UNC Charlotte Memorial Service
All faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend the UNC Charlotte Memorial Service, which honors any students, staff, or faculty who have passed away in the last year.

- Thursday, April 26, 7:00 PM, Harris Alumni Center (RSVP)

Graduate Student Funding Task Force Recommendations
The Graduate Student Funding Task Force will be presenting their preliminary findings and recommendations next Friday, April 20, 2018 in Rowe Arts Building, Room 130. There will be two separate campus forums, one for graduate students and one for Faculty and Staff. Make plans to attend the appropriate forum and provide feedback to the Task Force as they synthesize information for the final report.

- Friday, April 20, 11:00 AM, Rowe 130 - Graduate Students
- Friday, April 20, 1:00 PM, Rowe 130 - Faculty and Staff

Science + Society 2018 - Discovery Place
Discovery Place, in partnership with UNC Charlotte, will welcome award-winning author Laura Micheletti Puaca for the Science + Society 2018 event. Hear the untold story of how the efforts to educate and employ women in STEM fields, using national security rhetoric and scientific “manpower concerns” from World War II to the Cold War, helped pave the way to equality.

- Tuesday, April 24, 6:00 PM, Discovery Place Science (RSVP)

2018 Dean’s Distinguished Dissertation Award
The Graduate School is proud to announce the call for nominations for the 2018 Dean’s Distinguished Dissertation Award. Applicants must have completed their doctoral degree requirements and dissertation period during the period of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2018, inclusive. The winning submission will be forwarded to the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) for consideration in the national competition. Faculty are being asked to nominate their students. Contact Coren O’Hara with questions. Complete submission instructions.

CLAS Excellence in Teaching Awards
Outstanding College of Liberal Arts & Sciences faculty will be celebrated for their teaching excellence during an awards event on Monday, April 23 beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the Halton Reading Room of J. Murrey Atkins Library. At
the ceremony, the college will recognize 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. The recipient of each award will be announced at the event, and all nine finalists will be recognized. Also at the event, the college will celebrate this year’s Teaching Professors, who will be announced. Additionally, the college will recognize three Bonnie Cone Professors who have announced their retirement. Refreshments will be served.

- Monday, April 23, 3:00 PM, Halton Reading Room

### Library Happenings

**Romare Bearden's Li'l Dan The Drummer Boy: Literary Perspectives**
Join the English Department's Professor Mark West and Associate Professor Janaka Lewis for a presentation on the literary aspects and artistic influences of this children's book and related exhibit, currently on display in Atkins first-floor exhibit space. Light refreshments will be served.

- Monday, April 16, 5:00 - 7:00 PM, Halton Reading Room (Information)

**Retirement Reception for Judy Walker**
Please join the J. Murrey Atkins Library in wishing Judy Walker a happy retirement after 31 years as Atkins' Education and Psychology librarian.

- Wednesday, April 18, 2:00 - 4:00 PM, Halton Reading Room (RSVP)

**“The Legacy of Public Health in Our Region” Exhibit**
Atkins Library and the College of Health and Human Services have collaborated in an exhibit, open through April, in the Atkins first-floor display cases, that explores local public health practice and organization from the 1900s into the 1970s. Exhibit Guide

### New Records Retention Policy

Join Katie Howell, University Archivist, and Tina Dadio, University Public Records Officer and Legal Specialist, as they provide a review of the new records retention policy that has been recently rolled out by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources governing the destruction or other disposition of university records! Learn about identifying what a record is and why we need to retain or destroy it. Where can I find the records retention policy? Who is responsible for archiving documents in my department? Does my office have an internal policy related to archiving records? We'll help you answer these questions and learn more about best practices related to the preservation and destruction of departmental records.

- Tuesday, April 24, 9:00 - 10:15 AM, COED 065 (RSVP)

### 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

**THIS WEEK:**

- Apr 18 OEA Short Term Study Abroad Development Workshop (webinar)
- Apr 18 OIEE Program Assistant Application Deadline
- Apr 19 Gardens and Verses
- Apr 19-23 The Wiz (Theatre)
- Apr 20 Country Culture Workshop: China
- Apr 20 Graduate Student Task Force Forums
- Apr 21 Explore UNC Charlotte
- Apr 22 In the Company of Trees (Botanical Garden tour)
NEXT WEEK:
- Apr 23: CLAS Excellence in Teaching Awards
- Apr 24: Women in STEM: Challenging Gender Stereotypes
- Apr 24: Science & Society 2018
- Apr 24: Faculty Showcase (Professional Development Presentation)
- Apr 25: Percussion Ensemble
- Apr 26: Symphonic Band
- Apr 26: Global Perspective Series: Promoting Global Education through Film
- Apr 27: Chamber Orchestra
- Apr 28: University Chorale
- Apr 29: 2018 UNC Charlotte Science and Technology Expo

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