

News Digest

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New Degree Programs

The Office of Academic Affairs is pleased to announce that the University of North Carolina Board of Governors has approved requests to establish two new degree programs:

[M.S. in Respiratory Care](#) (classes begin Fall 2017, pending SACS authorization)

[B.S. in Health Systems Management](#) (classes begin Fall 2017)

Please make changes to your records accordingly.

TIAA Lecture Series

TIAA Lecture Series: The Economics of Race

Roland Fryer, Professor of Economics at Harvard University and Behavioral Economist, Activist and Author, will present on The Economics of Race at an event open to all student, faculty and staff. Fryer applies economic tools to explore social issues including crime, discrimination, racial and gender differences, poverty, family structure, urban problems, social interactions and peer effects, and intergenerational mobility.

- Wednesday, April 12, 2:00 - 3:00 PM ([Register](#))

[Read more >>](#)



Calls for Nominations

Faculty Governance Positions 2017-2018

The Faculty of UNC Charlotte are charged with the responsibility for making policy decisions regarding the curriculum, academic standards, and the allocation of internal research funds. We are also charged with important advisory responsibilities regarding our working schedule and conditions, the university budget, facilities planning, administrative appointments, and other elements of institutional policy and operation that touch us directly and indirectly.

These responsibilities are carried out through a system of shared governance which constitutes the framework within which we can carry out our own work, and contribute to the overall academic mission and culture of UNC Charlotte. Faculty participation in governance is what we have to do in order to retain the autonomy to conduct our research, teach our students, disseminate knowledge, and build the academic community in ways we see fit.

Please consider how you or someone you respect might become part of the shared governance process at UNC Charlotte. Nominate yourself or another qualified faculty member for any of the Faculty Council openings.

[Read more >>](#)

Bonnie E. Cone Early-Career Professorship for Teaching

[The Bonnie E. Cone Early-Career Professorship in Teaching](#) was established in 2006 and is awarded annually to a member of the faculty who has been awarded tenure within the last three years. The Professorship appointment will be for a three-year term. Each year a recipient will be named. Dr. Fumie Kato, Languages and Culture Studies; Dr. Margaret Quinlan, Communication Studies; and Dr. Peter Tkacik, Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Science, currently hold the professorship. Nominations are due in the Office of the Provost by **March 24, 2017**, and may be sent via campus mail or electronically to Shannon.Homesley@uncc.edu.

International Women's Day Faculty/Staff and Student Recognition

Do you know a woman on campus who has made an impact locally or globally? The Office of International Programs invites members of the campus community to celebrate International Women's Day at UNC Charlotte:

NOMINATE! Recognize globally engaged students, faculty, and staff. No accomplishment is too small, no experience insignificant. *Nomination Deadline: Friday, March 17.*

EDUCATE! Learn about child brides through a screening of *Growing Up Married*, and discuss with its director, Dr. Eylem Atakav at 6:30pm on *Monday, March 27 from 6:30-8pm in the Belk Gym, Room 201.*

CELEBRATE internationally-minded women on campus at the International Women's Day reception on *Tuesday, March 28 from 3:30-5pm in Student Union 340.* ALL students, faculty, and staff on campus are welcome and encouraged to join.

Nomination deadline is Tuesday, March 17 at 5:00PM. Please see oip.uncc.edu/iwd for more information, nomination criteria, and nomination form. Questions and film/reception RSVP's can be directed to international@uncc.edu.

Faculty International Education Award

Nominate a faculty member for his/her outstanding contributions to the enhancement of the international education experience at UNC Charlotte. Areas of excellence may include: teaching, research, curriculum development, program development, grant writing, university service, and/or community service. [Eligibility details, nomination options, and submission information](#) are available online. Questions: phibetadelta@uncc.edu

Due by: Wednesday, March 15 at 5:00 PM

Student International Education Award

Nominate a graduate or undergraduate student who is in Junior standing or above for his/her exceptional contribution to and involvement in academic, service, and/or co-curricular activities with an international focus. [Eligibility details, nomination options, and submission information](#) are available online. Questions: phibetadelta@uncc.edu

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Belk Gym Free Hours for Faculty/Staff

All faculty and staff are invited to try out the new fitness and recreation areas in the [Belk Gym](#) for FREE from March 6-12. The Belk Gym features a fitness center, cycling & group fitness studios, basketball & racquetball courts, a swimming pool, and locker rooms (towel service at the front check-in desk). Please see the [hours page](#) for adjusted facility hours. For more information about memberships visit the [membership page](#).

FREE Group Fitness Classes for Faculty/Staff - March 6-12, 12:30 - 1:15 PM

- Monday, March 6: Cycling
- Tuesday, March 7: Cardio Dance
- Wednesday, March 8: Cycling
- Thursday, March 9: Cardio Dance
- Friday, March 10: Cycling

Faculty/Staff must present their UNC Charlotte ID at the check-in location at Belk Gym.

2017 Targeted Research Internal Seed Program (TRISP)

Important Reminder & Deadline Extension Announcement

APPLICATION DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

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 ten TRISP awards totaling nearly \$380,000 and the program is already generating exciting results. [Detailed information and submittal guidelines for 2017 TRISP](#)

Student Writing Contest

Crossing Borders Student Writing Contest

Current UNC Charlotte undergraduate, graduate and ELTI students are invited to submit a short essay (no more than 1000 words) addressing "How my international experience has affected by world view." Monetary award prizes of \$400 are provided to the first place recipient in each category; two \$175 honorary mention awards are issued per category. Please direct students to the [online submission form](#) for details. Deadline: Monday, March 27, 5:00 PM

Undergraduate Research Conference



Faculty members are encouraged to invite their students to show off their research in the [Undergraduate Research Conference \(URC\)](#).

Deadline to register is March 24, 2017. The URC will be held on April 21, 2017. [Download the flyer here](#).

Professional Development and Training Opportunities

Do You Have My Back?: When Employees Are Legally Protected By the University and When They Are Not

The Office of Legal Affairs is offering a training session appropriate for all categories of university employees as it will discuss in which situations the university would be liable for an employee's conduct and when the employee is accepting personal liability. Some possible scenarios include advising student organizations, injuring another employee on the job, signing contracts, providing consulting services to outside groups, and other tricky situations.

- Thursday, March 16, 9:00 - 10:15 AM; Friday 155; RSVP to MelanieWhite@uncc.edu

Recruitment Training for Faculty Searches

In-person training is required once every five years for those involved with the process of recruiting faculty. If you require training and/or if you may be on a search committee next year, it is recommended that you attend.

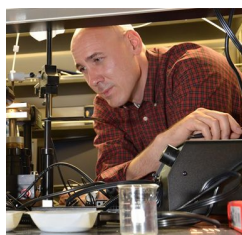
- Monday, March 20, 3:00 - 5:00 PM; CHHS 281 ([Register](#))

Faculty Forum

ADVANCE FADO offers a Faculty Forum once a year in an effort to provide clarity to mid-career faculty regarding the criteria for promotion from Associate Professor to Full Professor. Dr. Joan Lorden, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and the deans or their appointees will serve on a panel during the forum to provide information on pathways to promotion. The format is interactive; faculty have the opportunity to ask questions during the session. Members of College Review Committees (CRC) are also encouraged to attend -- in order to ensure that all parties involved in the review process have a common understanding of expectations and other issues.

- Tuesday, March 28, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, Student Union 340 C/F ([Register](#))

EPIC Energy Seminar Series



Epic Energy Seminar Series: How UNC Charlotte is Advancing the Research, Practice and Policy of Coal Ash Management

Dr. John Daniels, Chair of the National Ash Management Advisory Board, and Professor and Chair in Absentia of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at UNC Charlotte, will discuss coal ash, a construction material and desirable product with a litany of useful applications, but also the nation's second largest "solid waste" stream, behind municipal garbage. Depending on the method and assumptions, future costs for managing coal ash vary by several orders of magnitude, with some estimates as high as \$20 billion for North Carolina and \$229 billion for the entire U.S. This presentation will review challenges and opportunities in coal ash management while also summarizing the unique portfolio of ash related activities and research thrusts at UNC Charlotte.

- Tuesday, March 14, 12:30 - 1:30 PM ([Register](#))

Information Technology Services



Spring Break Reminder: ITS Service and System Changes

During Spring Break, some ITS service and system changes will occur that may affect you. Please take a moment to [review this announcement](#) so you're aware. Questions? The IT Service Desk can help at ext. 7-5500.

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:

- Security Improvement in Cloud Computing Environment Through Memory Analysis
- Introducing Clean Delivery Kits to Improve Knowledge of Clean Birth Practices in Haiti
- Neighborhood Conditions in Relation to Academic Achievement of Elementary School Students

[View All Dissertation Defense Announcements](#)

Upcoming Events

- Mar 7** [Graduate Council Meeting](#)
- Mar 10** [Deadline for Nominations for 2017-2018 Faculty Governance Positions](#)
- Mar 13** [International Film Festival](#)
- Mar 14** [Anti-Violence Against Women](#)
- Mar 15** [Muslim Cool](#)
- Mar 16** [International Coffee Hour](#)
- Mar 17** [Music in the Gardens](#)
- Mar 21** [Personally Speaking with Peter Thorsheim](#)
- Mar 21** [Spring Study Abroad Fair](#)
- Mar 27** [Growing Up Married Screening and Discussion](#)
- Mar 28** [12th Annual UNC Charlotte International Women's Day Celebration](#)
- Mar 29** [Confucius Institute Opening Ceremony](#)

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