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Faculty Resource Document re: Dealing with Campus Shootings

The Center for Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) has created a document assist faculty and front-line staff as they begin to teach or otherwise engage with students this summer. The document - How Faculty Can Help: Providing Support in the Aftermath of the Campus Shooting - can be found on the [CAPS webpage](#). Other related resources can also be found on the CAPS website.

Office of Academic Affairs Physically Closed Friday, May 17

During the [planned campus power outage](#) May 13-19, the Office of Academic Affairs (OAA) will continue to be available for questions and services. OAA staff will not be in the office Friday, May 17, due to the Reese building power outage. However, phones will be forwarded and email will be accessible. For urgent needs, call 704-687-5717.

Memorial Items Moved to University Archives

When rain was forecast last weekend, UNC Charlotte put procedures in place to protect the memorials that were created in front of the Kennedy building and at the miner statue. All mementos, notes, cards, posters, etc. are being transferred to Special Collections and University Archives on a regular basis so they can be preserved and made publicly available as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact spec-coll@uncc.edu.

Kaltura Software Update

Do You Use Kaltura to create videos through Canvas? Kaltura Personal Capture is replacing Kaltura CaptureSpace for creating instructional videos in Canvas. Directions for using this new tool will be emailed to all faculty and will be published on Canvas.uncc.edu Announcements this Wednesday.

Atkins 10th Floor to Reopen May 15

Due to a delay in securing the office spaces on the 10th floor, the Dalton Special Collections Reading Room and the Quiet Study Area are scheduled to reopen on Wednesday, May 15. Services are offered by request; email spec-coll@uncc.edu or call Randi Beem at 7-1107 to make arrangements.

Farewell Reception for Shawn Long

Dean Nancy A. Gutierrez invites you to the re-scheduled reception to bid farewell to Shawn Long, senior associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and professor of communication studies and organizational science. Shawn, former chair of the department of communication studies, is leaving to become dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Kennesaw State University in Georgia. The reception will be from 4:30 to 6:00 pm Thursday, May 30, at the University Hilton (8629 JM Keynes Dr., Charlotte 28262). The program will begin at 4:45 pm. RSVPs are requested. Even if you registered for the earlier date, please [re-register](#).

Faculty Invited to Campus STEM Summit

Insights into Student Success and Student Engagement in STEM

The STEM summit is open to all faculty, staff, and administrators from STEM disciplines. We encourage departments to send teams of faculty who teach the same course. This will facilitate rich conversations about the challenges instructors face teaching critical progression STEM courses and potential solutions to these challenges. Participants will explore best practices for increasing student learning in STEM courses and examine existing practices through this lens, with the goal of implementing deeply engaging and effective practices in critical progression courses.

Keynote Address: [Dr. Chris Rasmussen](#), San Diego State University

Dr. Rasmussen will report on results from two national studies of STEM courses. The first project identified the factors that influence student success in critical progression courses. The second project is investigating departmental change that contributes to teaching and learning environments that improve student learning, with a particular focus on active learning strategies. It highlights case studies of departments that have successfully made transformations in department culture, norms, and practices. Departmental and institutional leadership, such as course coordination, use of data, student resources such as tutoring centers, and professional development, have been mutually supportive to initiate, implement, and sustain these changes.

- Thursday, May 16, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Woodward 130 ([Register](#))

2019 Recipients of International Education Awards



Wang Selected as 2019 Recipient of Faculty International Education Award

The 2019 International Education Faculty Award recipient is Dr. Chuang Wang, Professor of Educational Research in the Department of Educational Leadership, in the Cato College of Education. This award recognizes him for his outstanding contributions to the enhancement of the international education experience at UNC Charlotte. Some of his accomplishments include the development of a Special Topics course Comparative Education: China's Preparation for the 21st Century in order to infuse an international perspective into the curriculum, contributing to the establishment of the internationalization committee within COED, building a comparative education study-abroad program to prepare educators for the 21st century, and taking groups of students to China, South Korea, and/or India over the past nine years. As the 2019 Faculty International Education Award recipient, Dr. Wang received a plaque and a \$2,000 stipend, presented by committee chairperson, Dr. Dolly King, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs in the Belk College of Business, on behalf of Assistant Provost Joël Gallegos and the Office of International Programs. Images of the awards program are on the [OIP Flickr site](#).



Garcia Selected as 2019 Recipient of Student International Education Award

The 2019 Student International Education Award recipient is Maria Garcia. She is recognized for her outstanding contributions and involvement in international programs and studies at UNC Charlotte, where she is a triple major in International Studies, French, and German. During her time in Germany, she served as an Overseas Ambassador for Diversity Abroad, where she wrote articles and represented the organization on social media as an advocate for intercultural exchange. She served as a Peer Advisor for the Office of Education Abroad and as a Conversation Partner for the English Language Training Institute. As an Undergraduate Research Assistant, she worked in the Political Science Department on various projects. These include advancing research for an emotional translation-coding program to compiling and analyzing data on intergroup rivalries among non-state militant groups in various countries and regions. As the 2019 Student International Education Award recipient, Ms. Garcia received a plaque and a \$500 stipend, presented by a committee member, Mr. Oldain Claxton, a graduate student and member of the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society, on behalf of Assistant Provost Joël Gallegos and the Office of International Programs. Images of the awards program are on the [OIP Flickr site](#).

Faculty and students are encouraged to consider submitting applications for the 2019-2020 International Education Awards. Details about the awards are available on the [OIP website](#).

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:

- May 1-24** [10th Annual Study Abroad Photo Exhibit](#)
- May 18** [Through Butterfly Eyes: Making Art from Cellphone Macrophotography](#)
- May 18** [The Art of Seeing Flowers: Basic Floral Structure, Botanical Drawing](#)
- May 19** [Ink and Watercolor Florals for Kids](#)
- May 19** [MacroPhotography with Cell Phones for Kids and Teens](#)
- May 19** [Create a Mini Garden Art Pole](#)
- May 19** [Nature Sketchbook Family Class](#)

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

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