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STAFF COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 4/1/25 from 12:05-1:30**

All members of the UVM community are welcome.

The meeting is offered in-person and via [Teams](#) at the Davis Center - Chittenden Bank room.

Meeting agendas, minutes, and video recordings are also available [on our website](#).

The application period for Q4 is now open .

All non-represented staff are eligible to apply.

[Eligibility, Information, & Application \(PDF\)](#)

[Rubric \(PDF\)](#)

[Flyer \(PDF\)](#)

Q4 Deadline is April 31st!

CatChat Recording.

If you missed CatChat on 3/13, not to worry, [here is a link to the recording](#) for your enjoyment. A captioned version will be available soon and posted to our website.

- Alex Messinger, Instructional Design, PACE** - Learning to roll with it: 1400 miles on the [Great Divide Mountain Bike Route](#)
- Tatjana Salcedo, Digital Communications Dir, UVM Marketing** - The World of [Dog Agility](#)
- Sharon Twigg, Program Manger, PACE** - My Horse Taught Me How To Sew: The Sport of [Working Equitation](#)

[Event Calendar](#)

Book Club

Please join us to discuss [The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store](#) by [James McBride](#). This will be a hybrid meeting, with tea and snacks if you join in person. Please RSVP to skye.ellicock@uvm.edu to get the Teams link and information on borrowing the book.

When: April 9th, 12-1pm

Where: Williams Family Room (403 Davis) or on Teams

THE STAFF COUNCIL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

...is now accepting FY25 Q4 applications!

CAT CHAT

BOOK CLUB

GET INVOLVED

Be A Staff Council Representative!

Staff Council is currently seeking staff to fill a few vacant representative seats from:

- College of Arts and Sciences
- Larner College of Medicine
- Extension
- Strategic Communications
- Division of Finance and Administration
- OVPR

If you are feeling the itch to serve on Staff Council or know of someone you think would be a great representative, [click here](#) for more details or contact staff.council@uvm.edu

CAMPUS NEWS



UVM Presidential Search

Dear UVM community,

We are delighted to announce that the University of Vermont Board of Trustees has approved Dr. Marlene Tromp as sole finalist for the position of university president. Dr. Tromp will take part in on-campus interviews at UVM on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 18 and 19.

Students, faculty, and staff will have opportunities to meet with Dr. Tromp over the course of her two-day interview visit. On Wednesday, March 19 at 3:00 pm the university will host an open forum in the Silver Maple Ballroom of the [Dudley H. Davis Center](#) during which the UVM community will have an opportunity to engage with the finalist. An online survey will be available through which members of the campus community can share feedback with the [Board of Trustees](#). [The full text of the announcement and more details can be found here.](#)



10th Annual UVM WE 5k for Wellness

On April 20th, the Wellness Environment Learning Community will be holding their [10th Annual UVM WE 4/20 5k for Wellness](#). The 5k run/walk is cost-free, substance-free, and open to all UVM students and community members, usually totaling around 1,000 participants from UVM and the greater Burlington area!



Onsite Well Checks

The [EDGE Preventative Health](#) team will be onsite at the Davis Center, Room 413 8am -4pm

An appointment is required, book you're in person visit:

Tuesday, March 25th

Davis Center, Chittenden Room 413

and also book your virtual follow with a registered dietitian.

[BOOK HERE](#)

*This is a Google Sheet monitored by EDGE, please email them at wellness@Edgervt.com with questions

This is a 15 minute appointment that includes:

Markers of health such as Blood Pressure, Blood Glucose, and Cholesterol measurement. You will also experience an In-Body Scan. This is a device you stand on for 60 seconds, and hold on, wearing no shoes and socks, to measure body composition values, such as body fat percentage, muscle mass, hydration and metabolism.



Campus Climate Survey

The [2025 Campus Climate Survey](#) is now open and encouraged for all UVM Staff! The survey, which repeats every 3 years, is a unique way to have your voice and perspectives heard. The anonymous survey takes approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. Through a form that is separate from their anonymized surveys, all respondents will be invited to enter a raffle for Apple AirPods (3rd Gen), \$50 UVM gift cards, and other UVM-branded prizes. More information about data collection and privacy can be found [here](#) and any further questions can be sent to inclusivexcellence@uvm.edu



Ergonomics In The Workplace

There are increased hazards with working from home including less daily movement, working from dining room chairs or living room couches, and isolation. This page is designed to help you prevent long-term ergonomic injuries.

One of the results of this new work pattern is an increase in the number of painful conditions involving the back, neck, wrist, and head. The major factor contributing to these injuries is the long period of time a person sits in a chair. Another is the increase in repetitive motions required with the use of keyboards. The arrangement of lighting and Visual Display Terminal (VDT) screens also contributes to the incidence of complaints. [For a worksite evaluation and more, click here.](#)



UVM Research Studies Seeking Volunteers

- [Dengue Fever research](#)
- [Asthma Research Studies](#)
- [Evolution of lung disease ages 25 - 35](#)

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT



The HERS Leadership Institute – Information Panel

Join us for an engaging panel discussion featuring UVM alumni who attended the prestigious HERS Leadership Institute with scholarship support from UVM. These accomplished leaders will share insights on how the program shaped their professional growth, the leadership skills they gained, and the lasting impact on their careers. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the HERS experience, ask questions, and explore how this leadership development opportunity can benefit future participants.

The Personal & Professional Development Committee of Staff Council and Talent Development in partnership will also be providing, as part of their Lunch and Learn Series, a shared learning space to view the webinar, meet colleagues, and get free pizza. The live viewing and pizza will be available in 427 Waterman Building (the classroom, not the 427A).

Dates and Time:

Friday, March 21, 2025 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Location:

Online via Microsoft Teams

OR

In-person in 427 Waterman (the classroom, not the 427A)

[Register now for either in person or remote attendance](#)

About HERS:

The HERS Leadership Institute is an inclusive, intensive professional development experience with a focus on women and people who are gender diverse. [UVM proudly supports the institute and fully funds the tuition and other expenses for two UVM employees to attend every year.](#)

Applications for the next cohort are now open and you can apply via the link below:

[HERS 2025/2026 Application](#)

The HERS Leadership Institute, part of Higher Education Resource Services (HERS), is a transformative program with a focus on developing women and gender-diverse leaders in higher education. All HERS programs and services are open to all regardless of gender identity. Founded to fill leadership pipelines with dynamic leaders, participants share their leadership visions and develop skills to achieve them in a supportive, noncompetitive environment. Since 1972, HERS has prepared over 4300 faculty and administrators for leadership roles, with attendees including faculty, administrators, and senior executives, and faculty and speakers comprising top-level women leaders in higher education. Graduates emerge as confident leaders, ready to bring fresh, inclusive leadership to their institutions.



DOIE Spring 2025 Staff Training

The Division of Inclusive Excellence (DOIE) promotes a sense of belonging by uplifting Our Common Ground Values. We are thrilled to connect with you in our Culture & Connected Series this Spring 2025.

The Culture & Connect Series is intended to bring foundational awareness to key concepts of identity, culture, and influence. This series has three elements, **What is Identity?** **What is Culture?** and **Everyone is Talking About Influence - Do I Have Influence?** Though not required, we encourage attending all three sessions! We look forward to seeing you. Please complete all three sections of the pre-assessment & RSVP.

Please connect with Carly Duran-Marrero cduran@uvm.edu for any questions, concerns, or accessibility requests.

[Click here for the Spring Flyer Schedule](#)

COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Eboni Booth's Play, Primary Trust

VT Stage is offering a UVM discount for all students and employee to their upcoming run of Primary Trust. Eboni Booth was an English major at UVM (I think graduated in 2005 maybe?) and won the Pulitzer Prize last year for this play. Would you be willing to send this information below out through staff council? I am in contact with Communications to try to get this out to the entire campus.

Winner of the 2024 Pulitzer Prize and written by UVM graduate Eboni Booth, *Primary Trust* revolves around Kenneth, a tenderhearted man who spends his evenings sipping mai tais at the local bar. However, he faces an unknown world when the bookstore where he's worked for twenty years closes. Touching, hilarious, and wildly inventive, *Primary Trust* explores the power of small acts of kindness and Kenneth's courageous journey out of loneliness and into joyful self-discovery. *Primary Trust* runs from March 19 through April 6. Showtimes are Wednesday through Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m., with Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m. at the Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center.

Show page: <https://www.vermontstage.org/primary-trust.html>

Direct ticket link with discount: <https://ci.ovationtix.com/35092/production/1201058?promo=UVMPTTRUST241>



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