

News Digest

April 9, 2018

IN THIS ISSUE

- Faculty and Staff Social
- TIAA Lecture Series: Reshma Saujani
- Bias Awareness and Intervention Training
- Women in STEM Presentation
- Library Happenings
- DSI/ABD Speaker Event
- Transforming STEM Teaching and Learning Academy
- Camps on Campus Special Offering
- Office of International Program Events
- Dissertation Defenses
- Upcoming Events

Faculty and Staff Social

Join your fellow faculty and staff members for socializing and networking at a faculty and staff social sponsored by Chancellor Philip L. Dubois. Light hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer, and soft drinks will be provided.

- Thursday, April 12, 4:30 - 6:00 PM, Harris Alumni Center ([Register](#))

TIAA Lecture Series Featuring Reshma Saujani



Reshma Saujani, founder and CEO of Girls Who Code, a national non-profit organization working to close the gender gap in technology and prepare young women for jobs of the future, will discuss Women in Leadership. In her groundbreaking book, *Women Who Don't Wait in Line*, Saujani advocates for a new model of female leadership focused on embracing risk and failure, promoting mentorship and sponsorship and boldly charting your own course — personally and professionally.

- Thursday, April 26, 3:30 PM, Student Union Movie Theater ([RSVP](#))

Bias Awareness and Intervention Training Lab

UNC Charlotte's Council on University Community and the ADVANCE Faculty Affairs and Diversity Office invite you to participate in an innovative workshop - Bias Awareness & Intervention Training Lab. There will be two sessions; you are invited to sign up for whichever session works best for you. Please note that there is limited seating.

- Friday, April 27, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM ([Register](#))
- Friday, April 27, 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM ([Register](#))

Women in STEM: Challenging Gender Stereotypes



Students, faculty, and staff are invited to join Dr. Laura Puaca for a discussion of Women in STEM: Challenging Gender Stereotypes. Laura Michele Puaca, author of *Searching for Scientific Womanpower: Technocratic Feminism and the Politics of National Security, 1940-1980*, and assistant professor of history at Christopher Newport University, will lead a discussion of past and present "technofeminism". Her research traces contemporary feminist interest in science to the World War II and Cold War years. Anxiety over America's supply of scientific brainpower was matched by suspicion about women's rights. Puaca discusses the ways in which feminist reformers

navigated these concerns to advance women's education and employment, laying the groundwork for the proliferation of women's societies in science and feminist reforms in science and society.

- Tuesday, April 24, 2:00 - 3:15 PM, CHHS 161

J. Murrey Atkins Library Happenings

Julian D. Mason Talk on Rare Books

Dr. Leslie Howsam will give a presentation on book history at the next Julian D. Mason Talk on Rare Books. The title of her talk is, "Book History: a niche for nerds, or essential knowledge?" Howsam is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and Distinguished University Professor (Emerita) at the University of Windsor.

- Tuesday, April 10, 4:00 PM, Halton Reading Room ([Information](#))

Romare Bearden's *Li'l Dan The Drummer Boy*: Literary Perspectives

Join the English Department's Professor Mark West and Associate Professor Janaka Lewis for a presentation on the literary aspects of this children's book and related exhibit, currently on display in Atkins first-floor exhibit space.

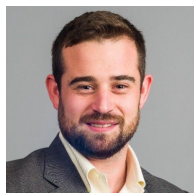
- Monday, April 16, 5:00 - 7:00 PM, Halton Reading Room ([Information](#))

Retirement Reception for Judy Walker

Please join the J. Murrey Atkins Library in wishing Judy Walker a happy retirement after 31 years as Atkins' Education and Psychology librarian.

- Wednesday, April 18, 2:00 - 4:00 PM, Halton Reading Room ([RSVP](#))

Data Science Initiative/ABD Society Speaker Event



Artificial Intelligence & Virtual Reality in Business Operations

Speaker: William Bray - Engagement Manager, Syntelli Solutions Inc.

AI powered technologies are fundamentally transforming the business landscape. How we interact with our customers, manage our resources, and stay ahead of the competition is all driven by these evolving technologies. Thinking specifically about Virtual Reality, this session will explore the current landscape, the opportunities in marketing, and where we think it will enable us to go.

- Thursday, April 12, 12:00 - 1:00 PM, CCB, Lecture Hall, Room 204 ([Register](#))

Transforming STEM Teaching and Learning Academy

The Transforming STEM Teaching and Learning Academy is currently accepting applications. The goals of the academy are:

- To introduce STEM faculty to the latest research on cognitive science.
- To expose STEM faculty to a variety of pedagogical techniques that have been successfully used in STEM courses.
- To support faculty as they adopt evidence-based best practices in their courses.

Participation in this academy entails a two year commitment. During the first year members will learn about evidence-based practices that have been used in STEM classrooms to increase student success. In the spring of Year 1, faculty will make small changes in the way they teach a critical progression course. During Year 2 faculty will significantly revise this course in an effort to increase student success.

Members of the academy will receive \$2000 (\$1000 for each year they participate) and will be eligible to apply for additional funding to support travel to STEM education conferences, to bring in disciplinary consultants, and/or to utilize embedded tutors.

This faculty learning academy is open to all faculty who teach critical progression STEM courses. This academy uses a broad definition of STEM that includes not only math and the hard sciences but also accounting, economics,

computing and informatics, the health sciences, and architecture. The deadline to submit [applications](#) is April 10. Please contact [Dr. Kathy Asala](#) with questions.

Special Camps on Campus Offering for Summer 2018



Two tech camps ([Mobile App 1](#) and [Keyboarding & Microsoft](#)) will be offered for rising grades 3-9 the week of August 6-10 at UNC Charlotte Center City, [320 E. 9th Street](#). This offers a more central location for parents on the south end of Charlotte as well as those working in Uptown. Drop-off and pick-up hours remain the same as the main campus summer camps program.

Office of International Programs Events

Assessment of Global Learning: [Performance Targets vs. Developmental Growth](#)

How do you demonstrate that your students have achieved a desired global learning outcome? Join OIP and the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars for the sixth and final session of the webinar sessions offered by [NAFSA: Association of International Educators](#).

- Friday, April 13, 1:30 - 2:30 PM, CHHS 207 ([Register](#))

Short Term Study Abroad Program Development Workshop

The Office of Education Abroad will hold an informational workshop for UNC Charlotte faculty members interested in learning how to develop short-term study abroad programs during the 2019 calendar year or later. The workshop will cover the importance of short-term programming, faculty roles, working with the Office of Education Abroad, program considerations, as well as program design and implementation. The workshop is an online webinar.

- Wednesday, April 18, 4:00 - 6:00 PM ([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:

- Apr 9** [Opening Reception: 2D/3D Exhibition](#)
- Apr 9** [Gospel Choir](#)
- Apr 10** [Witness in Residence: A Conversation about the Death Penalty](#)
- Apr 11** [Philharmonia](#)
- Apr 12** [Faculty/Staff Social](#)
- Apr 12** [Conversation with Susan Stein: Creator of Holocaust Play "Etty"](#)
- Apr 13** [Assessment of Global Learning: Performance Targets vs. Developmental Growth](#)
- Apr 13-14** [Spring Plant Sale](#)
- Apr 13-14** [Benjamin Britten's War Requiem](#)
- Apr 14** [The Reivers \(movie\)](#)
- Apr 14** [Literary Festival Entertains, Educates All Ages](#)

NEXT WEEK:

- Apr 18** [OEA Short Term Study Abroad Development Workshop \(webinar\)](#)
- Apr 19-23** [The Wiz \(Theatre\)](#)
- Apr 20** [Country Culture Workshop: China](#)
- Apr 21** [Explore UNC Charlotte](#)
- Apr 22** [In the Company of Trees \(Botanical Garden tour\)](#)

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.
Deadline for submission is 11:00 a.m. every Friday.