

News Digest

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Ventureprise NBC Shark Tank Casting Call

Shark Tank, the critically acclaimed, business-themed show, is continuing the search for the best entrepreneurs with the best businesses and products that America has to offer. The Emmy-winning show features The Sharks – tough, self-made, multi-millionaire and billionaire tycoons who give budding entrepreneurs the chance to make their American dreams come true; potentially securing deals that could make them millionaires. If you've got a great product or business and need an investment to propel you forward, Ventureprise at UNC Charlotte is providing alumni, students, staff, and faculty the opportunity to meet the casting team of Shark Tank.

- Friday, April 28, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Graduation Gown Recycling

DONATE YOUR GOWN

DONATED GOWNS HELP OTHERS ATTEND GRADUATION
1 NEW GOWN = 1 MONTH ELECTRIC BILL IN CHARLOTTE
GOWNS WILL GO TO CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY



RECEPTION LOCATIONS FOLLOWING COMMENCEMENT IN

CHHS **COED**
STUDENT UNION
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An initiative funded by our student green fund, the Charlotte Green Initiative, and launched last semester, is enabling students who want to lessen their environmental impact and turn a waste stream into something beneficial to do so. For the initiative, students targeted their graduation gowns as an item to address.

Beginning with the May 2017 commencement ceremonies, students will be able to donate their graduation gowns. Collection bins will be located in each reception location following the May 2017 commencement ceremonies: Popp-Martin Student Union, SAC Food Court, COED Atrium, Cone Center, and CHHS.

Currently, UNC Charlotte is the only university in North America running such an initiative to mitigate waste and provide a positive impact to the surrounding community.

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COA+A Spotlight



Spring Dance Concert

The Department of Dance presents a Student Spring Dance Concert. Featuring *Tracer* and *Esplanade* by the American Modern Dance pioneer Paul Taylor, and works by E.E. Blacos, Rachel Barker, and AGA Collaborative.

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Paul Taylor Dance Company

Co-presented with The Arts at CPCC and Charlotte Ballet, the [Paul Taylor Dance Company](#) makes its first appearance in Charlotte in more than 15 years as part of the Sensoria festival. The program features *Brandenburgs* (1988); *Lost, Found and Lost* (1982); and *Le Sacre du Printemps* (1980), danced to Stravinsky's two-piano arrangement performed live.

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Honors Faculty

The call has gone out to department chairs inviting nominations of full-time faculty to the Honors Faculty. If you or someone else on the faculty has contributed to honors education by teaching honors courses, serving an honors program, and/or directing honors capstone theses/projects, and you are not yet on the Honors Faculty, please consider bringing yourself to the attention of your department chair for nomination. Honors Faculty are a resource for honors students and the Honors College, and provide faculty governance of honors through their election of representatives to the Honors Council. The deadline for nomination is April 10, 2017. Instructions and the required form are available on the [Honors College website](#) along with a current listing of Honors Faculty.

Professional Development

Faculty Forum

ADVANCE FADO offers a Faculty Forum once a year in an effort to provide clarity to mid-career faculty regarding the criteria for promotion from Associate Professor to Full Professor. Dr. Joan Lorden, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and the deans or their appointees will serve on a panel during the forum to provide information on pathways to promotion. The format is interactive; faculty have the opportunity to ask questions during the session. Members of College Review Committees (CRC) are also encouraged to attend -- in order to ensure that all parties involved in the review process have a common understanding of expectations and other issues.

- Tuesday, March 28, 1:00 - 3:00 PM ([Register](#))

Research-Based Best Practices in Online Cooperative Learning

Looking for ways to increase or improve student collaboration online? Join us in this Webinar that will focus on cooperative learning strategies for online environments, using research-based strategies that faculty can implement immediately. Beth Oyarzun, Ph.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Instructional Systems Technology, will lead the session.

- Wednesday, March 29, 2:00 - 3:00 PM ([Register](#))

Recognizing and Responding to Civil Rights Concerns

This training will be presented by the Office of Legal Affairs' newest attorney, Samantha Sears, who has extensive experience in handling and responding to civil rights complaints, both from an employer's perspective and from an enforcing agency's perspective. The session will have two components: (1) recognizing civil rights complaints (whether related to sex, race, religion, disability, or other protected status) even when the student or employee expressing concerns does not use the words "report" or "complaint" and (2) responding to civil rights complaints, which requires specific steps but will also vary depending on the situation. This session is designed to foster greater awareness among supervisors, such as department chairs and academic affairs administrators, regarding their responsibility to respond to civil rights concerns and to highlight existing university resources available to assist them in navigating the many challenges that often arise in these contexts.

- Thursday, April 6, 9:00 - 10:15 AM ([Register](#))

Guest Speakers



International Women's Day Film Screening and Discussion

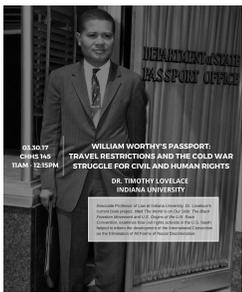
Dr. Eylem Atakav is Senior Lecturer in Film and Television Studies at the University of East Anglia, United Kingdom, where she teaches courses on women, Islam media, and Middle Eastern media. She is the recipient of 2016 Society for Cinema and Media Studies Outstanding Contribution to Pedagogy Award, and has recently been selected as a HEA National Teaching Fellow. She is the author of *Women and Turkish Cinema: Gender Politics, Cultural Identity and Representation* (2012) and editor of *Directory of World Cinema: Turkey* (Intellect, 2013). She is the director of *Growing Up Married*, an internationally acclaimed documentary about forced marriage and child brides in Turkey. Join the Office of International Programs in collaboration with the 2017 International Film Festival as we watch and discuss *Growing Up Married*.

- Monday, March 27, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, Belk Gymnasium, Room 201

Leading Sustainable Energy Innovation in an Uncertain World

Dr. Bartosz Wojszczyk will discuss how a clean, secure and cost effective supply of energy is essential for the future of economic growth and enablement of a sustainable society. To effectively address the future, we need to face the ongoing paradigm shift in the areas of new customer services to be provided by nontraditional competition; electricity price affordability based on socio-economic diversity; distributed and flexible demand and supply requirements reducing dependency on traditional utility business models; environmental pressure, and many others.

- Tuesday, March 28, 12:30 - 1:30 PM ([Register](#))



William Worthy's Passport: Travel Restrictions and the Cold War Struggle for Civil and Human Rights

Dr. [Timothy Lovelace](#), Associate Professor of Law at Indiana University, explores how Worthy invoked the U.S. Constitution and international human rights law to fight his selective prosecution and uses *Worthy v. United States* to offer fresh understandings of black internationalism in the 1960s.

- Thursday, March 30, 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

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Duke Scholar to Speak on Self-Plagiarism

Duke University's [Dr. Cary Moskowitz](#) will discuss his research on "text recycling," better known as self-plagiarism, at UNC Charlotte. The subject covers the re-use of text from previously published works and whether it is ethical, practical or even legal. Faculty are cordially invited to this lunchtime lecture to learn more about this important subject and Dr. Moskowitz' effort to provide detailed guidelines to graduate students and postdocs. Light refreshments will be provided.

- Friday, April 7, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM ([Register](#))

Save the Date

UNC CHARLOTTE



**INTERNATIONAL
FESTIVAL**
ESTABLISHED 1975

42nd Annual International Festival

UNC Charlotte International Festival -- UNC Charlotte's longest-running tradition -- continues to attract over 20,000 student, faculty, staff, and community attendees each year to experience the sights, sounds, dances, food, and cultures of the world. For more information, visit ifest.uncc.edu.

- Saturday, September 30

Retirement Reception



Please join the Office of the Registrar for a reception honoring Will Espin. Will is retiring from the University after 11 years of service. His last day in the office is Friday, March 31st. Light refreshments will be served.

- Wednesday, March 29, 2:00 - 4:00 PM, Cone Center 112

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Information Technology Services



Extended Hours at Walk-Up IT Service Desk

[Extended hours](#) are now offered at the Walk-Up IT Service Desk in Atkins Library 140C. This includes nights (Monday - Thursday until 11:00 PM) and weekends. And...come by to see the NEWLY RENOVATED space!

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.

Topics include:

- The Experiences and Academic Successes of African American Post-9/11 Veterans at Martin R. Delany State University
- Undergraduate Student Self-Efficacy and Perceptions of Virtual World Learning Experience
- The Heuristics of Statistical Argumentation: Scaffolding at the Postsecondary Level

[View All Dissertation Defense Announcements](#)

Upcoming Events

- Mar-Apr [International Film Festival listings](#)
- Mar 27 [Faculty Spotlight Concert](#)
- Mar 27 [Growing Up Married Screening and Discussion](#)
- Mar 28 [12th Annual UNC Charlotte International Women's Day Celebration](#)
- Mar 29 [Nate Silver: fireside chat and Q&A session](#)
- Mar 29 [Dixie Airey Retirement Reception](#)
- Mar 29 [Celebration of Confucius Institute](#)
- Mar 30 [Lecture: William Worthy's Passport](#)

- Mar 30** [Bonnie Glaser Lecture: US-China Relations](#)
- Mar 30** [Intercambio - Language Exchange & Social](#)
- Mar 31** [Urban Complexities](#)
- Apr 1-4** [Spring Dance Concert](#)
- Apr 1** [Family Event: Wild for Wild Flowers](#)
- Apr 4** [Minds, Madness, and Mystical Things](#)
- Apr 4** [International Career Panel](#)
- Apr 6** [International Coffee Hour](#)
- Apr 6** [The Right to the City: Global Human Rights and Local Activism](#)
- Apr 7-8** [Paul Taylor Dance Company](#)
- Apr 12** [Migration, asylum and belonging: an old German issue in a changing world](#)
- Apr 14** [Spring Plant Sale at Botanical Gardens](#)
- Apr 17** [Percussion Ensemble](#)
- Apr 20** [Jazz Ensemble](#)
- Apr 20-25** [Trikster](#)
- Apr 21 & 23** [Opera Workshop](#)
- Apr 23** [UNC Charlotte Science & Technology Festival](#)
- Apr 25** [Symphonic Band](#)
- Apr 26** [Wind Ensemble](#)
- Apr 27** [Chamber Orchestra](#)
- May 1** [University Chorale](#)
- May 2** [Men's and Women's Choirs](#)

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