



News Digest

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Call for Nominations: O. Max Gardner Award

Your help is needed in identifying potential faculty nominees for the 2018-2019 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. Please forward the names of nominees to the [Faculty Governance Assistant](#) by 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, October 5, 2018**. 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.

2018-2019 Award Nomination Deadlines

Each year, nominations are invited for the below faculty awards. Below is a list of the due dates for each award for the 2018-2019 academic year. Please make note of the five nomination opportunities coming up this semester (fall 2018).

October 5, 2018	O. Max Gardner Award
October 19, 2018	Bonnie E. Cone Professorship in Civic Engagement
November 2, 2018	Harshini V. de Silva Graduate Mentor Award
November 9, 2018	First Citizens Bank Scholars Medal
November 15, 2018	Bank of America Award for Teaching Excellence
February 15, 2019	Bonnie E. Cone Early-Career Professorship for Teaching
March 15, 2019	Provost’s Award for Excellence in Teaching
March 15, 2019	Provost’s Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Academic Advising

Key Gmail New Design Dates



You can now use Google's new Gmail design with your university Gmail account; see [this FAQ](#) on how to access it. On **September 18**, the new Gmail design will automatically display when you log in; however, you can still toggle back to the "classic" version until **October 16**. Starting on this date, the new design is permanent. Not yet comfortable using it? New Gmail design [introductory workshops](#) will be available starting next week.

Adjunct Faculty Learning Community Accepting Applications

The Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) invites all adjunct faculty members to [apply for the Adjunct Faculty Learning Community](#). After a successful third year of the Faculty Learning Community (FLC) for Adjuncts, CTL is pleased to announce the formation of two new communities for Fall 2018! They will continue to offer their on-campus FLC and are excited to add an online option to meet the unique needs of adjunct faculty. The deadline to apply for the FLC is 3:00 p.m. on September 14, 2018.

Important facts about the NEW Fall FLC:

- **FORMAT:** There are two formats-- on-campus and online.
 - The on-campus cohort will consist of four monthly face-to-face meetings.
 - The online cohort will participate in monthly Canvas sessions (and assignments).
Note: Both cohorts are open to adjunct faculty who have not participated in the FLC in the past. However, the online cohort is reserved for adjunct faculty who have schedules that do not allow on-campus participation.
- **SCHEDULE:** The on-campus cohort will meet in Kennedy 221 on Friday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on September 28, October 26, November 16, and December 7, 2018.
- **STIPEND:** Participants will receive a \$500 stipend for their participation.
Note: Attendance at all sessions is required in order to receive the full stipend. Full-time employees are NOT eligible to receive the stipend.
- **PURPOSE:** Both the on campus and online sessions will focus on community building and strategies for improving teaching effectiveness.
- **FACILITATORS:** Both formats will be facilitated by faculty and staff from the CTL.

An FLC is a proven approach to building community and supporting adjunct and part-time faculty. An FLC is a form of professional development that brings together a small group of cross-disciplinary faculty members to engage over a period of time in an active and collaborative program that strives to enhance teaching and learning and build a sense of community (Cox, 2004).

CONNECT Training and Early Alerts

Numerous CONNECT training sessions are scheduled for Fall 2018. These training sessions will include Early Alert Training. Early Alerts are due for all 1XXX/2XXX courses by noon on Friday, September 14th. Information on fall training for advisors and faculty for CONNECT, including the link for registration, can be found on the [Academic Advising Technology Training webpage](#). Departments may also request to schedule their own training session to be held during a departmental meeting by contacting LeeFredrick Bowen, Director for Academic Advising Systems.

Atkins Library: News and Events

Library Social and Faculty Award Ceremony

Join Atkins Library as they present the 2018 J. Murrey Atkins Library Faculty Engagement Award to Dr. Consuelo Carr Salas, and meet with librarians who can support your research, instruction and scholarship in numerous ways. Learn how you can take advantage of these resources and maybe be the next Atkins Faculty Engagement Award winner!

- Thursday, September 6, 4:00 PM, Halton Reading Room ([RSVP](#))

Ribbon Cutting for Family Friendly Library Room #2

Atkins Library and the ANSWER Scholarship will unveil a new [Family-Friendly Library Room](#) next to the first child-friendly study room that opened in 2017. Bring your kids and join us for the celebration!

- Wednesday, September 19, 4:30 - 6:30 PM, Atkins 206

Area 49 Grand Opening

Atkins will soon unveil [Area 49, six technology and learning spaces](#) designed to encourage cross-disciplinary exploration, experimentation, and collaboration. Comprised of the Visualization Lab, EZ Video Studio, Gaming Lab, Multimedia Lab, Makerspace, and the Teaching and Technology Theater (T3), Area 49 provides students and researchers access to specialized equipment that enables these spaces to serve as the catalyst for ideation, innovation, and entrepreneurial research and development.encompasses.

- Tuesday, September 25, Atkins Second Floor Technology Space
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM: Open House

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:

- Sep 5 [International Speaker Series: Ambassador Ryan Crocker](#)
- Sep 6 [What's Wrong With My Plants?](#)
- Sep 6 [CTI's Summer Research Experience for Teachers](#)
- Sep 6 [International Coffee Hour](#)
- Sep 9 [Botanical Macro Photography](#)

NEXT

WEEK: [Bosnia and Herzegovina Series](#)

- Sep 12 [Kids Crafternoon](#)
- Sep 16 [Stories in the Woods](#)
- Sep 16

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

UPCOMING:

The [OAA News Digest](#) is distributed each Monday to Academic Affairs faculty and staff.
Deadline for submission is 11:00 a.m. every Friday.