



News Digest

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Call for Nominations: O. Max Gardner Award

Murray Webster, chair of the O. Max Gardner Award selection committee, seeks your help in identifying potential faculty nominees for the 2017-2018 O. Max Gardner Award. This award is given annually by the UNC Board of Governors to "that member of the faculty of the University of North Carolina who, during the current scholastic year, has made the greatest contribution to the welfare of the human race." Please note that nominees can be of any rank, "including instructors, engaged in teaching in any unit, institution or branch of service" in the University system. Please forward the names of nominees to the [Faculty Governance Assistant](#) before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 6. Include in your nomination the individual's name, rank, and department/unit. Also, please provide a description of this individual's specific contribution(s) or achievement(s), and their impact on others.

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Chancellor's Speaker Series: Laura Linney

Golden Globe, SAG, and Emmy award-winning actress Laura Linney will present at the 2017 Chancellor's Speaker Series - one of three annual events featured in the UNC Charlotte Civic Speaker Series presented by Bank of America. The Civic Speaker Series brings nationally recognized speakers to the UNC Charlotte and greater Charlotte communities for thought provoking conversation. Linney will bring focus to the importance of infusing creativity into all aspects of our lives, both for those in the corporate space and for students as she distinguishes how the arts enrich everything we do and allow us to live fuller, more prosperous lives. It is an intelligent examination of professionalism and creativity, in which one cannot thrive without the other.

- Thursday, October 19, 2:00 - 3:00 PM ([Register](#))

CONNECT Training

CONNECT is the advising system that replaced Starfish on June 26, 2017. Information on fall training for advisors and faculty for CONNECT can be found on the [Academic Advising Technology Training webpage](#). The CONNECT training sessions scheduled for Fall 2017 will include Early Alert training. Departments can also request to schedule their own training during any departmental meetings by contacting the [Director for Academic Advising Systems](#).

2017-2018 Faculty Council and FEC Meetings

The 2017-2018 schedule of Faculty Council and Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) meetings is available on the [Faculty Governance website](#). The first FEC meeting of the 2017-2018 year will be held Thursday, September 7, 2017, at 12:30 PM in Reese 211. The first Faculty Council meeting will be held Thursday, September 21, 2017, at 12:30 PM in Cameron 101. The deadline for placing items on the agenda is approximately one week prior to the actual meeting date. Since most items must also go through one of our faculty governance committees for their review and recommendations, the entire cycle should be considered in meeting your organization's needs.

Research & Economic Development Events

Farewell to Chea Smith

Please join the Office of Research & Economic Development in wishing Chea Smith farewell as she embarks on her role as Director of Facilities and Administration Costing and Compliance at Rutgers University. The farewell reception will be held on August 23 at 2:00 pm in Cone Center 210. Chea's last day at UNC Charlotte will be August 29. [RSVP](#)

Niner Research Reception

Join the Office of Research & Economic Development for the Niner Research Reception to honor faculty grant recipients and others engaged in research on our campus. Please use this [RSVP form](#) to register for the event to be held on September 11, 2017.

2018-2019 Faculty Research Grants Program

UNC Charlotte, through its Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development, sponsors an internal Faculty Research Grants Program designed to assist faculty in conducting well-defined, purposeful, new research or creative or scholarly activities. The Faculty Research Grants Committee is soliciting proposals for the 2018-2019 (18-month) program. Each individual project may have a maximum budget of \$6,000, including a stipend of up to \$3,500. Faculty submitting joint proposals may request up to \$12,000 (\$6,000 per faculty member). The deadline for submissions is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 9, 2017. Guidelines and application forms are available [online](#). For more information, contact Lesley Brown at labrown@uncc.edu or 704-687-1880.

Training and Workshops

[Adjunct Faculty Learning Community](#)

A Faculty Learning Community (FLC) is a form of professional development that brings together a small group of cross-disciplinary faculty members to engage over a period of time. [Invitation to apply](#), due August 31.

Teaching with Poll Everywhere

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

- Tuesday, August 22, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM ([Register](#))

Canvas Foundations Online

A convenient way to learn Canvas basics! Work through exercises and activities to learn the most essential Canvas features for teaching...in a convenient asynchronous format! Jessica Kapota, CTL Instructional Designer, will guide you through daily activities to learn key Canvas tools.

- SESSION 1: August 23-30 (20 participants maximum) ([Register](#))
- SESSION 2: September 6-13 (20 participants maximum) ([Register](#))

Microsoft Advanced Excel - Upcoming One-Day Class

Are you ready to take your Microsoft Excel skills to the next level? This upcoming Advanced Excel course is designed for the experienced Excel user who wants to learn to integrate advanced features and maximize efficiency

with Excel workbooks, create lookup formulas, build Frequency functions, protect formulas, create forms and templates, and embed and link data among Office applications.

- Thursday, October 12, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, CHHS 342

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Office of International Programs

Office of International Programs Faculty Toolbox Now Available!

The 2017 OIP Faculty Toolbox is now [available online](#). Informational resources that may be of interest for you and/or your students, are compiled (e.g., cultural ambassador international student panel discussions, study abroad classroom presentations, scholarships, programs, speakers, global internships/careers, and more!). OIP looks forward to collaborating with you throughout the academic year. Please contact international@uncc.edu to explore any additional points of connection.



Global Engagement Scholars Program Launch

The UNC Charlotte Global Engagement Scholars Program (GESP) offers global awareness academic and co-curricular opportunities to a wide and diverse group of students from all academic disciplines, especially those who may not otherwise become globally engaged. Today, employers are looking for graduates who have special skills that demonstrate that they are prepared for the challenges of the 21st century. Such skills include the ability to work in multicultural teams and in diverse contexts. GESP gives students access to international resources and the international community at UNC Charlotte. The program includes three components (academic, co-curricular and international experience) that culminate in a final portfolio project. Students should be able to complete the program in two years or less. For more information, please visit the [OGEE website](#) or email gloaleducation@uncc.edu.



Fall Study Abroad Fair

The Annual Fall [Study Abroad Fair](#) will be held Wednesday, September 27 from 10am - 2pm in the Barnhardt Student Activities Center Food Court. Students are encouraged to attend to learn more about education abroad opportunities available through UNC Charlotte. Students, faculty and staff alike are encouraged to stop by and speak with faculty leading programs abroad, study abroad alumni and study abroad providers. For more information, contact the Office of Education Abroad at edabroad@uncc.edu.



42nd Annual International Festival: Volunteer Registration Now Open

UNC Charlotte student, faculty and staff are encouraged to volunteer for the UNC Charlotte International Festival. The UNC Charlotte International Festival is a celebration of people, places and culture vibrantly displayed through exhibition booths staffed by UNC Charlotte international students and members of Charlotte's international community. Art, crafts, costumes, food, music, dance, and games combine to create the experience of traveling the globe in one day. This magnificent and large scale event is not possible without the help of our volunteers each year. The Office of International Programs appreciates your ongoing support and looks forward to seeing you in October! Learn more and sign up by October 6th at ifest.uncc.edu/volunteer. Parking and entry are free. Service dogs only. The International Festival is for people of all ages.

Upcoming Events

- Aug 21 [New Student Convocation](#)
- Aug 21 [Convocation Lecture: Lorcan O'Herlihy](#)
- Aug 23 [Botanical Gardens: Succulents for Students](#)
- Aug 25 [Curriculog Training - Creating Proposals](#)
- Aug 25 [International Welcome Party](#)
- Aug 28 [Faculty & Friends Concert: Alissa Deeter, Brian Arreola, and Carl DuPont](#)
- Aug 30 [Faculty Research Grants Overview](#)
- Aug 31 [International Speaker Series: H.E. Aung Lynn, Ambassador of Myanmar to the U.S.](#)
- Aug 31 [Faculty Research Grants Overview](#)
- Aug 31 [Conversation Partners Application Deadline](#)
- Sep 1 [Curriculog Training - Reviewing & Approving Proposals](#)
- Sep 5 [Faculty & Friends Concert: The Mirasol Quartet](#)
- Sep 7 [International Coffee Hour](#)
- Sep 7 [Curriculog Training - Creating Proposals](#)
- Sep 8 [Business as Usual: Bob Trotman](#)
- Sep 9 [Explore UNC Charlotte](#)
- Sep 11 [FACE Application Deadline](#)
- Sep 15-16 [Faculty Dance Concert](#)
- Sep 18 [Faculty & Friends Concert: Mira Frisch, Anna Cromwell, and Lisa Nelson](#)
- Sep 21 [International Speaker Series: Dr. Bernard Weinstein, Global Energy Expert](#)
- Sep 26 [Personally Speaking with Ashli Quesinberry Stokes](#)
- Sep 27 [Fall Study Abroad Fair](#)
- Sep 27-Oct 1 [Baltimore](#)
- Sep 29 [On Location](#)
- Sep 29-30 [North Carolina Honors Association \(NCHA\) Conference](#)
- Oct 2 [Sean Caulfield: Air Bleeder](#)
- Oct 13 [Spotlight Concert](#)
- Oct 13 [Botanical Gardens Annual Fall Sale](#)
- Oct 14 [42nd Annual International Festival](#)
- Oct 16 [Faculty & Friends Concert: Jeffrey Price and Matthew Manwarren](#)
- Oct 19 [International Speaker Series: Dean Alexander, Homeland Security Expert](#)
- Oct 25 [Lecture: Sylvia Lavin, UCLA](#)
- Oct 28 [Explore UNC Charlotte](#)
- Nov 2-4 [Actors from The London Stage present Measure for Measure](#)
- Nov 13 [2/D & 3/D and Graphic Design BFA Exhibitions](#)
- Nov 14 [Personally Speaking with Paula Gallant Eckard](#)
- Nov 16-19 [Fall Dance Concert](#)
- Dec 3 [Defiant Requiem](#)
- Mar 17 [Explore UNC Charlotte](#)
- Apr 21 [Explore UNC Charlotte](#)

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