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Archived Messages to Faculty Provide Direction During Pandemic

Faculty, advisors and academic staff are encouraged to reference the archive of [messages from the Provost](#) as they continue to support and accommodate students who are completing the spring semester during challenging circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

FAQs Now Available for Pass/No Credit Spring Course Grading

Thanks are extended to all academic advisors for their tireless work to support and advise students regarding the move to remote instruction and the option for Pass/No Credit for spring semester. For additional guidance, please refer to recently [updated FAQs](#) for spring course grading.

Research and Economic Development COVID-19 Virtual Town Hall

Research and Economic Development cordially invites faculty and staff to participate in a Virtual Town Hall with Vice Chancellor Rick Tankersley and the R&ED staff. The session will include a brief update on the status of the University's research enterprise under the current "stay at home" order and a discussion of several new initiatives aimed at helping faculty respond to recent funding requests targeting the coronavirus. The session will also include an overview of the impact of recent supplemental spending bills, including the CARE Act, on federal support for basic and applied research. The R&ED staff will be on hand to answer questions about research operations under COVID-19, including recent guidance from federal agencies on the management of existing awards. Advanced registration is required. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Attendees are encouraged to submit questions in advance using the [online form](#).

- Tuesday, April 7, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ([Register](#))

Children's Literacy Advocate Receives Holshouser Award

Mark West, who has devoted his 35-year career at UNC Charlotte to advancing children's literacy, is a recipient of the Governor James E. Holshouser Jr. Award for Excellence in Public Service. Given by the UNC System Board of Governors, this award recognizes and rewards sustained, distinguished and superb achievement in university public service and outreach and contributions to improve the quality of life of the citizens of North Carolina. [View the full story](#), including the UNC System press release and video.

University Career Center Update

The University Career Center is staying on top of the summer internship situation and providing guidance to organizations on how to transition their experience to remote work rather than cancelling altogether; as well as working with organizations on short-term remote projects that students could be doing to continue to build their skills during the summer. Most employers have communicated that they are either moving forward with their summer internships or are on hold for further information; only a limited number have said they are cancelling.

The goal during this time is to create as many opportunities for students to build "resume capital" through internships, [short-term projects](#), professional training, or even online volunteering. There might be room for academics to consider Independent Study courses for those students who would like to use this pandemic as a research project or learning experience related to their field of study. For more information, contact [Patrick Madsen](#).

Nominations Open for Honors Faculty Appointment and Reappointment

Each spring, the Honors College invites nominations to the Honors Faculty. Faculty may apply directly using the [Nomination Form](#) and the Honors College will handle the nomination request with the department chair. This process now runs concurrently with the process for Honors Faculty reappointments (terms expire every five years unless renewed), so if you are already a member of the Honors Faculty and your term is expiring you will receive an email from the Honors College to fill out the nomination form.

Applications for both initial appointment and reappointment will be reviewed by the Honors Council, which will make recommendations to the Executive Director of the Honors College.

Please consider applying/renewing Honors Faculty membership if you have: taught an honors course in your department, college, or the Honors College; provided service to honors in your department, college, or the Honors College; or acted as a thesis/project advisor or mentor for an honors student. Activities such as these make a likely case for appointment as Honors Faculty.

Nominations are due April 20, 2020. Appointments begin July 1. Terms are five-year, renewable.

Program Director, American Studies

Senior-level appointment begins July 1, 2020.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte seeks a tenured faculty member to serve as the Program Director for the American Studies Program. The appointment is a nine-month appointment, with an administrative stipend upon appointment. Candidates must hold a PhD in a discipline housed in the College and hold a tenured appointment in one of the departments. In addition, the successful candidate will have a strong commitment to promoting diversity, inclusion, and equity in the work environment.

Desired qualifications also include: scholarship focused on American studies; the capacity to foster and mentor scholarship and teaching in other faculty; and sufficient administrative experience in leadership and strategic planning to be able to manage a vibrant American Studies Program, including the ability to develop a clear vision for sustained growth and a commitment to high-quality undergraduate education. The ability to foster relationships with relevant university and community organizations is expected. Currently holding affiliate faculty status with the American Studies Program is preferred.

The American Studies Program at UNC Charlotte is a dynamic academic program that provides undergraduate students the opportunity to study diverse aspects of American culture and the American experience using an interdisciplinary perspective. Courses draw on history, literature, art, music, religion, popular culture, political science, the media and other fields. These courses provide students with knowledge and experience in critical thinking, reading, and writing. Students also gain increased social and cultural awareness, improved communication skills, and creative problem-solving skills that integrate the various disciplines underlying American Studies. The program offers an undergraduate minor that serves over 400 students (2019-20 data). The selected candidate will lead a strong program with a committed affiliate faculty and an enthusiastic student body that is committed to both academic excellence and programmatic vibrancy. Currently 40 full- and part-time faculty contribute to the program.

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest, CV and the names and contact information of three references to: Dean Nancy A. Gutierrez, c/o Ms. Shadonna Desgraves, Office of the Dean, 430 Fretwell, 9201 University City Blvd., Charlotte, NC, 28223 or email to sdesgrav@uncc.edu. For full consideration, applications must be received by April 17, 2020. For additional information about this position, contact [Dr. Mark West](#), Chair, Search Committee for the American Studies Program Director.

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:

Apr-May [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)

Apr-May [Diversity Events on campus](#)

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

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Deadline for submission is 11:00 a.m. every Friday.
Send submissions to academicaffairs@uncc.edu.*