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Left to right, back row, CJ Wong, Tinting Zhang, Marc Veletzos, Laura Hall-Seelig, Katherine Turcotte LaFlamme, Allan Weatherwax, William McDowell, R. David MacLaren, Brandi Baldock, Andrea Cohen, Ellen Fitzpatrick, Kathryn Geoffrion-Scannell, Kathryn Nielsen

Left to right, front row, William Wians, Kathryn Welby, Autumn Ridenour, Kelly Surrette, '12, Zoe Sherman, Simona Sharoni

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SCURCA Funding Opportunity for Summer 2020

Thanks once again to the Sakowich Family Foundation, the Office of the Provost is proud to offer the Sakowich Center for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (SCURCA) funding opportunity for faculty-led research projects for Summer 2020. The deadline to apply is **Wednesday, March 4th**. For additional information and how to apply visit the [SCURCA webpage](#).

Note: Information regarding additional internal funding opportunities from the Provost’s Office will be forthcoming soon.

Faculty Regalia Request

We are taking requests for faculty regalia rentals. If you are in need of regalia for the 2020 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 confirmation for your order, please contact bianchiniv@merrimack.edu. All requests must be submitted by **Thursday, March 5, 2020**. Click here for details of [Commencement 2020](#)

GEO Alumni Spring Fair

Tuesday, February 11

11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Main Street and 1st floor Lounge, Sakowich Center

Alumni/ae of GEO programs--from Copenhagen to Cape Town--will be representing the global opportunities available at Merrimack. Please encourage your advisees and students to stop by

and chat with GE alums. Also, take this opportunity to hear from your students about their courses and internships around the world.

Human Development and Human Services Colloquium

Tuesday, February 11

4:00-5:00 PM

Executive Room, Crowe Hall

The Human Development and Human Services (HDHS) program is having its first colloquium of the semester. Dr. Kristin Long, an Assistant Professor of Psychological and Brain Sciences at Boston University, will discuss how "Context matters: A social ecological and life course approach to childhood illness and disability. "

Majors & Minors Fair

Wednesday, February 12

1:00-3:00 PM

MPR , Sakowich Campus Center

Representatives from each school, The Career Center, and academic advisors will be present to talk to undeclared students and those thinking about changing majors or adding a minor or second major.

MINTS Workshop: "Understanding Unconscious Bias"

Wednesday, February 12

4:30-6:30

Cascia Hall

In this workshop, participants will be exposed to the following four points: (1) Understand the neurobiological and sociological aspects of implicit bias; (2) How social stereotypes are created, circulated, and remain entrenched; (3) Impact of implicit bias in the classroom; and (4) Strategies to mitigate implicit bias.

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?

Interdisciplinary Institute February and March 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

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

Innovations in Interdisciplinary Teaching And Scholarship: A Roundtable With Microgrant Recipients

Monday, March 16th

12:30 - 2:00 PM

CETL Conference Room

Gender, Race, And Social Justice Activism: A Presentation by Melissa Denizard

Thursday, March 26

12:00 - 1:15 PM

Cascia Hall

Melissa Denizard is an activist, organizer, and documentarian. She uses film and the written word to bring attention to youth activism and the intersections of race, gender, and social class in the United States.

How To Be An Activist & Change-Maker? A Workshop with Melissa Denizard

Thursday, March 26

2:00 - 3:50 PM

Cascia Hall

A dynamic workshop for students on getting involved in activism and social justice work on campus and in the community.

Save the Date: Spring Internship & Career Fair

Wednesday, February 26

2:00-4:30 PM

MultiPurpose Room, Sakowich Campus Center

Encourage your students to attend our largest recruiting event of the semester: Spring Internship & Career Fair. With 100 employers hiring across all majors for full employment, internship & co-op positions, there's an opportunity for every student at this annual event. Open to all Merrimack College students of every class year and major, undergraduate and graduate. For a full list of employers, students can click [here](#). RSVP is recommended. Sponsored by the O'Brien Center for Career Development.

The Restless Hearts Podcast

The Restless Hearts Podcast, hosted by Vice President for Mission and Ministry Father Ray Dlugos, O.S.A., offers spiritual reflections and conversations about our journey together as human beings. It is inspired by the Augustinian Catholic tradition of understanding the human as both tempted to a life of inauthenticity, but also restless for a heart full of gratitude, humility,

compassion, generosity, and love. Subscribe today on Apple Podcasts, Google Play, and Spotify! (Or [listen here.](#))

CETL Open Classroom Week March 30 - April 3

Call to Participate

Open Classroom Week provides the opportunity for MC faculty/instructors across the disciplines to visit colleagues' classrooms and watch how others approach teaching. OCW is designed to promote conversation and reflection about teaching and learning. Open Classroom instructors are not expected to be teaching experts! Anyone who is willing to share their pedagogical approach is encouraged to participate.

Interested in opening your classroom? Sign up by March 1 here:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/MerrimackCollege1/OpenClassroomWeek>

Orientation Committee 2020 applications are now live!

We are looking for fun, energetic, and well-rounded members of the community who are ready to share their love of Merrimack with our newest class of Warriors. Use [this link](#) to nominate students who you believe would be a good fit for the Orientation Committee. Please submit nominations no later than **Thursday, February 20 at 5:00 pm**. Thank you in advance for helping us to develop the best Orientation staff yet!

NEW Music Major!!!

Students can choose to major in music, complement their existing major with music, or minor in music. Check out the [new website](#) for more information. Directly contact Dr. Laura Moore Pruett for details or to register for these opportunities in music: pruettl@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 Now](#)

Grants News

NSF Workshop at Providence College

Monday, March 30th, 2:00-5:00 pm; reception to follow

Ruane Center for the Humanities, Room 105

Join Dr. Paul Raterron, Program Director in the Geophysics Program, to learn about NSF programs, opportunities, and grant writing tips. This workshop will emphasize undergraduate education. Free and open to Merrimack College faculty, administrators, and students. Space is limited! Please [RSVP to attend](#)

NSF Spring Grants Conference

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

Registration 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. You can sign up for conference notifications at <https://nsfgrantsconferences.com/>.

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. For more information:

<https://www.cur.org/what/events/institutes/pwi/>

Advising Information for Summer Session 2020

During the upcoming advising periods, please talk with your advisees about this year's Summer Sessions:

- Summer Session I, May 18 – June 26;
- Summer Session II, July 6 - August 14; and
- Summer Session III, May 18 – August 14.

It's a great way for students to earn credits. The summer course offerings and schedule are available online now at www.merrimack.edu/summer. Registration opens on **March 26** for more than 100 undergraduate online, hybrid and on-campus courses. Students can register through myMack. For any questions, please contact professionalstudies@merrimack.edu or x5484 for questions.

Call for Proposals for a Merrimack Faculty-Led Courses

The Office of Global Education invites proposals for 2020-2021 Faculty-Led courses.

- Deadline for proposals for Spring 2021 Semester with Spring Break or May/June on-site or a Summer 2021 Intensive Course: **Monday, March 16, 2020**.
- Deadline for proposals for Fall 2021 Semester with Winter Break on-site or a Winter-Term 2022 Intensive, **Monday, October 5, 2020**.

If you have an idea for a course or just want to find out more for teaching a course in the future, please email Liesl Smith, Director of Global Education, smithlr@merrimack.edu.

Other Events this Week

February 10th

Coffee with an Instructional Designer

Drop-In Mondays, 9:00 - 12:00 PM

CETL, Sullivan Hall, B-2

The CETL is your one stop shop for all of your fall course design needs. Bring your course design challenges. Anything goes.

February 11th

Staff Forum

3:00-3:00

Arcidi A

February 13th

Provost Office Hours

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.

February 13th

Create Your Impact with Lindsay Nelson

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Arcidi A

A fireside chat featuring Lindsay Nelson, Chief Experience & Brand Officer at Tripadvisor. Moderated by Bethany LoMonaco, Vice President for Communications at Merrimack College.

February 13th

Opening of the Nursing Center

4:00-6:00 PM

February 13th

Ask an Employer: Life Sciences

4:00-6:00 PM

Palmisano Hall, Lobby

Encourage your students to attend the annual Ask an Employer: Life Sciences event, open to all majors of all class years. Students will be able to network with industry professionals in the life sciences. Company representatives from Brooks Automation, Charles River Labs, EMD Serono, Pfizer, Randstad Life Science and GENEWIZ (A Brooks Company) will be tabling and speaking to open opportunities. Students can click here to [RSVP](#) but walk-ins are welcome and encouraged. Sponsored by the O'Brien Center for Career Development.

Future Events

Where We Dwell Together: 17th Annual Interfaith Prayer

Monday, March 2

7:00-8:00 PM

Cascia Hall

We welcome you to our annual prayer service in which we celebrate the Golden Rule in the world's many faith traditions and honor the Divine Spark in one another.

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 officeoftheprovoat@merrimack.edu.

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