



News Digest

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New Student Convocation - August 21, 2017

We are excited to continue the new tradition of our Day of Convocation. Please mark your calendars for the 2017 Day of Convocation: Monday, August 21, 2017. **Evening classes will begin that day at 5:00 p.m. and daytime classes begin on Tuesday, August 22.** Day of Convocation is an effort to celebrate and welcome our new students and provide clear academic expectations and an understanding about what it means to be a 49er. The event presents the traditions of the institution, the Noble Niner Honor Code, a faculty keynote address, and a performance by the Pride of Niner Nation Marching Band. All faculty are asked to RSVP and participate in New Student Convocation in regalia. For additional information and updates about New Student Convocation, please visit:

<http://studentconvocation.uncc.edu>

Final Exam Schedule - Spring 2017

The Spring 2017 Detailed Final Exam Schedule provides exam day, time and room locations for all on-campus courses. The exam schedule is now posted on the Office of the Registrar's [website](#). **Please make note of exam rooms. The classroom assigned for a final exam may be different than the classroom scheduled for the term.** For any questions or changes to the schedule, please contact [Monique Wilson](#), [Jessica Caple](#), or [Beth Dawson](#). Changes to the exam schedule should only be made through the Office of the Registrar. Conferences, Reservations and Event Services (CRES) do not reserve space for final exams.

Faculty Governance 2017-2018 Campus-Wide Elections

Please vote in this year's Faculty Governance campus-wide elections by clicking on the link below. These positions are vital to the continuing leadership we faculty members are privileged to exercise on our campus. The Constitution of the Faculty states: "The Faculty accepts the major portion of accountability for the quality of instruction and scholarship at this university" (Article III, Section 2). Through Faculty Council and its Standing Committees, this is achieved. Richard Leeman, Faculty President for the coming academic year, encourages all faculty to participate by voting in this year's elections. The elections will remain open until 5:00 PM on Tuesday, April 18th. Any questions should be directed to facultygovernance@uncc.edu. [Faculty Governance Campus-Wide Elections](#)

New Health Systems Management Degree

BS in Health Systems Management

The Department of Public Health Sciences in the College of Health and Human Services is preparing to launch a Bachelor of Science in Health Systems Management (BS) degree program Fall 2017. The start of the new program follows nearly three years of planning, review, and approval processes guided by faculty and staff at the department, college, university, and UNC system level. The bachelor's program in Health Systems Management can meet the demands in educating entry level health systems managers as well as provide a degree for students who seek related positions in the health and human services sectors. Students, faculty, and staff can be directed to the [program website](#), which provides initial content describing the new health systems management degree program.

Workshops

Inclusive Learning and Teaching Practices

In these workshops, Nona McDuff, Director of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion at Kingston University, will assist faculty in the development and implementation of course and curricular goals for understanding diversity. Attendees will discuss inclusive strategies as they apply to three key areas of the teaching and learning practice: Course Content, Teaching Styles, and Assessment.

- Tuesday, April 11, 12:30 - 3:15 PM ([Register](#))
- Thursday, April 13, 9:30 AM - 12:15 PM ([Register](#))

Presentation Materials That Pop!

Join your colleague, Dr. Bobby Hobgood, Director of the Language Resource Center in the Department of Languages and Culture Studies, as he discusses ways to “translate” visual materials from a face-to-face course for online delivery.

- Wednesday, April 12, 2:00 - 3:00 PM ([Register](#))

Finalizing Your Canvas Gradebook

This workshop will guide you through the process of using the Canvas to Banner Grade Submission tool to correctly and successfully export your Canvas grades into Banner.

- Tuesday, April 14, 9:30 - 11:00 AM ([Register](#))

Consuming Materials, Water & Energy

Materials and energy consumed on a college campus can have environmental and social impacts stemming from the harvesting of raw materials, processing in factories, shipping, etc. Sourcing choices and efficiencies for our use of materials, water, and energy can also achieve economic benefits for the university. Join us to share your understanding of these issues in your life and community.

- Tuesday, April 18, 4:00 - 6:00 PM, Student Union, Room 340 (GH&I)

Transporting People & Goods

A college depends on its ability to transport people, goods, and associated services to and across the campus. Transport via motor vehicles also impacts health, safety, and environment. Transportation choices and needs are growing and changing, with potential benefits to the cost of running a campus and attending college. Join us to share your understanding of these issues in your life and community.

- Wednesday April 19, 3:00 - 5:00 PM, Student Union, Room 340 (A&B)
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Short Term Study Abroad Program Development

Faculty members interested in developing a short term study abroad program for spring break or summer 2018, or later, are encouraged to attend the Office of Education Abroad (OEA) program development workshop. The workshop will cover the importance of short term programming, faculty roles, working with OEA, program considerations, as well as program design and implementation. Please join OEA to learn more about how you can lead a group of students abroad. Interested faculty should RSVP using the online form.

- Friday, April 21, 10:00 - 11:30 AM ([Register](#))
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Engaging Teaching, Learning & Scholarship

The main products of a university are educational opportunities, educated citizens, and the scholarship that advances human endeavors. These products enable us to create and maintain a sustainable civilization; one that balances our social, economic, and environmental concerns. Sustainability could be a basis for new or updated curriculum and research opportunities and provide extracurricular activities that address the campus, city, and region. Join us to share your understanding of these opportunities.

- Wednesday April 26, 4:00 - 6:00 PM, Cone Center, Room 113
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Producing Waste & Pollution

Our campus serves many purposes including school, workplace, home, destination, and park. These activities generate waste and pollution that the campus must safely and responsibly remove, minimize, and when possible, eliminate. Reducing our production of waste and pollution have environmental, health, aesthetic, and financial benefits. Diversion of waste to re-use, recycling, composting, or energy production can have financial benefits to the campus and region. Join us to share your understanding of these issues in your life and community.

- Thursday April 27, 4:00 - 6:00 PM, Student Union, Room 340 (C&F)
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Fulbright Workshop

Learn more about faculty opportunities with the Fulbright program. Dr. Christina Sanchez and invited Fulbright additional alumnae will present a brief overview and answer questions. The 2018-2019 competition for the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program is now open. Most awards are due by August 1, 2017. Please RSVP to international@unc.edu by Tuesday, April 25.

- Friday, April 28, 10:00 - 11:00 AM, CHHS 207
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REGISTRATION OPEN: Diversity and Inclusion Summer Institute

This [institute](#), May 15-18, is designed to help faculty understand the principles of inclusive curriculum design and develop strategies for implementing those principles. [Apply online](#) to attend. Priority deadline is April 15. [Read more >>](#)

Save the Date: 2017 Charting Your Path

The ADVANCE Faculty Affairs and Diversity Office (ADVANCE FADO) is hosting a full-day workshop on Strategies for Success for the Professional Advancement of Mid-Career Women and Under-Represented Mid-Career Faculty and Their Administrators.

- Friday, May 19, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM ([Register](#))

Thereasea Delerine Elder: Documenting a Lifetime of Community Leadership

The J. Murrey Atkins Library cordially invites you to celebrate the donation of Thereasea Elder's papers which chronicle a lifetime of leadership in the Charlotte community as a public health nursing pioneer and community organizer. The event will be held in the Library's Dale Halton Reading Room.

- Tuesday, April 18, 4:00 - 6:00 PM ([Register](#))

Witness in Residence Initiative: Stories of Syrian Refugees

Every day our headlines are filled with more news about Syria -- its devastating civil war and U.S. involvement as well as about U.S. immigration issues. Join CLAS for a timely conversation with two Syrian refugees who will talk about their lives in Syria and their long journeys toward building a life in the U.S. The event is open to the public without charge, but reservations are requested.

- Tuesday, April 18, 6:30 PM ([Register](#))

Needed: Judges for Community Engaged Research at the URC

63 students will be presenting Community Engaged Research posters at the Undergraduate Research Conference on April 21. The Provost is sponsoring first and second place awards for posters in the community engaged category. We are currently looking for 10-12 faculty and graduate student judges who understand community engaged scholarship to judge the posters. The poster judging begins at 1:30pm on Friday, April 21 in the SAC; a luncheon precedes the judging, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the SAC Salons. If you are interested in judging, contact [Erik Byker](#).

Guest Speakers

Energy Economics and Tax Incentives for Starting and Running a Clean Energy Business

The EPIC Energy Seminar Series welcomes Randy Lucas with Lucas Tax + Energy Consulting to discuss Energy Economics and Tax Incentives for Starting and Running a Clean Energy Business -- An Optimist's Guide to Entrepreneurial Success in Clean Energy in 2017-2018.

- Tuesday, April 11, 12:30 - 1:30 PM ([Register](#))



TIAA Lecture Series: The Economics of Race

Roland Fryer, Professor of Economics at Harvard University and Behavioral Economist, Activist and Author, will present on The Economics of Race at an event open to all student, faculty and staff. Fryer applies economic tools to explore social issues including crime, discrimination, racial and gender differences, poverty, family structure, urban problems, social interactions and peer effects, and intergenerational mobility.

Dr. Susan McCarter, UNC Charlotte Associate Professor of Social Work, who has extensive background and interest in work associated with racial and ethnic disparities, will serve as the afternoon discussion moderator.

- Wednesday, April 12, 2:00 - 3:00 PM ([Register](#))

Migration, asylum and belonging: an old German issue in a changing world

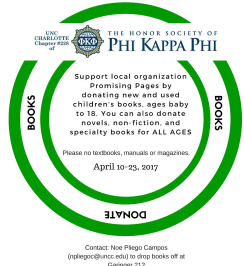
Patrice G. Poutrus from the University of Vienna's Institute for Contemporary History will examine the development of migration and asylum policy in the two post-war German states from the end of late 1940s to the early 1990s. The lecture will consider how changes in constitutional law, migration policy, and political culture shaped and were shaped by migration practices.

- Wednesday, April 12, 2:00 - 3:15 PM

[Read more >>](#)

Phi Kappa Phi Book Drive

BOOK DRIVE



The UNC Charlotte chapter of Phi Kappa Phi (PKP) is hosting a book drive to help Promising Pages, a local organization that focuses on distributing books to children in Charlotte. Donations of new and used children's books, ages baby to 18, are needed. They will also accept donations of novels, nonfiction books, and specialty books for all ages.

Books can be dropped off in the box located on the first floor of the Student Union from April 10 - 21. Drop offs can also be accepted in person at Garinger 212; contact [Noe Pliego Campos](#) to schedule the drop off. Book donations will also be accepted at the Phi Kappa Phi initiation ceremony on April 23, 2017.

Office of International Programs

OIP's New Global Partners Google Group

The Office of International Programs (OIP) is excited to announce a new platform for sharing monthly updates via the OIP Global Partners Google group. Look for an announcement at the start of each month, posted [online](#) for ease of reference. For more information, please visit oip.uncc.edu/resources.



Now Accepting Applications: Global Gateways On Campus Global Living

The Global Gateways Program is a residential-based programming model designed to increase students' self and cultural awareness with an international emphasis. The Gateways House offers a central location where students curious about different cultures and global issues and the world can gather in a comfortable, inclusive, and welcoming space. Please encourage any female students who may be interested to apply. Application priority deadline is June 1. Contact globalgateways@uncc.edu for any questions.

Short Term Study Abroad Program Proposal Process Update

The Office of Education Abroad is pleased to announce that program proposals for spring break and summer 2018 are now available online. Please visit OEA's website, [Proposing a Short Term Education Abroad Program](#), for an overview of the new process and to begin your proposal. Contact [Whitney Strickler](#), Assistant Director for Short Term Programs, with questions.



Now Accepting Applications: Office of Intercultural & Educational Experiences Student Program Assistant

The Office of Intercultural & Educational Experiences (OIEE) is looking for undergraduate students eager to work with international visitors on our short-term programs as Program Assistants. This unique position allows students to gain valuable leadership skills and intercultural competencies through leading cultural experiences in the Charlotte area. Program Assistants also participate in orientations, farewell events, and much more! Applications are open until Wednesday, April 19th. Please encourage students that you instruct, advise, or mentor to learn more and apply at intercultural.uncc.edu.

CLAS Teaching Awards

SAVE THE DATE: CLAS to Honor Faculty for Teaching Excellence

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences faculty will be celebrated for their teaching excellence during an awards event on Monday, April 24 in the Halton Reading Room of the J. Murrey Atkins Library. At the ceremony, the nine finalists for the college's teaching excellence awards, the Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Full-Time Lecturer, the Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Part-time Faculty Member, and the Award for the Integration of Undergraduate Teaching and Research, will be recognized. The recipient of each award will be announced at the event. Refreshments will be served.

- Monday, April 24, 3:00 PM

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.

[View All Dissertation Defense Announcements](#)

Upcoming Events

- Apr 10 [Racial Disparities in Drug Sanction](#)
- Apr 11 [Managing Your Debt: A Talk About Money for Graduating Seniors](#)
- Apr 12 [Campus Cleanup](#)
- Apr 12 [Optical Practical Training \(OPT\) Workshop](#)
- Apr 12 [Migration, Asylum and Belonging](#)
- Apr 14-15 [Spring Plant Sale](#)
- Apr 17 [Percussion Ensemble](#)
- Apr 17 [Cuban Scholar to speak on Afro-Cuban Women, Past and Present](#)
- Apr 18 [Witness in Residence: Stories of Syrian Refugees](#)
- Apr 19 [Earth Day Festival](#)
- Apr 19 [Earth Day Red Cross Blood Drive](#)
- Apr 19 [Grad School Info Session for Employees](#)
- Apr 20 [Jazz Ensemble](#)
- Apr 20 [International Coffee Hour](#)
- Apr 20-25 [Trikster](#)
- Apr 21 [Undergraduate Research Conference](#)
- Apr 21 [Music in the Gardens](#)
- Apr 21 [Short Term Study Abroad Program Development Workshop](#)
- Apr 21-22 [Alumniner Weekend](#)
- Apr 21 & 23 [Opera Workshop](#)
- Apr 23 [UNC Charlotte Science and Technology Expo](#)
- Apr 24 [Muslim Cool \(rescheduled\)](#)
- Apr 25 [Symphonic Band](#)
- Apr 26 [Wind Ensemble](#)
- Apr 27 [Chamber Orchestra](#)
- Apr 29 [Film Screening and Discussion: Planet of the Apes](#)
- May 1 [University Chorale](#)
- May 2 [Men's and Women's Choirs](#)
- May 3 [Study Abroad Photo Exhibit Opening Reception](#)

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