

NEWS & INFORMATION

BI Training

Business Intelligence Basic Training will be offered on March 15th at 2pm. This training is intended for new users of finance dashboards, but any finance user is welcome to attend. This training will cover the basics of how to use a dashboard and manipulate a report layout on a BI finance dashboard. The training will touch on Account Summary, Transaction Inquiry, and Reference Dashboards but these skills can be applied to any BI dashboard. Users should confirm that they have access to these Dashboards before the training. If you do not have access to these dashboards please reach out to your campus' security administrator. If you would like the link to the online training, please reach out to [Alan Hersker](#).

SUNY Potsdam Food Pantry Food Drive

Donate non-perishable goods to help our campus community. Collection boxes can be found throughout Raymond Hall and in department offices until March 15. Donations representing multicultural diets and ethnicities are appreciated. Suggested donations: gluten/allergen free items, canned goods, pasta and sauces, peanut/nut butter, granola bars, spices, and cereal. If preferred, one-time or recurring monetary donations can be made at Potsdam.edu/give. Please contact [Katie Logan](#) with any questions.

Academic Catalog

The 2023-2024 Catalog will be published July 1, 2023. Given the publication cycle, all changes to the next catalog (curricular, policy, and other content) must be approved through required campus processes and submitted to the Registrar's Office by April 28th for publication in next year's academic catalog. The Registrar's office will share updated catalog text with departments for accuracy prior to the catalog being published. As a reminder, catalog changes can be submitted at anytime throughout the year and will be stored until the next publication. Should you need your log in instructions to [the "in progress" 23-24 catalog](#) to review what is ready to be published in July, please email [Stephanie Claxton](#).

SUNY Potsdam Learning and Research Fair 2023

The deadline for applications for the annual Learning and Research Fair *has been extended until March 16*. Please encourage students to apply. The fair will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. Please click [here](#) for all the information.

Planetary Origin Stories

Dr. Claudia J. Ford will share an adaptation of her talk *WHAT EARTH IS MADE OF: Planetary Materials, Indigenous Knowledge, and the Gaia Hypothesis An Exploration in Art and Science* with the campus on March 30 from 2-5 (the lecture begins at 3) in the Loughheed Learning Commons lobby. The art books will be on closed display in the LLC for the week

preceding the talk, but Dr. Ford invites students and colleagues to a hands-on exploration of her art and research during the discussion.

Northern Zone Health, Physical Education, and Coaches Professional Development Day

CTLE Approved Inviting all health, physical education, and coaches to learn about new advancements in the field. A variety of sessions will be offered, including Teaching foundational lifts in the weight room, Body weight strength training, Importance of sleep for cognitive and physical performance, Sports Psychology, Exercise programming, Injury prevention & maintenance, Stress management techniques, Nutrition (childhood; adolescent), Adventure-based programming, Violence prevention & healthy relationships, LGBTQ+ Terms, Management of school-based fitness centers, Golf simulator, plus more! Lunch will be provided by SUNY Potsdam. Contact [Tanya Hewitt](#) for more information.

TRIO Student Support Services (SSS)

TRIO SSS is accepting applications! We serve first-generation, limited income, and/or students with a documented disability. If you know of an eligible student who would benefit from support services, please encourage them to apply. On the heels of progress reports, keep in mind that TRIO SSS offers both 1:1 and Walk-In tutoring services. For a schedule of hours and additional information about our services, please visit our [website](#).

Potsdam@RCF

Are you looking for a new and rewarding teaching opportunity? Please consider teaching a course for our students at Riverview Correctional Facility. Our program is growing (43 students!) and the students are interested in taking courses from a variety of areas. We can use lower and upper division courses for spring and summer 2024 terms. We are especially looking for instructors to teach general education courses (particularly courses for Natural World and Connecting Through Language). Please reach out to [Nancy Lewis](#) or [Krista Medo](#) if you want more information. We'll discuss what you might be able to contribute to this critical growing program and put you in touch with other program faculty who can speak to the rewards of teaching at RCF.

KUDOS & CONGRATULATIONS!

Improving Building Access

Physical Plant is working on adding 13 automatic door-openers to various buildings within the academic quad. These will be added to doors that previously had no openers. The welcome addition of these door openers will improve building access, help control the spread of germs, and can offer help with maintaining energy efficiency. A big thank you to the Physical Plant,

Office of Accommodative Services, and the Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for your work in making our campus a more accessible place!

Welcome New SOEPS Faculty

Michael Decker will be joining the Department of Business Administration. He has a BA in Computer Science from SUNY Binghamton and a bachelors and masters in Accounting from Coastal Carolina University with a focus on fraud examination, including significant coursework in taxation. Michael is interested in behavioral research into technology issues (e.g., why some users trust systems and others do not). Michael is currently completing his dissertation at Florida Atlantic University and is on track to be finished this spring semester. Many thanks to Christa Haifley, Joe Timmerman, and Savita Hanspal for their work in bringing Michael to Potsdam.

Gabriela (Gaby) Mocanu will be joining the faculty in Elementary Education at our Watertown extension site. Originally from Romania, Gaby has completed her PhD in Curriculum and Instruction at Northern Arizona University. Her research interests involve teacher identity of expatriate teachers and pre-service teachers, curriculum development and implementation. She loves board games, skiing and has traveled to over 40 countries. Special thanks for Bette Bergeron, Laura Carbone, Julie Johnson, Marta Albert, and Sergei Abramovich for serving on the search committee.

James J. Donahue, PhD, was invited to deliver the keynote address for the Austrian Association for American Studies annual conference, to be held at the University of Klagenfurt in October 2023.

Benjamin Landry, MA, produced and released his eighth episode of *VerseCurious*, a review of Janine Joseph's DECADE OF THE BRAIN (Alice James Books). Additionally, his poem "Riverbank in Spring" was accepted for publication by *Waxwing*.

Sharmain van Blommestein PhD, will be presenting her *Early Language and Writing Technologies'* workshop at the HEARTH this semester, Spring 2023, at the LoKo Arts Festival on campus. She will be also conducting a COIL course with an international colleague, Catalina Balinisteanu-Furdu PhD, from the Vasile Alecsandri University of Bacău, Romania, this semester, Spring 2023.

If you or anyone in your area would like something included in the Academic Affairs Updates email, please send it to provost@potssdam.edu. The emails are sent around the 1st and 15th of the month when classes are in session. Your submission should include: a 3-4 word header; no more than 75 words (including the 3-4 word header); a contact name and email; a link to more information (if available).