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Undergraduate Research Conference

Registration for the 2020 Undergraduate Research Conference (URC) is now open. Please encourage your undergraduate students to register and present at the conference. URC registration will remain open until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 21. Students can visit the [URC website for more details about how to register](#).

The Undergraduate Research Conference will be held on Friday, April 17, 2020, in the Popp-Martin Student Union. We are still seeking faculty, staff, and doctoral students to serve as URC judges. Please complete the [URC Judge Recruitment form](#) to indicate your availability to judge posters or oral presentations at the URC. The form has all the details regarding the sessions. Kindly complete the form by or before Friday, February 14, 2020.

Discovery Place Science: Call for Participation in Community Outreach Initiative

The Office of Undergraduate Research, the Graduate School, and other community partners will be celebrating the exciting research that is happening at UNC Charlotte through a partnership with Discovery Place Science. We are recruiting both undergraduate and graduate students to present their research at this event. The event will take place on Friday, April 1, 2020, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please encourage students in your college/department to participate. For more information on this event or how to sign up, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Research at undergradresearch@unc.edu or 7-5316. You can also complete the [participation form](#). The call for participation for this event will close on February 10, 2020.

Internationalization Workshop with University of Kent at Canterbury



Faculty and staff are invited to attend a workshop focused on international education offered by our longtime exchange partner, the University of Kent in the United Kingdom. The workshop will be divided into two primary topics: Internationalization of the Curriculum and case studies in Internationalization at Home. Participants will discuss practical ideas to embed opportunities for internationalization in programs, courses and activities in order to create or enhance global experiences for our students. A discussion comparing our two institutions' best practices and challenges will follow. The workshop will be facilitated by Kent University's Dr. Anthony Manning, Dean for Internationalisation, and Ms. Hannah Manning, Director of International Partnerships, as well as UNC Charlotte's Joël Gallegos, Assistant Provost for International Programs. For registration and more information, please visit the [Kent Internationalization Workshop webpage](#).

- Tuesday, January 28, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Popp-Martin Student Union, Room 200 ([Register](#))

New Graduate Student Fellowships Available

Graduate Program Directors may nominate new graduate students for Graduate School Fellowships, ranging up to \$18,000, between now and March 16, 2020. The fellowships, such as those sponsored by the Herschel and Cornelia Everett Foundation and Wayland H. Cato, are funded by donors for need-based and merit awards that recognize excellent students for their academic achievement and provide assistance to those who demonstrate financial need. The March 16 deadline is suggested to provide enough time for nominees to complete their application by March 23. Please submit nominations through the [NinerScholars Portal](#). For more information, please visit the [Graduate School Award Gateway](#).

Save the Date: April 2020 W+GRA Research & Education Symposium

The Women + Girls Research Alliance (W+GRA) invites you to save the date on your calendar for the [2020 W+GRA Research and Education Symposium](#), to be held on April 15, 2020. The Symposium will include a moderated panel discussion and presentations on women's and children's health, wellness and economic opportunity. Presentations will include national, state, and local-level data. The Symposium will also include student and faculty poster sessions, a community resource fair, and lunch for all registrants. Registration will open in February.

W+GRA also seeks student and faculty posters for the Symposium. We welcome abstracts of your original research on women and/or girls. Abstracts should be no more than 200 words and should be [submitted by 5:00 pm on February 14, 2020](#).

Clean Air Carolina's 2020 NC BREATHE Conference

The Department of Public Health Sciences will sponsor [Clean Air Carolina's 2020 NC BREATHE Conference](#), "Health, Equity, and the Climate Crisis in North Carolina," which will be held April 9, 2020, at [UNC Charlotte Center City](#). We are pleased to announce a [Call for Posters](#) on research presentations that feature research on the impacts of air quality and climate change on health, economics, and the environment. From the submissions, three student abstract authors will be selected to give a short lightning talk presentation about their poster and research. The deadline for abstract submission is midnight on March 1, 2020. For any abstract-related questions or comments, please email [Rachel McIntosh-Kastrinsky](#)

J. Murrey Atkins Library: News and Events

Atkins Library Unveils New Website

This week, Atkins Library unveiled a [redesigned website](#) in time for the start of the spring semester. The new site matches the look and feel of the rest of the University's websites to create a consistent experience for students, faculty, and staff. Featuring task-based global navigation, the new site will also improve the user experience for our patrons, making things more intuitive and easier to find. [Read more](#).

Disability Advocate and Author Talks on Hidden Disabilities in the Workplace

UNC Charlotte's Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies (WRDS) and J. Murrey Atkins Library will host disability advocate and author Sejal Shah for a presentation entitled, "[Performing Health, Unmasking Pain: Wellness, Illness, and Diversity in the Workplace](#)," on Wednesday, February 12, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. in the library's Halton Reading Room. The event is supported by the 2019-2020 Chancellor's Diversity Challenge Fund. [RSVP is required](#).

New Combined Library Services at First Floor Desk

Beginning this semester, you will be able to take advantage of [multiple library services](#) at the First Floor Desk. You can continue to check out and return materials including books, laptops, DVDs, and other equipment, and get information about the library and our resources, but you can now also get research help! We hope that combining these services at a central desk will make it easier for students, faculty, and staff to get the help they need, whether that is to check out a laptop charger, return a book from interlibrary loan, or get help finding sources for a research paper.

Help! Library's Supply of Delivery Bags Running Low

**IF YOU HAVE ANY GREEN BOOK DELIVERY BAGS,
PLEASE SEND THEM BACK TO ATKINS LIBRARY
THROUGH CAMPUS MAIL.**



Research Study: Blood Pressure

Experts have recently revised the guidelines for diagnosing high blood pressure. Researchers from the Department of Public Health Science are conducting a brief study to investigate how people who may be at risk for high blood pressure, or who have high blood pressure, are taking care of their health. You are eligible for this study, if: you are at least 25 years old; you work at UNC Charlotte; a doctor or nurse has told you that your blood pressure is higher than 120 over 80; or you have already been diagnosed with high blood pressure or hypertension (whether or not you take pills or medication). If you choose to participate in the study, a research assistant will come to your work location or you can meet them in the College of Health and Human Services; they will take your blood pressure and you will complete a brief survey about your health behaviors. The entire appointment should take no longer than 25 minutes. You will receive a \$10 Walmart gift card for completing the survey and providing your blood pressure. All data will be confidential. Your name will not be attached to the survey data or your blood pressure numbers. You may only participate in the study one time; if you have previously taken part, you are not eligible to take the survey again. If you are interested in participating, please complete the [Google form](#) to provide the research team with your contact information or email htn.jwf@gmail.com. This research is being conducted by Dr. Jan Warren-Findlow in the Department of Public Health Sciences. The study has been approved by the UNC Charlotte IRB (19-0008 on 06/09/2019).

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops

Faculty are invited to register for these upcoming workshops:

[Getting Started with Active Teaching and Learning](#) - Wednesday, January 15, 1:30 - 2:45 PM
(counts towards the [Essentials of Teaching and Learning Certificate](#))

[Starting with a Fresh Canvas](#) - Thursday, January 16, 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM

[Canvas Assignments and Gradebook](#) - Thursday, January 16, 2:30 - 3:45 PM

Faculty are also invited to enroll in two NEW SELF-PACED ONLINE workshops:

[Starting with a Fresh Canvas](#)

[Teaching Foundations](#)

Need help with Canvas? [24/7 Canvas Support](#) is available for faculty and students!

CONNECT Training and Early Alerts

Numerous CONNECT training sessions are scheduled for Spring 2020. These training sessions include Early Alert training. Early Alerts are due for all 1XXX/2XXX courses by noon on Friday, January 31. 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 [Stephanie Westine](#), Advising Systems Administrator, or [LeeFredrick Bowen](#), Director for Academic Advising Systems.

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](#)

Latest AA News

For up-to-the-minute news from Academic Affairs (faculty awards, research, recognition, initiatives), follow us on Twitter (www.twitter.com/UNCC_Academics) or visit the [Academic Affairs Division News webpage](#).

Upcoming Events

This Week:

- Jan-May** [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events calendar](#)
- Jan-May** [Diversity Events on campus](#)
- Jan 14** ['Last Date of Attendance' Open Swim Session](#)
- Jan 16** [International Coffee Hour](#)
- Jan 17** [New International Student Welcome Party](#)

Next Week:

- Jan 21** [MLK Jr. Celebration](#)
- Jan 22** [Great Decisions Series: Climate Change and the Global Order with Dr. Deborah Thomas](#)
- Jan 22** [Application deadline for the Cultural Ambassador Program](#)

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