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University Wide Notices

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Academic Affairs Policy: Compensation and Budget Policy & Awarding Credit Policy - 30 day review

The following *Academic Affairs Policy: Compensation and Budget Policy* and *Academic Affairs Policy: Awarding Credit Policy* are posted on the University's Policies webpage for review and comment. Click [here](#) to view the policies.

You have the ability to send your feedback by clicking on the PolicyComment link on the webpage.

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Online Gen Ed Science Course for Summer 2019

If you know of anybody needing a 3-credit, non-lab Natural Science course you may be interested in this new online offering.

PHSC 190 Secrets of the Earth System (3 credits, no lab, fully on-line) CRN: 50989

This course will introduce students to the important earth science concepts that provide a foundation for viewing the Earth as a system consisting of the geosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere, and biosphere. The environment in which we all live results from the continuous exchange of matter and energy within and between these earth system spheres. An important theme throughout the course will be the impact of human interactions with these spheres. This course meets the Natural Science general education requirements.

The course will run during Summer Session A from Tuesday, May 21 – Tuesday, July 2.

For more information contact:

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Engaged!

For past Ferris eLearning Engaged! blog posts, please see <https://ferrisengaged.com>. If you would like assistance designing your

online course at Ferris, email eLearning@ferris.edu. We can help!

Teach Like a Dog: Beauty is in The Eye of The Beholder

5:51am Manton Consolidated Schools will be closed due to the impending storm...

My first thought (like many humans), an hour extra sleep! I'll work from home rather than risk the 55 mile drive to work.

6:45am Gypsy, my dog, expressed different thoughts. "Mom, mom, time to get up for our walk! We are going, right? It's snowing and windy out and so exciting, I can't wait to go!!!"

6:50am Gypsy upped the ante, bringing me my walking pants.

Clearly our idea of what makes a morning walk great are very different. She is an awesome dog though, always my best cheerleader greeting me when I'm home. I know she'd go the extra mile for me, so I obligingly get my gear on and we head out into the blowing white. Although to me it all pretty much looks the same--varying shades of white and grey--she clearly is having a ball. Darting from spot to spot, sometimes sniffing and moving on, sometimes digging under the snow pack. She is a lot faster than I am, but she keeps checking back to make sure I'm keeping up and staying with her. She's in her element, and I'm just plodding along behind for the ride.

When we teach, our students may not be as excited as us about our content. They also might look out and see the readings, projects, ideas and more as just a bunch of stuff to get done, having no idea of what excitement is found beneath the surface. They often fall behind at times, getting bogged down in areas they aren't skilled or prepared to navigate through yet.

Have we built a positive relationship with our students so they want to follow us even when the learning is challenging? Have we shared our passion for our subject, and aroused their curiosity as to what we find fascinating about our subject? Have we made sure we are always in sight of our students, able to go faster or slower depending on what they need? Do we provide frequent feedback to guide their learning?

I wouldn't have gone out this morning if it wasn't for her enthusiasm and encouragement, and I would have missed all the beauty of a Michigan winter day from her perspective.

Every class we teach is an opportunity to share our subject's beauty and complexity with our students.

Teach like a dog.

Written by: Dr. Tracy Russo, Senior Online Design Consultant

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Ferris eLearning Department

For more information about Ferris eLearning, please see our website at <https://ferris.edu/elearning>, or contact us by phone at (231) 591-2802 or by Email at eLearning@ferris.edu.

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FCTL: Facilitating Reflection on and Improvement of Assessment Practice

Facilitating Reflection on and Improvement of Assessment Practice

This will be a series of workshops and supportive follow-up sessions. The first workshop will be on Friday, February 22, 2019, from 2 – 4 PM in FLITE 405.

Description

In this session, we will explore ways in which you might coach and support colleagues to examine, implement, and improve course and program assessment. We will consider a process that involves curiosity, intentional listening, and shared problem-solving that builds a partnership approach to improving assessment. We will also meet for a follow-up session to enable you to discuss your efforts in implementing this process and to seek and share feedback with other participants. Additionally, you will be invited to engage in ongoing meetings to share about your efforts and receive further support in working with colleagues.

We hope you will join us. Please register by e-mailing fctl@ferris.edu or calling 231.591.3826.

If you have a disability and require accommodation to participate in these events, please contact FCTL at (231) 591-3826 or fctl@ferris.edu to request accommodations at least 72 hours in advance.

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Join Us for a Book Discussion -Evicted

Book Discussion and Poverty Simulation

If you are interested in reading an astonishing story of struggle, pain and hope, join us for our book discussion.

Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City

Book Discussion: Wednesdays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm [FLITE 438]

- February 20th (Part One: Ch. 1-8)
- March 20th (Part Two: Ch. 9-16)
- April 3rd (Part Three: Ch. 17-24)

Poverty Simulation: If you are interested in getting an even more in-depth idea of the struggles associated with poverty, come join us for our poverty simulation.

Thursday, February 28th 3-5 pm –UCB 202

Anyone with a disability who needs special accommodations to attend this event should contact Kristin Conley at (231) 591- 2808 or KristinConley@ferris.edu at least 72 hours in advance. Ferris State University is an equal opportunity institution. For information on the University's Policy on Non-Discrimination, please visit www.ferris.edu/non-discrimination.

If you wish to receive a book and join the discussion, please contact Kristin Conley, EII Coordinator, at KristinConley@ferris.edu or (231) 591-2808. Call or email to receive a book. Books will be available in ASC 1048.

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Observatory Event -- 8:20 pm Monday, Feb 25, 2019

The Ferris community is welcome to the Rawlinson Observatory on Monday, February 25, 2019, from 8:20 pm to 10 pm. We will be looking at the nebula and stars in Orion and Mars. This event will follow as a companion to a presentation given by Pasquale Di Raddo on the 'Art of the Moon Landing Stamps' from 7 to 8 pm in Science 120. Even if the sky is cloudy, the observatory event will still go on as an 'open house' and demonstration of our telescope. The Rawlinson Observatory is on the North end of the Science building on the fourth floor. Please enter through the doors on the North end of the building, and follow the signs to the observatory.

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Literature in Person: A Potpourri of Creative Writing (2/21)

Thursday, February 21st
7:00pm

Ferris State Fine Art Gallery (UCB 205)

Stay warm on this winter evening! Join us for a sampling of original poetry, fiction, and nonfiction by Ferris faculty and staff authors in the cozy setting of the Ferris Art Gallery. Deirdre Fagan, Garrett Stack, Jon Taylor, Maggie Walcott, Carrie Weiss, and Zac Wendler will be reading a small sampling of their work, and a short question and answer session will follow.

This event is brought to you by the Department of English, Literature, and World Languages and is co-sponsored by the Big Rapids Festival of the Arts and the Ferris Fine Art Gallery.

Ferris State University is an equal opportunity institution. If you have a disability and require accommodation to participate in this event, please contact DeirdreFagan@ferris.edu to request accommodations at least 72 hours in advance.

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Guest Author: Elisa Camara

Visiting Author: Elisa Camara

Wednesday, March 6th

6:00-7:30

IRC 120

Sponsored by Ferris State University's Department of English, Literature, and World Languages



On October 23rd, 1983, Elisa Camara's brother, Sgt. Mecot Camara, was killed in Beirut, Lebanon when a suicide bomber attacked United States Marine barracks and killed 241 Americans. He was serving as an International Peacekeeper at the time. In memory of her brother and as a tribute to all of the men and women serving in our Armed Forces, Elisa began writing. She is now the author of the memoir, *American Brother*, and the children's picture book series, *Patriot Pup*, which celebrate his life and his service. Join us as she discusses how writing these texts became a cathartic way to work through her grief and how they stand as a celebration of her brother's courage, respect, and selflessness. Elisa M. Camara was born and raised in West Virginia. She has a degree in Business Administration from Queens University in Charlotte, North Carolina. She currently lives in Orlando, Florida, and is the mother of three sons.

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Spring 2019 Commencement Faculty Invitation

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

February 18, 2019

You are cordially invited to participate in the May Commencement ceremonies.

May 2019 Commencement

Friday, May 10

- 3:30 p.m. College of Health Professions
Michigan College of Optometry
- 7:00 p.m. College of Arts & Sciences
College of Pharmacy
Doctorate in Community College Leadership

Saturday, May 11

- 9:00 a.m. College of Business
- 12:30 p.m. College of Education & Human Services
- 4:00 p.m. College of Engineering Technology

All graduates will receive six (6) tickets.

IMPORTANT: If you plan to participate in May Commencement, please contact your college's Commencement coordinator (see list below), **by no later than March 22, 2019** to order regalia or to let your Commencement coordinator know you're planning on attending, if you own your own regalia. *The Commencement office will not pay to ship late orders.* Please also let your Commencement coordinator know if you are planning to participate in more than one ceremony, so we can get an accurate count for seating purposes. When you order regalia, your Commencement coordinator will verify that your regalia information is accurate. Faculty who have never ordered regalia will be asked for information such as height, degree earned and university attended.

If you are participating in the ceremony as a **Mace Bearer, Marshal or Adjutant** you will also need to contact your college's commencement coordinator to order regalia and/or to let them know you are attending.

COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT COORDINATORS

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▪ Engineering Technology	Tamara Jackson	(231) 591-2890
▪ FLITE	Josie VanAvery	(231) 591-3728
▪ Health Profession	Kathy Hotz	(231) 591-2342
▪ Pharmacy	Tara Lee	(231) 591-2249
▪ Doctorate of Community College Leadership	Megan Biller	(231) 591-2710
▪ Michigan College of Optometry	Michelle Aldrich	(231) 591-3700
▪ Retention and Student Success	Nina Davis	(231) 591-2428

Day of the Ceremony – Plan to meet in the Multi-Purpose Room at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony. A commencement staff member will lead you into Wink Arena, where you will be seated.

Any questions about Commencement should be directed to your college's Commencement coordinator or to the Commencement office at (231) 591-3803.

Visit the Commencement website for more information, <https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/current/Commencement>.

Anyone with a disability that needs special accommodations to attend this event should contact (231) 591-3803 at least 72 hours in advance. x3803 is the event extension for the FSU contact person

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February 2019 Meetings of the FSU Board of Trustees

The Ferris State University Board of Trustees will hold the following meetings on **Friday, February 22, 2019** in the locations as indicated below.

All meetings will be held in the **University Center Building, 805 Campus Drive, Big Rapids.**

10:00 a.m. Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee Meeting - Room 202b

10:00 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting - Room 202c

11:00 a.m. Regular Board Meeting - Room 202c

All meetings are open to the public. Copies of the agendas can be obtained by calling Karen at ext. 2505 or requested via e-mail at the address below.

Anyone with a disability that needs special accommodations to attend this event should contact Karen at (231) 591-2505 at least 72 hours in advance.

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Statewide Hispanic/Latino Graduation

Calling all Ferris Hispanic/Latino Class of 2019 Graduates!

Reserve your seat today to attend the Annual Statewide Hispanic/Latino Graduation by emailing cls@ferris.edu. Limited seating available.

Transportation will leave at 4 pm from the IRC Parking Lot on Friday, April 5th.



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