

News Digest

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The Integrated Network for Social Sustainability Conference

The Integrated Network for Social Sustainability (INSS) was created through a National Science Foundation grant awarded to UNC Charlotte in 2012, with UNC Charlotte faculty Nicole Peterson, Brett Tempest, Robert Boyer, and Jen Munroe as co-Principal Investigators. So while INSS is a global network of researchers, its home is UNC Charlotte. The INSS works to encourage a greater appreciation for social aspects of sustainability with a particular focus on engineering and its allied professions. As a premier STEM research institution investigating a multitude of related social sustainability themes in the Charlotte region, as well as globally, this conference brings together progressive minds from around the world to help further our efforts as a university.

Specific topics that will be covered in this year's conference include: Community Leadership and Civic Problem Solving in Charlotte and Beyond, Defining Smart City Governance - Architectures of Co-Creation and Integration, Educating for Engaged Sustainability, and Technology for Smart and Connected Communities: The Bridge and the Wall. Additionally, several panels will be conducted throughout this conference, allowing for in depth discussions related to the themes being covered. This conference is designed to be impactful to students, researchers, civic leaders, and anyone else who holds an interest in progressing social sustainability. Networking opportunities are offered throughout the 3-day event as well as poster presentations from UNC Charlotte graduate students and a workshop for graduate students from UNC Charlotte and elsewhere. The conference will be held **June 5-7, 2017, at UNC Charlotte's Main Campus and Center City Campus**. There is no cost to attend this conference, although it is encouraged that participants [register](#) prior to the event for logistic purposes.

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Swayne Wins Library Award



Dr. Linda Swayne has won the J. Murrey Atkins Library Faculty Engagement Award. Swayne is a professor of marketing in UNC Charlotte's Belk College of Business. The Atkins Library Faculty Engagement Award is given to a UNC Charlotte faculty member who has engaged in innovative or exceptional work with library collections, programs, and services. The award, given in the fall, along with a \$2500 allocation for professional development, enables the library to recognize outstanding faculty contributions to the library's mission, vision, and strategic initiatives. Dr. Swayne will be honored at a reception in October.

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops

Teaching with Poll Everywhere

This workshop will introduce faculty/staff to Poll Everywhere, and how to use the student response software in classroom and other learning spaces.

- Friday, May 26, 9:30 -- 11:00 AM ([Register](#))
- Monday, May 29, 10:00 -- 11:30 AM ([Register](#))
- Tuesday, May 30, 1:30 -- 3:00 PM ([Register](#))

Upcoming Events

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| June 5-7 | INSS Conference |
| July 13 | International Coffee Hour |
| Aug 17 | University Convocation |
| Aug 21 | New Student Convocation |
| Sep 29-30 | North Carolina Honors Association (NCHA) Conference |
| Oct 14 | 42nd Annual International Festival |

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