

## News Digest

February 13, 2017

### Catalog Deadline



The **2017-2018 Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs** are tentatively scheduled to be published online in June 2017.

Changes to academic programs and courses must go through the course and curriculum approval process, which is now fully in Curriculog. Curriculog may be accessed at <https://uncc.curriculog.com>.

What types of changes should be submitted through Curriculog?

- Program admission requirements
- Program course requirements
- Program grade requirements
- Course titles
- Course descriptions
- Course prerequisites
- Course credit hours
- New courses
- Just to name a few...

Once a proposal has made it through the entire approval process, the requested changes will be made within Banner, DegreeWorks, and the next available Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs.

In order for the requested changes to appear in the 2017-2018 Catalogs, it is recommended that originators launch **and** approve their proposals within Curriculog by **March 1, 2017**. Based on proposal duration, this estimated timeframe should allow the proposal to make it through the entire approval process in time for inclusion. Doing so after this date may delay the requested change until the 2018-2019 Catalogs.

[Visit Curriculog today](#) to make curricular changes for the upcoming 2017-2018 Catalogs.

### Bookstore News and Deadlines

As our faculty's strategic partner, [the Campus Bookstore](#) is committed to listening to and learning about the needs of the faculty — and then acting on those insights to drive successful outcomes for students and the campus. The Barnes & Noble team will be reaching out via email to all department chairs and deans to speak with them about new resource, services, and how the bookstore can better serve each department. They will also

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be visiting faculty members over the next few months to discuss how they can position everyone for success.

[Read more >>](#) for important announcements for details about:

- Courseware Solution Software
- Textbook Price Matching Program
- Textbook Purchases and Returns
- Textbook Requests and Deadlines

## Reporting Unsatisfactory Progress Grades

### Mid-Semester Report of Unsatisfactory Progress and Courses with All Satisfactory Grades

Web grading capability is available for faculty to assign Unsatisfactory Progress grades for all students. If, for any reason, you are unable to access your class list to assign unsatisfactory grades, please contact Elise Mickey in the Registrar's Office at ext. 7-5485. [Please note that this process is only intended to solicit unsatisfactory progress, not a grade for all students.](#)

Faculty are also asked to report if all grades are satisfactory in the course in addition to submitting unsatisfactory grades.

- **Online entry of Unsatisfactory Grades** – Enter your Unsatisfactory grades using [My UNC Charlotte](#). The web will be open for grading through **noon on March 3**.

If you have a student who has stopped attending or never attended class, award that student an unsatisfactory grade ("F" for undergraduate level and "U" for graduate level) as well. This informs the student that he/she is currently enrolled in the class and runs the risk of an unsatisfactory final grade provided proper procedures are not followed.

**Report only students with unsatisfactory progress** by using the following notations:

- Undergraduate students: record only "D" or "F" grades
- Graduate students: record only "C" or "U" grades

Complete the process no later than **Friday, March 3, at noon**.

Refer to the midterm grading instructions at:

<http://registrar.uncc.edu/faculty-and-staff/unsatisfactory-grading-midterm-instructions>

## Part-Way Home Students

### RFP for New Course Formats for Part-Way Home Students

In response to a study conducted by General Administration, the system has determined that having courses available in shorter formats (7-8 weeks) for online offering would be an attractive option to enable more non-traditional students to complete degrees.

They are supporting the development or conversion of courses with some small grants. Areas in high demand by part-way home students include but are not limited to psychology, business, and biology.

Distance Education, Center for Teaching and Learning, and AISLE are coordinating a discussion RFP on the development of a plan of support services for those interested in the system RFP.

- Dissertation Defenses

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Feb 11-14**  
[Valentine's Orchid Sale](#)

**Feb 13**  
[Every Campus a Refuge](#)

**Feb 14**  
[Of Ebony Embers](#)

**Feb 15**  
[Great Decisions Lecture Series: Latin America's Political Pendulum with Dr. Greg Weeks](#)

**Feb 15**  
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**Feb 21**  
[Psychiatric Genomics Workshop](#)

[Annual Levine Lecture: The Shared Story of Race in the South](#)

**Feb 22**  
[Great Decisions Lecture Series: Conflict in the South China Sea with Dr. Cheryl Brown](#)

[Marriage and Religion Lecture](#)

**Feb 26**  
[Winter Gardens Tour](#)

- **Wednesday, February 15**, 12:30 PM - 1:30PM, Kennedy 221 (room capacity of 25-30)

**Feb 28**  
[Spring Faculty Reception](#)

**Mar 1**  
[AA Council Meeting](#)

**Mar 1**  
[Great Decisions Lecture Series: Nuclear Security with Dr. Justin Conrad](#)

**Mar 2**  
[BRIDGES Information Session](#)

## Diversity

### Of Ebony Embers

The Council on University Community presents the Core Ensemble for a performance of the chamber music theatre work, [Of Ebony Embers: Vignettes of the Harlem Renaissance](#).

- **Tuesday, February 14**, 7:30 PM, Rowe Recital Hall

Chamber Music Theatre is a unique performance format created by the Core Ensemble, featuring a marriage of theatrical narrative to chamber music performance. Dracyn Blount portrays multiple characters while interacting with the onstage musical trio of cello, piano and percussion. Celebrating the music and poetry of the Harlem Renaissance era in New York City, *Of Ebony Embers* examines the lives of three outstanding but very different African American poets - Langston Hughes, Countee Cullen and Claude McKay - as seen through the eyes of the great painter and muralist Aaron Douglas.

Admission is free. Reservations are encouraged; please e-mail [boxoffice@uncc.edu](mailto:boxoffice@uncc.edu)



### Annual Levine Lecture: The Shared Story of Race in the South

- **Tuesday, February 21**, 6:00 PM, Levine Museum of the New South ([Register](#))

Jimmie Lee Kirkpatrick and H.D. "De" Kirkpatrick, the descendants of slaves and of slave-owners, will share their story about race, football and civil rights in 1960s Charlotte at UNC Charlotte's Annual Levine Lecture. The men's compelling, intertwined histories have an ongoing relevance to Charlotte's progress towards creating greater racial equality. Joining them for the discussion will be Charlotte Observer editor Gary Schwab who wrote the award-winning newspaper stories that helped the Kirkpatricks make their connection.

Admission is free, but [registration is required](#).

A reception will follow. Two-hour complimentary parking is available at 7th Street Station next door to the [Museum](#). Parking tickets will be validated at the Museum information desk. The evening is sponsored by UNC Charlotte's Center for the Study of the New South and American Studies in partnership with the Levine Museum of the New South. It is supported in part by a grant from the Chancellor's Diversity Challenge Fund. For more information, visit [newsouth.uncc.edu](http://newsouth.uncc.edu).

### UNC Charlotte Immigration Matters

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte celebrates our rich diversity. As noted by Chancellor Dubois, the institution is committed to the advancement of "a robust intellectual environment that values social and cultural diversity, free expression, collegiality, integrity, and mutual respect." Our international community is a critical component in helping the Niner Nation achieve our goals to strengthen global perspectives and cultural awareness. With the recent developments regarding immigration matters, the UNC Charlotte administration continues to monitor developments and work directly with our impacted community members.

Visit the International Student and Scholar Office (ISSO) "[Important Immigration Information](#)" site for updates, resources, and support strategies for international students. Faculty and Staff working with an international student should read the [suggestions for guidance](#) to share with students. Questions can be directed to ISSO at [intlssso@uncc.edu](mailto:intlssso@uncc.edu) or 704-687-7781. [Read more >>](#)

## Personnel Changes



### Welcome New Business Officer

Elizabeth Moll joins the staff of Academic Budget and Personnel as a business officer. Elizabeth's first day with AABP will be Monday, February 20, just in time to have an opportunity for on-boarding with Ellen Keidel who is retiring March 1. [Read more >>](#)

### Executive Director of Alumni Relations Finalists to Visit

The Division for University Advancement will host campus forums for the three finalists for the position of Executive Director of Alumni Relations. During these forums, each candidate will address the topic "What It Means to be Engaged Alumni." Candidates and the date, time, and locations of their presentations are listed below.

- **Paul Metcalf**, Ph.D., Associate Director of the Florida Atlantic University Alumni Association, will present Friday, February 17, 11:00 AM, Foundation Building, Room 112.
- **Sallie Sistare**, Executive Director of the Medical School of South Carolina Alumni Association, will present Tuesday, February 21, 11:00 AM, Tate Hall, Harris Alumni Center
- **Jim Karl**, former COO and interim CEO of the Purdue University Alumni Association, will present Friday, March 3, 11:00 AM, Tate Hall, Harris Alumni Center

The UNC Charlotte Executive Director of Alumni Relations reports to the Vice Chancellor for the Division for University Advancement. The position provides strategic vision, defines and implements best practices to engage alumni in lifelong, progressive relationships with the University. Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend.

## Library Services



### HeinOnline Trial Subscription

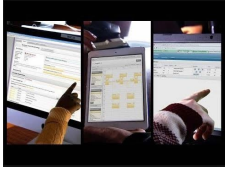
Atkins Library now has a 6-month trial subscription to HeinOnline. [HeinOnline](#) has more than 138 million pages of legal history available in an online, fully-searchable, image-based format. It bridges the gap in legal history by providing comprehensive coverage from inception of more than 2,300 law and law-related periodicals. For more information, visit <http://atkinseresources.blogspot.com/2017/01/heinonline.org.html>.



### New Feature for BrowZine

BrowZine is an application that allows you to browse, read and monitor many of the library's scholarly journals. With the addition of "My Articles" to BrowZine, you can now save articles from BrowZine Web and the BrowZine app, and your saved articles will sync across all platforms. Visit the support page for "My Articles" to learn how it works at <http://support.thirdiron.com/knowledgebase/articles/1123435-about-my-articles>

## Banner



Beginning this March, the entire Banner system interface will be upgraded, in phases, over the next two years

“Banner is the most heavily-used system on campus by staff, faculty and students for a wide array of administrative functions,” said Patrick Versace, assistant vice chancellor of enterprise applications for information technology. “Fourteen of the 17 campuses in the UNC system use its platform.”

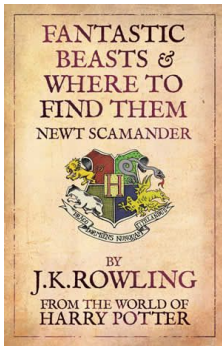
The first phase affects Banner INB (Internet Native Banner), not Banner Self Service. Customers will enjoy a greatly improved, user-friendly interface which is not java or browser dependent! Go-live dates for the Banner INB upgrade are organized by module:

Module Groups	Go Live Date	Training Dates
Finance, HR, and AR	March 13	Now - February 15
Advancement/Alumni	March 27	See training schedule link
Student and Financial Aid	TBA soon	TBA soon

As each date approaches, ITS is reaching out each module group, offering training dates in preparation of the new interface. Training information and registration is [found here](#).

The second phase of the upgrade will focus on Banner Self Service and will begin later this year; more information will be provided as it's available. In the meantime, contact Diane Bizzell at [dsbizzel@uncc.edu](mailto:dsbizzel@uncc.edu) or Patrick Versace at [Patrick.Versace@uncc.edu](mailto:Patrick.Versace@uncc.edu) in ITS with any questions.

## Guest Speakers



### Dr. Alan Rauch discusses Finding Fantastic Beasts

J.K. Rowling's book, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*, delves into the realm of “fabulous creatures,” which are found throughout Harry Potter's world. Our own world is filled with fantastic beasts, which often come to symbolize elusive qualities such as power, vice, or virtue. Fantastic creatures are, in fact, often familiar. But, why bother creating them?

- **Wednesday, February 22, 4:00 PM, Halton Reading Room, Atkins Library**

Dr. Alan Rauch, professor in the Department of English, will discuss “Fantastic Beasts and Why You Find Them.” He'll look at the presence of mythical creatures in history, culture, literature, and art, and more importantly, humans' need to create them in the first place. The event is free and open to all.

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## 2017 Great Decisions Lecture Series: Latin America's Political Pendulum Presented by Dr. Greg Weeks

Dr. Greg Weeks, Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration, will discuss Latin America's Political Pendulum as the third speaker in the 2017 Great Decisions lecture series. This presentation is free and open to the public.

- **Wednesday, February 15**, 6:30 PM, UNC Charlotte Center City

Visit the [Office of International Programs' website](#) for more information, including online registration and the complete listing of the Great Decisions lecture series.

Cheryl Brown from the Department of Political Science and Public Administration will discuss Conflict in the South China Sea on February 22 at Charlotte International House in Plaza Midwood for the next installment of the lecture series.

The Office of International Programs coordinates the annual Great Decisions lecture series for the Charlotte community each winter to discuss foreign policy issues selected as pressing by the Foreign Policy Association. The series is coordinated in collaboration with Charlotte Country Day School and the World Affairs Council of Charlotte.



## EPIC Energy Seminar Series welcomes UNC Wilmington's Roger Shew

The EPIC Energy Seminar Series offers a [fantastic line-up of speakers](#) scheduled. This seminar strives to engage students, faculty, and industry partners and provide opportunities to learn about different aspects of the energy industry from energy experts. EPIC Energy Seminars are FREE and open to students and the public.

### The Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf Energy "Debate"

Speaker: Roger D. Shew, Department of Earth and Ocean Sciences and Department of Environmental, UNC Wilmington

- **Tuesday, February 14**, 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM, EPIC Building Room G256 ([Register](#))

[Read more >>](#)

## 2017 Undergraduate Research Conference

The UNC Charlotte Undergraduate Research Conference (URC) is a University-wide showcase of research projects completed by undergraduate students of all levels from all colleges and departments in the university. The URC is sponsored by Academic Affairs, the Atkins Library, Charlotte Research Institute, the Honors College, and the Levine Scholars program. The work presented can range from in-class projects to year-long honors theses and everything in between. In addition to departmental awards, sustainability, and Honors College awards, students have an optional opportunity to apply for an Atkins Library Undergraduate Research Award. Five Atkins awards of \$1000 each are awarded annually.

- **Friday, April 21**, Student Activity Center

Registration opens on Friday, February 24, and closes on Friday, March 24, at 5:00 PM.

Faculty should encourage their undergraduate students who are involved with research to apply for the URC when registration opens. For more information, visit: <http://library.uncc.edu/urc>.



## Faculty Development Opportunities



### **BRIDGES**

The BRIDGES Academic Leadership Program offers UNC Charlotte female faculty and staff the opportunity to develop and strengthen their leadership skills, knowledge, and networking in order to be successful change agents in their communities.

Please join us to learn about this unique leadership program and to hear from past BRIDGES participants. This reception will also give you an opportunity to meet and network with other University women.

- **Thursday, March 2, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Cone 112**

Additional information about the BRIDGES program can be found online at [bridges.uncc.edu](http://bridges.uncc.edu).

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### **Teachers Observing Peers Program - New Opportunity!**

The Teachers Observing Peers (TOP) program provides UNC Charlotte faculty members with an opportunity to observe peers representing a variety of disciplines implementing interactive methods in a live classroom setting. Whether you are an instructor who has been using interactive methods for years or are trying to get ready to teach your first class, you are likely to benefit from the classroom observation by getting new ideas for effective practice and reflecting on your own practice. To learn about the faculty and classes available for observation, visit [teaching.uncc.edu/services-programs/teachers-observing-peers-program](http://teaching.uncc.edu/services-programs/teachers-observing-peers-program).

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### **Seeking CTL Faculty Fellow**

The Center for Teaching and Learning is seeking a member of the faculty who would like to serve as a Faculty Fellow in the Center. The appointment will begin on July 1, 2017, and continue for a two-year period. For more information and to apply, visit <http://tinyurl.com/uncc-ctl-facultyfellow2017>. Deadline to apply is February 15.

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### **Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops**

CTL offers a range of professional development opportunities to promote excellence in teaching. Workshops on numerous topics are held throughout the month. See the full [interactive online calendar](#).

### **Creating Instructor Presence in Online Courses (Webinar)**

Join Dr. Florence Martin, Associate Professor in the Instructional Systems Technology program, as she discuss a combination of instructional design and delivery methods that can create or strengthen the sense of instructor presence in an online course.

- Wednesday, February 15, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM ([Register](#))

### **Putting Reflection to Work: Practical Teaching Strategies Part 2 (Webinar)**

Part 2 of this webinar series will provide specific teaching strategies for reflection, ranging from activities that require little to no time on your part to those that require more of your time. Led by Heather Bastian, Associate Director of the Communication Across the Curriculum Program.

- Thursday, February 16, 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM ([Register](#))

### **Are Students Really Watching My Videos? (Webinar)**

In this Webinar, you will learn how to find viewing statistics for your videos in Canvas and learn some best practices for making videos that your students will watch. Led by Sam Eneman, Center for Teaching and Learning.

- Thursday, February 16, 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM ([Register](#))

### **Students' Pathway to Success: A Faculty Guide – Student Feedback (Webinar)**

Join Desiré Taylor, Lecturer in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, and Diane Cassidy, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Computer Science, as they discuss “Student Feedback.”

- Friday, February 17, 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM ([Register](#))

To register for Canvas workshops and other training opportunities, visit the [Center for Teaching and Learning website](#).

## Data Science Initiative



### SOPHI Status Update

The Data Science Initiative (DSI) will host an open session on the SOPHI project. Shannon Schlueter, Data Scientist for the DSI, will present an update on current status of the data lake. Following his presentation, there will be a roundtable presentation and discussion led by faculty currently utilizing SOPHI in their research. This event is open to all faculty and students.

- **Tuesday, February 14**, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM, Popp Martin Student Union, Room 265

Project Mosaic will also host a series of SOPHI related workshops next week. More information about the workshops and registration can be found [here](#).

## Dissertation Defenses

The dissertation defense is one of the ways a new scholar demonstrates readiness to join the academy and is an opportunity to share their research widely.

New topics include:

- Application of Complex Adaptive Systems in Portfolio Management
- Development of n-ZnO/p-Si Single Heterojunction Solar Cell With and Without Interfacial Layer
- Survival, Healthcare Utilization, and Costs Associated with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Among SEER-Medicare Beneficiaries with Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

[View All Dissertation Defense Announcements](#)

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