

**Weekly Walks**

**Wednesdays at Noon**

**Meet in front of McQuade**

Walks will be outside weather permitting or the Sak track if not. Open to everyone!

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## **September 20th**

**Weekly Mindful Activity (Meditation, Gentle Movement)**

**Wednesdays at 4:00 PM**

**Meet at McQuade Meditation Space (Lower Level)**

Drop by the meditation space on the lower level at McQuade (bring a class for a visit).

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## **September 22nd**

**The Music Faculty Concert**

**2:00 PM**

**Rogers Center for the Arts**

Performers will include Cristi Catt and Laura Moore Pruett, sopranos; Hugh Hinton, piano; Joseph Gotoff, cello; Paul Geresy, percussion; plus special guests. More details can be found [here](#).

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## **Future Events**

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## **Fire and Flood: Queer Resilience in the Era of Climate Change**

**Sneak-Peek Film Screening with Live Q and A with the film's creator**

**Wednesday, October 2, 7:00 PM**

**McQuade Library**

Part of the Environmental Movie Series. Documentary telling the story of Tompkins County, NY residents who are meeting their own energy needs through renewable resources.



This event is made possible by support from the McLaughlin Martin Family Environmental Innovation Fund.

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## **Fall Student Exhibition**

**Opens: October 10 | Closes: November 3**

**Reception: 4:00 - 6:00 PM, August 16**

**McCoy Gallery, Rogers Center for the Arts**

Visit the McCoy Gallery to view select works from our talented student visual artists.

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