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### Celebrating National Native American Heritage Month

In celebration of National Native American Heritage Month, Dr. Cheryl Waites Spellman, interim special assistant to the Chancellor for diversity and inclusion, and the Cato College of Education present a virtual event "Who's Ya People: Understanding and Supporting Southeast American Indians" from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 17. Guest speaker is Dr. Leslie Locklear who serves at UNC Pembroke as the Program Coordinator for the First Americans Teacher Education (FATE) program and First Americans Educational Leadership (FAEL) program where she trains American Indian teachers and administrators to work in American Indian schools. Her passions include culturally relevant curriculum, working with American Indian youth councils, college and career counseling, and supporting educators in the classroom. [Registration and details.](#)

### Faculty Training Series: An Introduction to AWS Academy

The School of Data Science is partnering with notable technology companies to host a series of three training sessions, exclusively for UNC Charlotte faculty and staff. First up, SDS will welcome Matt Heffernan, Technical Program Manager for AWS Academy, on Thursday, November 19, for an Introduction to AWS Academy. This session will cover AWS Academy and an overview of our Academy Cloud Foundations class. Participating faculty will have access to the class for 30 days so they can complete the videos, labs, knowledge checks, and take the certification exam. Those who are interested in participating need to [register for the event.](#)

### Did you win a National or International Competitive Fellowship as a student?

The Honors College is looking to identify faculty or staff recipients of prestigious fellowships such as the Rhodes, Truman, Marshall, Mitchell, or Goldwater. If that sounds like you, please fill out this [quick form](#) by Friday, November 20.

### Risk Communication and Sars-Cov 2: a European Perspective

#### Dr. Christoph Boehmert, German Federal Office for Radiation Protection

In the field of risk communication, scholars try to find the best way to convey information about risks. In the Sars-Cov 2 pandemic, scientists, politicians, the public and other societal groups are all longing for reliable information about the virus and its effects. Hence, a big need for adequate risk communication exists. Those who communicate about risks can have different goals, of which one has played a key role in the pandemic so far: persuasion, i.e. influencing people's attitudes and behaviors. The talk will introduce various psychological theories that communicators can draw on when trying to persuade. These theories will be exemplified with speeches of politicians or media reports in spring 2020 in Germany. Moreover, we will cast a look at different metrics for the pandemic from a risk communication point of view.

- Friday, November 20, 2:30 PM, via Zoom  
<https://uncc.zoom.us/j/97544370633?pwd=REZLSmF1R1p3VHZjY24zUm52bkJYZz09> (Links to an external site.)  
 Meeting ID: 975 4437 0633  
 Passcode: 3o593w

## W+GRA Hosts Panel Discussion on Women in Public Service Leadership

The Women + Girls Research Alliance (W+GRA) invites you to attend its December 2020 Research and Practice Panel Discussion on "Women in Public Service Leadership". Dr. Jaclyn Piatak, Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration, will moderate. Panelists are Lauren Tayara, Karen Whichard, and Phin Xaypangna, all alumni of UNC Charlotte's Master's of Public Administration program. The panel will be held on December 8 via Zoom and will discuss Dr. Jaclyn Piatak's W+GRA-supported project, "The Role of Gender in Government and Nonprofit Workplaces: An Experimental Analysis of Rule Compliance and Supervisor Trust", and how it relates to their experiences as women in leadership positions within the public sector. [Details and registration.](#)

## Center for Teaching and Learning Resources and Workshops

### Easy Ways to Help Our Students Navigate Fall Learning Challenges

The two biggest learning challenges our students face this fall are managing their course workload and communicating with instructors about their courses. Here are some quick and easy ways to help you address these concerns with your students:

#### Managing Course Workload

- [5 Time Management Tips to Help Students](#)
- [Measure Student Workload Using a Quick Survey](#)
- [Use a Course Workload Estimator](#)
- [Create a Course Map for the Rest of the Semester](#)

#### Communication

- [5 Tools to Communicate and Engage Virtually](#)
- [5 Tips to Increase Instructor Presence](#)
- [Use Online Office Hours](#)
- [Reply to Student Emails Within an Established Time Frame](#)



### Guest Speaker: "Coming in Hot" - Active Learning, Online, and Equity

In a year of uncertainty, students are looking to us to help make sense of where we are and where we can go. This workshop assists in the development of active learning strategies that are attentive to issues of equity, diversity, and inclusion in online learning environments. Laura M. Pipe, Ph.D., is the Director of the Teaching Innovations Office and Associate Director of the University Teaching and Learning Commons at UNC Greensboro. This event is hosted by [The Center for Teaching and Learning](#) and [The Active Learning Academy](#). All members of the UNC Charlotte community are invited to attend.

- Wednesday, November 18, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM ([Register](#))

## Office of International Programs News and Events

### International Education Week: Monday, November 16 - Friday, November 20

The Office of International Programs, in collaboration with campus partners, will present the UNC Charlotte International Education Week (IEW) 2020 schedule: November 16-20. Faculty and staff are invited to participate in a host of activities, virtual events, and workshops designed to promote cultural awareness as well as to highlight the many international opportunities available to our campus community. Visit the IEW [calendar](#) for more information and the full list of programs.

### Fulbright Scholar Program Information Session for Faculty

Explore the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program for opportunities to advance knowledge, redefine teaching, and bring international perspectives and experience back to UNC Charlotte and the community. Each year, the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program provides approximately 800 grants in more than 130 countries to support teaching and research in a wide variety of academic and professional fields. Join Assistant Provost for International Programs Joël Gallegos, UNC Charlotte's Fulbright Scholar liaison, for a virtual overview of the program and discussion of UNC Charlotte's long history of Fulbright participation. All interested faculty and staff are encouraged to attend.

- Thursday, November 19, 9:30 - 11:00 AM, Virtual Event (Email [international@uncc.edu](mailto:international@uncc.edu) to register.)

### **Use Your Difference to Make A Difference: Tayo Rockson, Diversity & Inclusion Speaker**

You are cordially invited to join the Office of International Programs in collaboration with the Office of Identity, Equity, and Engagement, and the Young Professionals of the World Affairs Council of Charlotte in welcoming [Tayo Rockson](#), an advocate of finding the beauty in our differences and exploring ways to communicate effectively across cultures. Originally, from Nigeria, Tayo Rockson grew up as a "third culture kid" in five countries before beginning college. As a four-time TEDx speaker, Tayo's book, *Use Your Difference to Make a Difference: How to Connect and Communicate in a Cross-Cultural World*, was published in 2019 and inspires us to explore culture, masculinity, diversity and inclusion—and create action around it. Funding was generously provided by UNC Charlotte's Chancellor's Diversity Grant. Attendees will be entered for a chance to win a copy of Tayo Rockson's book.

- Thursday, November 19, 6:00 - 8:00 PM ([Register](#))

### **Strategies for Successful Career Advancement & Visa Options after Graduation**

Co-presented by the Office of International Programs and Garfinkel Immigration Law Firm, this workshop explores different possible visa and immigration options for international students and scholars interested in career advancement after graduation.

- Friday, November 20, 2:00 PM (Join [Zoom Meeting](#), Meeting ID: 931 0140 6049 / Passcode: 843937)

## **J. Murrey Atkins Library News and Events**

### **Offsite Storage Move Update**

As we shared in August, to provide adequate social distancing and additional space for study and research, UNC Charlotte will be moving most of the periodicals collection and 70% of the print collection currently in Atkins Library to an offsite storage facility located 15 minutes from campus in Concord. The move begins on Monday, November 30 and will continue through to the beginning of the Spring 2021 semester. During the move, there will be some temporary noise, closure of study spaces, and disruption of collection access:

- Signage will indicate areas of the Ground through the third floor that are temporarily inaccessible and direct visitors to other open spaces in the library.
- Browsing will temporarily not be possible in areas where the move is taking place.
- Item locations listed in the catalog might not be accurate as materials are moved.
- If you want to check out a book during this time, please [request the item in the library catalog](#).
- The time it takes for the title to be retrieved and made available to you might be slightly longer than normal.

### **Events This Week**

- Monday, November 16, 2:00 PM: [Election Reflection Virtual Discussion](#)
- Tuesday, November 17, 12:00 PM: [Niner Commons Workshop: Using the Institutional Repository](#)
- Wednesday, November 18, 12:30 PM: [Virtual Atkins Out Loud: Choreography Student Showcase](#)

### **T.J. Reddy to be Celebrated with a Virtual Event**

Thomas James "T.J." Reddy was a UNC Charlotte alumnus and a talented artist, poet, musician, and civil rights activist. As a student here, he helped to found the Black Student Union and Africana Studies Department at UNC Charlotte. Reddy passed away on March 31, 2019, but he is still with us in art and memory. Please join us on Wednesday, December 2, at 4:00 p.m. for a virtual panel discussion, T.J. Reddy: A Life of Art and Activism, as we honor and celebrate him in what would have been his 75th year of life. [More information and registration](#).

## **In Memoriam - John McNair**

John R. McNair, professor emeritus in the Department of English at UNC Charlotte, died on November 3, 2020, in Wilmington, NC, as a result of unexpected complications following a medical procedure. Please see [this story](#) about Professor McNair.

## **Summer 2021 Call for Faculty Applications for OUR Summer Research Program**

It's almost that time of year again! Please "Save the Date" for the Summer 2021 Call for Faculty Applications for the Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) Summer Research Program. Faculty Applications will be accepted November 16 - December 11, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. The OUR Summer Research Program will begin on Tuesday, June 1 and end on

Tuesday, August 4, 2021. Please click the link to complete the Faculty Summer Project Form: [2021 OUR Summer Call for Faculty Projects Form](#). For more information, please visit the [OUR website](#) or call 704-687-5316.

## Writing Resources Center Services

The [Writing Resources Center](#) offers support for students, faculty, and staff for anything involving writing, from generating ideas to interpreting feedback to learning strategies for revision. For Fall 2020, we offer online-only tutoring via e-tutoring (asynchronous feedback) or video conferencing via Zoom. Students can book an appointment ahead of time or drop into our Zoom room for immediate support. We are open six days per week and have a wide range of available times, so please encourage your students to visit us. To schedule an appointment and access our Zoom room, please visit [uncc.mywconline.com](http://uncc.mywconline.com).

## FAFSA Priority Deadline

To be eligible for financial aid next year, students need to submit a FAFSA for the 2021-2022 academic year. All students need to reapply every year. It is important for students to apply for financial aid by the January 1 priority deadline as the earlier they submit their FAFSA, the earlier they will receive a financial aid offer. Students are encouraged to [schedule a virtual appointment with Niner Central](#) for assistance with completing their FAFSA application.

## Faculty Toolkit for Teaching During the Pandemic

Resources for faculty and staff teaching and advising during the 2020-21 academic year are available on the [Office of the Provost website](#). This includes the new grading exception policy, FAQs, suggested syllabus policies, how to handle student absences during COVID, a list of faculty mentors for remote instruction advice, resources from the Center of Teaching and Learning and other helpful resources.

## 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](https://www.twitter.com/UNCC_Academics)) or visit the [Academic Affairs Division News webpage](#).

## Upcoming Events

### This Week:

- Nov-Dec** [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)
- Nov-Dec** [Diversity events](#)
- Nov 20** [Data Analytics in the Intelligence Community Panel Discussion](#) (webinar)

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

*The [DAA News Digest](#) is distributed each Monday to Academic Affairs faculty and staff.  
Deadline for submission is 11:00 a.m. every Friday.  
Send submissions to [academicaffairs@uncc.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@uncc.edu).*