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Time Sensitive UNC System Office Information Request

The UNC System Office is collecting information about spring semester educational abroad activities. We are asking that you complete this [form](#) to provide information regarding the location and the number of UNC Charlotte graduate or undergraduate students who are currently abroad or intend to travel internationally on University approved/sponsored/affiliated travel from March 1 through the end of the spring semester 2020. Please provide this information by Tuesday, March 10, at noon.

Information Requested:

Please list all current and upcoming University operated/sponsored/affiliated educational abroad initiatives for the spring 2020 semester. Please note that the Office of International Programs captures information on officially-sponsored Office of Education Abroad programming. That reporting is not necessary at this time.

This request specifically includes international conference participation and any individual students or small groups conducting research or fieldwork, regardless of duration of time. This also includes grant-funded initiatives.

We realize this number is constantly changing and appreciate your efforts to provide this information. If you need any clarification or have questions regarding the information requested, please contact OIP at international@uncc.edu.

Thank you in advance for responding to this important information request.

College of Engineering Dean Candidates - Public Presentations and Open Forums

The search committee for the Dean of The William States Lee College of Engineering is pleased to announce four candidates for the position, and the campus community is invited to attend the candidate public presentations. For details, including candidate CVs, visit the [position information webpage](#).

Following each candidate interview, we encourage you to provide feedback via the [evaluation webform](#); the feedback form will be available until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, March 20.

We look forward to your participation in the interview process.

Call for Nominations for 2020-2021 Faculty Governance Positions

The Faculty of UNC Charlotte are charged with the responsibility for making policy decisions regarding the curriculum, academic standards, and the allocation of internal research funds. We are also charged with important advisory

responsibilities regarding our working schedule and conditions, the university budget, facilities planning, administrative appointments, and other elements of institutional policy and operation that touch us directly and indirectly.

These responsibilities are carried out through a system of shared governance which constitutes the framework within which we can carry out our own work, and contribute to the overall academic mission and culture of UNC Charlotte. Faculty participation in governance is what we have to do in order to retain the autonomy to conduct our research, teach our students, disseminate knowledge, and build the academic community in ways we see fit.

Please consider how you or someone you respect might become part of the shared governance process at UNC Charlotte. Nominate yourself or another qualified faculty member for any of the following openings. (If you don't want to think of it as service to the institution, think of it as furthering the long-term interests of yourself, your discipline, and the faculty at large!)

A brief description of each committee listed below can be found at: <https://facultygovernance.uncc.edu/fc-committees>

To make a nomination email facultygovernance@uncc.edu with your nomination(s) for the appropriate positions. Please submit all nominations by March 20, 2020.

- President-Elect**, one-year term and then two-year term as President
- Chair**, Competitive Grants Committee (CGC), two-year term
- Chair**, Faculty Academic Policy and Standards Committee (FAPSC), two-year term
- Chair**, Faculty Legacy Scholarship Committee (FLSC), two-year term
- Chair**, Faculty Research Grants Committee (FRGC), two-year term
- Chair**, Faculty Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SOTL) Grants Committee, two-year term
- Chair**, Nominations, Honors, and Awards Committee (NHAC), two-year term
- Chair**, Part-Time Faculty Committee (PTFC), one-year term
- Chair**, Undergraduate Course and Curriculum Committee (UCCC), two-year term
- Chair**, University College Faculty Council (UCFC), two-year term
- Faculty Assembly Delegate: Two (2) members, three-year term
- Grievance Committee**: Three (3) members, four-year term
- Hearing Committee**: Five (5) members, four-year term
- Teaching Excellence Awards Committee: One (1) member**, two-year term
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** Nominees must be tenured members of the Faculty.

~ Nominees must be non-tenure track faculty.

For questions about these positions, contact [Faculty Governance Assistant Matt Wyse](#).

Ventureprise Launches Social Impact Workshop and Competition

Do you or somebody you know want to make an impact in your community? On campus? In North Carolina? Solutions to social issues are powered by people with passion and motivation - and Ventureprise wants to empower you to find and pursue that passion. We have designed a simple, fast-paced workshop and challenge to help UNC Charlotte students work on social solutions - ChangeMaker Kickoff: Making an Impact.

The first phase of ChangeMaker Kickoff: Making an Impact is Breaking Ground. This four-hour workshop gives ANY UNC Charlotte student the opportunity to present and work on their idea and how they would like to make an impact. During this workshop, students will be given a challenge in which teams work together and think innovatively on ways to solve a problem they have identified and present their solution at the end of the evening. Challenge Advantage: Each student will be given a list of problems the week before the challenge and you are able to look over the list and brainstorm possible ideas to bring to your group the following week. If you already have a problem you want to solve, you will be able to submit it in the application for approval.

Second Phase: Finalists of Breaking Ground will be selected at the end of the Breaking Ground workshop and challenge. Following this challenge, finalists will receive two weeks of mentoring to work on their idea and solution.

Third Phase: Finalists will present their solution at the Charlotte Venture Challenge on April 8th, competing for cash and other prizes to launch their idea.

More information and the application can be found on the [Entrepreneurship webpage](#).

Office of International Programs News and Events



15th Annual International Women's Day Celebration

The UNC Charlotte campus community has celebrated [International Women's Day](#) since 2006. This annual event includes historical information and recognition of the 2020 honorees and a panel of local artists presenting *We Are the Creators: Women Artists Impacting Today, Imagining Tomorrow*, moderated by Meg Whalen, director of communications and external relations, College of Arts + Architecture. The event is co-sponsored by the Office of International Programs, the Office of Identity, Equity, and Engagement, the Women's & Gender Studies Program, and Atrium Health. The event is free and open to the campus community and the public. A special exhibit by Andrea Downs called *Airing Out The "Dirty" Laundry* will be on display in the Popp Martin Student Union, 3rd Floor Rotunda.

- Wednesday, March 18, 3:30 - 5:30 PM, Student Union Multipurpose Room 340 ([Register](#))



Country-Culture Workshop: Iran

In collaboration with UNC Charlotte colleagues, the Office of International Programs invites interested faculty, staff, and administrators to register for the upcoming [Country-Culture Workshop](#) featuring Iran. A traditional Iranian lunch is included. This workshop is a great opportunity to increase your knowledge about Iran and learn about the needs of our Iranian students at UNC Charlotte. There are a limited number of spaces.

- Friday, April 17, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Lucas Room, Cone Center ([Register](#))

DailyChatter Newsletter: Free Subscription to Faculty, Staff, and Students

The Office of International Programs has teamed up with [DailyChatter](#), an international daily newsletter that curates some of the most interesting and important global developments and prepares a conversational, easy-to-read report designed to be read on your smartphone or any other digital device. DailyChatter is independent and non-partisan and your subscription is entirely free for as long as you are employed at UNC Charlotte. Feel free to invite your students to register for the free subscription. Learn how to [subscribe](#).

J. Murrey Atkins Library News and Events



Atkins Out Loud: Tuba & Euphonium Performance

Light refreshments provided.

- Thursday, March 12, 1:00 - 2:00 PM, Halton Reading Room

Author Susan Rivers on "Keeping It Real"

Susan Rivers, 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](#)." She will discuss her use of archived material in creating the detailed world of a novel set in the past. Rivers will demonstrate how true events uncovered in historical manuscripts, records and photographs can inspire fictional plots, as they did in her novels.

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

Dr. Joyce Dalsheim Discusses Her Latest Book

What goes into researching and writing an academic book? Where do the ideas and inspiration come from? Learn about this process and the work of the author in an [interview conversation](#) with Dr. Joyce Dalsheim, Associate Professor of Global Studies in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences at UNC Charlotte. Gregg Starrett, Professor of Anthropology, will talk with Dalsheim about her latest book, *Israel Has a Jewish Problem: Self-Determination as Self-Elimination*. Light refreshments will be served.

- Monday, March 23, 1:00 - 2:00 PM, Halton Reading Room

National Political Conventions: Boon or Bust?



Join us for Personally Speaking with Dr. Suzanne Leland, professor of Political Science and Public Administration, as she talks about her book *American Cities and the Politics of Political Conventions*. She will take a look at how lessons learned by Charlotte from the 2012 Democratic Convention can be applied to this summer's Republican National Convention.

- Tuesday, March 24, 6:00 PM, UNC Charlotte Center City ([Register](#))

Research and Economic Development Announces Catalyst 2020

Research and Economic Development is pleased to announce details for the 2020 Catalyst Boot Camp.

Catalyst is a professional development and mentoring program to help faculty members successfully apply for grants from state and federal agencies, foundations and nonprofits. The goal of the program is to enhance the research and creative capacity of the University and institutionalize systemic support for the advancement and success of early- and mid-career faculty by: (1) providing comprehensive training in the preparation of competitive grant proposals, (2) establishing a peer mentoring program, and (3) creating a community of practice aimed at facilitating and promoting the engagement of diverse groups of faculty in disciplinary and interdisciplinary research and creative activity.

Beginning in 2020, the Catalyst Boot Camp program will feature two tracks that will run concurrently: Catalyst for STEM+ and Catalyst for the Arts and Humanities.

Full details can be found in the [Catalyst Program Description](#). The deadline for applications to the 2020 Catalyst Boot Camp is Friday, March 13, 2020, by 5:00 pm. For questions about the application process, please contact Lesley Brown, Director, Center for Research Excellence at lbrown@uncc.edu.

Cato College of Education Faculty & Graduate Student Research Symposium



The Cato College of Education is hosting a Faculty & Graduate Student Research Symposium. The symposium will feature 120+ faculty and graduate student presenters with 60+ poster presentations. Refreshments will be provided.

- Thursday, March 26, 3:00 - 4:30 PM, Cato College of Education Atrium

WINGS Scholarship

The [WINGS \(Women Initiating and Nurturing Growth through Scholarships\) scholarship program](#) is the sole philanthropic venture of Women Executives (WE), a Charlotte organization of professional women, and is managed under Women Executives for Community Service (WECS), a 501c3 non-profit organization. The WINGS scholarship program supports female college students age 25 and older who are pursuing a degree at a Charlotte institution. The WINGS Scholarship awards one or two \$5,000 scholarships each year that are renewable while the student is enrolled in at least nine credit hours at UNC Charlotte. Applicants must be non-traditional students who are entering their sophomore or junior year, with a strong preference to female students. The application deadline is April 1, 2020, and can be applied for through the [NinerScholars Portal](#). UNC Charlotte faculty are requested to share information about the WINGS scholarship opportunity with students and to encourage eligible female students to apply.

Faculty Showcase



Need great teaching ideas? You are invited to attend the second annual Faculty Showcase sponsored by the Office of Assessment and Accreditation, in partnership with Atkins Library, Communication across the Curriculum, and the Center for Teaching and Learning.

- Wednesday, March 18, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Halton Reading Room, Atkins Library ([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](#)

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:

- Mar-May** [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)
- Mar-May** [Diversity Events on campus](#)
- Mar 9** [Curricular Practical Training \(CPT\)](#)
- Mar 11** [Non-Resident Employment Workshop](#)
- Mar 14** [UNC Charlotte 4th Annual Religious Studies Graduate Conference](#)

Next Week:

- Mar 16** [Marian Beane Crossing Borders Student Writing Competition Submission Deadline](#)
- Mar 16** [International Education Awards Faculty and Student Nomination Submission Deadlines](#)
- Mar 16-18** [Study Abroad Week](#)
- Mar 17** [International Scholar and Faculty Reception \(RSVP\)](#)
- Mar 18** [15th Annual International Women's Day Celebration \(Register\)](#)
- Mar 19** [Ancient DNA: The History of a Celebrity Science](#)
- Mar 19** [Democracy in Congo: The Controversial 2018 Election and Beyond](#)
- Mar 19** [International Coffee Hour](#)

Upcoming: provost.uncc.edu/division-news/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events

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