



PROVOST BRIEFING

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

Faculty Funding Opportunities for AY 2020-2021

The Office of the Provost offers a wide range of development and scholarship funding for faculty. This can be attributed to sustained internal funding, as well as new endowed funding streams. We are pleased to present the following funding options and corresponding application dates. Click on the links for more comprehensive information including details on the purpose, funding focus, level of support and other information. Contact Kathryn Nielsen at nielsenk@merrimack.edu with any questions.

- [CETL Faculty Fellowship](#) - March 30, 2020
 - [Zampell Family Faculty Fellowship](#) - March 30, 2020
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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.

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.

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 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.

Environmental Movie Series

All viewings will be held in McQuade Auditorium

Chasing Coral: Wednesday, March 4, 7:00 PM

Burned: Wednesday, April 1, 7:00 PM

The Lost Forests of New England: Wednesday, April 15

Sponsored by the McLaughlin Martin Family Environmental Innovation Fund, McQuade Library, the Center for Sustainability & the Environment, the Center for the Study of Jewish Christian Muslim Relations, and the Green Team

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

This Conference is Co-Sponsored by the Center for Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations and the Center for Sustainability and the Environment

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

Find [more information](#) here.

Center for Sustainability and the Environment Newsletter

The first issue of the Center newsletter is available [here](#).

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.

CETL Publicly Engaged Scholarship Community of Practice

For more information contact CETL Faculty Fellow Elaine Ward at warde@merrimack.edu.

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.

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 6 here:

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

Research and Creative Achievement Conference Update

Friday, May 1

3:30 - 6:30 PM

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.

Registration is now open for Summer Session 2020

Students can now register to earn credits this summer. Summer Session offers more than 100 undergraduate online, hybrid, on-campus and experiential courses. During the upcoming advising periods, please talk with your advisees about how taking a summer course may complement their fall schedule or overall educational goals.

- Summer Session I: May 18 – June 26
- Summer Session II: July 6 - August 14
- Summer Session III: May 18 – August 14

Students register through myMack. The course listing, schedule, and other important information can be found at www.merrimack.edu/summer.

Merrimack College Spring Into Wellness Speaker Series

Merrimack is hosting its first ever Spring Into Wellness Speaker Series on various days throughout the spring semester. The next event is a cooking demo with Registered Dietician, Laura Klotz, on Thursday, March 5th. Additional events will run through the end of April. Events will cover a range of wellness topics and include meditation, spiritual mindfulness, nutrition, financial wellness, and more! Space is limited! Sign up [HERE](#)

Merrimack College Spring Into Wellness Employee Health Fair

Thursday, March 19

11:00 AM-2:00 PM

Cascia Hall

Merrimack is hosting the Spring Into Wellness Employee Health Fair in Cascia Hall from 11am-2pm on Thursday, March 19th. There will be biometric screenings, the Merrimack

Employee Assistance Program, information on Limeade Wellness Platform, everyday ergonomics, and much more. Mark your calendar!

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.](#))

McQuade Messenger

The Spring 2020 issue of the McQuade Messenger, the Library's newsletter, is now available [here.](#)

Other Events this Week

March 3

The MCPD Comfort Dog Naming Reveal
10:00 AM-12:00 PM
MPR, Sakowich Campus Center

March 4

CYI: Wellness Wednesday: Slow Flow Yoga
12:00-1:00 PM
Merrimack College Fitness Center

March 5

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.

March 5

National Nutrition Month Celebration with Laura Klotz
12:00-1:00 PM
1st floor Lounge Sakowich Campus Center
Please [register](#) for this session.

Future Events

The Old Man and the Old Moon

March 18-21

Rogers Center for the Arts

Click here for [Showtimes](#)

The Old Man has been the caretaker of the moon for as long as he and his wife can remember. But, when she's drawn away by a mysterious melody that sparks memories of their past, the Old Man must decide between duty, or adventure. What follows is an imaginative, sea-faring, musical epic, as the Old Man faces a host of challenges, including the biggest one of all: Change. This production is a delight for all ages.

MINTS Workshop: Advocating for English Language Learners

Tuesday, March 24

4:30-6:30 PM

Crowe Hall, Room 126

What does it mean to advocate for English learners? Why is this type of advocacy important? How can you advocate for the ELs in your classroom and school? In this interactive workshop, these questions (and more) will be discussed. Participants will be invited to reflect on their own practice and create practical next steps to increase their advocacy actions in their teaching contexts.

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