

## News Digest

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### BRIDGES Information Session

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 join us to learn about this unique leadership program and to hear from past BRIDGES participants. This reception will also give you an opportunity to meet and network with other university women. Additional information about the BRIDGES program can be found at [bridges.uncc.edu](http://bridges.uncc.edu).

- Tuesday, February 20, 2:30 - 4:00 PM, Cone 208

### 2018 Undergraduate Research Conference

Registration for the 2018 UNC Charlotte Undergraduate Research Conference (URC) is open. Encourage your undergraduate students to submit their research projects for presentation at the URC 2018 via the [proposal submission webpage](#). The URC 2018 registration link will remain open until 5pm on Friday, March 16, 2018. The 2018 Undergraduate Research Conference will be held on Friday, April 20, in the Student Activity Center. For more information, please visit the [URC webpage](#).

### Marian Beane Crossing Borders Writing Competition



The Marian Beane Crossing Borders Writing Competition is an internationally themed annual writing contest for UNC Charlotte students. The Writing Competition is sponsored by the Office of International Programs. 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 view of the world." Please direct your students to the [online submission form](#) for details. Deadline for Submissions: March 14

### Lectures, Seminars and Training Opportunities



#### Great Decisions Lecture Series: Global Health – Progress and Challenges

Presented By: Dr. Elizabeth Racine, Professor, UNC Charlotte

Join UNC Charlotte faculty and community partners at presentations and discussions of topics selected by the Foreign Policy Association during the 2018 Great Decisions Lecture Series. For [registration](#) and additional information, please visit the [Great Decisions website](#).

- Tuesday, February 20, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, Charlotte Country Day School, 1440 Carmel Rd
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### **Canvas Assignments and Gradebook**

In this workshop, you'll learn how to use the Canvas Assignments page to set up your Gradebook to calculate course grades.

- Tuesday, February 20, 9:30 – 11:00 AM ([Register](#))
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### **Using Feedback to Improve Teaching & Learning**

This workshop provides an overview of tools and strategies for giving and receiving feedback – both traditional and technology-based – that can be easily incorporated into any course.

- Tuesday, February 20, 2:00 – 3:15 PM ([Register](#))
  - Friday, February 23, 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM ([Register](#))
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### **Engaging with the Jamil Niner Student Pantry**

Co-founders of the Jamil Niner Student Pantry will discuss lessons learned over the past three years, while also outlining how faculty/staff, students and the community partners have been an integral part of the pantry's success. Topics include: defining food insecurity, prevalence on college campuses connecting with faculty/staff members for volunteer, service-learning and research opportunities, student development, and community partnerships.

- Wednesday, February 21, 12:00 PM, Reese 524
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### **Starting with a Fresh Canvas**

This workshop is for people who want to build their Canvas course from a clean slate.

- Wednesday, February 21, 9:30 – 11:00 AM ([Register](#))
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### **Let's Make a Deal: The Dos and Don'ts of Managing University Contracts**

Associate General Counsel Sarah Edwards will provide a review of the university's contract checklist, including state law and other negotiating parameters. She will also discuss the acceptability of electronic or digital signatures, who is permitted to sign what types of contracts, and whom to contact depending on your contract's subject matter. Finally, she will tackle a few negotiation scenarios and answer any questions from the attendees.

- Wednesday, February 21, 9:00 - 10:15 AM, CHHS 281 ([Register](#))
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### **Canvas Open Swim**

Want to explore new areas of Canvas or new instructional techniques with personalized attention available? The Center for Teaching and Learning consultants will be on hand to work with you and answer your questions.

- Thursday, February 22, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM ([Register](#))
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### **Instructional Material, Universally Designed**

This training focuses on Universal Design, and how full accessibility not only benefits students with disabilities, but also adds quality to your course.

- Thursday, February 22, 1:30 – 2:30 PM ([Register](#))
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## 3rd Annual NC State Representative Beverly Earle Minority Health Conference: Addressing Equity & Social Justice

The conference provides a community engaged platform that promotes diversity, disseminates health disparities research findings, programs, and tools, and increases awareness on health disparities in the Charlotte area. The conference includes: a panel discussion on health disparities/social justice and one on oral health.

- Friday, February 23, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Lucas Room, Cone University Center ([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](#)

## Upcoming Events

### THIS WEEK:

- Feb 19** [Wind Ensemble \(Music\)](#)
- Feb 20** [Surviving Nazism: A Dialogue with Susan Cernyak-Spatz, Holocaust Survivor](#)
- Feb 20** [Great Decisions Lecture Series: Global Health: Progress and Challenges with Dr. Elizabeth Racine](#)
- Feb 21** [Grow Smart Charlotte: A Discussion about Smart Growth](#)
- Feb 21-25** [The Long Christmas Ride Home \(Theatre\)](#)
- Feb 22** [Ethical Challenges of Unregulated Health Research Using Mobile Devices](#)

### NEXT WEEK:

- Feb 26** [Faculty & Friends Concert, Jessica Lindsey](#)
- Feb 28** [Great Decisions: U.S. Global Engagement and the Military](#)
- Mar 1** [GESp Priority Application Deadline](#)
- Mar 1** [International Speaker Series: "US National Security Challenges and Opportunities: a conversation with Former CIA Director John Brennan](#)
- Mar 2** [Global Gateways Residence Priority Application Deadline](#)
- Mar 3** [Annual Seuss-a-thon](#)

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

The [OAA News Digest](#) is distributed each Monday to Academic Affairs faculty and staff.  
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