



## News Digest

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### Nomination Calls

#### REMINDER: Call for Nominations for Honorary Degrees

One of the highlights of UNC Charlotte's Commencement is the recognition of individuals for exceptional and distinctive service to the University or the larger community with an honorary degree from UNC Charlotte. A nomination should include the full name of the nominee, a vita, resume and/or biography (if available), and a statement of the rationale for the nomination. The nomination must also include the name of the nominator in order to be considered by the Committee. Confidentiality is very important. Therefore, the nominee should not know of his or her nomination. In addition, if you have previously nominated an individual and would like to share any additional contributions of that nominee, you are welcome to submit supplementary materials. The deadline for nominations is October 31, 2017. Nominations should be directed to [Matthew Wyse](#), Faculty Governance Assistant, Office of Academic Affairs, 501 Reese Building.



#### Call for Nominations for University Mediation Coordinator (UMC)/ Associate Faculty Ombuds

The Faculty Executive Committee is seeking nominations for the combined position of University Mediation Coordinator (UMC)/Associate Faculty Ombuds. To nominate someone (or yourself) for the combined position of UMC/Associate Faculty Ombuds, please send an email with letter of interest, current curriculum vitae, and written agreement by the faculty member's department chair and dean that if selected, the faculty member will be able to serve, to [facultygovernance@uncc.edu](mailto:facultygovernance@uncc.edu) by Thursday, November 16, 2017.

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### J. Murrey Atkins Library

#### Discussion with Latin American Coalition's Isael Mejia

Isael Mejia is the Economic Mobility Center Manager for the Latin American Coalition (La Coalición) and a UNC Charlotte alumnus. He will discuss the current conditions of immigrant and migrant laborers in the Charlotte area and some of the ways in which the Latin American Coalition supports and advocates for these laborers and other members of the Latin American community. Opportunities for how students, faculty, staff, and community members can get involved in supporting these efforts will be discussed. Before the talk, Karen Arrington will discuss the ways that the

UNC Charlotte Career Center supports students in exploring potential career paths. This event is made possible thanks to the Chancellor's Diversity Challenge Fund and is co-sponsored by the University Career Center.

- Monday, October 23, 5:30 - 6:30 PM, Halton Reading Room ([guides.library.uncc.edu/bittersweetharvest](https://guides.library.uncc.edu/bittersweetharvest))

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### **A Pilgrimage on the Camino Portugués de Santiago: A Talk by Dr. Susan Harden**

Dr. Susan Harden, Assistant Professor in the Cato College of Education, will speak about her pilgrimage on the Camino Português de Santiago. Harden traveled the "Way of St. James," a pilgrimage originating in the 9th century, this summer to Santiago de Compostela, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Light refreshments will be provided.

- Tuesday, October 24, 2:00 - 3:30 PM, Halton Reading Room

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### **Closing Talk and Reception: The Smithsonian's Traveling Exhibit Bittersweet Harvest: The Bracero Program, 1942-1964**

#### **Still Searching for Justice: Current Conditions of Farm Workers in North Carolina**

Featuring guest speaker, Thomas A. Arcury, Program Director of the Translational Science Institute, Director of the Center for Worker Health and Professor and Vice Chair for Research in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Wake Forest School of Medicine. Migrant and seasonal farm workers remain important to the success of North Carolina agriculture. Over 100,000 farm workers are employed in North Carolina each year, with more than 10,000 of them working on H-2A guest worker visas. In this presentation, Dr. Arcury considers the occupational justice experienced by contemporary North Carolina farm workers. Campus and local community organizations will be featured at the event from 5:30-6:15 during the reception. This event is made possible through the Chancellor's Diversity Challenge Fund.

- Wednesday, November 1, 5:30 PM, Halton Reading Room ([guides.library.uncc.edu/bittersweetharvest](https://guides.library.uncc.edu/bittersweetharvest))

## **Defiant Requiem**

### **Film-showing with remarks by Dr. Susan Cernyak-Spatz, survivor of Terezín (aka Theresienstadt) and Auschwitz**

[Defiant Requiem](#), an 80-minute documentary film, highlights the most dramatic example of intellectual and artistic courage in the [Theresienstadt](#) (Terezín) concentration camp during World War II: the remarkable story of Rafael Schächter, a brilliant young Czech conductor who was arrested and sent to the camp in 1941.

- Thursday, November 16, 6:30 - 8:45 PM, UNC Charlotte Center City

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### **Musical Performance of Defiant Requiem: Verdi at Terezín**

Performed by the University Chorale and esteemed guest artists, Defiant Requiem combines Verdi's magnificent music with video testimony from Terezín survivors and segments of the Nazi propaganda film made at the camp in 1944.

- Sunday, December 3, 2:00 PM, Belk Theater, Robinson Hall

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## **Racial Justice Advocacy Program**

The [Racial Justice Advocacy Program](#) presents *Media and the Portrayal of Race* featuring Dr. Debra Smith, Associate Professor, Department of Africana Studies, UNC Charlotte. The eight-week racial justice advocacy program is open to students on each campus and to the entire Charlotte community. The program will explore our community and region's history and present struggles with race and racism. In our final week we will define the goals and outcomes that will

guide our racial justice advocacy at the local, state, and national levels going forward. Throughout the year, they will maintain connections as a network while they advocate for change.

- Thursday, October 26, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, Rowe 161

## Training Opportunities

### Teaching with Poll Everywhere

This workshop will introduce faculty/staff to Poll Everywhere, and how to use the student response software in classrooms and other learning spaces.

- Wednesday, October 25, 9:00 - 11:00 AM ([Register](#))

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### DegreeWorks Open Session

An open session will be held for faculty and staff to provide an overview of DegreeWorks and answer questions about the new degree evaluation system:

- Wednesday, October 25, 10:30 AM, Kennedy 115 ([Register](#))

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### PowerPivot with Data Model for Excel 2016

This half-day course introduces the concept of the Data Model in MS Office PowerPivot for accessing data from multiple Excel tables or remote data connections. Participants will learn to access and navigate in the Data Model, build functions, and create reports and KPI dashboards using data from multiple PivotTables. Prerequisite: Must have experience working with Pivot Tables. Cost is \$125 per person; payment can be made via p-card by calling 704-687-8900.

- Tuesday, November 28, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM, CHHS 370

## 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](#)

## Upcoming Events

### THIS WEEK:

- Oct 23** [Bible Nation: The United States of Hobby Lobby](#)
- Oct 24** [Fertility for Colored Girls: Debunking Racial Myths by Narrating Stories About \(In\)Fertility](#)
- Oct 24** [Poverty Simulation in Spanish](#)
- Oct 25** [Rachel Carson's Environmental Ethic and North Carolina Today](#)
- Oct 25** [Lecture: Sylvia Lavin, UCLA](#)
- Oct 26** [The Story of the Charlotte Girl: Violence, Trauma and Abuse](#)
- Oct 26** [Global Learning Across Disciplines: STEAM'D](#)
- Oct 27** [Phi Beta Delta Nominations Deadline](#)
- Oct 28** [Explore UNC Charlotte](#)
- Oct 25-29** [Women of Trachis \(Theatre\)](#)

### NEXT WEEK:

- Oct 30** [Gluttony and Drunkenness in the Hebrew Bible](#)
- Nov 1** [UNC Charlotte Resident Director at Kingston University Application Deadline](#)
- Nov 2** [All Men are Not Warriors, All Women are Not Victims: A Feminist Analysis of War](#)

**Nov 2** [International Coffee Hour](#)  
**Nov 2-4** [Actors from The London Stage present Measure for Measure](#)

**UPCOMING:** <https://provost.uncc.edu/about-academic-affairs/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events>

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