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Cyberbullying to Be Topic of UW-Eau Claire  
Alumni Association Speakers Series

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EAU CLAIRE — Parents need to be aware that the Internet and other electronic messaging devices are increasingly being used by middle and high school students to threaten and harass their peers, says a University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire assistant professor of criminal justice who has been studying the effects of cyberbullying and will give a noon-hour lecture hosted by the UW-Eau Claire Alumni Association.

Dr. Justin Patchin will present "Cyberbullying Among Adolescents: What Parents Need to Know" from noon to 1 p.m. Sept 27 at Sweetwaters restaurant, as part of the "Let's Do Lunch" series.

Patchin says cyberbullying is an increasing problem that can have long-term consequences for adolescents.

"Cyberbullying is the unfortunate byproduct of the union of adolescent aggression and electronic communication, and its growth is giving cause for concern," Patchin said. "It is clear that cyberbullying has real implications for adolescent development and that parents must be proactive in addressing this form of adolescent aggression."

Patchin also does research on policy and program evaluation, juvenile delinquency prevention and school violence. He has published numerous articles in criminal justice and criminology journals and has authored a book, "The Family Context of Childhood Delinquency," which will be published this fall.

Patchin is a 1998 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Superior and received a master's degree in 2000 and a doctoral degree in criminal justice from Michigan State University in 2004.

Upcoming "Let's Do Lunch" speakers, dates and topics include Dr. Douglas Dunham, director of UW-Eau Claire's Material Science Center, Oct. 25: "Nanotechnology: The Reality

Behind the Hype"; Pat Dillon, northwest regional director, Wisconsin Entrepreneurs' Network, Nov. 29: "The Wisconsin Entrepreneurs' Network: A Force for Innovation in Our State."

The speaker series is open to the public. The cost is \$10 per session and includes the presentation, buffet, beverage, tax and tip. To reserve tickets, send e-mail to [alumni@uwec.edu](mailto:alumni@uwec.edu) or call 715-836-3266 for more information.

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