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The Nursing Center's Health Assessment Simulation Lab

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Provost Office Hours

Thursday, January 23

8:30-10:00 AM

Provost's Suite, Austin Hall

Back by popular demand! 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.

Faculty Development Grants: Call for Proposals

The Faculty Development Committee would like to announce that applications are now being accepted for 2020-21 Faculty Development Grants. This includes both academic year grants, which cover specific expenses related to a planned project, and summer 2020 grants, which can cover specific expenses or offer salary support for work undertaken during the summer.

The deadline for applications is **February 1, 2020**.

Electronic Submission:

Electronic Submissions are optional, but encouraged. If you choose the electronic submission option, email one PDF file attachment of all completed and signed application forms and supporting information to: fdg@merrimack.edu

NEW THIS YEAR: Please fill out the link below:

(note: This is in addition to submitting your proposal. We are collecting your proposal details electronically) [FDG GOOGLE FORM](#)

For more information [click here](#) or refer to the Faculty Handbook, Section 5.9.

MINTS Workshop: Stress and Anxiety Management for Students and Families

Facilitated by Dr. James Howland

Thursday, January 23

4:30-6:30 PM

Crowe Hall, room 107

Participants will identify and recognize the signs and symptoms of stress and anxiety often seen in students and families. Participants will explore, discuss, and participate in the application of stress management techniques and healthy coping strategies for all, in and out of the classroom.

Nursing White Coat Ceremony

Sunday, January 26

11:00 AM

Rogers Center for the Arts

The White Coat Ceremony is designed as a rite of passage to emphasize the importance of compassionate patient care at the very start of training. In addition to reciting the oath, students come forward during the ceremony to be "cloaked" before family and friends in the iconic white coat that signifies their status as healthcare professionals.

Interdisciplinary Institute January and February 2020 Events

Please mark your calendars and share the information with students. Click here to see a full list of [Interdisciplinary Institute Spring 2020 Events](#). For more information email director.Institute@Merrimack.edu

Bodies, Borders, Bridges Exhibit Opening

Thursday, January 23

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Sullivan Hall Suite 307

Bodies, Borders and Bridges is a multimedia interdisciplinary exhibition inspired by the institute's theme. It builds upon Children, an exhibition organized by Artists Unified Against Family Separation and curated by Brian Alves with conceptual curatorial advising and installation assistance by Mica Lin-Alves and Rayza Carrasco. Artwork will be on display until May 1st, 2020.

Global Interdisciplinary Studies: Faculty Report Back from Amsterdam

Wednesday, January 29

2:00 - 3:30 PM

Sullivan Hall CETL Classroom

An opportunity to listen to eight colleagues from four schools who participated in the Association of Interdisciplinary Studies Annual Conference in Amsterdam in October 2019.

Faculty - Student Forum / Conversation on Diversity and Inclusion At Merrimack

Monday, February 10

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Cascia Hall

An opportunity to engage with student leaders and faculty and administrators passionate about fostering diversity and inclusive excellence at Merrimack College.

The Opioid Crisis: Interdisciplinary Perspectives

Tuesday, February 18

4:00 - 5:30 PM

Cascia Hall

Faculty members and professionals will analyze the problem and explore comprehensive solutions.

Induction Ceremony: National Interdisciplinary Honor Society

Monday, February 24

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Cascia Hall

Robert Pinsky

Tuesday, February 4

4:00 PM

The Writers House

Robert Pinsky is a poet, essayist, translator, and teacher whose many books include the poetry collections *At the Foundling Hospital* and *Selected Poems*, and the anthology, *The Mind Has Cliffs of Fall*. Pinsky's work has earned him the PEN/Voelcker Award, the William Carlos Williams Prize, the Lenore Marshall Prize, Italy's Premio Capri, and other honors. As Poet Laureate, he founded the Favorite Poem Project, in which thousands of Americans—of varying backgrounds, all ages, and from every state—shared their favorite poems. He is also the only member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters to have appeared on *The Simpsons* and *The Colbert Report*.

Tolle Lege 2020

Thursday, February 6

4:00 PM

The Writers House

A celebration of works published in 2019 by Merrimack faculty, staff, students, and alumni. This year's speakers include: **Alan Weatherwax, Provost; Michael Corcoran, Health Sciences; Katelyn Kurkul, Education & Social Policy; William McDowell, Biology; Lisa Perks, Communication & Media; Omer Unsal, Accounting & Finance; and William Wians, Philosophy.** (snow date: Feb. 13th)

Spring Apple Teacher Cohort Now Forming

Network with colleagues and earn recognition by becoming an [Apple Teacher](#)! Build your skills on iPad and/or Mac through the Apple Teacher certification program with a minimal time commitment. Meeting dates to be determined by the group. If interested, please send an email to CETL@merrimack.edu

CETL Winter Book Discussion

Please consider joining the CETL winter book discussion; *Making Learner-Centered Teaching Work, Practical Strategies for Implementation*, by Phyllis Blumberg. The group will get together over lunch in early March to discuss. Brief Description: This how-to-guide demonstrates how instructors can integrate learning-centered teaching into their classroom practice without sacrificing content and rigor, and how to positively engage students in the process by demonstrating its impact on their mastery and recall of key concepts and knowledge.

[Register Here](#)

Grant News

Webinar: Grant Writing vs. Academic Writing

Hanover Research Webinar Series

Thursday, February 13

12 Noon – 12:45 PM

For many grant-seekers in higher education, developing competitive grant proposals requires a departure from the conventions of academic writing. In this webinar, Hanover will contrast the

major differences between grant writing and academic writing, outlining how these differences should impact the proposal development process. The session will cover:

- What makes proposal writing unique.
- Conventions of academic writing to avoid in developing a proposal.
- Common grant writing mistakes.

Click here to [Register](#)

NIH Regional Seminar

April 20-22, 2020; Baltimore, MD

Registration is open! [NIH Regional Seminar Registration](#)

75 NIH presenters in one location: Review, program, grants management and policy officials ready to meet, share and answer your questions at the seminar. Hear from and talk to experts from the Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP), Office of Inspector General (OIG) & Office of Research Integrity (ORI). Session descriptions and information can be found on the [NIH Regional Seminar](#) website.

Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR)

Proposal Writing Institute

July 8-12,2020; Daemen College, Buffalo, NY

This institute will bring together faculty and administrators interested in preparing proposals for submission to external funding agencies. The four-day institute will consist of one-on-one work with a mentor, writing, small-group discussions, and critiquing of proposals. The institute has been developed to assist novice to experienced proposal writers in drafting complete proposals for submission. Prior to the institute, participants will be able to access information that will help them begin to draft their proposal. Click here For [more information](#).

NSF Spring Grants Conference

Save The Date – May 18-19, 2020; Minneapolis, MN

Registration for the conference is not open yet, but will be open in early 2020. The conference is designed for new faculty, researchers and administrators who want to gain insight into a wide range of important and timely issues at NSF including: the state of current funding, the proposal and award process, and current and recently updated policies and procedures. Click here to sign up for [conference notifications](#).

Save the Date - 2020 Research and Creative Achievement Conference May 1

Friday, May 1, 3:30 - 6:30

The Office of the Provost and The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning are excited to announce that the campus-wide 2020 Research and Creative Achievement Conference will take place Friday, May 1 for graduate and undergraduate students. For more information, please visit the [Research and Creative Achievement Conference Website](#) or contact Dr. Kathryn Nielsen in the Office of the Provost at officeoftheprovost@merrimack.edu.

Professional Development Retreat: Juniors - Applications are Live!

At this two-day conference students will learn foundational skills such as problem-solving, conflict resolution, critical observation and adaptability. Through an application and selection

process, sixty juniors will be selected for the retreat. Our goal is to have all academic disciplines represented. If you know a junior student who would benefit from this event please encourage them to apply at bit.ly/juniorspdr20. All applications are due by **Sunday, February 9th at midnight**. Sponsored by the O'Brien Center for Career Development

Other Events this Week

January 23rd

All classes meet on a Monday schedule

January 24th

Last day for adding and dropping Spring Session 1 graduate online courses

Future Events

GEO Alumni Spring Fair

Tuesday, February 11

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Main Street and Warriors' Den Lounge, Sakowich Center

Come talk with alums of Merrimack's Global Education Semester programs. Whether they're in Health Science or Political Science, International Management or Sports Marketing, Art History or Civil Engineering, Merrimack students have pursued their courses of study and internships all over the globe. Find out what's available and learn more!

Proof, The Pulitzer prize winning play

Written by David Auburn, Directed by Evan Kelly

February 20-29

Click here for [Showtimes](#)

Rogers Theater for the Arts

A young woman copes with the death of her brilliant but mentally unstable father, her meddlesome sister, and the affections of a young student who seeks a valuable work in her father's notebooks. This Pulitzer Prize-winning play also examines a more perplexing problem: Will the young woman inherit her father's brilliance, or his madness?

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