



News Digest

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Mid-Semester Grade Reports

Mid-semester grade reports must be submitted by **12:00 p.m. on March 2**. For more information, refer to the [midterm grading instructions](#).

Unsatisfactory Progress

Web grading capability is available for faculty to assign Unsatisfactory Progress grades for all students. If, for any reason, you are unable to access your class list to assign unsatisfactory grades, please contact Elise Mickey in the Registrar's Office (7-5485). Please note that this process is only to solicit unsatisfactory progress, not a grade for all students.

No Unsatisfactory Grades to Report

Faculty are also asked to report if all grades are satisfactory in the course in addition to submitting unsatisfactory grades. Enter your unsatisfactory grades using [My UNC Charlotte](#). If you have a student who has stopped attending or never attended class, award that student an unsatisfactory grade ("F" for undergraduate level and "U" for graduate level) as well. This informs the student that he/she is currently enrolled in the class and runs the risk of an unsatisfactory final grade provided proper procedures are not followed. Report only students with unsatisfactory progress by using the following notations:

Undergraduate students: record only "D" or "F" grades

Graduate students: record only "C" or "U" grades

Graduate Student Research Symposium Seeks Judges

Interested in spending some of your valuable service hours with the UNC Charlotte graduate student research community at next Spring's Graduate Research Symposium (GRS)? The GRS Planning Committee is seeking faculty and administrators, both new and returning judges, for the Symposium scheduled for April 6, 2018. Judges attend either a morning or afternoon session to provide feedback on graduate student oral and poster presentations. Judges can submit their participation preferences on the [GRS Sign Up form](#). The GRS Planning Committee would like to begin confirming judges by the early part of January.

[Read more >>](#)

13th Annual International Women's Day Nominations & Celebrations

International Women's Day, recognized by the United Nations on March 8, is celebrated in various countries around the world. International Women's Day, as acknowledged by the United Nations, is a time to reflect on progress made and a call for change. Most importantly, International Women's Day (IWD) is a celebration of acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities. The UNC Charlotte campus community has celebrated IWD since 2006. This annual event includes historical information and recognition of faculty, staff, and students who have been nominated for their impact on the lives of women locally and globally. [Nominations](#) will open Friday, February 9, and will be accepted until Thursday, March 8. The event is co-sponsored by the Office of International Programs, the Women's and Gender Studies Program, and the Multicultural Resource Center. The event is open to the campus community.

- Tuesday, March 27, 3:30 - 5:00 PM, Student Union 340

Reception in Honor of Amy Dykeman

Atkins Library will unveil an original piece of art created by a UNC Charlotte architecture student that will hang in the library in honor of Amy Patricia Dykeman, former University Library, J. Murrey Atkins Library, 2002-2008.

- Thursday, February 22, 5:00 - 7:00 PM, Dale Halton Reading Room, J. Murrey Atkins Library ([Register](#))

Honors and Award Nominations - Dean of Students Office

The Dean of Students Office is seeking nominations from faculty, staff and students for the following awards: Chancellor's Citations for Leadership and Service, Bonnie Cone Leadership, Noble Niner, Chuck Lynch, and Derrick Griffith Servant Leader Award. These awards recognize students who have made significant contributions to UNC Charlotte during their undergraduate career and are given annually to graduating seniors who have shown outstanding qualities of scholarship and leadership. It is important that the recipients have demonstrated an attitude of unselfish interest in the welfare of their fellow students and the University as a whole. The recipients may also be students who are graduating in May, August, or December 2018 with a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA and the student must be in good disciplinary standing. Please submit nomination(s) to the Dean of Students Office in King 217 no later than Friday, February 23. Nominations may also be submitted via email to [Sharisse Stafford](#). Student applications are due no later than Sunday, March 18, 11:45 p.m.. Students are not required to be nominated in order to apply. The awards will be presented at the Honors and Awards Program on Monday, April 30, 6:00 p.m.

2018 Undergraduate Research Conference

Registration for the 2018 UNC Charlotte Undergraduate Research Conference (URC) is now open! Encourage your undergraduate students to submit their research projects for presentation at the URC 2018. Proposals should be sent through the [URC 2018 registration link](#). The registration link will remain open until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 16. The 2018 URC Conference will be held on Friday, April 20 in the Student Activity Center.

Atkins Library Renovations

While construction is underway, there is no public access to Atkins tower floors five through ten. Access Services staff will retrieve items requested through the library's catalog. Please see the [Library's website](#) for more information. For access to special Collections materials during the tower closure, contact spec-coll@uncc.edu or call 7-1107. Please request materials at least three business days in advance.

Lectures, Seminars and Training Opportunities

Dr. Paul Gorski, Author, Professor, and Founder of the Equity Literacy Institute and EdChange

The Cato College of Education will host [Dr. Paul Gorski](#) on February 13-14, 2018, at the Harris Alumni Center. Dr. Gorski will engage the UNC Charlotte College of Education and community on a variety of topics.

Community Forum: Reaching and Teaching Students in Poverty: Strategies for Erasing the Opportunity Gap

- Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 - 9:00 PM ([Register](#))

Consumerism as Economic and Racial Injustice: The Consuming Habits that Make Me, and Maybe You, a Hypocrite

- Wednesday, February 14, 8:30 - 10:00 AM ([Register](#))

Building Family and Teaching Solidarity: An Equity Literacy Approach

- Wednesday, February 14, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM ([Register](#))

Beyond Grit: How to Spot Equity Detours in Our Thinking and Our Schools' Practices

- Wednesday, February 14, 2:00 - 4:00 PM ([Register](#))
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Deeper Use of Assessments in Canvas

This workshop will cover how to use Modules and Assignments to create a pathway through course content.

- Tuesday, February 13, 9:30 – 11:00 AM ([Register](#))
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Canvas Quizzing

This workshop will support faculty who are seeking to manage a number of quizzes in a time-efficient manner and give an alternative to OpScan testing.

- Tuesday, February 13, 2:00 – 3:30 PM ([Register](#))
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Creating Narrated PowerPoint Video Presentations

This workshop will walk you through the Voice-over PowerPoint features of Kaltura CaptureSpace in Canvas. It will also help establish a foundation for further exploration of sharing and using rich multimedia content across Canvas courses.

- Wednesday, February 14, 9:30 – 11:00 AM ([Register](#))
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Great Decisions Lecture Series: South Africa's Fragile Democracy

Dr. Mark Kelso, Chair, Queens University

- Wednesday, February 14, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, UNC Charlotte City Center, Room 204 ([Register](#))
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Effective Peer Observations

This workshop will examine effective practices for providing meaningful and constructive peer observations for faculty colleagues.

- Thursday, February 15, 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM ([Register](#))
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Using Outcomes and Rubrics in Canvas

Come to this workshop to understand and implement Outcomes and Rubrics for communicating quality expectations of work to your students.

- Thursday, February 15, 2:00 – 3:30 PM ([Register](#))
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International Speaker Series: Defending the Rule of Law - At Home and Abroad

Hilarie Bass, American Bar Association President

- Thursday, February 15, 3:30 - 5:00 PM, Popp Martin Student Union, Movie Theater ([Register](#))
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Engaging with the Jamil Niner Student Pantry

Co-founders of the Jamil Niner Student Pantry will discuss lessons learned over the past three years, while also outlining how faculty/staff, students and the community partners have been an integral part of the pantry's success. Topics include: defining food insecurity, prevalence on college campuses connecting with faculty/staff members for volunteer, service-learning and research opportunities, student development, and community partnerships.

- Wednesday, February 21, 12:00 PM, Reese 524

Let's Make a Deal: The Dos and Don'ts of Managing University Contracts

Associate General Counsel Sarah Edwards will provide a review of the university's contract checklist, including state law and other negotiating parameters. She will also discuss the acceptability of electronic or digital signatures, who is permitted to sign what types of contracts, and whom to contact depending on your contract's subject matter. Finally, she will tackle a few negotiation scenarios and answer any questions from the attendees.

- Wednesday, February 21, 9:00 - 10:15 AM, CHHS 281 ([Register](#))

3rd Annual NC State Representative Beverly Earle Minority Health Conference: Addressing Equity & Social Justice

The conference provides a community engaged platform that promotes diversity, disseminates health disparities research findings, programs, and tools, and increases awareness on health disparities in the Charlotte area. The conference includes: a panel discussion on health disparities/social justice and one on oral health.

- Friday, February 23, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Lucas Room, Cone University Center ([Register](#))

Gene Drive Systems for Insect Disease Vectors

Professor Fred Gould from NC State University will provide a summary of theoretical, experimental, and practical issues being addressed by researchers attempting to genetically suppress or alter characteristics of insect pest populations. The targets for genetic pest management range from mosquitoes that transmit malaria to rats that annually consume enough rice to feed 180 million people.

- Friday, March 23, 11:30 AM, Woodward 106

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:

- Feb 12** [34th Annual Witherspoon Lecture](#)
- Feb 13** [Catalonia: A Panel about Spain's Current Political Turmoil](#)
- Feb 14** [Inverting the Panopticon: App-Mediated Research](#)
- Feb 14** [Great Decisions Lecture Series: South Africa's Fragile Democracy with Dr. Mark Kelso](#)
- Feb 15** [International Coffee Hour](#)
- Feb 15** [International Speaker Series: Defending the Rule of Law – At Home and Abroad with President of the American Bar Association Hilarie Bass](#)
- Feb 15** [Office of Education Abroad Scholarship Deadline](#)
- Feb 15** [Chamber Orchestra](#)
- Feb 16** [GESP Application Deadline](#)

Feb 16 [University Chorale](#)

NEXT WEEK:

Feb 19 [Wind Ensemble \(Music\)](#)

Feb 20 [Surviving Nazism: A Dialogue with Susan Cernyak-Spatz, Holocaust Survivor](#)

Feb 20 [Great Decisions Lecture Series: Global Health: Progress and Challenges with Dr. Elizabeth Racine](#)

Feb 21-25 [The Long Christmas Ride Home \(Theatre\)](#)

Feb 22 [Ethical Challenges of Unregulated Health Research Using Mobile Devices](#)

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

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