

News Digest

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WANTED: Student Speakers & Bell Ringers for Commencement



Students are needed for the December 16 Commencement Ceremonies at 10 AM and 3:30 PM. One speaker and one bell ringer will be selected for each ceremony. **The application deadline is October 15 at 11:45 PM.** For details, visit http://unccdsso.uncc.edu/apply_for_awards.

Three-Minute Thesis (3MT)



We all know our graduate students perform outstanding research at UNC Charlotte, so let's help them share that great work with the world! Encourage your students to participate in UNC Charlotte's 3-Minute Thesis competition (3MT), a professional international research communication competition.

Please share these 3 key benefits of competing with your students:

1. Hone your research communication skills...and win cash while you do it!

The 3MT® exercise cultivates academic, presentation and research communication skills critical to academic and professional success. Cash prizes (\$500, \$400, and \$200) are awarded to winners.

2. Connect with research culture and community

3MT® provides a valuable opportunity for advanced degree candidate researchers to come together, get to know one another and talk about their research.

3. Build your professional network

3MT® provides an excellent networking and professional development opportunity. The first place UNC Charlotte 3MT® winner will advance and receive travel funding to compete regionally at the [Conference of Southern Graduate Schools](#) annual meeting in February 2018.

Deadline for registration is October 13. More information about UNC Charlotte's 3MT competition can be found at <http://gradlife.uncc.edu/3mt-unc-charlotte>. Contact Amanda Sargent (GA, The Graduate School) with questions at amanda.sargent@uncc.edu.

Brown Bag Luncheons for Mid-Career Faculty

UNC Charlotte Faculty Affairs and Diversity Office (ADVANCE FADO) is pleased to announce a new initiative around faculty development: Brown Bag Luncheons for Mid-Career Faculty. The First Brown Bag Luncheon will be:

- Wednesday, October 4, 12:30-1:30 PM, Room TBD

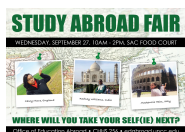
The topic will be "What support do we need?" Please register so the Office can determine what room size is needed: <https://goo.gl/forms/kbv0c6Ro7d7P90KG2>.

Vendor Showcase

Please join the Purchasing Office team at the 2017 UNC Charlotte Vendor Showcase to meet many of the University's trusted partners. See the [flyer](#) for more details.

- Monday, October 9, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Cone University Center, Lucas Room (#341)

Study Abroad Fair



Students are encouraged to attend the Annual Fall [Study Abroad Fair](#) 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.

- Wednesday, September 27, 10 AM - 2 PM, Barnhardt Student Activities Center (SAC) Food Court

Speakers / Presentations



Phi Beta Delta Global Perspective Series: Service Learning and Community Partnerships in Short-Term Study Abroad Programs: Lessons Learned

The popularity of short-term, faculty-led programs at UNC Charlotte continues to grow, presently representing 46% of the study abroad options selected by students for their overseas academic experience. Join us to learn about the lessons learned by the 2016 International Education Faculty Awardee, Dr. Scott Fitzgerald, who will highlight the design, initial implementation, and ongoing conduct of two faculty-led study abroad programs in England and El Salvador.

- Tuesday, September 26, 12:00 - 1:30 PM, CHHS 128 (*RSVP to phibetadelta@uncc.edu*)

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Effective Assessment Practices for Online Learning (Webinar)

This webinar will provide research-based assessment tips and techniques that you can use immediately. Please come prepared to discuss at least one assessment used in your course. Beth Oyarzun, Educational Leadership Department, College of Education, will lead the session.

- Tuesday, September 26, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ([Register](#))

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.

- Wednesday, September 27, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM ([Register](#))

Effective Assessment Practices for Online Learning (Webinar)

This webinar will review active learning approaches with an emphasis on STEM courses and highlight current state of research in active learning, and review some of the best practices. Praveen Ramaprabhu, Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering & Engineering Sciences at UNC Charlotte will lead the session.

- Thursday, September 28, 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM ([Register](#))

Teachers Observing Peers (TOP) Program

The 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. Learn more at teaching.uncc.edu/top.

DegreeWorks Open Sessions

Open sessions will be held throughout October for faculty and staff to provide an overview of DegreeWorks and answer questions about the new degree evaluation system:

- Thursday, October 5, 9:00 AM, COED 434
- Thursday, October 12, 2:30 PM, Colvard 2006
- Monday, October 16, 3:30 PM, Grigg 131
- Wednesday, October 25, 10:30 AM, Kennedy 115

Please register for a session using the [DegreeWorks Open Session Registration form](#).

Let's Explore Africa Quiz Competition

The journey to the 2018 National Championship is on...

Students in 4th through 12th grades are invited to participate in the Regional Quiz Competition. Let's Explore Africa (LEA) is a fun trivia game established to help contestants learn about Africa as they navigate the continent from Cape Town to Casablanca. Participants will answer multiple choice questions at various grade and difficulty levels. Questions will cover geography, entertainment, people, literature, symbols, etc.

[Read more >](#)

Upcoming Events

THIS WEEK:

- Sep 26** [Phi Beta Delta Global Perspective Series](#)
- Sep 26** [Personally Speaking Looks At How We Are What We Eat](#)
- Sep 26** [Phi Beta Delta Global Perspective Series: Service Learning and Community Partnerships in Short-term Study Abroad Programs: Lessons Learned](#)
- Sep 27** [Artist/activist Kate Evans on Threads: From the Refugee Crisis](#)
- Sep 27** [Fall Study Abroad Fair](#)
- Sep 27-Oct 1** [Baltimore](#) (Theatre)
- Sep 28** [Margaret Hu: Algorithmic Jim Crow](#)
- Sep 29** [The Language Learner Within Workshop](#)
- Sep 29** [Second Annual Translation Day Celebration](#)
- Sep 29** [GESP Application Deadline](#)
- Sep 29** [On Location](#) (Architecture)
- Sep 29-30** [North Carolina Honors Association \(NCHA\) Conference](#)
- Sep-Oct** [Fall Workshops & Classes in the Botanical Gardens](#)

NEXT WEEK:

Oct 2 [Sean Caulfield: Air Bleeder \(Art\)](#)

Oct 5 [New South Storytellers in the Afternoon: Legacies of Slavery in Mecklenburg County](#)

UPCOMING: <https://provost.uncc.edu/about-academic-affairs/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events>
<https://campusevents.uncc.edu>

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