



News Digest

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Search for Multicultural Academic Services Director

The Office of Undergraduate Education is searching for a new Director for Multicultural Academic Services. This is a 12-month clinical faculty position and is expected to begin in March 2018 (negotiable). The mission of the Office of Multicultural Academic Services is to promote the academic and personal success of traditionally underserved students, with a focus on embracing diversity, social justice, cultural awareness, and academic excellence. The Office of Multicultural Academic Services has a mission to provide academic support, an inclusive learning environment, and opportunities for traditionally underrepresented students, which includes students who may be underrepresented based on (but not limited to) factors such as race and ethnicity, sexual identity, or their family's collegiate experience. Details on the position are available at jobs.uncc.edu. The deadline for priority consideration is January 31, 2018.

Data Science for Social Good Charlotte Summer Fellowship Program



Data Science for Social Good Charlotte Summer Fellowship Program applications are open!

If you want to get involved with DSSG Charlotte as a Project Partner, Fellow, Project Manager, or Technical Mentor, please apply at <http://dssg.uchicago.edu/faq-page/> by January 31, 2018.

For more information, or just to stay up-to-date on this program, visit <https://dsi.uncc.edu/dssg-uncccharlotte> or send an email to dssg-charlotte@uncc.edu.

Invitation to Speak at Analytics Frontiers 2018

Analytics Frontiers is the UNC Charlotte Data Science Initiative's annual conference, with support from prominent corporations and institutions in financial services, healthcare, energy, retail, education, government and manufacturing. In its fourth year, the Analytics Frontiers Conference will bring together business executives, thought leaders, data scientists, entrepreneurs, professional analysts and a diverse set of speakers. Last year, the keynote speaker was Nate Silver, founder of FiveThirtyEight.com and author of *The Signal and The Noise*. DSI is in the process of selecting another impressive keynote and additional speakers for this distinguished event and invites submissions from UNC Charlotte personnel. Presentations should be deliverable within a 45-minute time slot (including any Q&A, as appropriate). To submit your presentation for consideration, please send it to analyticsfrontiers@uncc.edu no later than 1. If your topic is selected, you will be contacted to submit a brief bio and picture, as well as to sign a speaker's agreement, including authorizing of the UNC Charlotte Data Science Initiative to make presentations available for viewing online.

Analytics Frontiers 2018 will be held on March 21 at The Ritz-Carlton in uptown Charlotte. It will be a full day event, with a focus on deep learning, machine learning, and artificial intelligence and breakout sessions that cut across a number of industries. Examples of suitable topics include: demos or case studies or discussions about the successful implementations of processes, tools, and infrastructure required to support large scale analytics; emerging technologies in data analytics; challenges in analytics within a specific industry; organizational acceptance of analytics; ethical considerations in data analytics; and analytics applications for everyday business. Visit analyticsfrontiers.uncc.edu for more information.

Office of International Programs



New Global Engagement Scholars Program Academic Advisors Information Session

The Office of International Programs is pleased to announce the official launch of the new Global Engagement Scholars Program (GESP). The 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. For more information on the GESP, please visit the [GESP website](#).

- Thursday, January 4, 9:00 - 10:00 AM, CHHS 207 ([RSVP](#))



Save the Dates – UNC Charlotte's Great Decisions Lecture Series

UNC Charlotte's Office of International Programs once again looks forward to the annual [Great Decisions Lecture Series](#). Based on topics chosen by the Foreign Policy Association, these five weekly presentations provide an opportunity for citizens to explore pressing issues facing our world. We hope that you will be able to join us once again on Wednesdays and Tuesdays in January and February at the UNC Charlotte Center City building, Charlotte Country Day School and the International House. The series will run 6:30pm-8:00pm beginning Wednesday, January 24th running through Wednesday, February 28th. The following lectures will be held on Wednesday nights at the UNC Charlotte Center City building: January 24th, January 31st, February 7th, and February 14th. On Tuesday, February 20th the lecture will be held at Charlotte Country Day School in S. Charlotte. On Wednesday, February 28th the lecture will be held at the International House in Plaza Midwood. More information on the series, including online registration and parking information, will soon be available at the [UNC Charlotte Great Decisions website](#). Feel free to contact the Office of Global Education and Engagement at globaleducation@uncc.edu or 704-687-7755 for additional information.

Great Decisions 2018 Lecture Series as chosen by the Foreign Policy Association **

January 24 [Great Decisions Lecture Series: Media and Foreign Policy](#)
January 31 [Great Decisions Lecture Series: China and America: The New Geopolitical Equation](#)

February 7 [Great Decisions Lecture Series: The Warning of Pax Americana?](#)
February 14 [Great Decisions Lecture Series: South Africa's Fragile Democracy](#)
February 20 [Great Decisions Lecture Series: Global Health: Progress and Challenges](#)
February 28 [Great Decisions Lecture Series: U.S. Global Engagement and the Military](#)

The UNC Charlotte Community Lecture series will focus on five of the eight topics listed here, pending speaker availability. Attendees may come to one or all of the lectures. Updates to the lineup of selected topics and speakers will be available at the [UNC Charlotte Great Decisions website](#).



"Middle East Meltdown: Causes and Consequences" with Ryan Crocker

Ryan Crocker is a Diplomat in Residence at the Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, for the academic year 2017-2018. He served as U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Syria, Kuwait, and Lebanon. Ambassador Crocker has received various awards and recognition, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award, in 2009 for his extensive career and work in both foreign relations and policy.

In September 2004, President Bush conferred on him the personal rank of Career Ambassador, the highest in the Foreign Service. In May 2009, Secretary of the State Hillary Clinton announced the establishment of Ryan C. Crocker Award for Outstanding Achievement in Expeditionary Diplomacy. Crocker will summarize what he has found to be the causes and consequences of the Middle East Meltdown.

- Thursday, January 18, 3:30 - 5:00 PM, Halton Reading Room
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"U.S. - Canada Relations and NAFTA" with Honorable Andrew

Honorable Andrew Leslie, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs (Canada), has enjoyed a decorated 35-year career with the Canadian Armed Forces including a variety of command and staff positions in numerous overseas postings with the UN and NATO. In addition, Mr. Leslie has served on international missions including leading troops in Germany, Cyprus, the former Yugoslavia, and, most recently, Afghanistan.

Mr. Leslie's distinguished service has been recognized both nationally and internationally with appointments as Commander of the Order of Military Merit in 2005, Commander of the U.S. Legion of Merit in 2007, awarded the Meritorious Service Cross Award and the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland in 2010.

- Thursday, January 25, 3:30 - 5:00 PM, Location TBD
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"US National Security Challenges and Opportunities: a Conversation" with Former CIA Director John Brennan

Former CIA Director John O. Brennan is currently a Distinguished Fellow for Global Security at the Center on National Security at Fordham Law School, a Distinguished Non-Resident Scholar at the University of Texas at Austin, and a senior Advisor at Kissinger Associates Incorporated. Mr. Brennan served as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in 2013-2017, advising President Obama on counterterrorism strategies, helped coordinate the U.S. Government's approach to homeland security, including its policies for responding to terrorism, cyber-attacks, natural disasters, and pandemics. At the CIA, Mr. Brennan specialized in Middle Eastern affairs and counterterrorism,

leading a multi-agency effort to establish what would later become the National Counterterrorism Center.

- Thursday, March 1, 3:30 - 5:00 PM, Popp Martin Student Union, Movie Theater

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

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

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