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Vote Before You Go!

This is the last week of early voting in the 2020 primary elections. If you are registered to vote in Mecklenburg County, you can vote on campus at the Belk Gym from now until February 29 during the primary election. Polls are open from 8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Your ballot may include candidates for presidential, state, and local offices. Please encourage eligible colleagues and students to vote early on campus before they leave for Spring Break. For more information, please visit the [Early Voting webpage](#).

Grade Replacement Change - Effective Fall 2020

The faculty approved a change in the [grade replacement policy](#) that will go into effect in fall 2020. The primary change is moving from a process where students submit (opt-in) a request to apply grade replacement before the end of the drop/add registration period to a more automated method. Students are allowed up to two courses for grade replacement during their undergraduate career.

Beginning in fall 2020, the Office of the Registrar will be responsible for selecting the first two courses eligible for grade replacement. The Office of the Registrar and Information Technology Services are working together to develop an automated tool for managing grade replacement. The expected tool will include a count of grade replacements used and grade replacements remaining. Students will be able to see courses that qualify for grade replacement throughout registration. After registration ends, the planned tool will identify the courses selected through automation. Students will have between the last day to drop or add and the last day to withdraw to decline (opt-out) the selected courses, identify an alternative course(s), or take no action and accept the identified courses.

It is anticipated that advisors will also have access to this same view of the tool so proper advising can occur. The Office of the Registrar recommends that students review eligible courses, using this tool, throughout registration and through the last day to withdraw to ensure their selections are accurate and discuss implications with their academic advisor.

This tool is still in development but plans are to finalize it on or around the last day to register for the fall term (in August). Because the current system requires students to identify their grade replacement before the end of registration, we are encouraging the academic community to help make students aware of this change in timing. As more information develops, the Office of the Registrar will share more information in multiple formats, including face-to-face reviews of the new tool when it is in production.

Particle Falls Showing at Center City Building

February 28 through March 28, sunset-midnight every night, Center City Building

Clean Air Carolina, along with UNC Charlotte's Department of Geography & Earth Sciences, is showing an art-science visual called [Particle Falls](#) by artist Andrea Polli. Particle Falls is projected onto the ten-story side of the UNC Charlotte Center City Building facing the Blue Line, and shows an ever-changing waterfall-like image that responds in real time to

local and regional sources of invisible air pollution. Contact [Brian Magi](#) in the Department of Geography & Earth Sciences for more information about Particle Falls and for dates of special programming during the month of March.

BRIDGES Information Session Rescheduled



The BRIDGES Academic Leadership Program information session scheduled for February 20, at 2:30 p.m. has been rescheduled to Thursday, February 27, 2:30-3:30 via WebEx. Please see the WebEx details below. 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. Additional information can be found on [UNC Charlotte's BRIDGES webpage](#).

WebEx Details: Thursday, February 27, 2:30-3:30

<https://unccl.webex.com/unccl/j.php?MTID=m6d982f2c98d4322f10f97658ac30a7f5>

Meeting number (access code): 643 519 128

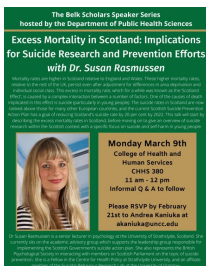
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Undergraduate Research Conference - Deadline Extended

The 2020 UNC Charlotte Undergraduate Research Conference (URC) registration has been extended! Please encourage your undergraduate students to register and present at the conference. The URC registration will remain open until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28. 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.

Belk Scholars Speaker Series



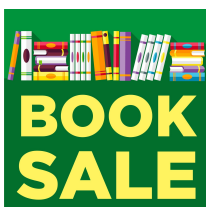
The 2020 Public Health Sciences Belk Visiting Scholar, Dr. Susan Rasmussen, will provide a research seminar with informal Q&A to follow. Her talk is entitled, *Excess Mortality in Scotland: Implications for Suicide Research and Prevention Efforts*. Dr. Rasmussen is currently a Senior Lecturer in Psychology and Research Fellow in the Centre for Health Policy at the University of Strathclyde (Glasgow, Scotland). This [research and networking event](#) is a great opportunity for faculty and students with interests in mental health, suicide prevention, global health, international education development, public health, and research methods. Space is limited.

- Monday, March 9, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, CHHS 380 ([RSVP](#))

Free Graduate Courses Available Via Tuition Waiver

The Graduate School will conduct an information session on March 18, 12:00-1:00 p.m. in Cato 248 for University employees who wish to pursue their graduate education. Graduate School staff will explain the easy application process and share information about the tuition waiver and free textbook rental programs. Full-time employees can take three classes per year tuition free. Additionally, employees can easily apply for admission as a post-baccalaureate (non-degree) student without standardized tests, transcripts, or recommendation requirements. To reserve your seat for the information session, complete the [online registration](#).

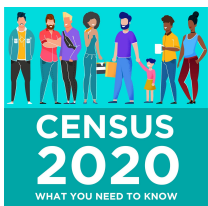
J. Murrey Atkins Library News and Events



Atkins Book Sale

Atkins will hold its next book sale on February 28 & 29 in the Halton Reading Room. We'll offer a large selection of duplicate and carefully selected items including academic monographs, paperbacks, children's literature, LPs, and DVDs. CASH ONLY, PLEASE!

- Friday, February 28, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Campus Only
- Friday, February 28, 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Open to Public
- Saturday, February 29, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM: Open to Public



Census 2020: What You Need to Know

The 2020 Census is approaching and the information gathered through it is vitally important to many aspects of U.S. and local governments. If you are interested to learn about upcoming changes to this year's census and how information is gathered, please consider attending this [library workshop](#) lead by Reese Manceaux, Data Services Librarian.

- Wednesday, February 26, 3:00 - 4:00 PM, Atkins 124

Faculty Showcase

Need great teaching ideas? You are invited to attend the second annual Faculty Showcase sponsored by the Office of Assessment and Accreditation, in partnership with Atkins Library, Communication across the Curriculum, and the Center for Teaching and Learning.

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

Office of International Programs News and Events

Nominations for UNC Charlotte's 15th Annual International Women's Day

[International Women's Day](#) (IWD) is recognized by the United Nations on March 8 and is celebrated in various countries around the world. UNC Charlotte's recognition of IWD 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. Deadline for [nominations](#) is Monday, February 24.



International Speaker Series

Join Lieutenant General Michael K. Nagata, former director at the National Counter-Terrorism Center, for a lecture titled "Is America Winning?" as part of the [International Speaker Series](#).

- Wednesday, February 26, 3:00 – 4:30 PM, CHHS 281 ([Register](#))



Great Decisions Lecture Series

In this last installment of the [2020 Great Decisions Lecture Series](#), Dr. John Cox, Associate Professor of Global Studies and History and the Director of the Center for Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Studies, will touch upon Ronald Weitzer's article "Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking" in a discussion about how "slavery is thriving in new as well as old forms in the 21st century. In today's world, slavery takes such forms as forced labor, debt peonage, and human trafficking—often for sexual exploitation, the form of slavery endured by several million girls and women and for which Charlotte is a major center."

- Wednesday, February 26, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, International House, #215 ([Register](#))

2020 Faculty and Student International Education Awards Announcement

Nominations are now open for the [2020 Faculty International Education Award](#) and the [2020 Student International Education Award](#). OIP encourages your nominations to recognize faculty and students supporting international initiatives. Award recipients will be recognized at the annual International Education Celebration on Thursday, April 16, 2020. Deadline for both faculty and student nominations is Monday, March 16, 2020.

2020 Marian Beane Crossing Borders Writing Competition

[The Marian Beane Crossing Borders Writing Competition](#) is an internationally themed annual writing contest for UNC Charlotte students. Eligibility: Current UNC Charlotte undergraduate, graduate, and upper level (5, 6) ELTI students are invited to submit a short essay (no more than 1000 words) addressing "How my international experience has affected my perspective of the world." Deadline for the [entry form](#) is Monday, March 16, 2020.

CTI Seminar Info Session



Come learn about this year's eight great [2020 CTI seminars](#) -- what they're about, how they relate to your classroom and your students, and how to apply. Meet the Seminar Coordinators and other CTI teacher leaders & staff to discuss what makes CTI seminars so powerful and different, and get answers to any questions you may have. All CMS teachers in grades preK-12 who instruct students full-time are eligible to apply for seminars. Applications are due on March 8. Stay the full time or drop in to better suit your schedule. For more information, email [Scott Gartlan](#), CTI Executive Director.

- Thursday, February 27, 4:30 - 6:30 PM, Johnson C. Smith University ([Register](#))

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:

- Feb-May** [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events calendar](#)
- Feb-May** [Diversity Events on campus](#)
- Feb 24** [Jazz Ensemble and Combos](#)
- Feb 24** [15th Annual International Women's Day Nomination Submission Deadline](#)
- Feb 25** [Orchestra](#)
- Feb 25** [Carl Wilkens: "Why I Stayed in Rwanda"](#)
- Feb 26** [Great Decisions Lecture: Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking](#)
- Feb 26** [International Speaker Lecture: "Is America Winning?"](#)
- Feb 26-27** [Opera Workshop](#)
- Mar 1** [Office of Education Abroad Application Deadline for Summer 2020, Fall 2020 or Academic Year 2020-21](#)

Next Week:

- Mar 5** [International Coffee Hour](#)
- Mar 5-7** [Fifth ISLSP / CIBER Symposium](#)

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

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