



# PROVOST BRIEFING

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***Here are some of this week's top stories and a look ahead.***

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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

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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## 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)

## **The Opioid Crisis: Interdisciplinary Perspectives**

**POSTPONED to April 2nd**

**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**

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

**Wednesday, March 1**

**4:00—5:30 PM**

**Mcquade Library Auditorium**

## **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.

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## **Spring Internship & Career Fair**

**Wednesday, February 26**

**2 - 4:30 P.M.**

**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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## **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**

**Wednesday, 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 incentivising 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.cognitofrms.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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## **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!

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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**

### **NSF Workshop at Providence College**

**Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 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/>

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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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## **Open Office Hours with the Provost Cancelled this Week**

There will be no office hours with the Provost for this week.

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## **Other Events this Week**

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### **February 18th**

All Classes Meet on a Monday Schedule

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### **February 21st**

**CYI: Connecting with CoworkHERS**

**5:00-7:30 PM**

**Provost's Suite, Austin Hall**

Join your coworkERS for an evening of socializing, networking and a chance to meet new colleagues during the women's ice hockey game! We look forward to cheering on our lady Warriors with you.

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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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