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Why Charlotte: DNC, RNC and the QC

Hear what goes into preparing and hosting a national presidential convention from Dan Murrey, Chairman of the Charlotte Host Committee for the Democratic National Convention in 2012, and John Lassiter, president and CEO of the 2020 Charlotte Host Committee for the Republican National Convention.

- ★ Why was Charlotte selected to host both the DNC and RNC in less than a decade?
 - ★ How much has Charlotte changed since 2012?
 - ★ What does hosting two mega events mean for the types of events that the city may attract in the future?
 - ★ What is the process of bidding and winning a convention?
 - ★ What are the undiscussed benefits of hosting a convention?
- Monday, February 3, 5:30 PM, Popp Martin Student Union, 3rd Floor ([More Info](#))

Personally Speaking with Jennifer Munroe



Please join Jennifer Munroe at [Personally Speaking](#) to better understand the world of William Shakespeare's plays and the relationships among men, women, animals, and plants that we find in them. Her book *Shakespeare and Ecofeminist Theory* looks at how people's understanding of their relationship to "environment" 400 years ago might help us redress our own environmental crises today. The event is open to the public without charge, but registration is required.

- Tuesday, February 4, 6:00 PM, UNC Charlotte Center City ([Register](#))

UNC Charlotte Great Decisions Lecture Series



Cheryl Brown, chair and associate professor, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, will discuss Susan Ariel Aaronson's article, from the Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions 2020 Briefing Book, "Artificial Intelligence and Data." on how "policymakers in many countries are developing plans and funding research in artificial intelligence (AI). Global [economic] growth is slowing, and not surprisingly, many policymakers hope that AI will provide a magic solution. The European Union, Brazil and other Western countries have adopted regulations that grant users greater control over their data and require that firms using AI be transparent about how they use it. Will the United States follow suit?"

- Wednesday, February 5, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, UNC Charlotte Center City, Room 204 ([Register](#))

Graduate Teaching Assistant Award Nominations Due February 10

Nominations for the 2019-20 Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant (TA) Award will be accepted through February 10. The TA Award recognizes students who are nominated by their faculty supervisors for their work as teaching assistants.

Two awards are presented; one at the Doctoral level and one at the Master's level. To submit a nomination, faculty should email the TA's name, ID number, email address, degree and program title to [Daniel Jones](#) by February 10, 2020, and let the student know they have been nominated. Nominees will complete the application process with a deadline of February 27. For more information please visit the [Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award](#) portal.

Seminar on Modern Digital Imagery for Capturing/Representing Data from Nature

The College of Computing and Informatics's Ribarsky Center for Visual Analytics welcomes the university to attend a seminar on modern digital imagery for capturing and representing data from nature. The speaker is John Wenzel, Director of Powdermill Nature Reserve at Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Rector, Pennsylvania. Studies in nature can be very data-rich, often requiring recording a great number of characteristics for later analysis without knowing which will be most important. This places a premium on efficient data capture and representation. Modern technological advances now permit visualization of biological data ranging from 3D models of stands of forest trees across many acres, to microscopic comparison of insect morphology, to timing of bloom patterns in wild plant communities. He will present tools that were recently developed at Powdermill Nature Reserve, the research field station of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, for capturing these data and representing them visually. For more information, please contact [Linda Reece](#) (7-8600).

- Thursday, February 13, 12:30 - 2:00 PM, Halton Reading Room, Atkins Library

Undergraduate Research Conference

Registration for the 2020 Undergraduate Research Conference (URC) is now open. Please encourage your undergraduate students to register and present at the conference. URC registration will remain open until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 21. Students can visit the [URC website for more details about how to register](#).

The Undergraduate Research Conference will be held on Friday, April 17, 2020, in the Popp-Martin Student Union. We are still seeking faculty, staff, and doctoral students to serve as URC judges. Please complete the [URC Judge Recruitment form](#) to indicate your availability to judge posters or oral presentations at the URC. The form has all the details regarding the sessions. Kindly complete the form by or before Friday, February 14, 2020.

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 (www.twitter.com/UNCC_Academics) or visit the [Academic Affairs Division News webpage](#).

Upcoming Events

This Week:

- Feb-May** [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events calendar](#)
- Feb-May** [Diversity Events on campus](#)
- Feb 3** [15th Annual International Women's Day Nomination Applications Open](#)
- Feb 4** [Personally Speaking with Jennifer Munroe: Shakespeare and Ecofeminist Theory](#)
- Feb 4** [Optional Practical Training \(OPT\) Workshop](#)
- Feb 5** [Gilman Scholarship Workshop for Studying Abroad](#)
- Feb 5** [Great Decisions Series: Artificial Intelligence and Data with Dr. Cheryl Brown](#)
- Feb 6** [International Coffee Hour](#)
- Feb 8-14** [Botanical Gardens Annual Orchids for Valentines Sale](#)

Next Week:

- Feb 10** [Marian Beane Crossing Borders Student Writing Competition Submissions Open](#)
- Feb 10** [International Education Awards Faculty and Student Nomination Applications Open](#)
- Feb 10** [Global Gateways On-Campus Housing Applications Open](#)
- Feb 12** [Great Decisions Series: India and Pakistan with Dr. Ritika Prasad](#)
- Feb 13** [Gilman Scholarship Online Workshop for Studying Abroad](#)
- Feb 14** [Spring Career & Internship Fair](#)
- Feb 15** [Office of Education Abroad Scholarship Deadlines](#)

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