

PROVOST BULLETIN

February 25, 2022



Greetings

I hope you enjoyed a restful President's Day holiday. While our recent warm weather quickly turned back to winter, the warm days do offer a reminder that spring break is a mere three weeks away. Faculty who notice any students who might be struggling should continue to engage with them and file Care reports if students are not responding.

Faculty and staff are also encouraged to remind their students of the upcoming Career Fair (scheduled for next Wednesday, March 2) as well as ongoing career workshops.

In addition to the programming for students, I want to highlight two events next week for faculty and staff. The first is the start of a free weekly yoga class taught by Assistant Dean (and certified Yoga Instructor) Gail Picillo on Tuesday, March 1. The second is a discussion lead by Dr. Anne FLaherty (Chair of the Political Science Department) focused on her research on Native nation sovereignty and intergovernmental politics, which takes place Wednesday, March 2. Both of these events are sponsored by the Writer's House.

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Upcoming Events and Deadlines

Items Marked With an Asterisk are Described in More Detail Below

Friday, Feb. 25: 8-week Spring Session 1 - Last day to withdraw with a "W"

Tuesday, Mar. 1: Yoga for Faculty & Employees at The Writers House, 4 p.m.* (Weekly)

Wednesday, Mar. 2: O'Brien Center Spring Internship and Career Fair in the MPR, Sakowich Center, 2-4:30 p.m.*

Wednesday, Mar. 2: Faculty Write Series: Dr. Anne F. Boxberger Flaherty at the Writer's House, 4 p.m.*

Thursday, March 3: Early Alerts Due

Saturday, March 5: Undergraduate Admitted Students Day #2 (snow date is **Sunday, March 6**)

Monday, March 14 - Friday, March 18: Spring Recess (no classes)

Tuesday, March 15: Tolle Lege Reception Submissions Due*

Instructors, 8:45-3:30 p.m.*

Thursday, May 5: 2022 Research and Creative Achievement Conference - Save The Date!

Faculty Technology Survey



The Technology Resource Committee would like feedback from faculty on their needs for pedagogical software and the best way to support a transition to the new Canvas Learning Management System. Please take a moment to [complete this survey](#) and provide your input.

If you have any questions, please contact [Professor Christina Hardway](#).

Filing a CARE Report



Faculty are asked to be especially mindful of student engagement in courses, and to be proactive in their response. If a student is regularly absent, not turning in assignments, or seems disengaged on a regular basis, please file a [CARE Report](#) as soon as possible.



McQuade Library has put together a [Black History Month resource guide](#). The guide is designed for both faculty and student use, and allows the user to browse resources

The O'Brien Center for Career Development Spring Internship and Career Fair

A promotional graphic for the Spring Internship & Career Fair. The background is a collage of images showing students and professionals in a meeting. The graphic features several blue circular callouts with white text. A large circle on the left contains the text 'SPRING Internship & Career FAIR'. A central circle lists four bullet points: 'Discover new career opportunities', 'Learn about jobs in your industry', 'Save time - speak with multiple organizations at one event', and 'There's no better time than at a career fair to ask an employer about their company culture'. To the right, a circle says 'Sakowich MPR Room'. Below that, a circle contains a QR code and the text 'Scan here to register:'. At the bottom center, a circle displays the date and time: 'March 2 2:00-4:30 p.m.'. The Merrimack College logo is in the bottom left corner.

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**Sakowich
MPR Room**

Scan here
to register:

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

 **MERRIMACK COLLEGE**
O'BRIEN CENTER FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The O'Brien Center for Career Development is hosting a Spring Internship and Career Fair on Wednesday, March 2, from 2-4:30 p.m. in the Multi Purpose Room located in the Sakowich Campus Center. Please encourage all of your students to sign up to attend on Handshake. It is for all majors and all class years, and we hope to see every student take advantage of this opportunity to meet potential employers. If you have questions, please reach out to the [O'Brien Center](#).

The O'Brien Center for Career Development Career Workshops



Career Workshops offered throughout the semester

Preparation to Empower Career Success

- Career Exploration
- Resume Creation
- Personal Brand Development

Register for a workshop to start your career journey

- Cover Letter Writing
- Interview Skills Preparation
- Job Search Skills



Visit career.merrimack.edu/career-workshops today!

Scan here to register:



Starting this spring semester, the O'Brien Center for Career Development will start offering a series of career workshops for students on topics such as resume writing, interview preparation, career exploration, and searching for jobs, internships and co-ops. Through their participation in these workshops, students will have an opportunity to develop their career journey by utilizing technology tools and classroom instruction. From discovering how passions and interests translate into career options to preparing for a first-job, co-op or internship experience, students will come away from each workshop with clear, actionable steps that empower students to enter the workforce successfully.

For any faculty or staff who are interested, the O'Brien Center is able to deliver a customized workshop that fits your needs. Please [use this form](#) to request a workshop, submitting separate forms for each workshop. As we embark on offering these career workshops, contact [Mark Gould](#), Associate Vice President and Executive Director of the O'Brien Center for Career Development, with any questions.

- REQUEST AN O'BRIEN CENTER WORKSHOP -

STARTS MAR. 1!

TUESDAYS | 4PM

YOGA



at
**THE WRITERS
HOUSE**

FOR FACULTY & EMPLOYEES

with Gail Picillo, certified instructor



at MERRIMACK
COLLEGE

**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.
MATS AVAILABLE OR BRING YOUR OWN!**

Certified Yoga Instructor Gail Picillo will offer a gentle yoga class for all faculty and employees on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. at The Writers House. No experience is necessary and the yoga class is free of charge. As there are limited mats available, it is recommended

Classes start Tuesday, Mar. 1. For more information or to join the mailing list, contact [Emma Duffy-Comparone](#), Director of the Writers House.

Gail Picillo, Assistant Dean for Student Advising and Services, is an ERYT-500 Yoga instructor. She holds three masters' degrees in the field of Psychology and was a semi-pro athlete before she found yoga. Gail infuses a balance of humor with the relaxation techniques that yoga brings to the mind, body, and spirit.

Next at The Writers House:

Faculty Write Series: Dr. Anne F. Boxberger Flaherty



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WEDNESDAY | MAR. 2 | 4 p.m.

faculty write: DR. ANNE FLAHERTY



Dr. Anne Flaherty, Associate Professor of Political Science & Public Policy, will discuss her research on Native nations and their complicated position as sovereign political entities in the federal system.

THIS EVENT IS IN-PERSON AT THE WRITERS HOUSE

Q&A to follow. Light refreshments will be served. This event is in-person at The Writers House.

For more Writers House events, visit [their website](#).

Tolle Lege: Call for Submissions



McQuade Library recognizes the academic scholarship of the Merrimack College community by collecting published works by faculty, staff, students and alumni for the Tolle Lege Collection. This year, the 19th annual Tolle Lege Reception will be held in-person during the 2022 Research and Creative Achievement Conference on Thursday, May 5.

Authors are invited to submit copies and/or citations of any book(s), article(s) or papers that were published Jan. 1, 2021 through Dec. 2021. To be included in this year's Tolle reception, submit all materials or citations by Tuesday, March 15, 2022 to tollelege@merrimack.edu.

Adult Mental Health First Aid (ADMHA) Certification for Faculty and Instructors

The CETL is pleased to offer one more spring sessions to earn **Adult Mental Health First Aid (AMHFA) Certification**. Modeled after CPR course training, and facilitated by certified trainers, [Dr. Christine Shaw](#) and [Dr. Sarah Benes](#), AMHFA takes 8 hours to complete. Presently, over 120 Merrimack faculty and staff have earned their certifications; we encourage everyone to participate.

[Click Here to Register](#) for Thursday, April 7, 8:45 a.m. -3:30 p.m. in person.

Note: You must register at least one week before the start date.

The CETL will be covering the cost of training and facilitation. Given the importance and need, we endeavor to raise awareness, increase confidence, share research-based approaches and reduce the stigmatization of mental health challenges at Merrimack, and in our spheres of influence. Nearly one in five people struggle with a mental health issue. Chances are you, your students or someone you care about are impacted. Essential first aid training for anyone aged 18 and older who wants to learn how to help a person who may be experiencing a mental health related crisis or problem. This course teaches you to

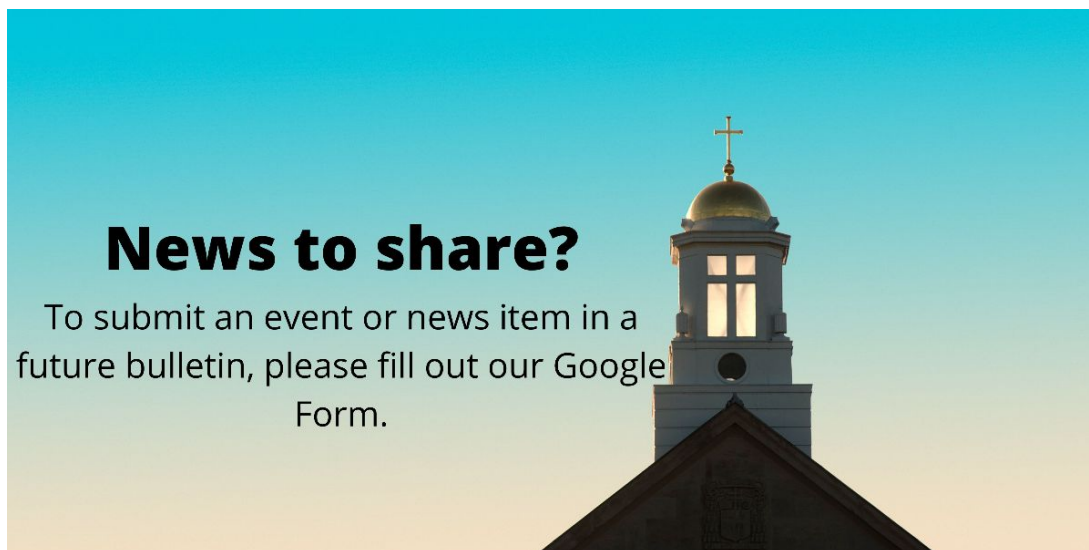
knowledge. What you will learn in this 8-hour course:

- The impact of mental illness in the U.S.
- Risk factors and warning signs for depression, anxiety, trauma, substance use and psychosis
- A five-step action plan to help an individual in crisis connect to professional help
- Local resources available to offer support

Participants will receive an informational workbook that summarizes the training as well as a list of community resources. What to expect: Audio/video presentation, opportunities for group discussion and practice, earn three-year certification.

Contact cetl@merrimack.edu with any questions.

Share your News by Wednesday, Mar. 2 at 8 a.m. for inclusion in the next Provost Bulletin, which will be sent during the week of Monday, March 7.



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