Call for Nominations: University Mediation Coordinator/Associate Faculty Ombuds

The Faculty Executive Committee is seeking nominations for the combined position of University Mediation Coordinator (UMC)/Associate Faculty Ombuds. The UMC/Associate Faculty Ombuds will be a senior and tenured member of the faculty who has appropriate knowledge of the University's mediation process and has undergone or is willing to undergo formal training through the International Ombudsman Association (IOA). To nominate someone (or yourself) for the combined position of UMC/Associate Faculty Ombuds, please send an email with letter of interest, current curriculum vitae, and written agreement by the faculty member's department chair and dean that if selected, the faculty member will be able to serve, to facultygovernance@uncc.edu by Thursday, November 16, 2017.

Read more >>

Faculty Council Meeting

The Faculty Council will meet this Thursday, November 16, 2017, from 12:30–2:00 p.m. in Cameron 101. The agenda and meeting materials are available on the Faculty Governance website as well as the 2017-2018 meeting schedule. This is an open meeting.

Levine Scholars Seeks Rep for NOL Expedition

Representative Needed to Accompany Levine Scholars on NOLS Expedition Summer 2018

The Levine Scholars Program is seeking a member of the UNC Charlotte community to accompany the incoming freshman scholars on a 23-day expedition with the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS). The campus representative will travel with the students to and from Wyoming and be a full participant on the backpacking expedition. The trip is scheduled from July 8, 2018 through August 3, 2018 (dates include round-trip travel). Requirements for the liaison include full-time employment at UNC Charlotte and working knowledge of academic programs across the University. Those interested must possess a high level of familiarity with the student culture on campus, and both academic and extracurricular opportunities available to undergraduates. We are seeking a campus representative who is interested in establishing an ongoing mentoring relationship with students in the Levine Scholars Program. Individuals with backpacking experience and a high comfort level of being in close interaction with students over a protracted period of time are best suited for this opportunity. The Levine Scholars Program will cover all programmatic costs required for participation. To apply for the liaison position, please submit a statement of interest,
list of experiences and skills to support your interest, and contact information for your supervisor by Wednesday, November 29th to Billy Roosenberg, Coordinator of Scholar Support at roosenberg@uncc.edu.

Call for Abstracts: Health Disparities

You are invited to submit an abstract for the Annual North Carolina State Representative Beverly Earle Minority Health Disparities conference poster session. Share your health disparities research findings, community programs, and policy initiatives with your peers, colleagues, and the community.

Read more >>

Research & Economic Development

Charlotte Research Institute (CRI) announces third annual Targeted Research Internal Seed Program (TRISP) for 2018

Serving as a catalyst for UNC Charlotte faculty, TRISP offers internal funds intended to (1) help generate more compelling grant submissions to federal agencies, (2) initiate new intellectual directions for our faculty, and (3) foster new relationships across colleges, departments or centers. Key considerations include the likelihood that the project can be leveraged to obtain new externally-funded research from mission-oriented funding agencies such as DoD, DoE, DoT, DHS, etc. (typically not NSF or NIH), and whether the project cannot be otherwise initiated using regular department or college resources. Submittal deadline for this year’s TRISP competition is February 5, 2018. Detailed information and submittal guidelines for the 2018 TRISP program

Change to F&A Distribution

On 11/7/2017, Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development Bob Wilhelm announced to the deans that beginning this fiscal year there will be a change in the distribution of F&A receipts. In addition to the 10% of F&A currently distributed to the departments of principal investigators and colleagues, individual faculty members will receive up to 10% of the F&A associated with research grants and contracts on which they are an investigator. See this F&A webpage for full details.

Data Science Initiative

Data Science for Social Good (DSSG) Global Initiative

UNC Charlotte is partnering with the University of Chicago (UChicago) and Nova School of Business and Economics (Lisbon, Portugal) to create the Data Science for Social Good Global Initiative. The Data Science for Social Good (DSSG) Fellowship is a summer program that started at UChicago four years ago, designed to train aspiring data scientists to work on data mining, machine learning, big data, and data science projects with social impact. The DSSG Summer Fellowship program aims to work closely with governments and nonprofits, enabling DSSG fellows to take on real-world problems, ranging from education, health, energy, public safety, and transportation to economic and international development. During this three-month experience in the DSSG summer fellowship, fellows learn, hone, and apply their data science, analytical, and coding skills to collaborate in a fast-paced, team-driven environment. Fellows also learn from mentors coming from industry and academia. In the summer of 2018, the Data Science Initiative's Partnership for Social Good is planning to launch DSSG fellowship program at UNC Charlotte. This program will include 5-6 project partners, 18-20 fellows, program organizers, a program manager, 2 project managers, 3 technical mentors, faculty members, technical support, administrative support, and volunteers. As part of this effort, UNC Charlotte and Data Science Initiative are hosting an Open House with an invitation to NGOs, city and county government, corporations, and potential fellows, mentors, and volunteers to explain, discuss, and receive feedback on our plans for this program.

-  Wednesday, November 15, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Center City Building, Room 201 (Register)

DSI Seminar: Analytics & Big Data

Michael Dulin, MD, PhD, will present on Analytics & Big Data at the upcoming DSI Seminar. Dulin is the Chief Medical Officer for Tresata Health, a next generation healthcare analytics software company based in Charlotte, NC. He also
directs the Academy for Population Health Innovation – a novel collaborative between the Mecklenburg County Health Department and UNC Charlotte. In the field of health information technology, Dulin is a nationally recognized leader in the application of data/analytics to improve care delivery and advance population health.

- Friday, November 17, 12:00 - 1:00 PM, Woodward 130

**J. Murrey Atkins Library**

**Atkins Book Sale**
On December 1 and 2, Atkins will offer for sale over 8,000 duplicate and carefully selected items including academic monographs, paperbacks, children’s literature, K-12 teacher kits, LPs, DVDs, etc. The sale will be held in the Halton Reading Room. No item over $3.00. Cash only. More information: [library.uncc.edu/BookSale](http://library.uncc.edu/BookSale).

- Friday, December 1, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - for faculty, staff and students
- Friday, December 1, 12:00 - 7:00 PM - open to the public
- Saturday, December 2, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM - open to the public

**Green Delivery Bags**
Atkins appreciates everyone who sent back the green canvas bags to the Library, but their supply is still low. Please look around for any bags you may have and send them back to the Library as soon as possible via campus mail.

**Office of International Programs**

**International Education Week Signature Event: “Girl Rising” Film Screening and Panel Discussion**
Join the Office of International Programs, in collaboration with Peace Corps, The Multicultural Resource Center, and the University Career Center, for a free screening of “Girl Rising”, a documentary about the transformative power of education for girls around the world. From Academy Award-nominated director Richard E. Robbins, “Girl Rising”, follows nine unforgettable girls living in the developing world who confront tremendous challenges and overcome nearly impossible odds to pursue their dreams.

- Wednesday, November 15, 6:00 PM, Student Union Movie Theater

**Film Screening: “500 Years”**
"500 YEARS": Life in Resistance is the final installment in a trilogy completed over the past 30 years as an investigation into the genocide and other injustices during the Guatemalan Civil War. This film tells the story from the perspective of the Mayan. The protagonist of the film, Irma Alicia Velásquez, is a Mayan PhD, active social anthropologist, and journalist. The filmmakers follow the story from the genocide trial of General Ríos Montt to the grassroots protest that led to the toppling of sitting President Otto Pérez Molina. Today, Guatemalans are looking toward rebuilding their nation. “500 YEARS” premiered at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival and subsequently featured at many other national and international film festivals. Sponsored by Languages and Culture Studies with support from the Office of International Programs.

- Thursday, November 16, 3:30 - 5:30 PM, COED 402

**Fulbright Constituent Workshops**
The US Department of State’s Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs sponsors the Fulbright Program to support faculty, professionals, and students with global engagement. As part of the UNC Charlotte International Education Week celebration, OIP is offering three constituent-specific workshops to learn more about how to apply for the prestigious Fulbright awards. Session descriptions and registration information are provided via the [gForm link](#). Workshops will be held in CHHS 207.

- Friday, November 17, 9:30 - 10:20 AM - International Administrators & Career Counselors
- Friday, November 17, 10:30 - 11:20 AM - Faculty
- Friday, November 17, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM - Student

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**Now Recruiting: Global Gateways Spring 2018 Residents**

The Global Gateways Program is an all female residence hall located on campus in Greek Village (House 9). The goal of the Global Gateways program is to create a dynamic, fun, internationally-focused living environment where residents can engage and learn about the world together. What better way for students to continue learning about other cultures than to live in a global community with intentional cultural engagement programming? The Global Gateways program is currently accepting UNC Charlotte student applications for the Spring 2018 semester! Please encourage students to apply for this unique opportunity. The priority deadline is November 17. Click [here](#) to learn more about the program.

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**Center for Teaching and Learning**

**Developing and Facilitating Peer Review**

Join us for a webinar where we will discuss strategies needed in order to learn how to make the most of peer review. Heather Bastian, the Associate Director of Communication Across the Curriculum (CxC), will lead the session.

- Tuesday, November 14, 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM ([Register](#))

**The Power of Embeddable Content in Canvas**

This workshop provides information about how to embed external content into Canvas. Justin Cary, a lecturer in the University Writing Program, will lead you on this adventure.

- Thursday, November 16, 12:30 - 1:00 PM ([Register](#))

**Viewpoint Diversity and Civil Discourse in the Classroom**

This workshop will provide techniques and resources to help faculty engage students in safe and respectful discussions around diverse viewpoints and perspectives. Kim Buch, Industrial/Organizational Psychologist in the Psychology Department, and Christine Promin-Stein, Center for Teaching and Learning Research Assistant, will lead this session.

- Thursday, November 16, 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM ([Register](#))

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**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](#)

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**Upcoming Events**
THIS WEEK:
- Nov 13 2/D & 3/D and Graphic Design BFA Exhibitions
- Nov 13-17 International Education Week
- Nov 14 Personally Speaking: Thomas Wolfe and Lost Children
- Nov 15 Graduate Student Funding - Student Forum
- Nov 15 IEW Signature Program: Girl Rising Film Screening and Panel Discussion
- Nov 16 Defiant Requiem: Music and Resistance in Nazi Concentration Camp
- Nov 16-19 Fall Dance Concert
- Nov 17 Fatal Family Violence Across the Lifespan
- Nov 17 Global Gateways Resident Application Priority Deadline

NEXT WEEK:
- Nov 20 Graduate Student Funding - Faculty and Staff Forum

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

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