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### UNC Charlotte Great Decisions Lecture Series



Dr. Margaret Commins, Associate Professor in the Political Science and Sociology Department at Queens University, will discuss her research along with Michael Shifter and Bruno Binetti's article *U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle* on how "combating illegal immigration has become a priority of the Trump administration. The Northern Triangle of Central America, made up of Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala, is a special target of the administration, which hold the nations responsible for the large flow of migrants from Latin America to the U.S. With funds from the U.S. cut, how can the Northern Triangle countries curtail migration?"

- Wednesday, January 29, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, UNC Charlotte Center City ([Register](#))

### UNC Charlotte Book Club



#### Register Now for UNC Charlotte's Book Club Kickoff

Atkins Library invites you to attend the kickoff of a new [University-wide book club](#) that will focus on diversity and cultural topics to spark conversations around inclusivity, equity and awareness of human differences in today's society. The book selection for this inaugural discussion is Dolly Chugh's "[The Person You Mean to Be: How Good People Fight Bias](#)." Whether or not you've read the book you are welcome to attend and participate in the discussion.

- Thursday, January 30, 4:00 - 6:00 PM, Halton Reading Room, Atkins Library ([RSVP](#))

### CTI Open House for CMS Teachers



This [event](#) is for all interested teachers (preK-12) who teach full time in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. Meet the 2020 CTI Seminar Leaders (UNC Charlotte and Johnson C. Smith University faculty) and learn about this year's eight great [2020 CTI Seminars](#) and how to apply. A meet & greet with Seminar Leaders follows the presentations and includes opportunities for questions and discussion. CTI Seminar Leaders value your feedback about what you would like to learn this year and what you hope to bring back to your students. CTI is truly collaborative teacher education!

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### Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops

**Essentials of Teaching and Learning Certificate Workshops** (earn the [certificate!](#))

- Using Feedback to Improve Teaching and Learning (fully online workshop) - January 27 - February 3 ([Register](#))
- Introduction to Learning Objectives (fully online workshop) - February 3 - February 10 ([Register](#))
- Getting Started with Active Teaching and Learning - Tuesday, February 4, 2:30 - 3:45 PM, Kennedy 221 ([Register](#))

## Canvas Workshops

- Canvas Assignments and Gradebook Workshop - Monday, January 27, 9:30 - 10:45 AM, Kennedy 221 ([Register](#))

## Special Active Learning Event with guest speaker, Dr. Bobby Hobgood: The Impact of Active Learning Spaces on Student Engagement

- Thursday, January 30, 2:45 - 4:15 PM, COED 434 ([Register](#))

## January 31 Deadlines for Faculty and Students

### Early Alerts Due 12:00 PM Jan. 31

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.

### Student Applications for OUR Summer 2020 Undergraduate Research Experience

Student applications for the Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) Summer 2020 Undergraduate Research Experience are due by **Friday, January 31**. This year, there will be a part-time option for both the Charlotte Research Scholars and Charlotte Community Scholars Program. Please encourage your students to apply for the Charlotte Research Scholars and Charlotte Community Scholars programs. For information on Faculty Projects for the CCS program, visit [Charlotte Community Scholars Program Information](#), and for the CRS program, visit [Charlotte Research Scholars Program Information](#).

## Personally Speaking with Jennifer Munroe



Please join Jennifer Munroe at [Personally Speaking](#) to better understand the world of William Shakespeare's plays and the relationships among men, women, animals, and plants that we find in them. Her book *Shakespeare and Ecofeminist Theory* looks at how people's understanding of their relationship to "environment" 400 years ago might help us redress our own environmental crises today. The event is open to the public without charge, but registration is required.

- Tuesday, February 4, 6:00 PM, UNC Charlotte Center City ([Register](#))

## 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. Both undergraduate and graduate students are needed to present their research at the event. The event will take place on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please encourage students in your college/department to participate. For more information, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Research at 7-5316 or via [email](#), or complete the [participation form](#). The call for participation for this event will close on February 10, 2020.

## Disability Advocate and Author Discusses Hidden Disabilities



UNC Charlotte's Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies 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](#). The event is supported by the 2019-2020 Chancellor's Diversity Challenge Fund.

- Wednesday, February 12, 12:30 - 2:00 PM, Halton Reading Room, Atkins Library ([RSVP](#))

## 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.

## BRIDGES Information Session



The BRIDGES Academic Leadership Program offers UNC Charlotte female faculty and staff the opportunity to develop and strengthen their leadership skills, knowledge, and networking in order to be successful change agents in their communities. Please attend the information session to learn about this unique leadership program and to hear from past BRIDGES participants. This session will also give you an opportunity to meet and network with other university women. Additional information can be found on [UNC Charlotte's BRIDGES webpage](#).

- Thursday, February 20, 2:30 - 3:45 PM, Colvard 5092

## Third Annual Faculty Showcase

The Office of Assessment and Accreditation, in partnership with J. Murrey Atkins Library, Communication Across the Curriculum, and the Center for Teaching and Learning will host its third annual Faculty Showcase. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness and celebrate faculty best practices at UNC Charlotte. Lunch will be provided at the event.

- Wednesday, March 18, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Halton Reading Room, Atkins Library ([Register](#))

## Graduate School Teaching Fellows Program Launch

The Graduate School Teaching Fellows (GSTF) program launches this semester and is aimed at helping UNC Charlotte doctoral students be more competitive for tenure-track and teaching faculty positions. Formerly known as the Provost's Doctoral Teaching Program, the GSTF is open to current UNC Charlotte doctoral students. The two-semester program provides training to graduate students interested in college-level teaching and a career in the professoriate. During the first semester, students receive classroom development in course design, teaching methodology, and best practice. Semester two consists of classroom observations, support, and constructive feedback from the Center for Graduate Life's Teaching Faculty Associate, [Dr. Judith Krauss](#). Fellows are recognized with a cash award and certificate at the completion of the program. More information is available at the [GSTF web page](#) through the [Center for Graduate Life](#).

## 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](http://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 27** [Faculty & Friends Concert: Elizabeth Sullivan, oboe](#)
- Jan 28** [Internationalization Workshop with University of Kent at Canterbury](#)
- Jan 28** ['Last Date of Attendance' Open Swim Session](#)
- Jan 29** [Great Decisions Series: U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle with Dr. Margaret Commins](#)
- Jan 30** [CTI Annual Open House for CMS Teachers](#)
- Jan 30** [Speaker Series: Understanding Disparities in an Urbanizing World](#)
- Jan 30** [Exhibition Reception: Written Image and Drawing Connections](#)

- Jan 31 [STEM Fair](#)
- Jan 31 [Student Spotlight Concert](#)
- Feb 1 [Urban Roots Symposium: Transforming the Urban Landscape](#)

**Next Week:**

- Feb 4 [Personally Speaking with Jennifer Munroe: Shakespeare and Ecofeminist Theory](#)
- Feb 4 [Optional Practical Training \(OPT\) Workshop](#)
- Feb 5 [Great Decisions Series: Artificial Intelligence and Data with Dr. Cheryl Brown](#)
- Feb 6 [International Coffee Hour](#)
- Feb 8-14 [Botanical Gardens Annual Orchids for Valentines Sale](#)

**Upcoming:** [provost.uncc.edu/division-news/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events](http://provost.uncc.edu/division-news/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events)

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