



# PROVOST BRIEFING

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## Newly Tenured Faculty

Left to right: Thomas Anderson, Rodrigo Bandeira de Mello, Juliana Cohen, John Gallagher, President Christopher E. Hohey, Alicia Girgenti-Malone, Daniel Herda, SeungJin Lim, Michael Mobley, Autumn Ridenour, Zoe Sherman

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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.

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## Faculty Regalia Request: Orders Needed Before Break

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](mailto:bianchiniv@merrimack.edu). All requests must be submitted by **Thursday, March 5, 2020**. Click here for details of [Commencement 2020](#)

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## 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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## **The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 26**

This Wednesday, February 26, is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the season of Lent, the 40 days of preparation by Christians for the celebration of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We will commemorate Ash Wednesday with the Distribution of Ashes at Masses in the newly renovated Chapel of Our Mother of Good Counsel on the second floor of Austin Hall at 12:30 PM, 4:30 PM, and 9:00 PM. Also, ashes will be distributed during a prayer service held in the lobby of O'Brien Hall at 7:00 PM. For more information on opportunities to celebrate the Lenten season, please click here [Lent 2020](#).

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## **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](mailto:director.Institute@Merrimack.edu)

### **Induction Ceremony: National Interdisciplinary Honor Society**

Monday, February 24

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Cascia Hall

### **The CoronaVirus: Global Interdisciplinary Perspectives**

Wednesday, March 4

4:00 - 5:30 PM

Mcquade Library Auditorium

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

Monday, March 16

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.

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## **CETL Publicly Engaged Scholarship Community of Practice**

For more information contact CETL Faculty Fellow Elaine Ward at [warde@merrimack.edu](mailto:warde@merrimack.edu).

### **Connecting Your Curriculum to Community: Establishing and Sustaining Partnerships**

Thursday, February 27

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

CETL, Sullivan Hall

Drs. Ellen Fitzpatrick, Interdisciplinary Institute and Elaine Ward, SESP, Higher Education Graduate Program share their experiences building and sustaining community partnerships locally and globally.

### **Educating Our Merrimack Students to be Civic Minded Professionals: Challenges and Opportunities**

Thursday, March 19

12:15 - 1:30 PM

CETL, Sullivan Hall

Discussion based on Chapter 1 of our common book *Publicly Engaged Scholars: Next Generation Engagement and the Future of Higher Education*. Discussion Lead: Dr. Cyndy Carlson.

### **Critical Community Engagement**

Thursday, April 2

12:15 - 2:00 PM

CETL, Sullivan Hall

Guest Speaker, Dr. Cynthia Lynch, Director Salem State University Center for Civic Engagement, Executive Director, Frederick E. Berry Institute of Politics and Civic Engagement.

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### **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.

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### **John Murillo**

Tuesday, March 3

4:00 PM

The Writers House

John Murillo is the author of the poetry collections, *Up Jump the Boogie*, finalist for the Kate Tufts Discovery Award and the Pen Open Book Award, and *Kontemporary Amerikan Poetry*. His work has appeared in *American Poetry Review*, *Ploughshares*, *Poetry*, *Best American Poetry* 2017 and 2019 and elsewhere. He is an assistant professor of English at Wesleyan University and teaches in the low residency MFA program at Sierra Nevada College.

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### **CETL EDtech Sessions**

All sessions held in the CETL Classroom, Sullivan Hall, B-2 and include lunch  
[Register for Sessions Here](#)

### **Video Creation using iPad and Panopto**

**Wednesday, March 4**

**12:30-1:30 PM**

Introduce new learning modules, flip a lesson or lecture, reenact historic events, enhance online learning, demonstrate lab procedures, or document a community event with video. Use your Apple Pencil to enhance multimedia productions or to provide timely feedback to students. The possibilities are endless and work seamlessly with Panopto and Blackboard Ultra.

### **Top Ten Strategies for iPad as a Teaching and Learning Tool**

**Thursday, March 26**

**12:30-1:30 PM**

Want to use your iPad in class and need some ideas? Learn quick strategies to leverage your iPad in creative and productive ways to engage students, save time, and increase the participation of all students. Bring your questions and challenges. We will also help you create personalized workflow strategies to improve efficiency and save time.

### **End of Semester Review Strategies**

**Wednesday, April 15**

**12:30-1:30 PM**

Explore a variety of ways to design an effective and meaningful exam review session. Should you create a student guide? Should your students create it? Do you think incentivizing the review session could encourage participation?

We will explore these ideas and more.

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## **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.cognitofirms.com/MerrimackCollege1/OpenClassroomWeek>

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## **Research and Creative Achievement Conference Update**

**Friday, May 1**

**3:30 - 6:30**

We are pleased to inform you that the Form for students to submit their project information is now open and can be found on the [official website here](#). Submissions (intent to participate) must be received by **Friday, March 20** to be considered for the conference. Final posters need to be submitted by **Friday, April 17** to allow the print center ample time to print and deliver the posters. Please share with your students. For more information, please contact Dr. Kathryn Nielsen in the Office of the Provost at [officeoftheprovost@merrimack.edu](mailto:officeoftheprovost@merrimack.edu).



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## Early Alert Requests

Faculty, please check your email for early alert requests for students who may be struggling in your class. You can submit your information on [this form](#).

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## 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](#).)

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## Grants News

### Changes to NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG)

NSF has issued the revised PAPPG which will be effective June 1, 2020. A webinar is available that provides the “Significant Changes & Clarifications”. Changes include Biographical Sketch, Current & Pending Support, SciENCv, Budget and Budget Justification and training requirements for Responsible & Ethical Conduct of Research, Non-Discrimination Statutes and Regulations and Reporting Possible Misconduct. Click here to view the [YouTube recording](#).

### New NIH requirements

ORCID iDs (Open Research and Contributor Identifiers) are now required when applying for NIH grants effective October 1, 2020. ORCID iDs are digital identifiers that distinguish individual investigators and can be used to connect researchers with their contributions to science over time and across changes of name, location and institution affiliation. Please take a moment to learn more about [ORCID iDs](#) for NIH proposal submissions.

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## 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](http://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](mailto:professionalstudies@merrimack.edu) or x5484 for questions.

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

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## Other Events this Week

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### February 26th

Spring Internship & Career Fair

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.

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### February 27th

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.

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### February 28th

Last day to withdraw with a "W" for Spring Session graduate online courses

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### March 1

Admitted Student Day

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## Future Events

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### CYI: Wellness Wednesday: Slow Flow Yoga

Wednesday, March 4

12:00-1:00 PM

Merrimack College Fitness Center

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### Caring for Our Common Home: Ethical and Scientific Approaches

A Conference in Support of the Coalition of Massachusetts Religious Leaders and Scientists

Thursday, March 19

### **Lecture with Dr. Lee Newman**

**4:00-5:00 PM, Arcidi Center, Meeting Room A**

[Dr. Lee Newman](#), Associate Professor of Environmental and Forest Biology at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry

### **Dinner in the Merrimack Club, RSVP required**

**5:00-7:00 PM, Merrimack Club**

Join us for a sustainable, vegan dinner and engage in discussion around approaches for healing our planet. [RSVP Here](#)

### **Faculty Panel Discussion**

**7:00-8:30 PM, Cascia Hall**

Faculty panel discussion, moderated by Dr. Karen Ryan with Cyndy Carlson, Art Ledoux, Azam Noori, and Autumn Alcott Ridenour

For more information: [https://www.merrimack.edu/calendar/view/event/event\\_id/1009455](https://www.merrimack.edu/calendar/view/event/event_id/1009455)

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