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Open Campus Lecture re: Strategic Diversity Leadership

The Council on University Community invites all faculty, staff and students to attend an open campus lecture on Thursday, October 10, 3:30-4:30 pm, in the Student Union Theater presented by Dr. Damon A. Williams, global thought leader, scholar, and educator.

Call for Nominations: 2019-2010 O. Max Gardner Award

Your assistance is needed in identifying potential faculty nominees for the 2019-2020 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. Past winners of the award include UNC Charlotte’s own Dr. Pinku Mukherjee and Dr. Diane M. Browder. Linked here is the UNC System announcement of last year’s winner, Dr. Sy Ateazzaz Saeed of East Carolina University.

Please forward the names of nominees to the Faculty Governance Assistant before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 11, 2019.
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.

**Express FAFSA service offered in October and November**

The FAFSA for 2020-2021 opened on October 1. It’s important for students to apply for financial aid by January 1 to get an early aid offer. Please let your students know that if they need help, the Office of Financial Aid is hosting four **Express FAFSA Service events** on campus where students can drop in and get help. The events will be held on October 9, October 14, November 4, and November 6, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., in the Popp Martin Student Union room 200.

**Speaker Applications Open for TEDxUNCCCharlotte**

TEDxUNCCCharlotte will be returning to campus on Friday, March 27, 2020. TEDxUNCCCharlotte is an independently organized TED event that focuses on highlighting the voices and ideas of UNC Charlotte faculty, staff, students, and alumni (however anyone can apply to speak). Applications to speak at this year's event are open now at [tedx.uncc.edu](http://tedx.uncc.edu). The theme for this year's event is "Thinking Future. Thinking Forward." Faculty are encouraged to submit their idea worth spreading (it doesn't have to connect to the theme) from now until October 31. If there are additional questions, please contact the event lead organizer, Michael Maksymowski.

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**Research & Economic Development System Naming Contest**

Research and Economic Development (RED) is in the process of implementing a new system from InfoEd Global to help manage various aspects of our research projects, from proposal development to award tracking, to financial management and compliance. Help us name it!

Submit as many suggestions as you wish using this [Google form](https://forms.gle/...). Submissions are due by October 31 and will be reviewed by the project team and steering committee. Finalist suggestions will be announced for public voting in November.

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**Center for Teaching and Learning**

**CTL Workshops**

- **Getting Started with Active Teaching and Learning**, Thursday, October 10, 2:30 - 3:45 PM, Kennedy 221
  ([Register](#)) This workshop provides an introduction to active teaching and active learning strategies that can be
used during class. This workshop counts towards the Essentials of Teaching and Learning Certificate.

- **Intensify Your Large Class: Space Mapping**, Thursday, October 10, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Kennedy 221 (Register)
  Attendees will work in groups, guided by a facilitator and subject-matter-expert, to plan how to best utilize space in their large class for managing attendance, student groups, technology, and mobile devices.

### Teaching Resources

- **Mid-Semester Feedback Toolkit**: Practical tools for gathering student feedback at mid-semester, including a downloadable question bank.
- **Mid-Semester Feedback Webinar**: Recording of a webinar previously led by Tracy Rock, College of Education, and Lynn Wahl, Center for Teaching and Learning, on why and how to implement mid-semester feedback in your courses.

### Teachers Observing Peers Program

Interested in seeing new and different techniques in the classroom? Learn from your peers! This program provides faculty members with an opportunity to observe peers representing a variety of disciplines implementing interactive methods in a live classroom setting. Whether you are an instructor who has been using interactive methods for years or are trying to get ready to teach your first class, you are likely to benefit from the classroom observation by getting new ideas for effective practice and reflecting on your own practice.

### Charlotte Teachers Institute

Charlotte Teachers Institute will announce its 2020 seminars and showcase new teaching ideas developed by local teachers at CTI's Evening for Educators event Evening for Educators features engaging new curricula Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools teachers developed for their own students in the arts, sciences, humanities during CTI seminars and summer research experiences. The teachers, from a wide variety of subject areas and grade levels pre-K through 12, will discuss their new curricula and share poster presentations at Evening for Educators. The event includes refreshments and is free and open to the public.

- Tuesday, October 8, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, Discovery Place Education Studio (Register)

### Dr. Leon Gatlin, 1937-2019

Dr. Hallie Leon Gatlin, III, a retired professor in the Department of English at UNC Charlotte, died on October 3, 2019. Dr. Gatlin earned his B.A. and M.A. in English from Wake Forest and his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. Dr. Gatlin joined the English department in 1966 and continued to teach in the department until his retirement in 2001. When Dr. Gatlin first came to UNC Charlotte, the university was still a young institution. Dr. Gatlin played a leadership role in building the English department during this formative period in the university’s history. For many years, he served as the department’s Undergraduate Coordinator, and in this capacity, he contributed to the operation and growth of the department. A specialist in British literature, Dr. Gatlin developed and taught many of the British literature courses offered by the department. He also contributed to the department’s writing program and served as the Director of the UNC Charlotte Writing Project for several years. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on October 10, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 1510 E. 7th Street.

### 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:
  Oct-Nov  UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events calendar
  Oct 8    CTI Evening for Educators
  Oct 9    Black Acting Methods: The Fields and the Text
  Oct 10   Strategic Diversity Leadership Open Campus Lecture
  Oct 10   Graduate School Recruitment Fair
  Oct 10   Reception: Burnt Generation Iranian Photography
  Oct 11   Wind Ensemble Concert

Next Week:
  Oct 14   Study Abroad Fair
  Oct 17   International Coffee Hour

Upcoming:  provost.uncc.edu/division-news/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events

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Send submissions to academicaffairs@uncc.edu.