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#NinerNationGives Faculty and Staff Campaign begins today!

Help shape what’s next with your gift of support during the #NinerNationGives Faculty and Staff Campaign kicking off today. Faculty and staff can make a gift to their favorite college, unit, department, and initiative, or by supporting one of the student access and opportunity funds such as the Chancellor Sharon L. Gaber Student Success Scholarship Fund or the Joan F. Lorden Graduate Opportunity Fund. Visit the #NinerNationGives Faculty and Staff Campaign webpage for additional details and to register to attend the Campaign Kick-off Luncheon hosted by co-chairs Jaclyn Piatak (CLAS) and Patrick Madsen (University Career Center), March 23, 11:30-1:00, Cone Center Upper Plaza. Food, fun, goodies, and the chance to win some amazing prizes are all on tap.

NinerNet Credentials 150 Day Grace Period for Faculty with Assignments Ending

EHRA part time, full time, summer school and retired faculty can continue to use their NinerNET account for 150 days after their contract end date (typically end of May). This grace period was put into place to help cover the time between semesters so that faculty could continue their work. If an early cut-off is needed, it is the responsibility of the hiring department to notify the Office of OneIT immediately. For example, if a temporary, part-time faculty member will not be returning for upcoming terms, it would be appropriate to request an early cut-off since that faculty member does not need to use campus systems. It is up to the hiring department to monitor these situations; administrative assistants might want to keep a list of their faculty or research members with contracts-ending and check with the department chair to determine if earlier cut-offs are warranted. A calendar reminder at the end of each term—Fall, Spring, and Summer— might help all parties to actively manage this responsibility.

Spring 2022 Phi Kappa Phi Faculty/Staff Reception

The Office of Academic Affairs and the UNC Charlotte Chapter of the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi invite you to attend a faculty and staff reception this Wednesday, March 23, 4:00–6:00 p.m., at the Hauser Alumni Pavilion. This is the first time that this semi-annual reception has been able to be held since Fall 2019. This is a great opportunity to get to know one another and welcome new faculty and staff. Complimentary food and beverages will be provided.

What Role did Climate Change and Disease Play in Decline & Collapse of Swahili Urbanism

The Department of Africana Studies and the Africana Studies Research Group will host a lecture on how past state societies responded to climate change and disease pandemics. To answer these questions, Dr. Chap Kusimba, Professor of Anthropology from the University of South Florida, will discuss his ongoing archaeological study at the medieval city of Gede (ca. 1000-1500 AD) in Kenya.

- Thursday, March 24, 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM, via Zoom
Migrating to New Canvas Quizzing
Do you have quizzes already built in Canvas? Learn how to migrate them to the New Canvas Quizzing tool! New Canvas Quizzing will become the default quizzing tool in Fall 2022.

- Tuesday, March 22, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Register)

Humanizing Your Online Course: Instructor Social Presence (ISP)
Learn strategies to create more instructor social presence within the asynchronous online learning environment to allow students to know they are interacting with a person rather than a robot. Led by Beth Oyarzun (Learning, Design, & Technology).

- Tuesday, March 22, 1:30 - 2:30 PM (Register)

Instructional Video Part 2: Creating Videos in Canvas
Learn how to use Kaltura CaptureSpace to add powerful media tools to Canvas, and combine the best features of video sharing, webcam recording, screen recording, and more. Creating and sharing multimedia learning content is easier than ever using these intuitive tools!

- Wednesday, March 23, 10:30 - 11:30 AM (Register)

Difference in the Classroom
The real-life implications of implicit biases can create invisible barriers to opportunity and achievement for some students -- a stark contrast to the values and intentions of educators and administrators who dedicate their professional lives to their students’ success. This workshop will focus on understanding our lens, and dissecting implicit bias and its effects in the classroom. Led by Kim Turner (Office of Identity, Equity, and Engagement). This workshop counts towards the Essentials of Teaching and Learning Certificate.

- Wednesday, March 23, 2:30 - 3:30 PM (Register)

Getting Started with New Canvas Quizzing
This workshop is for anyone new to quizzing in Canvas or creating new quizzes from scratch.

- Thursday, March 24, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (Register)

Creating In-Video Quizzes Using Kaltura (Instructional Video Part 3)

- Monday, March 28, 10:30 - 11:30 AM (Register)

Canvas Assignments and Gradebook
Simplify your life by using the gradebook to automatically calculate grades and share those grades with students. Plus, at the end of the semester, you can easily submit final grades!

- Monday, March 28, 1:30 - 2:30 PM (Register)

J. Murrey Atkins Library Workshops and Events

Final Chance for Spring ’22 - Area 49 Training and Workshops
Join us to learn the basics of 3D modeling or how to use the Visualization Lab’s giant screen and VR headset. We also have training on how to operate our laser cutter, CNC routers, and 3D printers. Once you’ve been trained, you can reserve a machine and create your own designs. Register for our current sessions and check back for future dates.

Strategies for Holistic Healing: Mental Health and Diverse Communities during COVID-19
The forum will address racial and social equity issues as it relates to mental health and diverse communities and the increasing disparities resulting from COVID-19. Additionally, attendees will learn practical strategies for holistically healing themselves and diverse communities. Information and Registration

- Wednesday, March 23, 12:00 - 1:00 PM
Odyssey for Democracy: from Charlotte to Bosnia and Herzegovina
Join Atkins Library for a panel discussion featuring Mirsad Hadžikadić, professor in the Department of Software and Information Systems at UNC Charlotte, who is running for the Bosniak presidential council seat in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2022. Hadžikadić will be joined by journalist Clark Curtis, whose book, The Odyssey for Democracy: Embracing the Vision of Hope and Change in Bosnia and Herzegovina, covered Hadžikadić’s previous run for presidency in 2018 and was recently published by Atkins Library. John Cox, Associate Professor of History and Global Studies at UNC Charlotte, will moderate the discussion.

- Wednesday, April 6, 1:00 - 2:00 PM, Hybrid event: Halton Reading Room and Zoom

Society for French Historical Studies Conference in Charlotte
The Society for French Historical Studies, the main professional association of scholars of the Francophone world, is holding its annual meeting in Charlotte, co-sponsored by UNC Charlotte and Davidson College, March 24-26, at the Marriott City Center, 100 W Trade St, Charlotte, NC 28202. This year’s theme is “Identity, Inclusion, and Exclusion in the Francophone World.” Local community members may register via the website at a special discount rate of $10. (Local students may attend free of charge.)

For more information, including a detailed program, see the [conference website](#). Any questions may be directed to the current co-presidents of the Society, [Dr. Christine Haynes](#) (UNC Charlotte) or [Dr. Patricia Tilburg](#) (Davidson College). Note especially the following special events, which will all occur on the third floor of the hotel:

- Thursday, March 24, 7:00 - 10:00 PM - Screening and discussion of the documentary film Furcy: Le procès de la liberté / Furcy: Fighting for Freedom, with historical consultant Sue Peabody and filmmaker Pierre Lane.
- Saturday, March 26, 4:00 - 5:45 PM - Roundtable on "Identity, Inclusion and Exclusion in French Language Teaching," featuring a number of local secondary, community college, and college teachers of French.
- Saturday, March 26, 6:00 - 7:15 PM - Keynote lecture, “French but not (Q)White?: Expanding Frenchness for the 21st Century,” by Dr. Mame-Fatou Niang of Carnegie Mellon University.

Open House - Saturday, March 26
The Office of Undergraduate Admissions is partnering with faculty, staff and students from academic colleges and over 25 campus departments for an Open House on Saturday, March 26, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Prospective and admitted first-year and transfer students and their guests will be welcomed to campus for a full day of tours, activities and opportunities to Explore Charlotte.

Taking The Leap - Starting a Business Crash Course
Starting a business without any guidance can be daunting. Taking the Leap, a four-week long cohort of local prospective business owners, will allow participants to work with mentors and peers in breakout activities designed to help strengthen business ideas and prepare prospective business owners for success. Classes will be conducted in-person simultaneously across six North Carolina regions, including Asheville, Charlotte, Greenville, Triad, Triangle and Wilmington. The seminar sessions will be held on Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in person; all sessions are free.

- April 5: Business Fundamentals
- April 12: A Plan for Success
- April 19: Understanding Financials
- April 26: Telling Your Story

This program is administered by N.C. State University on behalf of the UNC System and operated in partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Those interested in participating in the program should apply in the city closest to them. [Find your region and apply](#). [Learn more about the Taking the Leap program](#).

Register for the Global Learning and Internationalization Institute
The Office of International Programs invites full time faculty members to apply for the Global Learning and Internationalization Institute (GLIII), scheduled in person for May 16-20. GLII is a faculty engagement and development initiative to support and align with the University’s Strategic Plan 2021-2031 Shaping What’s Next and our pathway toward a top-tier research university status. [More information and registration](#).
Faculty Council News

Please visit the Faculty Governance website for the latest news from the Faculty Council including:

- Meeting Schedules
- Agendas/Minutes
- Latest News

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 or visit the Academic Affairs Division News webpage.

The DAA News Digest is distributed each Monday to Academic Affairs faculty and staff. To have items included in the digest, complete the NEWS DIGEST REQUEST FORM. Deadline for submission is 11:00 a.m. every Friday.