



# DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

## WEEKLY NEWS DIGEST

February 10, 2020

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### UNC Charlotte United: A Remembrance Concert



Tickets are still available for **United: A Remembrance Concert** at the Belk Theater in the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2020. Hosted by CBS correspondent and UNC Charlotte alumnus Don Dahler '91 with the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Christopher Warren-Green and featuring UNC Charlotte students, faculty, staff, and alumni, as well as an original composition written by one of our faculty members, John Allemeier. The composition will accompany an original video production that will both remember the victims but also the larger and united response of the greater Charlotte community. Tickets are \$25 for general admission, \$10 for students, plus taxes and facility fees. Tickets may be purchased at [BlumenthalArts.org](http://BlumenthalArts.org). All proceeds will go to the **April 30 Remembrance Fund**.

### Student Tickets Available: Echo Foundation Program Featuring Dr. Denis Mukwege

[The Echo Foundation's 22nd Anniversary Award Event](#) will feature Dr. Denis Mukwege, 2018 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, as the keynote speaker on the topic "Justice is Not Negotiable." The program will be held on **Wednesday, February 26, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Knight Theater**. For more information on Dr. Mukwege, visit the [Echo Congo Project webpage](#).

The Office of Academic Affairs has **free program tickets available for students** on a first come, first served basis. Please advertise the event to your students and contact the Office of Academic Affairs if you would like to get tickets for students who express interest in attending the program.

### Senior-Level Academic Affairs Searches In Progress

The Office of Academic Affairs is currently engaged in searches for three senior-level positions. Additional details including position description, search committee, and contact information for each can be found at the links below. Campus engagement in these searches is encouraged and further details regarding on-campus interviews and public presentations will be announced later this semester.

[Associate Provost for Urban Research and Community Engagement](#) (formerly Associate Provost for Metropolitan Studies)

[Dean, Belk College of Business](#)

[Dean, The William States Lee College of Engineering](#)

### Unsatisfactory Grading Opens February 10

Unsatisfactory Grading opens Monday, February 10. Select one of the two indicators listed below for your course by February 28 at 12:00 p.m. Either option can be selected using [My UNC Charlotte](#). Please refer to the [midterm grading instructions](#) for more information.

1. **Unsatisfactory Progress:** Web grading capability will be available to assign Unsatisfactory Progress grades for any students who are not performing at acceptable levels in your course. From the grade dropdown box, select the correct grade for the appropriate student. If you are unable to access your class list to assign unsatisfactory grades, please contact [Elise Mickey](#) in the Office of the Registrar. Please note that this process is only to solicit unsatisfactory progress, not a grade for all students.

If you have a student who has stopped attending or never attended class, award that student an unsatisfactory grade (F for undergraduate level and U for graduate level). This informs the student that he/she is currently enrolled in the class and runs the risk of an unsatisfactory final grade, provided proper procedures are not followed.

Report only students with unsatisfactory progress by using the following notations:

- Undergraduate students: record only D or F grades
- Graduate students: record only C or U grades

**Last date of attendance:** The last attended date is not required for midterm grades; however, it can be entered at midterm if the student has stopped attending/participating in classes. The last attendance date will move to the final grading page at the end of the term. It can be edited again at final grading if the student returns to the course. This provides an additional flag for advisors to intervene earlier in the term.

## 2. Courses with All Satisfactory Grades

Select 'All grades for course are satisfactory for this course. No grades to report.'

## J. Murrey Atkins Library News and Events

### Disability Advocate and Author Discusses Hidden Disabilities

UNC Charlotte's Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies and J. Murrey Atkins Library will host disability advocate and author Sejal Shah for a presentation entitled [Performing Health, Unmasking Pain: Wellness, Illness, and Diversity in the Workplace](#). The event is supported by the 2019-2020 Chancellor's Diversity Challenge Fund.

- Wednesday, February 12, 12:30 - 2:00 PM, Halton Reading Room, Atkins Library ([RSVP](#))

### Atkins Book Sale

On February 28-29, Atkins Library will offer for sale over 5,000 duplicate and carefully selected items including academic monographs, paperbacks, children's literature, LPs, DVDs, etc. The sale will be held in the Dale Halton Reading Room in Atkins Library.

- Friday, February 28, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM: UNC Charlotte campus only
- Friday, February 28, 12:00 - 7:00 PM: Open to the public
- Saturday, February 29, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM: Open to the public

### Author Susan Rivers on "Keeping It Real"

Susan Rivers, the author of *The Second Mrs. Hockaday* (Algonquin 2017) and the upcoming novel *Troublefield* will present "Keeping It Real: How a Novelist Finds Inspiration and Authenticity in Archived Material" as part of the Julian D. Mason Talks on Rare Books.

- Thursday, March 19, 4:00 PM, Halton Reading Room, Atkins Library

## Office of International Programs News and Events

### Fulbright U.S. Scholar Competition



The 2021-2022 [Fulbright U.S. Scholar Competition](#) is now open with opportunities for faculty and administrators. The Fulbright program offers approximately 470 teaching, research or combination teaching/research awards in over 125 countries. Please [register your interest at My Fulbright](#) to receive the latest program updates and announcements or request a meeting with UNC Charlotte's Fulbright advisor, Joël Gallegos, Assistant Provost for International Programs, at [international@uncc.edu](mailto:international@uncc.edu).



## Great Decisions Lecture Series

Dr. Ritika Prasad, associate professor, Department of History, will discuss Barbara Crossette's article from the Foreign Policy Association's [Great Decisions](#) 2020 Briefing Book, "India and Pakistan." The article describes how "India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi rode a wave of Hindu nationalism to a historic reelection in 2019. His first order of business was to revoke the special status granted to the Kashmir region, inflaming the rivalry between India and Pakistan. How will the Kashmir situation affect the region, both economically and politically?"

- Wednesday, February 5, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, Charlotte Country Day School ([Register](#))

## 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](http://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 8-14** [Botanical Gardens Annual Orchids for Valentines Sale](#)
- Feb 10** [Faculty & Friends Concert, Jeremy Mark, trombone](#)
- 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 12** [Curricular Practical Training \(CPT\)](#)
- Feb 13** [Exhibition Reception: Future Artifacts](#)
- Feb 13** [Gilman Scholarship Online Workshop for Studying Abroad](#)
- Feb 13-16** [Far Away by Caryl Churchill](#)
- Feb 14** [Spring Career & Internship Fair](#)
- Feb 15** [Office of Education Abroad Scholarship Deadlines](#)

### Next Week:

- Feb 18** [Witherspoon Lecture: The Very Idea of Queer Religion](#)
- Feb 18** [Optional Practical Training \(OPT\) Workshop](#)
- Feb 19** [Wind Ensemble](#)
- Feb 19** [Epigenetics, Race, and Justice](#)
- Feb 19** [Great Decisions Series: China's Road into Latin America with Dr. Gregory Weeks](#)
- Feb 20** [Levine Lecture: The Fighter and the Victim: Two Enslaved Women in the Life of Frederick Douglass](#)
- Feb 20** [International Coffee Hour](#)

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

The [DAA News Digest](#) is distributed each Monday to Academic Affairs faculty and staff.  
Deadline for submission is 11:00 a.m. every Friday.  
Send submissions to [academicaffairs@uncc.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@uncc.edu).