




PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SERIES:  
**MARITIME STUDIES**


The UConn Early College Experience (ECE) program and UConn Avery Point Faculty are excited to offer a free virtual workshop series to support current MAST ECE instructors and provide a pathway to certification for aspiring MAST ECE instructors.

All sessions will include live, synchronous discussions with both the instructor—Mary K Bercaw Edwards—and guests from the MAST faculty. The four sessions are as follows:

 **Session 1: January 25, 7:00-8:30pm**  
**“Whaling History, Economics, and Literature”**—This session will examine whaling from various perspectives, especially the economics. Participants will listen to four Freakonomics podcasts based on the work of featured faculty guest, Maritime Economics professor Michele Baggio, and read excerpts from *Moby-Dick* in preparation for discussion.

 **Session 2: February 15, 7:00-8:30pm**  
**“Shipwrecks: Maritime Archeology, Music, Art, and Literature”**—This session will focus on the fascinating world of maritime archaeology led by this week’s faculty guest, Maritime Archaeology professor Kroum Batchvarov, along with poetry by Whittier, Holmes, and Longfellow and shipwreck ballads such as “The Rose in June.”

 **Session 3: March 7, 7:00-8:30pm—“Maritime Policy”**—In this session, faculty guest Maritime Politics professor Frank Griggs will explore the complex politics of the maritime world.

 **Session 4: March 28, 7:00-8:30pm—“Material Culture and the Interpretation of Maritime Humanities”**—This session will focus on seagoing vessels and other artifacts. Faculty guest Maritime History professor Matt McKenzie will examine boat-building through the ages, as participants discuss Winslow Homer’s paintings of small boats at sea as well as “Stephen Crane’s Own Story” (the newspaper account of a shipwreck) and “The Open Boat” (Crane’s fictionalized version of the same event).

**UConn Faculty Presenters**



**Dr. Mary K. Bercaw Edwards**  
 Professor of English and the Director of the Maritime Studies Program



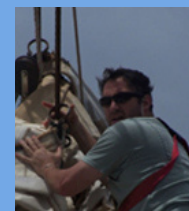
**Dr. Michele Baggio**  
 Associate Professor of Economics



**Dr. Kroum Batchvarov**  
 Associate Professor of Anthropology



**Dr. Frank Griggs**  
 Assistant Professor in Residence, Political Science



**Dr. Matt McKenzie**  
 Professor of History and UConn ECE Faculty Coordinator, U.S. History



**Laurie Wolfley**  
 Adjunct Faculty and UConn ECE Faculty Coordinator, Maritime Studies

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