

News Digest

February 6, 2017

Community Engagement

Engaged Scholarship and Community Partnership Symposium

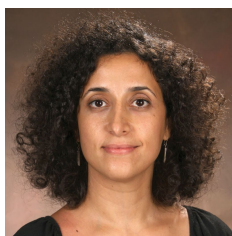
- Friday, February 24, 9 AM - 1 PM, Cone Center 111/112

[The Engaged Scholarship and Community Partnership Symposium](#) will bring together UNC Charlotte faculty, staff, students, and community partners to discuss community engagement practices. The symposium is designed to facilitate creative collaboration across disciplines, divisions, and fields; to outline best practices and address challenges; and strengthen partnerships.

Community engagement refers to research, creative activities, teaching, and service activities that are collaboratively and reciprocally undertaken by UNC Charlotte faculty, staff, and/ or students in partnership with community members.

Visit <https://campuscompact.uncc.edu/engaged-scholarship-symposium> for more information and to register for the conference. [An event flyer](#) and the [program of events](#) are also available.

Diversity



Every Campus A Refuge

- Monday, February 13, 7:00 PM, Queens University campus, Ketner Auditorium (lower level of Sykes Hall); [view the campus map](#)

This workshop will outline the project work of the [Every Campus a Refuge](#) initiative, including challenges and lessons learned, and allow attendees to explore adapting this flexible initiative to their campus. [Read more . . .](#)

Of Ebony Embers

On February 14, 2017 at 7:30 PM, in Rowe Recital Hall, the Council on University Community presents the Core Ensemble for a performance of the chamber music theatre work, [Of Ebony Embers: Vignettes of the Harlem Renaissance](#).

Chamber Music Theatre is a unique performance format created by the Core Ensemble, featuring a marriage of theatrical narrative to chamber music performance.

Dracyn Blount portrays multiple characters while interacting with the onstage musical trio of cello, piano and percussion.

Celebrating the music and poetry of the Harlem Renaissance era in New York City, *Of Ebony Embers* examines the lives of three outstanding but very different African American poets - Langston Hughes, Countee Cullen and Claude McKay - as seen through the eyes of the great painter and muralist Aaron Douglas.

Admission is free. Reservations are encouraged; please e-mail boxoffice@uncc.edu.

In-Class Scholarship Opportunities



Faculty Participation Requested

The [University Scholarship Office](#) is one of the newest student resources at UNC Charlotte, and we're asking for the help of the faculty to raise awareness among students of scholarship opportunities and other resources.

As the cost of education continues to rise and students struggle to reduce the amount of loans that will accompany their diploma, it is critical that students are aware of all financial resources early in their academic career. The Scholarship Office provides multiple scholarship resources such as the University's new central scholarship system, the [NinerScholars Portal](#), external scholarship lists, and general best practices for identifying scholarship funding.

The University Scholarship Office believes the best way to communicate and build a rapport with students is in-person. They hope that you will allow them to give a 3-5-minute presentation in your class in order to share these resources with your students. During this brief session, they'll answer questions from students, provide relevant literature, and share contact information for their office. [Read more . . .](#)

Class Registration

Advising Holds

With registration right around the corner, it is that time to place advising holds on students' accounts. Requests should be submitted to Beth Dawson at edawson8@uncc.edu by **Monday, February 27**.

In an effort to ensure advising holds are placed accurately and in a timely manner, departments are asked to send an Excel spreadsheet that includes a complete list of students needing advising holds. These spreadsheets can be retrieved from Report Central. A report that could be used is the Cumulative GPA by level, class, college, degree in major order report under the GPA/Credit Hours tab.

Please note:

- Freshman automatically receive an advising hold so these students (class of FR) should be excluded from your request.
- Exclude students who have applied to graduate for the current term.
- If you require a custom message to appear with the advising hold (limit of 30 characters), please include it with your request. (e.g., Contact PBUS advisor)
- One request per department should be submitted.
- Include students who are enrolled in their 4th semester as part of the Graduation Oriented Advising initiative.

If you have issues with Report Central or cannot generate an Excel spreadsheet, please email regconsult@uncc.edu.

Data Science Initiative

Welcome to New Directors

The [Data Science Initiative \(DSI\)](#) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Yaorong Ge and Dr. Michael Thompson as Faculty Directors for the Data Science Initiatives' academic programs. In their roles, they will oversee the ongoing revision and implementation of the Data Science and Business Analytics and the Health Informatics curricula. In addition, they will manage the growing interdisciplinary partnerships between the Belk College of Business, the College of Computing and Informatics, College of Health and Human Services, and the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. These colleagues bring the knowledge and experience to the program that will ensure the continued success of the Data Science Initiative. [Read more . . .](#)

Guest Speakers



EPIC Energy Seminar Series welcomes Siemens Energy's Dr. Martin Koerdel

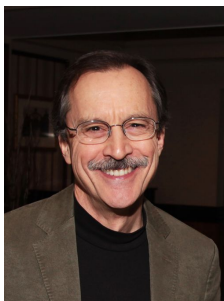
The EPIC Energy Seminar Series offers a [fantastic line-up of speakers](#) scheduled. This seminar strives to engage students, faculty and industry partners and provide opportunities to learn about different aspects of the energy industry from energy experts. EPIC Energy Seminars are FREE and open to students and the public.

"The Roles and Challenges of 3D Metrology and 3D Scanning Technology in Digital Manufacturing"

Speaker: Dr. Martin Koerdel, Research Group Head, Siemens Energy

- Tuesday, February 7, 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM, EPIC Building, Room G256

Click [here](#) for more details and to register to attend.



2017 Great Decisions Lecture Series: Trade and Politics

Dr. Dale Smith, Professor and Chair of the Department of Global Studies, will discuss Trade and Politics as the second speaker in the 2017 Great Decisions lecture series. This presentation is free and open to the public.

- Wednesday, February 8, 6:30 PM, UNC Charlotte Center City

Visit the [Office of International Programs' website](#) for more information, including online registration and the complete listing of the Great Decisions lecture series.

Funding Opportunity

2nd Annual Targeted Research Internal Seed Program (TRISP) for 2017

The Charlotte Research Institute (CRI) announces its second annual Targeted Research Internal Seed Program (TRISP) for 2017. 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. In its inaugural competition, CRI made 10 TRISP awards totaling nearly \$380,000, and the program is already generating exciting results.

Submittal deadline for this year's TRISP competition is March 10, 2017. Detailed information and submittal guidelines for the 2017 TRISP are located online at:
<http://cri.uncc.edu/funding-grants/2017-targeted-research-internal-seed-program-trisp>.

Faculty Development Opportunities

Faculty Recruitment Training

Recruitment Training is a two-part process and is required of all faculty on a search committee:

- 1) The first part is an online portion on the Moodle 2 to cover forms, processes and other details. Search committee members will complete this online session each year they serve on a search committee. Faculty can complete this session at their own pace, at a time they choose.
[Online Tutorial \(instructions are available online\)](#)
- 2) The second part is the face-to-face session, which search committee members are required to have completed within the past five years PRIOR to their service on a search committee. The next session will be held Thursday, February 9, 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM, Room TBD ([Register](#))

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops

CTL offers a range of professional development opportunities to promote excellence in teaching. Workshops on numerous topics are held throughout the month. See the full [interactive online calendar](#).

Teaching with Clickers

This workshop teaches how to use Turning Point Cloud, the latest updated version of clickers. Led by Dr. Bruce Richards and Aba Hutchison.

- Tuesday, February 7, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM ([Register](#))

Putting Reflection to Work: Practical Teaching Strategies, Part 1 (Webinar)

Reflection is widely acknowledged in multiple disciplines as essential for students to learn. Yet reflection is notoriously difficult to teach. Part 1 of this webinar series will provide an overview of reflection and general considerations for teaching it. Led by Heather Bastian.

- Thursday, February 9, 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM ([Register](#))

Students' Pathway to Success: A Faculty Guide – Constructing a Course Syllabus (Webinar)

Join your colleagues, Dr. Honoré Missihoun, Lecturer in the Department of Africana Studies, and Michelle Pass, Lecturer and Undergraduate Laboratory Director, Department of Biological Sciences, as they discuss "Promoting Civility and Professionalism in the Classroom".

- Friday, February 10, 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM ([Register](#))

To register for Canvas workshops and other training opportunities, visit the [Center for Teaching and Learning website](#).

Reminder

Military Culture Climate Survey

On January 25, 2017, Academic Affairs faculty and staff received an email requesting their participation in assessing the military cultural climate of the University. This research study is being conducted by the Military Affairs Committee and is funded by internal UNC Charlotte funding.

This research study involves faculty and staff answering a brief survey to describe their experiences with the military cultural climate at UNC Charlotte. The Military Affairs Committee asks that faculty and staff take a few minutes to complete the survey.

With your help, UNC Charlotte will enhance services and supports to facilitate academic success and graduation of students who have served in the military.

Faculty may take the survey at the following link or copy and paste the URL into your Internet browser:

https://unccpsych.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_1XDoZrP8CyGGeb3

Staff may take the survey at the following link or copy and paste the URL into your Internet browser:

https://unccpsych.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_d0UWO25EVP9UZk9

For more information about the survey, contact culture@uncc.edu.

Research Administration System Demos

UNC Charlotte will host the western region of the University of North Carolina Electronic Research Administration (eRA) system RFP demonstrations.

The second set of demonstrations presented by **Huron** will be held on **February 6 and 7**. All sessions will be held in **McKnight Hall, Cone University Center**. The [itinerary](#) has details on the topics that will be presented at each session and the suggested target audience. Registration is not required to attend in person. Attendees are welcome to attend as many sessions as they would like.

The demonstrations will also be simulcast online each day. To access the demonstration online:

Dial-in: 800-204-7008, enter access code 4826534

Online: [Web Login](#)

The online credentials above must be used to access each session. If you have questions while participating during the online session, send them to AURA-Team@uncc.edu and they will be addressed by the presenter.

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.

Topics include:

- Introducing Clean Delivery Kits to Improve Knowledge of Clean Birth Practices in Haiti
- Characteristics and Skills of Sustained Leaders of Successful Public Charter Schools in N.C.

[View All Dissertation Defense Announcements](#)

Upcoming Events

Feb 6 [Annual Witherspoon Lecture](#)

- Feb 7** [Graduate Council Meeting](#)
 - Feb 8** [Great Decisions Lecture Series: Trade & Politics with Dr. Dale Smith](#)
 - Feb 9** [Community Cultural Coffeehouse](#)
 - Feb 10** [Orchid Care 101](#)
 - Feb 11-14** [Valentine's Orchid Sale](#)
 - Feb 14** [Of Ebony Embers](#)
 - Feb 15** [Great Decisions Lecture Series: Latin America's Political Pendulum with Dr. Greg Weeks](#)
 - Feb 22** [Great Decisions Lecture Series: Conflict in the South China Sea with Dr. Cheryl Brown](#)
 - Feb 28** [Spring Faculty Reception](#)
 - Mar 1** [AA Council Meeting](#)
 - Mar 1** [Great Decisions Lecture Series: Nuclear Security with Dr. Justin Conrad](#)
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