



# DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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### Academic Calendar Changes

A change has been approved to the [Academic Calendar](#) for the spring 2020 semester. April 30, 2020, will be designated as a day of remembrance. Details about that day will be forthcoming. Final exams for spring 2020 will be held May 1-2 and 4-7.

Additionally, the commencement ceremonies for May 2020 and December 2020 have been set and are now reflected on the Academic Calendar. There will be four commencement ceremonies in May 2020, including a separate ceremony for the Graduate School (graduate certificates, master's and doctoral degrees). The Graduate School will continue to have a separate commencement ceremony going forward; the Graduate School ceremony will replace the Doctoral Hooding Ceremony beginning in May 2020.

### Change to Transfer Credit Procedure

As of fall 2019, the University will now accept transfer credit that students earned from four-year schools prior to earning associate's degrees. Removing the previous 64-credit-hour cap may help some students progress toward graduation more effectively. Although the rule won't be applied retroactively, if you encounter a student who has this issue, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions can retroactively apply the rule on an individual basis. If you have questions about applying this rule, contact [Cecilia Donto](#) in Undergraduate Admissions.

### Troyer Serving as Interim Dean, Belk College of Business

After nine years as dean of the Belk College of Business, [Steve Ott stepped down from his post on October 15](#). Jennifer Troyer, senior associate dean of the Belk College and professor of Economics, took on the interim dean role for the Belk College of Business effective October 15, 2019. A national search for a new dean to lead the Belk College is in progress.

### NinerScholars Portal Now Open

The NinerScholars Portal is now open for students to begin applying for scholarships for the 2020-21 academic year. Students should access NinerScholars by visiting the [University Scholarship Office webpage](#). As a reminder, if your college or department has not completed the Scholarship Content Review Process for AY20/21, you'll need to do so before the University Scholarship Office can open your scholarship for student applications. Scholarship funds that do not currently have a sufficient balance to make an AY20/21 award, but receive the necessary funding before January 1, 2020, may still be opened in NinerScholars. Please contact the University Scholarship Office to request an application be opened to students.

The University Scholarship Office will host a training session for the NinerScholars Administrator and Reviewer Portals in February. The session will offer resources and in-depth training on current and new functionality in the portals. All new and continuing scholarship administrators are encouraged to attend. More details will be made available in the new year. If you have questions or need any assistance, please contact the University Scholarship Office, [scholarships@uncc.edu](mailto:scholarships@uncc.edu) (or 7-5871).

## Fall 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 the Fall Faculty/Staff Reception.

Complimentary refreshments will be served. This is a great opportunity to get to know one another better and welcome new faculty.



- Tuesday, November 19, 4:00 - 6:00 PM, Halton Reading Room, J. Murrey Atkins Library

## 2019 Engaged Scholarship Symposium

Please join us on November 8 for the 2019 Engaged Scholarship Symposium. UNC Charlotte's Engaged Scholarship Symposium will convene faculty, staff, students, and community partners to discuss community engagement practices. The symposium is designed to facilitate creative collaboration across academic units, colleges and departments; to outline best practices and address challenges; and strengthen partnerships. Please see the [preliminary program](#) for details and to register for the event. If you would like for your unit or program to be part of the resource fair, please contact [Dr. Tamara Johnson](#).

## Inaugural Schul Forum Series: Building Urban-Rural Connections

The Charlotte region rose to prosperity on the strength of ties between its rural areas and urban center, but those ties have frayed in recent decades, with the decline of the textile industry and Charlotte's emergence as an independent finance center.

The inaugural [Schul Forum Series](#), hosted by the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute, will examine what remains of those economic, social and cultural connections, and how we can work to revive them. The November 21 forum will highlight findings from the [Carolinas Urban-Rural Connections](#) project, a two-year research endeavor funded by the Duke Endowment.

The forum will be held at the UNC Charlotte Center City campus building in uptown. [Sarah Smarsh](#), author of *Heartland*, a New York Times bestseller and 2018 National Book Award Finalist, will deliver a keynote address. Smarsh, a journalist and commentator, is featured frequently in national news outlets and hosts the podcast [The Homecomers](#). The program will include panel discussions about research findings, as well as a summation and address by Jeff Michael, director of the Urban Institute. Registration is [available online](#). The \$30 cost includes a light breakfast and lunch.

## International Speaker Series



Join Dr. Volker Wissing, Chairman of the Free Democratic Party (FDP) and Minister of Economic Affairs of the Federal State of Rhineland-Palatinate, for his [International Speaker Series](#) presentation on the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall: 1989-The End of History? Learning From History to Succeed in the Future! Thirty years ago, the wave of democratization experienced its heyday in Europe. The communist dictatorships of Eastern Europe fell apart, thereby lifting the Iron Curtain and finally leading to the fall of the Berlin Wall. The "end of history" was proclaimed and many people hoped that liberal democracy and the market economy would finally be implemented. However, thirty years later, we must now realize that history had not ended back then. Today, Western civilization faces new challenges like China with its unique systems of government and the economy. Yet, as opposed to this, the calls of globalization's opponents criticizing the achievements of 1989 are amplifying. What can we do? How can innovations be pushed forward, how can we successfully advance digitization? Dr. Wissing will talk about the fall of the Berlin Wall, contemporary Germany, and the challenges facing the West nowadays. Faculty are encouraged to reserve space to attend with their classes and/or arrange for an extra-credit sign-in sheet for students. Email [globaleducation@uncc.edu](mailto:globaleducation@uncc.edu) to arrange a sign-in sheet for classes.

- Monday, November 4, 3:00 - 4:00 PM, Student Activity Center (SAC) Salon A

## Roundtable Discussion: Strategies for Internationalization

UNC Charlotte, Queens University of Charlotte, Sannam S4, and the U.S. Commercial Service have teamed up to present a roundtable discussion on Strategies for Internationalization, Recruitment and Retention. The session will include U.S. Commercial Service Diplomats from Japan, South Korea and Thailand. A panel discussion will feature Nell Pynes, UNC Greensboro, Johnna Watson, UNC Charlotte Graduate School, Angie Edwards, Queens University of Charlotte, Adrian Mutton, Sannam S4, and U.S. Commercial Service representatives.

- Thursday, November 7, 1:30 - 4:30 PM, Cone University Center, Room 210 ([RSVP](#))

## Ida B. Wells Society for Investigative Journalism Inaugural Event

The UNC Hussman School of Journalism and Media recently announced its [affiliation](#) with the Ida B. Wells Society for Investigative Reporting, an organization committed to increase the ranks, retention and profile of reporters and editors of color in the field of investigative reporting. We are excited that the work of the Ida B. Wells Society will be based here in our state, and we hope that what it brings to our education and service mission will extend across the state to partners in academe and industry, and ultimately to the students and residents we serve.

UNC Hussman's inaugural public event with the Ida B. Wells Society will be held Saturday, November 16 in Chapel Hill and will feature the Society's three founders, Nikole Hannah-Jones, a UNC Hussman master's graduate and an award-winning investigative reporter covering racial injustice for The New York Times Magazine; Ron Nixon, the international investigations editor at The Associated Press; and Topher Sanders, a reporter for ProPublica covering stories of race, inequality and the justice system. The event is co-hosted by UNC Hussman and the Department of Mass Communication at North Carolina Central University.

The [event](#), titled *Making a Mark: The 1619 Project, Investigative Journalism and Raising the Caliber of Reporting Through Diverse Voices*, will include discussion of the themes in the landmark New York Times initiative, spearheaded by Hannah-Jones, observing the 400th anniversary of the beginning of American slavery. For more information, please contact Susan Leath at [sdleath@email.unc.edu](mailto:sdleath@email.unc.edu) or (919) 962-3540.

## J. Murrey Atkins Library - News and Events



The Niner Nation Remembers Oral History Project seeks to document the thoughts and reactions of Niner Nation to the tragic event on April 30 and its aftermath. By collecting first-hand accounts from students, faculty, staff, and community members affected by this tragedy we can ensure that these memories, and the vital historical context they provide, are preserved.

If you are ready and willing to share your experiences you can do so in private in a StoryCorps-style® booth on October 29 or October 30 from 12:30-3:30 pm in Atkins Library's Area 49 recording studio. You may also schedule a one-on-one interview with a member of the University Archives staff by contacting [spec-coll@uncc.edu](mailto:spec-coll@uncc.edu).

In addition to sharing your oral history, you can submit digital photos, videos, artwork, social media posts, emails, and other materials relating to the tragic events of April 30, 2019, to University Archives using the [Niner Nation Remembers website](#).

### Threatening Property: Race, Class, and Campaigns to Legislate Jim Crow Neighborhoods

Please join us for [Dr. Elizabeth A. Herbin-Triant's talk and discussion](#) about her new book. Focusing on North Carolina, "Threatening Property" explores the politics of residential segregation. It investigates who wanted neighborhoods to be segregated by race, how these people brought about their vision, and why segregation has persisted even after segregationist policies were ended.

- Thursday, November 7, 4:00 PM, Halton Reading Room, J. Murrey Atkins Library

## Librarian/Faculty Showcase

Join us to learn how librarians can partner with you to develop instruction lesson plans and in-class activities. The Librarian/Faculty Showcase will present a series of lightning talks by instruction librarians and faculty who have developed innovative collaborations for UWRT and LBST 2301 classes. Meet librarians who can work with you to invigorate your spring classes and gather inspiration from your faculty colleague. Light refreshments will be provided.

- Tuesday, November 12, 2:00 - 3:00 PM, Halton Reading Room, J. Murrey Atkins Library

## Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Analyses

The Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Analyses program targets experienced educators, counselors, and other professionals who seek to deepen their statistical skills for improving educational outcomes. This program is open to current graduate students earning their master's or doctorate (use elective hours to complete the certificate), current faculty and staff with an interest to refresh or add to their current quantitative analysis skills, and potential Ph.D. students who have earned a master's degree in an education-related field (who can first earn the doctoral level certificate and apply all 12 credits to the ERME Ph.D. program). For detailed information on admissions, please visit the [Graduate Admissions webpage](#) or the [Educational Leadership webpage](#). For questions, contact [Xiaoxia Newton](#), Graduate Program Director.

## Summer 2020 Call for Faculty Applications for CRS and CCS Programs

Please "Save the Date" for the Summer 2020 Call for Faculty Applications for the Charlotte Research Scholars and Charlotte Community Scholars programs. Faculty applications will be accepted November 18-December 18, 2019. The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) Summer Research Programs will begin on Tuesday, May 26 and end on Tuesday, August 2, 2020. For more information, please visit the [OUR website](#) or call 704-687-5316.

## 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-Nov** [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events calendar](#)
- Oct-Nov** [Diversity Events on campus](#)
- Oct 30** [Global Perspective Series: Promoting Global Education through Virtual Mentoring and Research](#)

### Next Week:

- Nov 4** [International Speaker Series: Dr. Volker Wissing](#)
- Nov 6** [Lecture: Eating History: Reading Epigenetic Science for a Metabolic Ethics](#)
- Nov 7** [International Coffee Hour](#)
- Nov 7** [Book Talk: Threatening Property: Race, Class, and Campaigns to Legislate Jim Crow Neighborhoods](#)
- Nov 8** [Engaged Scholarship Symposium](#)

**Upcoming:** [provost.uncc.edu/division-news/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events](http://provost.uncc.edu/division-news/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events)

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