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**Processes for Updated Telework Policy for Staff Under Development**

Chancellor Gaber shared last week that the University has updated its flexible work arrangement policy (University Policy 101.22) for all SHRA and EHRA staff. The [updated policy](#) becomes effective May 15, 2022, and offers options of flexible schedules, telework and remote work for staff members whose job duties allow for this flexibility with appropriate approvals. The Office of the Provost will work with deans, associate deans, and business officers of academic units in coming weeks to implement and communicate processes related to this policy. More information is forthcoming. Faculty are reminded to review [physical requirements of the workforce](#) related specifically to faculty positions.

**Belk College and Turner School Earn AACSB Reaccreditation**

UNC Charlotte's Belk College of Business and its Turner School of Accountancy have both earned five-year accreditation renewals from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International), the premier business accreditation organization in the world. AACSB grants accreditation to business programs that meet rigorous standards and demonstrate the highest quality in teaching, research and student achievement. The distinction places the Belk College in an elite tier – fewer than 2% of business schools worldwide have earned dual accreditation from AACSB. [More information.](#)

**BRIDGES Information Session**

The BRIDGES Academic Leadership Program offers the opportunity to develop and strengthen leadership skills, knowledge, and networking in order to be successful change agents in communities. BRIDGES is an inclusive professional development program dedicated to supporting cisgender or transgender women and nonbinary colleagues in higher education who seek to gain or strengthen their academic leadership capabilities, and/or individuals who demonstrate a commitment to supporting women and gender issues and equity in the academy. Individuals of any gender identity who want to position themselves for advancement in the academy and/or who demonstrate a strong interest or commitment to supporting women and gender equity in the academy are encouraged to apply. Attend the session on April 20 to learn about this unique leadership program and to hear from past BRIDGES participants. Additional information about the BRIDGES program can be found at [bridges.charlotte.edu](http://bridges.charlotte.edu).

- Wednesday, April 20, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, via Zoom (see details and link on [BRIDGES site](#))

**Nexus: Networking Across the Disciplines**

As we seek to “foster and grow collaborations across disciplines within UNC Charlotte” (University Strategic Plan, Objective 5.1) and build on the momentum of the Top-Tier Research Commission process, faculty from different

departments, programs, and colleges need structured opportunities to learn about one another's research and to brainstorm areas of mutual interest. By facilitating such networking, Nexus aims to foster the emergence of interdisciplinary research teams and support the initial stages of project development as they formulate shared research questions, consider analytical strategies, and identify potential funding sources. Nexus centers around two full-day workshops on May 18 and August 15 with working groups expected to brainstorm ideas over the summer. The pilot program in 2022 will target faculty in two research areas of focus and distinction: 1) Migration and Diaspora Studies; and 2) Climate Change and Resilience. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20 (see [this page](#) for more information and application). Each faculty member in the Nexus program will receive a \$1,000 stipend for participating fully in both workshops. Nexus is organized by the Office of Interdisciplinary Studies with support from the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, the Cato College of Education, the American Studies program, and the Department of Geography & Earth Sciences. Questions can be directed to Professor [Beth Whitaker](#), executive director of the Office of Interdisciplinary Studies.

## Film Screen with a Dean: The Death & Life of Marsha P. Johnson

Join College of Health and Human Services Dean Catrine Tudor-Locke the Film Screen with a Dean virtual panel discussion which will focus on the documentary *The Death & Life of Marsha P. Johnson*. The panel discussion is scheduled for April 21 at 3:00 p.m. An inspiring group of activists and researchers will explore questions related to a range of traditionally marginalized identities. [Learn more.](#)

## Admitted Student Day

Undergraduate Admissions is partnering with faculty, staff and students from academic colleges and over 30 campus departments for its last [Admitted Student Day](#) this spring on Friday, April 22, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The on-campus event is for admitted first-year students and guests to learn more about why they should enroll at Charlotte for Fall 2022. Activities include campus and housing tours, informational sessions, and more.

## Comprehending Charlotte Symposium Explores Growth and Its Consequences

Historians, environmental scientists, urban designers, and planners will discuss implications of urban growth and potential futures at a [symposium](#) Friday, April 29 (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.) at the Dubois Center at UNC Charlotte Center City. The event is co-sponsored by the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute. Guest speakers include Brian McCammack, associate professor of Environmental Studies at Wake Forest University; Linda Samuels, associate professor of urban design at Washington University in St. Louis; Toni L. Griffin, professor in practice of urban planning at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design; Charlotte City Council member Dimple Ajmera; and local historian Tom Hanchett.

## Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops

### Engaging Online Students

Practical Steps to Connecting with your Online Students Throughout the Semester. Students enrolled in online courses benefit from multiple and varied touch points throughout the semester, but it is not always clear what those touchpoints should be and if they will be effective. Plus, time is a factor in how and why individual communication takes place. Participants will learn over 20 practical ways to connect with students to proactively meet their needs, interact with the successful students, and navigate through the semester easily. Led by Megan Smith (Sociology, Criminal Justice, and Gerontology)

- Wednesday, April 20, 1:00 - 2:00 PM ([Register](#))

### 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.

- Wednesday, April 20, 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! Win, win, win!

- Thursday, April 21, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ([Register](#))

## Getting Started with New Canvas Quizzing

This workshop is for anyone new to quizzing in Canvas or creating new quizzes from scratch.

- Monday, April 25, 1:00 - 2:00 PM ([Register](#))

## J. Murrey Atkins Library Events

### Inaugural Popular Reading Series Author Talk

Atkins' new [Popular Reading Series will feature A.J. Hartley](#), New York Times bestselling author and Charlotte's Robinson Professor of Shakespeare Studies in COA+A. He will discuss his newest book, "Burning Shakespeare," previous books, and his writing process. This hybrid event (Zoom and Halton Room) will be held on Thursday, April 21, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

### 2022 Digital Humanities Institute

Registration is open for the Digital Humanities Collaborative of North Carolina Institute, being hosted by UNC Charlotte, Thursday and Friday, April 21-22. The theme of this hybrid two-day program is "Digital Humanities and the Environment." It begins with a day of virtual presentations, concluding with a virtual plenary session and in-person meetups throughout North Carolina. [Registration](#) is required.

### Digital Humanities Meetup in Charlotte

Meet up with digital humanities enthusiasts in the Charlotte area for great food and conversation! Friday, April 22 at Optimist Hall (1115 N Brevard St.). Drop by from 12:15-2:00 p.m. [Registration](#) is required.

### Atkins Book Club Discussion

Join Atkins Library for its [virtual book club discussion](#) of "[Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning](#)" by Cathy Park Hong on Tuesday, April 26 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Minor Feelings blends memoir, cultural criticism, and history to expose fresh truths about racialized consciousness in America. The Atkins Library book club focuses on diversity and cultural topics to spark conversations around equity and inclusion as well as an awareness of human differences embedded in our society and culture.

## May Application Deadlines for Research Funding

The Office of International Programs encourages qualified applicants to submit for German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Short-Term Research Grants and Faculty Research Stays.

[Short-Term Research Grants](#) are awarded for one to six months to highly qualified candidates who will have completed a Master's degree or Diploma, or in exceptional cases a Bachelor's degree, by the time they begin their grant-supported research, or to those who have already completed a PhD (postdocs). Please apply by May 2, 2022.

[Research Stays](#) are awarded for one to three months in all academic disciplines to scholars at U.S. and Canadian institutions of higher education (with at least two years' full-time experience in research/teaching after their PhD) to pursue research at universities, libraries, archives, institutes or laboratories in Germany. Please apply by May 16, 2022.

## 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](#).

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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](#).  
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