
This Week at McQuade (Updates from Lyena 1/31)

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McQuade Library

Hello

Welcome back! This terrific news piece says it best and highlights many of the ways Merrimack responded to Covid and went above and beyond to keep teaching and learning during the pandemic.

Though it is a new semester, we must continue to remain vigilant by wearing a face covering, practicing good hygiene, and social distancing. All college policies remain in effect. Please continue to carefully read emails regarding Covid testing protocols and review the [Spring 2021 Return to Campus Handbook](#). **Please remain home if you are feeling ill or have any COVID-19 symptoms.** If you start to experience symptoms while on campus, please leave the campus immediately and contact the Office of Human Resources at humanresources.covid@merrimack.edu. Once again, the entire MC community will be playing it safe this semester and our library's limited in-person staffing roster will remain flexible. Even with de-densified staffing at library, please **limit in-person contact as much as possible** when on campus, and keep a 6 foot distance from others. Finally, **respect the safety shields at the library's service desks** and on tables throughout the library; speak through them and not around them. Please wipe down your own office spaces, Library Services Desk counter & computers, or any other spaces that you use in the building before and after use.

It's clear that folks are off and running with projects (see staff meeting notes) and are entering the spring semester with an eye on how to improve and innovate during another hyflex, multimodal semester. I shared library priority areas too and I'm confident we will work together to do good work in these focus areas.

2021 Library Focus Areas

- **E-resources for hyflex learning**
 - Virtual library is open
 - ILL, contactless pickup, delivery services are up & running
 - Virtual workshops & research assistance
- **Curate and showcase Merrimack scholarship**
 - Tolle Lege event- Save the Date: May 5th
 - Grow Merrimack Scholarworks
- **Community engagement hub**
 - DEI partner (Unity in Diversity days: April 7th, 8th)
 - "Stay engaged" Programming

Shout outs

Shoutout to Gabby for creating an excellent Black History Month libguide.

Our ERC resources (robots, coding games, STEMsmart kits) and Digital Literacy and Computer Science libguide were featured in this recent MINTS webinar entitled a "Sneak-Peek Webinar: Merrimack College's Digital Literacy and Computer Science (DLCS) Resources."

It takes a village to acquire, catalog, circulate, and promote these robots, kits, and games, so congrats to all.

Access Services

We look forward to welcoming back our awesome Access Services student workers. Chris Condon has shared a copy of the Spring 2021 student worker schedule [here](#). Special thanks to Linda for doing a whole lot of reshelving. We received **22** bins of books in our interlibrary loan delivery services after break and Linda did the lion's share of reshelving.



Library Instruction

Librarians took part in CETL's successful Teaching and Learning Days. On Thursday, January 21st, Lyena, Frances, and Angelique facilitated a "What's Streaming" workshop to faculty and acquainted faculty with McQuade's various streaming video platforms. Watch video [here](#). They also created and shared an accompanying Streaming Media Libguide.

We have **5** workshops during the upcoming week; librarians are meeting with Prof. Shonkoff's HSC 5350A class, Prof. Nasta's CRIM1000 classes, and Prof. Michal's WGS4900 course. So far, there are **25** library workshops scheduled for the spring semester. Once again during this hyflex semester, librarians will offer remote synchronous workshops (via zoom), asynchronous activities with librarian feedback (such as this search tool activity), "open lab" style remote workshops, and in-person workshops/labs. In all modalities, librarians will engage all students and make sure that they are advancing their information literacy/research skills.

Community Engagement Update

With students back on campus and in virtual classes, we are back to a focus on engagement and making sure our community stays connected. Here are some highlights:

- Check out our social media pages to see our remote coworkers get their moments of fame! If you'd like to submit your pet to this campaign, email bouthota@merrimack.edu
- Angelique has been working with a multi-department team led by Dr. Anne Gatling to bring COVID-19 resources to families in Lawrence.
- Save the date for virtual **Black History Jeopardy: February 23 at 7 pm**
- Up and coming: stay tuned for more collaborations with OMI, DEI, Wellness Education, and various faculty as we recognize affinity months, highlight current social issues, and continue responding to the interests of

students, faculty, and staff.



Please reach out to me if you have questions or concerns. Best wishes for a healthy and safe spring semester.



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It was a snowy start to our spring semester but it was terrific to see students back in the library studying, getting technology and library assistance, and enjoying our Pizzeria. The patio remains a warm, cozy place for students to work and eat. As is usual at this point in the semester, students are asking about textbook access, resources on their syllabi, and starting to ponder their upcoming research and writing assignments.

I want to remind everyone to keep their Covid appointments and also to please note their on-campus hours on both our McQuade Staff calendar and on personal calendars. Daytime folks- please put signage up in offices/workspaces that notes your on-campus hours too. See our Spring Librarian on Duty schedule. Please continue to track **ALL** touchpoints/interactions in Zoho (see my email for login info). Let me know if you need a refresher and contact CJ if you have questions about the form. Attached are quick "Using Zoho" Instructions that Kadie created.

This semester we will have biweekly zoom staff meetings (one meeting every two weeks) and host virtual watercoolers the opposite week. We will share status updates during staff meetings, and then socialize/catch up with each other during our optional "watercoolers." I will be meeting with departments as well. All these check-ins will help us continue to work together while working apart.

Shout Outs

Shoutouts to Frances and Chris Coflan for promptly fielding faculty requests and ordering both ebooks and streaming videos during this first week of classes.

Shoutout to our terrific resident student workers who were able to staff the Library Services Desk during storms. Thanks to Chris Condon for coordinating schedules during both storms.

Resource Management

We continue to assess and expand our streaming video collections. We have upgraded **Films on Demand** to include a full Master Academic Collection & Newsreels streaming video collection of over 43,000 titles! Please share with faculty that you work with and take some time to explore these videos. Keep in mind the front page is different and all but one of the gallery lines are currently automatic. Frances has created a *Merrimack Recommends* line that includes our requested titles, such as *A Fierce Green Fire* and *Unnatural Causes*. Let Frances know if there is a topic line that we should create or additions to the first.

To browse this collection, click the upper left 'hamburger' menu icon, and under **Subjects**, select **View All**. Records are not yet in the catalog. We will add once the license is approved and PO is posted.

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Many EbookCentral course-related books must be read online one person at a time (like course reserves), and some do not allow printing to pdf. We recommend that students Add to Bookshelf and then use the highlight, comment and bookmark features that will be viewable the next time they connect. When printing to pdf is allowed, users should be selective noting how much of the book can be printed or copied.

Library Instruction

This week we have **11** library workshops on our calendar. Kadie is working with Professor Dobb's **POL1100 Early College** students. Frances is facilitating **BUS2205** workshops with Professor Gerace. CJ is leading **CEN3500** (Prof Carlson) and **BIO3065W** (Prof Noori) library workshops. Lyena is working with Prof. Rena Stroud's **EDU2210** and Prof. Gribaudo's **RTS2300** students this week.

Community Engagement Update

- Check out our **Remote Coworkers** page on our Continuity Services libguide, where our furry and feathery friends at home get their chance in the spotlight
- Angelique will begin participating in MC's Power-Based Violence Prevention Committee, a cross-departmental group focused on campus engagement and programming related to healthy relationships education and implementation of violence prevention strategies
- Lyena & CJ are participating in a "Supporting External Community" working group. This group was established by the COVID Response Task Force to think through, plan, and help implement supports for our external community partners.

Please reach out to me if you have questions or concerns. Have a super second week of classes!

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We are entering week 3 of classes. A highlight for me was facilitating some in-person library workshops last week. I had the opportunity to join our sensational Sister Jeanne and groups of Austin Scholars in Cascia Hall as together we navigated Bible resources that are required for their RTS2300 exegesis assignments. Sister Jeanne told these students that part of the "scholar" part of being an Austin Scholar is engaging in college-level research and leveraging academic sources provided by McQuade Library! I am impressed with how this cohort is successfully finding ways to keep community alive and well during another unusual semester.

In honor of Valentine's Day, Massachusetts residents are showing libraries some love. Check out this little showcase of love letters for the library.

I'm also including these *Conversation Hearts: 2021 Virtual Teaching Edition* (see attached) to make you smile. Enjoy!



Shout Outs

Shout out to CJ who created online videos for our nursing students. These videos are particularly helpful since these students need to find specific nursing journals in our databases which can be challenging. She has created asynchronous activities for these students centered on how to evaluate health information.



Picture of last year's White Coat Ceremony; Photo credit: CJ

Welcome, Hayleigh

Please join us in welcoming Hayleigh Duggan to our McQuade Library team. Hayleigh will be doing a Health Sciences Internship at McQuade this semester. CJ will be supervising Hayleigh as she works on a research project with Dr. Ferrara. Here's a virtual introduction from our new intern:



Hello! My name is Hayleigh Duggan, and I am in my junior year at Merrimack College with a major in Public Health. I am currently living in Pembroke, MA, but I am originally from the North End in the beautiful city of Boston, MA. I enjoy the outdoors, and I love to be with friends and family. After graduating from Merrimack, I may potentially go for my Master's degree in Public Health. My life goal is to pursue a career as an epidemiologist among pediatric patients.

Library Instruction

We have **13** library workshops happening this week. Lyena is working with Prof. Brault's **CRIM 4000** (3 sections) students. CJ is working with Prof. Villegas' **EDU2210C**, Prof. Benes' **HSC3310** (2 sections) students, and Prof. Hall's **HSC3302** students. Frances is leading workshops with Prof. Russell's **INT1000** students, Prof. Guindon-Nasir's **BUS2205** students (2 sections) and Prof. Goudreau's **BUS1100** (2 sections). Kadie is working with Prof. Russell's **POL1500** students.

Merrimack ScholarWorks

McQuade's digital archive -- **Merrimack ScholarWorks**-- is a platform for collecting, publishing, and preserving scholarship created by Merrimack College faculty, students, and staff. Take a look at MSW's Top 10 Downloads of all Time (Most Popular Papers) and use the colorful Discipline Wheel to explore different works in 350+ disciplines.

Kadie serves as our MSW Administrator and does authors' rights checking and uploads scholarship into this archive. This semester we are focusing on collecting students' final projects and capstones. Kadie is

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I look forward to seeing some sunshine and enjoying warmer temperatures this week. Think Spring! On Monday, there is a lecture and panel discussion entitled the "Role of Women in Four Stages of the Technological Revolution."

Many of us are participating in a 4 Week Nutrition Challenge to Celebrate National Nutrition Month. MACKfit programs are terrific and I encourage you all to take advantage of MC's employee wellness program's offerings sponsored by Human Resources. These interactive and informative programs address different areas of wellness.

It has been nearly one full year that we have been coping with the many ramifications of the COVID-19 pandemic. On next Tuesday evening, **March 16 at 7:30 p.m.** Campus Ministry is hosting a Zoom Memorial Vigil for the Pandemic -- see 3/5 email for details. Save the date and also if you know anyone who had died from COVID-19, please provide their name through the Google form so they can be remembered and acknowledged by all of us.

We have a staff meeting on Monday, and our Library Resources Committee is meeting on Wednesday. Tolle Lege submissions continue to roll in- I believe we are nearing 100 submissions.

I continue to enjoy participating in various cross-departmental working groups such as the communications group, streaming group, and a new Universal Design/Captioning group,


 Please join Merrimack College's School of Science & Engineering, The Weston School of Education and Social Policy, and the Society of Women Engineers Affiliate Chapter for a virtual lecture and panel discussion!

Role of Women in Four Stages of the Technological Revolution

March 8, 2021 - 4-5:30 p.m.
Lecture presented by
Dr. Neen Conner, Department Chair of Science & Engineering
and joined by panelists of professional women in STEEM

Today we stand at the beginning of the industrial revolution 4.0, which is commonly described as a digital revolution that is characterized by exponential growth and disruption in all fields. With the first four of technology revolutions, recent industrial advancements and changing expectations, societal transformations are inevitable. What is the role of women in social and scientific progress? This presentation will highlight the essential elements of the new women play at each stage of the industrial and technological revolutions, with some examples of disciplines and industries, which were impacted and crucial to advancement. The current needs and future steps for societal changes in terms of gender equality and the role that women play in terms of progress will also be discussed.

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: Dr. Neen Conner, University has received her Ph.D. from the Ohio State University and is currently a Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Chair of Science and Engineering at Merrimack College. She has authored over 300 peer-reviewed publications and presentations, has received both national and international patents, and holds several pending patents in the US. Additionally, she was an invited speaker for an IEEE Department of Education, IEEE, and multiple universities worldwide, as well as a keynote speaker at international conferences and events.

Joined by panelists:
Victoria Hill, MS, Recruiting and Talent Acquisition Specialist, People Consultant at Cisco Systems
Kayla H. Heston, MS, Software Engineer for Marketing Technology Engineering, LinkedIn
Corral Martin-Fernandez, PhD, Assistant Professor of Biology, Math and Applied Science Department, Harris-Stowe State University
Patricia Sabour, PhD, Associate Professor and Chair, Mechanical Engineering Department, Manhattan College
Ellen Stearns, PhD, Lecturer at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Co-Founder and Professor of the Practice at Boston

Please RSVP via eventbrite. Each person who RSVPs before March 7 will have their name entered into a drawing.
eventbrite.com - Role of Women in Four Stages of the Technological Revolution

Shout outs

Gabby is on a roll. She and Dr. Shannon Butler-Mokoro have published another great article in the Beacon. Just in time for Women's History Month, the article is all about the Political Accomplishments of women. Gabby also created a Women's History month guide.

We published a Research Consultations ad in a new Graduate student newsletter. Shoutout to **Angelique** for getting this graphic quickly approved and published.

RESEARCH CONSULTATIONS



Book a one-on-one research consultation with a librarian. Appointments are available every day of the week, including evenings and weekends. Consultations are available in-person or online.

Book at <https://mcquade.youcanbook.me/>
 or email us at mcquade@merrimack.edu

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Shoutouts to **Chris Morrell** and **Frances** who continue to compile library statistics for ACRL's 2020 survey. We'll be able to submit data for this survey by the end of the week.

Access Services

Just a friendly reminder to continue to **quarantine** all materials.*

All items returned need to be quarantined for **3 days**. Do not check-in materials when returned; instead place items on the cart behind the counter which should have the check-in date. Once the check-in date is reached, items can be checked-in (they are on the carts near the back windows with the date to check in marked) and placed on the shelving cart.

Course Reserves also follow the 3 day quarantine--no exceptions. Faculty who place items on course reserve are aware of this policy.

Please reach out to Chris Condon if you have any questions/concerns about the above policy.

Also, please continue to sanitize hands throughout your shifts and wipe down spaces before and after you use them.

*Wondering what the latest quarantining books research says? Take a look at the REALM project research [here](#) which has produced science-based information about how materials can be handled to mitigate COVID-19 exposure to staff and visitors of archives, libraries, and museums. There's been lots of recent discussion about formite transmission-- see [here](#).

Library Instruction

We have three ENG1050 library workshops this week --CJ s working with two of Prof. Smith's sections & Kadie is working with Prof.Rowe's students. So far, we have reached almost 500 students through our spring workshops. Student research Consultations/appointments are picking up as we approach the midpoint of the semester; there are many on the calendars this week.

Community Engagement Update

- Every Thursday at noon in March, we'll be hosting a Women's History Month story time live on our Instagram from the ERC. As copyright permissions are adjusted for the pandemic, we're testing this month to see how we can continue throughout the end of the semester and involve students around different themes. Check it out on Thursday on Instagram.
- Gabby and her work has been highlighted across campus. Hear her on another episode of the Living Out Loud podcast and read her second collaborative article in the Beacon with Dr. Shannon Butler-Mokoro for Women's History Month [here](#).
- Week 2 of the 4 Week Wellness Challenge focuses on intellectual and occupational wellness!
- Angelique participated in the IMPACT Conference last week, focused on service, action, and advocacy for justice within and by those in higher education.
- Angelique's capstone project, focused on self-advocacy and contraceptive care, will be held on **March 16, 6-8 pm** if there are folks in your networks who may be interested.
- Save-the-date: **April 7, 6-8 pm**. What Works for You 2.0: An Antiracism Dialogue. After the success and positive feedback from our event in October, we are co-hosting with the Interdisciplinary Institute again, with a focus on graduate students. This event is integrated into at least two of the courses in the M. Ed. in Community Engagement program and will be held during the Unity in Diversity programming days.

Virtual Story Time!



Every Thursday in March at Noon

Join us on Instagram Live in the Education Resources Collection (ERC) as we highlight books by and about women for Women's History Month

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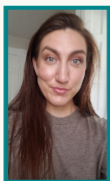
Ever felt like it was hard to speak up at a doctor's appointment?

Did you feel powerless, unsure of how to advocate for yourself?

Does talking about sexuality and birth control with your doctor feel more challenging than other visits?

You're not alone!
Join me for a free workshop on self-advocacy
and contraceptive care.
March 16, 6-8 p.m. via Zoom
Register at: bit.ly/saccworkshop

This workshop is intended for anyone who uses
contraception (birth control) or wants to learn about
contraception and advocating for their health.



Presenter: Angélique Bouthot, she/her

Angélique is passionate about sexuality, health, and social justice and her resume shows it. Her related experience includes community outreach with Planned Parenthood, college wellness education, volunteering, and constant learning. She's currently studying for an MEd in Community Engagement at Merrimack College.

Email bouthota@merrimack.edu with any questions.

Let me know if you have questions or concerns. Have a wonderful week!

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Traffic in the library is picking up as students take advantage of the library's safe study spaces and take breaks in our dining spaces. A highlight of last week was Dr. Welby's "Assessment in Special Education" EDU420 students visiting the ERC on Thursday. These students engaged in a jigsaw activity designed to learn about various assessment kits. They will visit the ERC two more times this semester to continue their work, and then teach each other about the kit/test that they examined.

Have you seen the Women's History month event calendar here complete with beautiful zoom backgrounds (example below) and a link to our Women's History libguide published by Gabby? Gabby will also be serving as a facilitator for this Women's History keynote this Tuesday.





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Reimagining Intersectional Justice:
The Promise of Transnational Feminist Solidarity

Featuring **Dr. Margo Okazawa-Rey** with introduction and contributions from Dr. Debra Michals, Assistant Professor of Women's & Gender Studies, Gabrielle "Gabby" Womack, Reference/Access Librarian and Dr. Bahja Munem, Lecturer, Women's & Gender Studies.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021
2-3:30 p.m. | Via Zoom

The Honors Program and Health Professions Society are sponsoring a COVID-19 Q&A session with Dr. Elie Ata, a Merrimack alum who now works as a physician in Lawrence. Feel free to join that zoom on Tuesday night at 6pm.




From Quarantine to Vaccine and Everything in Between

A COVID-19 Question and Answer Session with Honors Program Alumni Elie Ata, MD

All of us have been affected by the SARS-COV2 virus aka COVID-19. Come share thoughts, ask questions, and discuss COVID-19 and COVID-19 vaccine related questions, myths, rumors and evidence with Dr. Elie Ata, an 2012 Honors Program Alumnus and physician currently working in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

"Come hear the experiences of learning a new disease, filtering evidence from noise and keeping up-to-date on all the latest research in medicine surrounding both the virus and vaccine."



Tuesday, March 16
6 p.m. via Zoom

Sponsored by the Honors Program and in collaboration with the Health Professions Society

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Shout outs

C.J., along with Dr. Cynthia Carlson and Dr. Azam Noori, submitted a summer SCURCA proposal to work on a continuation of their *Campus as Classroom* project they started with three students in the summer of 2019. This summer the trio has asked for 6 students to work on Campus as Classroom and Beyond. They hope to continue with vegetative surveys, mapping in GIS, and even doing acoustic surveys for flying squirrels! It is truly an interdisciplinary project!

Merrimack's MSW program is applying for candidacy with the Council of Social Work Education. We completed a Librarian's Report, a narrative report on social work library resources. Shoutouts to Lyena for writing the report and to Kathryn for reviewing the report. Next steps will be developing a social work libguide and working with faculty in this new program to strengthen collections. This program is now accepting applications for its inaugural fall 2021 term- so exciting!

Intern Update

Hayleigh Duggan, our Health Sciences Library Intern, is continuing to work on cleaning up the science book collection on the lower level by finding materials that are on the shelf, but not listed in the catalog. Hayleigh is working with Naomi Abrego, who completed an internship at McQuade last semester, to submit

a poster on their joint research project to the Research and Creative Achievement Conference.

Library Instruction

We have **6** library workshops on our calendars this week- all ENG1050s. Lyena is working with Professor Plasse and Professor Freeland's students. CJ is collaborating with Professor Smith's students. Librarians continue to meet with students - both in-person and via zoom. Dr. Jim Howland's Applied Adolescent students are required to make one-on-one appointments with a librarian; they are finding scholarly journal articles on various adolescent development-related topics (bulimia, substance abuse, sexual assault, etc.). Sister Jeanne & Dr. Mansen's students continue to meet with librarians for assistance with scripture searching and using biblical commentaries and encyclopedias located on 2nd floor atrium area.

Community Engagement Update

- Join us every Thursday in March at noon as we host a Women's History Month story time from the ERC. Find it live at noon on Instagram or find the recordings on Facebook.
- Week 3 of the **4 Week Wellness Challenge** focuses on emotional and spiritual wellness!
- Angelique created a virtual sticker for campus programming during Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April, will support a One Love event with staff and fellows from ResLife and the ASC, and Susan Marine will be organizing the annual Clothesline Project in front of the library.
- Save-the-date: **April 7, 6-8 pm. What Works for You 2.0: An Antiracism Dialogue.**

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Spring is in the air! If you haven't seen our remote coworker video yet, it's a delightful way to start your week. Kudos to Angelique for creating this video.

I hope that everyone read the 3/16 Fall 2021 Semester update email from the Office of the President. The college is planning for Fall 2021 classes to be fully in-person (with the exception of our online graduate and bachelor completion programs), and residential life will be returning to a more normal experience.

I also encourage you to watch these two videos featuring [Unsung Warriors](#), Traci Alberti and Allison Gill, who have helped Merrimack thrive during the pandemic.

Finally, today, Monday, March 22 at 12noon, The President's Initiative on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion will present a virtual community forum entitled, "Responding to the Rise of Anti-Asian Violence During the Covid-19 Pandemic."

To attend the event, please register [here](#).

Shout outs

Last week Robyn Lebowitz, an alum of the MS in Health and Wellness Management program along with current McQuade intern, Hayleigh Duggan, with their advisors Catherine Wong and Cynthia Ferrara have submitted their article "Barriers to Using Exercise Bikes in a Campus Library as part of a Healthy Campus Initiative" to a journal for publication. Nice job, all!

The dynamic duo of Gabby & Shannon have published another article in The Beacon for Women's History Month. Check it out [here](#).

Tolle Lege Update

This year McQuade's annual Tolle Lege event will take place on **Wednesday, May 5th** at **11am** during the College's Research and Creative Achievement Conference. Kevin produced a terrific video about this conference [here](#).

Frances reports that among our Tolle Lege items published in 2020, so far we have **10 books** and **118 articles**, etc., by **68** authors including at least 4 alums and 1 student. The Tolle Lege planning group will meet soon to select speakers and discuss the reception's virtual format. Chris Coflan and Chris Morrell continue to order these Tolle books and articles, so we can add them to our special collection.

Library Instruction

We have 5 workshops on our calendars this week. Kadie is working with two sections of Prof. Miller's ENG1050. Lyena is working with Prof. LeeLocke's evening ED6100G students. CJ is working with Prof. Cohen's HSC3312A Epidemiology students and Frances is facilitating a BUS1100 workshop for Prof. Zepada's students.

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- Gabby and Dr. Shannon Butler-Mokoro have done it again and co-written an article for the Beacon: Women's History Month: Celebrating Women of Color and Activism in the U.S.. Click through for a well-researched list of women and femmes who have made a difference across many social identities.
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- Week 4 of the 4 Week Wellness Challenge is here!
- Join us on **Wednesday, March 31st at 12:30 pm** as we host a panel for Trans Day of Visibility. We'll create space for a student and faculty panel to discuss transgender and nonbinary experiences in media in collaboration with the GSA and the DEI Initiative.
- Save-the-date: **April 7, 6-8 pm**. What Works for You 2.0: An Antiracism Dialogue.

WHAT WORKS FOR YOU
A DIALOGUE ON
ANTIRACISM RESOURCES

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Hosted by the McQuade Library, the GSA & the DEI Initiative

I hope you all enjoy the milder temperatures this week- don't forget to take breaks and go outside. Let me know if you have questions or concerns. Have a wonderful week!

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This Week at McQuade (Updates from Lyena, 3/28)

2 messages

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Mon, Mar 29, 2021 at 8:00 AM

To: McQuadeStaff <McQuadeStaff@merrimack.edu>, "Nielsen, Kathryn" <nielsenk@merrimack.edu>, Erin C <courvillee@merrimack.edu>, Janet Syed <syedj@merrimack.edu>
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McQuade Library

Hello

Much continues to "go virtual" including MACKfit's wellness programming spring speaker series. Sign up for 1/2 hour quick sessions on computer comfort, stretching breaks, and back care basics [here](#). I also encourage you to continue to check out Massachusetts Library System's professional development calendar [here](#). Stay up to date with NOBLE's meetings, etc. [here](#). There is a weeding/inventory workshop this Wednesday at 10am- [register here](#).

On Tuesday 3/30 from 4pm-6pm, our Interdisciplinary Institute is sponsoring a panel on *National Health Care Policy: Private and Public Options*.

Attention All Warriors!

The Interdisciplinary Institute
National Issues Forum Series Presents...

**National Health Care Policy:
Private and Public Options**


What To Expect:

- Discussion on current health disparities in the U.S.
- Impact of the Affordable Care Act
- Ethical discussion of the Biden Administration
- Time for participants to interact with scholars on the forefront of health systems in the U.S.

Forum Panelists:
Juliana Cohen - Health Sciences
Lisa Fuller - Philosophy
Introduction by:
Dr. Janet Blum - Dean of Health Sciences

Tuesday, March 30
Co-Sponsored By: **4 - 6 p.m.**
School of Health Sciences

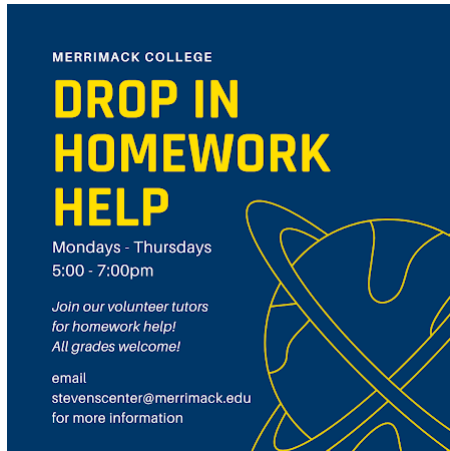
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On the **International Transgender Day of Visibility** (Wednesday, 3/31) McQuade is co-hosting a panel with The Gender & Sexuality Alliance and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiative (see CE

update). Thank you to Angelique for coordinating and making sure Merrimack shows support and raises awareness on TDOV.

Did you know even homework help has gone virtual? Through our Stevens Center, Merrimack's volunteer student tutors are offering homework help on zoom for students in all grades from 5pm-7pm, Mondays-Thursdays - spread the word!



Finally, a quick reminder of library hours for the upcoming weekend:

Library stays open regular hours- **4/1-4/3**

Closed on 4/4 Easter Sunday (College is Closed); **no overnight hours on 4/5**

Open on 4/5 at 7:30am (Easter Monday); Classes resume, 24/5 library hours resume

Shout outs

Shoutout to Gabby for creating quick directions on how to access Kanopy videos on an ipad, in response to a faculty inquiry. Cheatsheet is [here](#).

Merrimack ScholarWorks Spotlight

As students work to complete capstones, final projects, and presentations, we focus on promoting Merrimack ScholarWorks to students. Kadie, our repository administrator, has collaborated with Angelique to design some new promotional materials - see a sampling below. Check out the call for student submissions and the brief "why submit" section. This week Angelique and Kadie are promoting MSW to the O'Brien Center, Honors Program, and Writing Center Tutors. They have also connected with directors/chairs/admins for all graduate programs with capstones.

Merrimack ScholarWorks expands the reach and impact of Merrimack's student and faculty research and raises the profile of Merrimack College. If you haven't already done so check out this readership map (it is on bottom of our MSW homepage) that shows the worldwide impact of Merrimack's research - it's amazing how MC's scholarship reaches the world through MSW.

The McQuade Library would like to invite you to submit your scholarship to

Merrimack ScholarWorks

THE INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORY OF
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Accepting All Exemplary Work

- Creative Papers or Projects
- Research Papers
- Creative Writing
- Posters
- Media (video, audio)

How to Contribute

1. Sign Agreement Form: myurl.com/registration
2. Email Project: scholarworks@merrimack.edu
3. Look for Confirmation Email

All Majors are Welcome to Participate!

Why Contribute?

- The URL is a permalink- Share on your graduate school applications, resume, LinkedIn, etc.
- Easily findable online for others to view and cite.
- You retain copyright- Continue to revise your work and even submit it for publication
- Complete the scholarly research cycle, and add to the ongoing research conversation of your field.

To learn more about MSW, visit: libguides.merrimack.edu/scholarworks

Questions? Contact: scholarworks@merrimack.edu

MERRIMACK SCHOLARWORKS

Introducing the creative and scholarly work of the Merrimack College community to a global audience

1,615 Items Available

All 5 Schools Represented

117,650+ Downloads in 2021

358 Disciplines of Work

Sharing Our Work with a Network of Over 611 Institutions Worldwide

305,066 Total Downloads Across 180 Countries

TOTAL UPLOADS BY SCHOOL

Uploads as of February 8, 2021

Girard School of Business	122
Winston School of Education & Social Policy	243
School of Liberal Arts	212
School of Health Sciences	112
School of Science & Engineering	140

TOP 3 CITED WORKS IN MSW

Citations as of February 8, 2021

Biology Faculty Publication

Bazon, C. T., Bachinsky, D. R., Liu, S. C., Levi, T., Ellis, J. A., Soultz, J., Graybiel, D., Krasnowska, E., Traill, T. A., LeBlanc-Graessle, J. M., Renault, B., Kucherlapati, R., Sedman, J., & Sedman, C. E. (1997). Mutations in Human TSD Cause Limb and Cardiac Malformations in Holt-Oram Syndrome. *Nature Genetics*, 15(1), 36-41. **Cited by 839**

Biology Faculty Publication

Berkes, C. A., & Tapscott, S. J. (2009). MyoD and the Transcriptional Control of Myogenesis. *Seminars in Cell & Developmental Biology*, 19(6-8), 583-595. **Cited by 546**

Management Faculty Publication

Powell, G. N., Butterfield, D., & Parent, J. D. (2002). Gender and Managerial Stereotypes: Have the Times Changed?. *Journal of Management*, 28(2), 177-193. **Cited by 316**

Where we are...

93% of Academic Departments Contributing

Top Contributors

- Sociology
- Communications
- Religion
- Teacher Education & Professional Development

Reaching the Other 7%

Outreach Opportunities

- New Faculty
- Merrimack Alumni
- Honors Program
- Graduate Students

Academic Departments in MSW

Where we are going...

- Upcoming Projects
- Marketing Campaign
- Alumni Scholarship
- Increase Student Uploads

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Merrimack ScholarWorks

The Institutional Repository of Merrimack College

Merrimack ScholarWorks is a digital collection of the research, scholarship and creative work of Merrimack College. In this accessible open access platform, the college's unique academic and artistic achievements are collected, preserved and disseminated to a global audience of students and scholars.

Who can contribute?
Any member of the Merrimack community: administrators, faculty, students, staff, and alumni.

What to Contribute	Steps to Contribute
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student work: Capstones, Colloquiums, Senior Seminars, Theses • Articles and preprints • Books and chapters • Technical reports and data sets • Working papers • Editorials and commentaries • Conference papers, presentations, and posters • All of copyright works in digital format • Videos and audio recordings 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete the Contributor Agreement Form: myurl.com/registration 2. Email the final version of your project to scholarworks@merrimack.edu 3. Look for a confirmation email with details on how to access and share your project

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Want to Take a Look for Yourself?
Find Merrimack ScholarWorks 2021 or check out our libguide about the process libguides.merrimack.edu/scholarworks

Library Instruction

We have **10** workshops scheduled for this week. CJ is working with Prof. Susan Smith's ENG1050 students. Kadie is working with Prof. Saenz' GCS2000 students and Prof. Darling's CRIM1000 students. Lyena is collaborating with Prof. Rocha & Prof. Plasse's ENG1050 sections. We have met with **22** of Dr. Howland's students so far and we have enjoyed these in-depth research consultations.

Community Engagement Update

- Join us on Wednesday, March 31st at 12:30 pm as we host a panel for Trans Day of Visibility with The Gender & Sexuality Alliance and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiative. We'll create space for a student and faculty panel to discuss transgender and nonbinary experiences in media. Find a Trans Day of Visibility Zoom background attached!
- Our Women's History Month Story Time on Instagram and Facebook was a great success. Stay tuned for next week, when we'll start Social Justice story times with guest readers. Times may vary based on reader availability.
- Thursday is the beginning of April, an especially busy month at Merrimack! We'll be supporting a number of events and initiatives, from Social Justice Month and Unity in Diversity to Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Love Your Body Week. Gabby has created another incredible libguide for Social Justice Month including all of these events, with support from Angelique. It will be published later this week, once campus-wide event calendars are released.
- Save-the-date: **April 7, 6-8 pm**. *What Works for You 2.0: A Dialogue on Antiracism Resources* will feature faculty and students from the Community Engagement program as they discuss resources and antiracism in action.

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The Merrimack Community stands together against sexual violence, in April and throughout the year.

- Clothesline Project
- Take Back the Night
- Empowerment Playlist
- Trauma Informed Yoga
- One Love Workshop
- Instagram Challenges
- Scan to see more!

This weekend marked the beginning of Passover, Holy Week, and the Holi festival- all different traditions that share themes of hope, interconnectedness, and renewal. Please continue to take care and be safe; reach out if you have questions or concerns.

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For information on getting library books, articles, and research help while the campus is closed, please check out our [Continuity of Library Services](#) webpage.

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1 message

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McQuade Library

Hello

I encourage everyone to participate in our **Spring 2021 Unity in Diversity Days** which are happening this **Wednesday, 4/7** and **Thursday, 4/8**. Please see schedules here and sign up for this campus-wide programming. Speaker bios are here.

"The rich virtual program to be held on April 7 and 8, 2021 features a dozen guest speakers, including household names like CNN analyst Bakari Sellers and inspiring LinkedIn speaker Sharon Steed. Presentations will address such topics as health disparities and food insecurity, voting rights, neurodiversity and strategies to overcome polarization by embracing conflict and practicing empathy. The spring semester program also offers an exciting cultural program with performances, workshops, and an open mic, featuring two young spoken-word artists: Britta B. and Ken10. Other highlights include student-led sessions on activism and putting theory into practice and roundtables featuring staff and faculty members in the college's affinity groups, which represent the BiPOC, International, LGBTQ+, disability rights and support, and First Generation communities."

We're proud that McQuade Library will be part of these Spring Unity in Diversity Days! We are co-hosting *What Works for You: A Dialogue on Antiracism Resources*, featuring faculty and students from the Community Engagement program as they discuss resources and antiracism in action. Angelique will be a panelist during a "Student Involvement and Social Justice Activism at Merrimack College and Beyond" event too (see event links in CE update).

We have a staff meeting today, Monday, 4/5, and I look forward to hearing status updates.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a Happy National Library Week; check out this year's "Welcome to Your Library" campaign:

"During the pandemic libraries have been going above and beyond to adapt to our changing world by expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their users. Whether people visit in person or virtually, libraries offer opportunities for everyone to explore new worlds and become their best selves through access to technology, multimedia content, and educational programs."

Shout outs

Congrats to **Angelique** and **Gabby** who facilitated an awesome panel for Trans Day of Visibility. Faculty and students discussed transgender and nonbinary experiences in media and why representation matters in this context. Featured panelists included students Rowan Salhi and Jackson Fortune-O'Brien and Communication and Media/Women's and Gender Studies faculty Dr. Raechel Tiffe. Over **34** people attended this virtual event.


Did you catch **Gabby** featured in BuzzFeed last week!? Her bookstagram account, @bookish_afrolatina, was highlighted as one of 25 Bookstagrammers You Should Be Following this Month. She was also a featured speaker for the Old North Church & Historic Site last week, where she presented her research on racial passing and the US census. How exciting!

Library Instruction

There are **3** workshops on the calendar this week. Kadie is working with two sections of Prof. Mallen's ENG1050. Frances is collaborating with Prof. Lavoie's BUS2205 course. So far during this spring semester, librarians have facilitated **54** workshops reaching over **735** students. Students continue to book appointments with librarians.

Community Engagement Update

- On Wednesday, March 31st, we hosted a panel about media representation for **Trans Day of Visibility** with The Gender & Sexuality Alliance and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiative. Click through to find the recording and a libguide page full of related books and resources, as well as links to all of the media and creators that were mentioned during the event.
- **Social Justice Month**
 - Social Justice Month Story Time on Instagram and Facebook will be every Thursday at 2:30 pm for the rest of the month. Last week, we kept with the Trans Day of Visibility theme and will focus on various aspects of social justice over the next few weeks.
 - Gabby and Angelique collaborated on the Social Justice Month libguide, which has separate pages for all of this month's major themes at Merrimack: Love Your Body Week, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Library Week, Poetry Month, the Trans Day of Visibility page, Unity in Diversity, and general Social Justice issues.
- Wednesday and Thursday of next week is **Unity in Diversity**--full schedule and registration links.
 - We'll be co-hosting *What Works for You: A Dialogue on Antiracism Resources*, featuring faculty and students from the Community Engagement program as they discuss resources and antiracism in action. Join us on April 7, 6-8 pm.
 - Angelique will be featured on a panel titled *Student Involvement and Social Justice Activism at Merrimack College and Beyond* on Thursday, April 8 at 8 am.

 Antiracism 2.0 Flyer.png

Have a great week. Reach out if you have questions or concerns.

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Fwd: This Week at McQuade (Updates from Lyena, 4/11)

1 message

Chavez, Lyena <chavezl@merrimack.edu>
To: McQuadeStaff <McQuadeStaff@merrimack.edu>

Mon, Apr 12, 2021 at 2:29 PM

I think I sent this to McQuade rather than McQuadeStaff. Thank you Chris M for letting me know. My apologies - enjoy!

Best,
Lyena

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Chavez, Lyena** <chavezl@merrimack.edu>

Date: Mon, Apr 12, 2021 at 8:00 AM

Subject: This Week at McQuade (Updates from Lyena, 4/11)

To: McQuade Library <mcquade@merrimack.edu>, Nielsen, Kathryn <nielsenk@merrimack.edu>, Janet Syed <syedj@merrimack.edu>, Erin C <courvillee@merrimack.edu>



McQuade Library

Hello

I hope all enjoyed and learned at our Spring 2021 Unity in Diversity days. A highlight for me was hearing CNN political analyst and best-selling author Bakari Sellers speak. I'm looking forward to reading his book *My Vanishing Country: A Memoir*.

Here is a recording of the Antiracism Resources event we co-sponsored in case you missed it. We are also compiling a list of DEI books/resources that were mentioned at this event to make sure they are included in our collections.

I want to encourage folks to continue to browse MLS' professional development events. All offerings are free and any library staff member can sign-up. You may have seen that NOBLE's tech Expo is going virtual this year too - see email and save the date of **June 8th**.

I'm pleased to report that we have **6** Community Engagement graduate students interested in next year's library CE fellowship; Angelique and I will have a busy day on Friday interviewing **all** these candidates!

Finally, I know that reference will be picking up in these last few weeks of the semester as it's "crunch time" for our students finishing up end-of-semester papers and presentations. Please track all

touchpoints (any interaction/contact/questions) with faculty or students in zoho. Let me or CJ know if you need a refresher on how to do this. More students will be using McQuade's study spaces too. Please continue to do walk-throughs during your on-campus shifts and continue to give students mask reminders as necessary.

Shout Outs

Shout out to **Erin & Janet** who are always available to answer our tech questions - big and small. So last week I was digging Zoom's new blur effect on virtual backgrounds (rolled out in Feb) and wanted to make it work on my machine, but wasn't seeing that option. Here's what Erin told me - if you're not seeing a blur option when you go into your virtual backgrounds, make sure your computer system is up to date and supports the update. The blur feature is part of Zoom's latest Client version, so you need to download at least Zoom Client **version 5.5.0** on your PC or Mac. Enjoy!

Tolle Lege

Please save the date of **May 5th at 11am** for our library's annual Tolle Lege reception.

To recognize the academic scholarship of the Merrimack College community, in 2003 McQuade Library and the Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy established the Tolle Lege Collection – a special collection of faculty, staff and alumni published work. Each Spring, authors published during the previous academic year are honored with a reception, and selected contributors speak about their work. This year our 18th annual Tolle Lege will be virtual and will be an integral part of the College's Research and Creative Achievement Conference. This year's speakers are:

Laura Hsu, Winston School of Education & Social Policy
Anthony Fernandez, Science & Engineering
Ben Larkin, Girard School of Business
Emma Polyakov, School of Liberal Arts
Zi Yan, School of Health Sciences

Tolle Lege is Latin for the command “take up and read” that St. Augustine heard from a mysterious voice during his conversion to Christianity, which he took to mean read the first passage he came across in the Bible. See this guide to browse an archive of contributions to the Tolle Lege Collection of Merrimack-authored publications and the previous annual receptions honoring the authors.

Resource Management

We now have a trial to **Policy Commons**. **Policy Commons** is a search engine and repository for reports from the major policy experts, think tanks, IGOs and NGOs. For more information see their search tips and brief video. Trial is available through **May 15, 2021**. Please share with faculty and students, and send feedback to Frances.

Library Resources Committee (LRC) members will be distributing a survey to faculty to gain feedback on future resource needs as we begin planning for FY2022 renewals.

Library Instruction

There is one library workshop scheduled for this week, as workshops wind down and one-on-one consultations pick-up. Lyena is working with Dr. Vatalaro's ENG1050 section on Thursday.

Community Engagement Update

- We had another wonderful two days of Unity in Diversity programming hosted by the President's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiative, with the Office of the Provost and the Office of Multicultural Initiatives.
 - We co-hosted *What Works for You: A Dialogue on Antiracism Resources*, featuring faculty and students from the Community Engagement program. Approximately **43** people participated.
 - Angelique was featured on a panel titled *Student Involvement and Social Justice Activism at Merrimack College and Beyond* and there were **45** attendees.
 - Gabby was shouted out multiple times and McQuade staff and resources were also celebrated by student activists in the first panel of the two-day event
- Social Justice Month
 - Social Justice Month Story Time on Instagram and Facebook will be every Thursday at 2:30 pm for the rest of the month. This past week, GGabby read *Just Ask!* by Justice Sonia Sotomayor and Angelique hosted a bonus book talk featuring resources related to Love Your Body Week and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Thanks to CJ for the Graphic Medicine recommendations featured!
- This week, Lyena and Angelique will be interviewing prospective candidates for next year's Community Engagement Fellowship.
- As Angelique's fellowship is coming close to its end, she's wrapping up her work and providing suggestions and documenting ideas for future community engagement. If you have ideas you would like included, send her an email or request to meet and discuss.

Have a great week. Please reach out if you have questions or concerns.

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McQuade Library

Hello

As our Provost noted, there are 11 more class days for undergraduate students and our graduation ceremonies are less than a month away. Days are quite full for everyone during the homestretch of this accelerated semester. Last week librarians attended the President's Spring Tour meeting and learned about the College's directions and strategies, as well as plans for AFF (Agenda for the Future) capital investments. It is exciting to learn that one of the many student experience investments planned will be improving spaces at McQuade Library - stay tuned for more details. Looking ahead, this week librarians will participate in NECHE Advisory groups and there is a staff meeting today. The Library Resources Faculty Committee and Tolle Lege event planning group will convene as well.

April is Social Justice Month. Go here for a full calendar of events. I invite you all to take the *Day of Silence Pledge* this Friday, 4/23 - pledge is here.

"The GSA invites you to take a vow of silence with us in solidarity for LGBTQ+ youth who are continually silenced due to bullying, name-calling, and harassment. This year, we ask you to take a vow of silence either verbally by refraining from speaking or digitally by abstaining from going on social media and limiting texting."

Merrimack student artists held an exhibition, "It's OK To Not Be OK," with a virtual opening on 4/4. Housed in McCoy Gallery, the show features work from a newly offered fall 2020 course and grapples with everything from life during the pandemic, to civil rights and the rise of blind patriotism in the U.S. Read about it here and watch this video of virtual exhibition.

I also wanted to share this article about Libraries and Pandemics: Past and Present from JSTOR Daily. It is interesting to read about how the 1918 flu pandemic impacted libraries and how libraries shifted their services in response to community needs.

Chris M and I celebrated Pan American Day on Wednesday with Colombian food from Merrimack's Food Truck. I enjoyed the fried plantains and chicken salad, but my favorite was the arroz con dulce (rice pudding)!



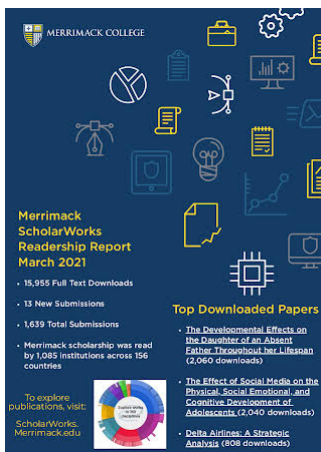
Lyena's delicious 4/14 meal

Shout Outs

Special thanks to **Angelique** for partnering with Lyena on Friday's Community Engagement Fellow Interview day. Ange and Lyena met and interviewed 6 amazing Community Engagement students (over 4 hours of interviews & ranking time!) who are interested in McQuade's CE fellowship. These candidates appreciated Ange sharing her experiences serving in this role this year. We will find out in the next few weeks who will build on Ange's good work and serve as our next Community Engagement fellow.

Merrimack ScholarWorks

Check out our **March 2021** Merrimack ScholarWorks Readership report.



Here are some "by the numbers" MSW statistics:

- **1,655** Total Works Posted - 13 in March / 10 in April (so far)
- **336,661** Total Downloads - 15,955 in March / 5,070 in April (so far)
- MSW is reaching **12,264 institutions** (64% are educational institutions) across **213** countries
- MSW houses works from **359** disciplines

Shoutout to **Kadie**, our ScholarWorks administrator, who continues to promote MSW to our campus community, and also upload scholarship into our digital repository.

Resource Management

Lyena and Frances met with IT staff and Martha Driscoll of NOBLE to plan for campus IP changes and discuss its impact on proxy server and access to library databases. In the process we hope to solve off-campus access issues and smooth eventual transition to single-sign-on. The IP change will happen sometime after graduation with single sign-on and mobile IDs happening over the next year.

Martha Driscoll at NOBLE has discovered that the latest Evergreen upgrade should have solved our Xfinity Advance Security issues. It now works on her computer! If you have Xfinity, or are working with someone who has, please test whether you need to turn off Advanced Security and let me know if still blocked. Thank you, Martha!

What links would we like to see on our Calalog header and footer? On the header OR the footer, would you like links to:

- the new course reserves? Research Guides? Databases A to Z? Off-Campus Access? Catalog Password? Have a Research Question?

Do we need "Request a Library Card?" Should NOBLE links be on the bottom and Merrimack on the top? Please be thinking of these for our next staff meeting or share feedback with Frances directly.

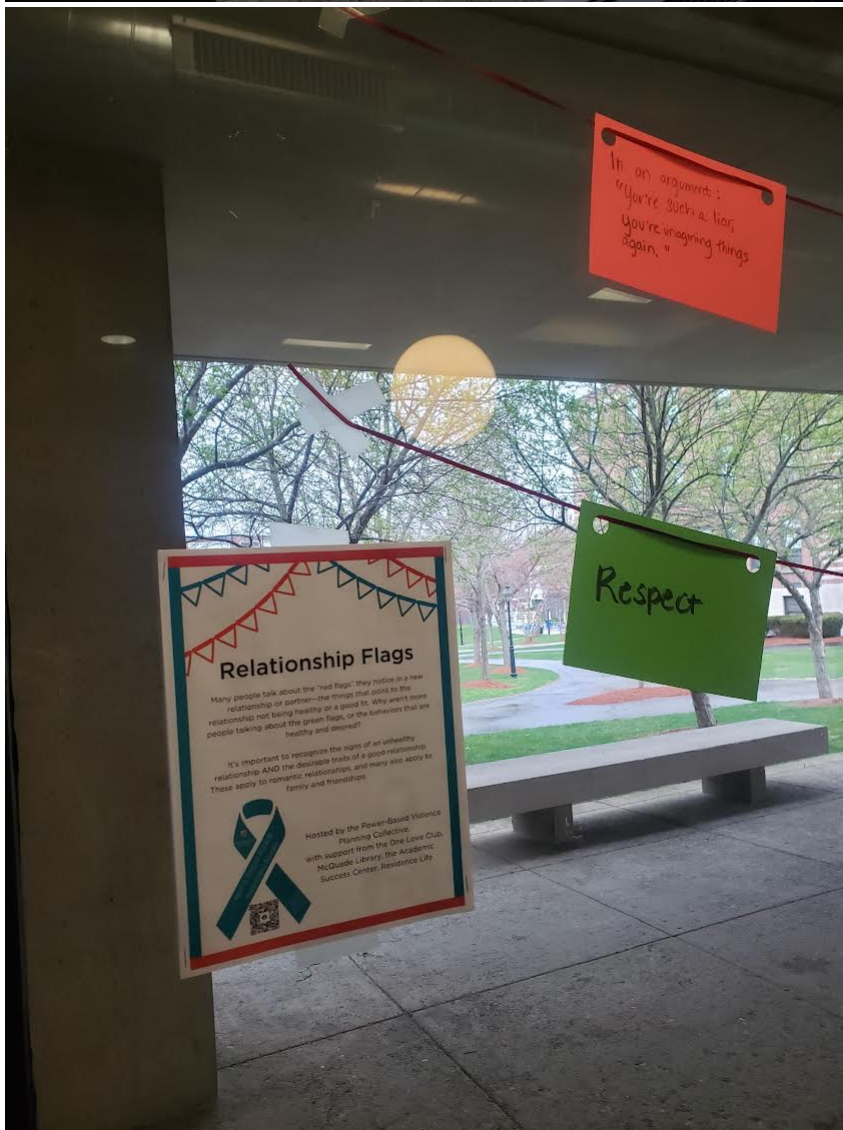
Library Instruction

At this point, we do not have any additional course-integrated library workshops scheduled for the semester. Librarians conducted **55** spring workshops this semester - 48 were online workshops (87%), the rest were conducted in-person. The instruction team will be distributing an end-of-the semester survey to professors who they collaborated with this semester. In addition, librarians will be participating in Faculty Development days in May and are working with CETL colleagues to plan a 5/27 zoom workshop.

Community Engagement Update

- The Power-Based Violence Planning Collective hosted the **Clothesline Project**, organized by Dr. Susan Marine. All can view this powerful display in the grassy area in front of McQuade Library. The Clothesline Project is an international movement to bring awareness to domestic and sexual violence, with roots starting in Massachusetts over 30 years ago. [Learn more here.](#)
- On Thursday, the **Relationship Flags** went up in the front window of the library, with more to follow in the Sak next week. Another project of the planning collective, Angelique worked with Kayla S, an ASC fellow, to hang these flags as part of a project designed by students, fellows, and staff to highlight "red flags" and "green flags" in relationships.
- Social Justice Month Story Time on Instagram and Facebook will be every Thursday at 2:30 pm for the rest of the month. This past week, student worker Olivia read *All Are Welcome Here*.
- Last week, Lyena and Angelique interviewed prospective candidates for next year's Community Engagement Fellowship. There are some wonderful people who may be joining the Merrimack community and the McQuade team next year!
- As Angelique's fellowship is coming close to its end, she's wrapping up her work and providing suggestions and documenting ideas for future community engagement. If you have ideas you would like included, send her an email or request to meet and discuss.





Keep up the good work - we've almost made it to the end of the semester! Let me know if you have questions or concerns.

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Hello

It's the last full week of classes and Monday, May 3rd is the last day of classes. See academic calendar for finals schedule. Events and activities continue this week. On Thursday at 4pm, the Writers House is hosting Danez Smith a Black, Queer, Poet writer and performer- sign up [here](#). Also on Thursday at 5:30pm, there is a program on the aging process and how to promote healthy living- hear from Dr. Janet Blum, Dean and Professor, School of Health Sciences, Dr. Leena Bharath, Assistant Professor, as well as alumni and students who have participated in this project as research assistants. On Thursday evening at 7:30pm there is a Create Your Impact (CYI) event: Comic Relief with Shayla Rivera.

Please consider volunteering in Commencement exercises - Thursday, May 13th and Saturday, May 15th. See emails to sign-up.

Please see my 4/24 email regarding building concerns. We appreciate your help with this- please let me or Kathryn know if you have questions.

MLS' professional development opportunities continue through May and during the summer - see calendar.

Shout Outs

C.J. Wong and Health Sciences Intern Hayleigh Duggan presented an online workshop on Health Information Tools to ELL at the Notre Dame Education Center in Lawrence, MA. Tools covered were two websites [MedlinePlus.gov](#) and [MyPlate.gov](#), as well as the *Start Simple with MyPlate* app. C.J. is a HEAL certified teacher and has been giving this lesson as a guest lecture on the last day of the HEAL Health Literacy Program. This is a collaboration with Health Sciences Professor Dr. Traci Alberti and supported by funding from the National Network Library of Medicine.

Congrats to Gabby who presented at the SCSU Women's & Gender Studies Conference 2021 with Simona Sharoni, Samantha Frey, Raisa Carrasco-Velez, Shannon Butler-Mokoro, and Nicole Williams on Saturday.

Shoutout to Kevin for creating this lovely visual for our upcoming Tolle Lege reception.



New Libguides



Gabby is currently working on our Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month & Jewish American Heritage Month guides. Please be sure to send her any events, websites, film titles, video links, or any other resources you think are relevant to either of these topics. She has pulled together the e-books, but would love recommendations for print books to display next month. Please add your recommendations to this document.

Resource Management

Our Revised Catalog web page

We've revised our NOBLE Catalog web page to include top links to McQuade sites and current lists of interest: McQuade's OverDrive/Libby page, new Course Reserves site, Off-Campus Access page and topical lists of OverDrive ebooks and magazines. Watch for new lists in coming months. On the bottom, see the added link to the NOBLE catalog app! Add it to your phone for quick lookups for books, ebooks, streaming videos, DVDs and more.

Education Resource Collection Inventoried!

Shout out to student assistants Lily Williams and Ali Hannon, plus Laura Franzone and Chris Coflan who have inventoried all the collections in the ERC - picture books, young adults books, kits and games, and more. Many missing items have been found, items relabeled, and kits and games reorganized. The catalog now accurately reflects the collection and still missing items will be reviewed for replacement. The collection is heavily used by Education students as well as Merrimack families. Come and check them out!

Don't forget! You can now read Hot Titles without stepping foot on campus. Click the image below to access!



Community Engagement Update

- On Thursday, the DEI Initiative hosted a virtual forum and an in-person vigil that brought people together to reflect on the racial violence of the past year and beyond. At the vigil, Gabby shared some moving poetry while we were gathered around Mendel Pond. Nicole Williams, new Project and Program Manager for the DEI Initiative, facilitated the event and Dr. Sharoni spoke on the urgency of making change. We all took turns reading the names of Black and brown folks who lost their lives to police violence. Around 60 people were in attendance at the vigil.
- QR code stickers with COVID information, part of a project with Hands to Help and other campus partners, are making their way to Lawrence organizations. Angelique made a delivery to the Lawrence Public Library this week.
- Social Justice Month Story Time on Instagram and Facebook is on Thursdays at 2:30 pm. This past week, student worker Lily read The Day You Begin.

Hope you all have a great week. Let me know if you have questions or concerns.

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McQuade Library

Hello

It is May and we've reached the end of the semester. Today (Monday) is the last day of classes and finals period runs throughout the week. Here are upcoming dates from the Spring 2021 Academic Calendar

May

- 3 (Monday) Last day of classes
- 4-5 (Tues-Wed) Reading Day
- 6 (Thursday) Final Examinations begin
- 7 (Friday) Last day for Spring Session 2 online courses
- 12 (Wednesday) Final Examinations end
- 13 (Thursday) Final grades due for Spring Session 2 online courses
- 13 (Thursday) Commencement ceremony for the Class of 2021
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I continue to be impressed at how MC professors adapted their courses and teaching during the pandemic. Here's a great article on how Dr. Carlson's civil engineering students studied local bodies of water since they didn't have access to labs.

If you didn't catch last week's LEAD Awards, check out the award-winners [here](#).

Finally, I encourage you all to attend our 18th Annual **Tolle Lege** reception this Wednesday at **11am**. It's a webinar, so please listen in (you won't be on camera). Zoom link is [here](#).



More cute MC digital downloads (like above) can be found here. Check out MC's GIPHY page.

Shout Outs

Shout out to Kevin Salemme who created our Tolle visual/poster, designed a Tolle virtual zoom background, and built an amazing video/scrolling list of authors that will be shown at the event. We appreciate all your good work to help us transition to a successful virtual reception.

Research & Creative Achievement Conference

Our time honored Tolle Lege reception is now part of the college's Research and Creative Achievement Conference (RCAC). Check out the official RCAC website and this awesome program. Feel free to sign up for live virtual presentations throughout the day on Wednesday, May 5th to join talks and discussions by both students and faculty. Also, view student posters and narrated posters. Check out Angelique's narrated poster here.

Access Services Student Workers

Our Library student workers are the face of McQuade, often the first people users see when they visit McQuade. They handle a variety of inquiries at our Library Services Desk, help community members find sources, reshelve/organize materials, and do many behind-the-scenes projects. The library staff thanks **all** of our student workers and sends our best wishes to our graduates. Here is what a few of our graduates had to say about working at the library- we'll feature more testimonials next week too!

Allison Beauchesne



I absolutely loved working at the library! I loved everyone I worked with over these last four years and am very grateful for meeting the staff and other student workers. My friends always knew where to find me and were never afraid to chat with me at work and always had a fake question ready to go when the supervisors rolled around so they wouldn't get in trouble for standing there for too long. I loved helping students and staff with whatever questions they had for me and always loved hearing the tours come in and give library services a special shout out as I was sitting at the counter! I will be looking to get EMT certified with the end goal of becoming a firefighter! Thank you for being such an amazing team to work with these last 4 years!

Gillian Castellano



I have had the privilege of working at the McQuade Library as an undergraduate student and now as a graduate student. I have loved every minute of working at the library but my favorite part has been the staff. The staff members have helped me through countless things in my time at Merrimack and I am going to miss seeing them regularly!! Thank you for an amazing three years that has enhanced my Merrimack experience! I will definitely be back to visit!

Kelsey Montanez

Although I only had the opportunity to work at McQuade during my senior year, my experience here has been awesome. I mean I love books, I love to read it couldn't get any better! My coworkers are super helpful and always down for a chat even if it's 8 in the morning. My time here at Merrimack has been the best time of my life. After graduation I plan on attending a dental hygiene program to become a dental hygienist

Olivia Beauchesne



Working at Mcquade Library has been such a great experience! Over the course of my 4 years I've helped tons of students, faculty and staff navigate their way through various parts of the library which I enjoyed doing. Additionally, my fellow student co-workers and supervisors were nothing short of amazing and I'm grateful to have gotten to know them. Thank you to everyone who played a part in making Mcquade Library my favorite spot on campus! I will miss you all dearly! :)

Future plans: *looking into going abroad to teach English in the next year. Then eventually I will be heading back to graduate school to become a school counselor!*

Community Engagement Update

Here's this week's CE update!

- Social Justice Month Story Time on Instagram and Facebook concluded this week. Gabby read *Sulwe* by Lupita Nyong'o.
- Check out next week's Research and Creative Achievement Conference on Wednesday, May 5. Our annual Tolle Lege event will be at 11 am, honoring campus and alumni authors.
- May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and Jewish American Heritage Month. Check out Gabby's libguide [here](#).



McQuade Library Presents the 18th Annual

Tolle Lege

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

11:00 am

Speakers:

Anthony Fernandez, School of Science & Engineering
Laura Hsu, Winston School of Education & Social Policy
Benjamin Larkin, Girard School of Business
Emma Polyakov, School of Liberal Arts
Zi Yan, School of Health Sciences



Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month & Jewish American Heritage Month

By McQuade Library

Find books, videos, films, events, podcasts, and more at
<https://libguides.merrimack.edu/AAPI-JAHM>

The May flowers on campus are lovely and I often can't pass by without taking a quick photo. Have a great week, and reach out to me if you have questions or concerns.



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Thank you to all who are volunteering to help with Commencement activities. We ask that you participate in Saturday's ceremony if possible - we are short on help that day and need the participation.

I'm so pleased that our Tolle Lege reception was a success with over 50 attendees. I received lots of positive feedback from those who attended, so thank you to all who helped make this a success. Our Tolle Libguide has been updated- see slide deck, pic, and a video with scrolling names of our 2020 authors. This week the planning group will meet to debrief on the event.

Please browse MLS' Professional Development Spring/Summer opportunities - [calendar is here](#). There are two excellent new training series- a Leadership Development Training series, and a series of trainings related to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility & Social Justice.

Our 5/3 Staff meeting notes are [here](#) - remember you can always refer to previous notes if you didn't attend the meeting.

End of semester work for librarians includes compiling fall reference and instruction statistics, preparing for a "Speed Resourcing" workshop on May 27th, updating libguides, and adding student work to Merrimack ScholarWorks. Resource Management group has passed along end-of-year expenditure

projections and continue to accommodate faculty materials requests for summer courses. Inventory and discarding projects will continue through the summer. The Library Resources Committee distributed a survey to faculty regarding post-pandemic resource needs- librarians will review and discuss results soon. We will firm up summer schedules soon, and prioritize summer projects in the next few weeks.

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Shout Outs

I want to thank all our academic year library assistants (Donna Denham, Deb Nicotera, Laura Franzone, Diane Taylor, & Anderson Sanchez) for their good work this year. It was a year like no other and we made it through with patience, persistence, and teamwork.

Kudos to Angelique who served as our inaugural Community Engagement Fellow. The last day of her fellowship is Wednesday, May 19th. Angelique successfully expanded McQuade's capacity for Community Engagement work and positioned McQuade as an innovative, reliable, and engaged programming partner this year. She is working on creating a CE infrastructure shared drive, so future fellows (and our library staff!) can continue to build on her excellent work.

Our Health Sciences Intern

Health Sciences Intern, **Hayleigh Duggan**, is finishing up her internship at McQuade this week. Hayleigh and Naomi Abrego presented their poster at the Research and Creative Achievement Virtual Conference last week. They completed a survey of academic librarians about promoting healthy behaviors and physical activity in academic libraries. CJ will have more interns working with her during the summer- stay tuned for more details.

Community Engagement Update

We hosted 5 incredible faculty (one representing each school) and over 50 attendees as we moved Tolle Lege to a virtual format this year. It was incredible to hear from faculty about the works they published in the past year, as well as see the outpouring of support from attendees in the chat. To find this year's Tolle Lege submissions, go to this [libguide](#).

Angelique graduates on Thursday and finishes up her fellowship next week. Check out some of her work this semester in the attached infographic. A little note from her:

Working in the library and with library staff this year has been an incredible opportunity to learn, teach, and grow. Thank you for providing me space to try new things, deepen my love for academic libraries, and develop relationships across campus to foster collaboration in years to come. Community engagement is creative, rewarding work and I am so glad to have done it with all of you. Please keep in touch!

Community Engagement Fellowship Spring 2021

This document details the second semester of the McQuade Library's Inaugural CE Fellow.



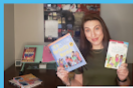
Mindful Minute
Part of Fresh Check Week



DIY Love Poems
Display of submitted poems



Black History Month Jeopardy
Repurposed due to low registration
Instagram trivia with categories hosted by McQuade, Unity House, and Girard School of Business
3 winners



Virtual Story Time and Book Talk
Weekly stories for affinity months
-700 collective views on Instagram
Over 2,000 views on Facebook



Trans Day of Visibility Panel
with CSA & DEI Initiative
Libguide page features recording and panelist/attendee media recommendations
37 attendees



Antiracism Resources 2.0
with Interdisciplinary Institute & DEI Initiative
45 attendees



Power-Based Violence Planning Collective
Zoom backgrounds and RISE ads
Clothesline Project
Relationship Flags Display
Social Media & Libguide Page



Supporting Staff Programming

- Professional Development Workshops
- Tolle Lege. 52 attendees

Other Activities

Administrative support, Remote Coworkers Video, COVID Education Project, Research Assistance, Unity in Diversity Student Activism Panel, Resource Support for CE Program, Libguide Creation for Wellness

Have a great week. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

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