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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.

Suggested Syllabus Statements for Online Courses

Updates have been added to [suggested syllabus statements](#) that may be helpful to instructors who are teaching online courses. Recently added policies include updates to prohibit recording in-person or online as well as to prevent sexual harassment in web-based or web-assisted courses.

Making Remote Meetings Work: Leveraging the Surprising Science of Meetings

Given the influx of work-at-home initiatives, remote meetings are filling our calendars. Unfortunately, research suggests that one type of meeting is consistently rated as poorly run, not engaging, and ineffective – the same, remote meeting. Ironically, research also suggests that remote meetings are generally preferred by individuals because the anonymity allows for extensive multi-tasking – clearly not a desired outcome for the meeting leader.

This highly interactive webinar brings a sharp and strategic light to the remote meeting as we quite simply cannot afford for them to be ineffective. We have to get these meetings “right” otherwise team and organizational success is further compromised during these difficult times. Leveraging The Surprising Science of Meetings, you will gain knowledge and resources on how to effectively lead remote meetings to promote effectiveness and innovation – tactics are grouped into three categories: 1) what to do prior to the meeting, 2) running the meeting itself, and 3) post meeting activity. This session is designed for anyone being asked to run a remote meeting effectively.

Dr. Steven Rogelberg, an organizational psychologist, holds the title of Chancellor’s Professor at UNC Charlotte for distinguished national, international and interdisciplinary contributions. He is an award-winning teacher and highly decorated researcher including the Humboldt Award. His latest book, “The Surprising Science of Meetings” was recognized by the Washington Post as the “#1 Leadership Book to Watch for in 2019. He and the book were featured on [CBS This Morning](#) Freakonomics, BBC World to name a few outlets.

Academic Affairs is hosting two identical sessions of the webinar for any faculty or staff member who may be interested.

- Wednesday, April 15, 9:30 - 10:00 AM
<https://uncc-mcnc.zoom.us/j/254103594>
Phone: +1 646 876 9923
Meeting ID: 254 103 594

OR

- Tuesday, April 21, 4:00 - 4:30 PM
<https://uncc-mcnc.zoom.us/j/607490115>
Phone: +1 646 876 9923
Meeting ID: 607 490 115

Nitika, Brinegar Receive Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award

Nitika, Ph.D., Biological Sciences, and Caroline Brinegar, MA, Geography, were recently designated UNC Charlotte's most Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistants. The pair were recognized remotely as part of the University's effort to fight the Coronavirus pandemic. Each received the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, which includes \$1,000 and a plaque. Read more at the Graduate School's [news page](#).

Undergraduate Research Conference Abstracts Published

Although the 2020 Undergraduate Research Conference (URC) was cancelled, the Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) has published all of the abstracts that were submitted during the conference registration time. Please visit UNC Charlotte's [URC website](#) to view and download the 2020 URC Abstract Book.

UNC Charlotte Undergraduate Research Journal

The Office of Undergraduate Research is launching the inaugural issue of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Undergraduate Research Journal in Fall 2020. The journal will publish articles submitted by UNC Charlotte undergraduate students who conducted faculty-mentored research. Submissions from across multiple disciplines will be accepted April 13, 2020 - May 4, 2020. Details on the submission process can be found on the [Undergrad Research Journal webpage](#). For more information, please contact journal editors [Dr. Erin Banks](#) or [Dr. Nhi Cao](#).

Center for Teaching and Learning Training Opportunities

Assessments and Gradebook Webinars

#KeepTeaching: Self-Reflective Assessments and Rubrics for Online Learning: This webinar is facilitated by Karen Singer-Freeman, Director of Academic Planning and Assessment. Learn about different ways students can reflect on their mastery in performances, projects, and labs. Sample assignments and rubrics will be discussed.

- Wednesday, April 15, 11:00 - 11:30 AM ([Register](#))

#KeepTeaching: Canvas Gradebook Hacks: This session covers some of the lesser used Gradebook functions that may be of use to you during emergency remote teaching: how to excuse an assignment, several options for creating extra credit, the final grade override feature, and creating custom grading schemes will be discussed.

- Tuesday, April 14, 10:00 - 10:30 AM ([Register](#))
- Thursday, April 16, 3:00 - 3:30 PM ([Register](#))

Popular Webinars (Archived)

- [Creating Engaged Synchronous Online Sessions](#)
- [Course Modifications for Spring 2020: Less is More Pedagogy](#)
- [Communicating with Students](#)
- [End-of-Semester Alternate Assessments and Projects](#)
- [Paper Tests to Online with Respondus](#)
- See more topics on the [CTL YouTube Channel](#)

J. Murrey Atkins Library News and Events

Film Screen with a Dean: *Paywall: The Business of Scholarship*

As part of the series, "Film Screen with a Dean," Anne Cooper Moore, dean of the J. Murrey Atkins Library, invites you to a virtual panel discussion about academic and open access publishing in response to the documentary *Paywall: The Business of Scholarship*.

- Tuesday, April 28, 3:00 - 4:00 PM ([Register](#))

The film focuses on the need for open access to research and science, and questions the rationale behind the \$25.2 billion a year that flows into for-profit academic publishers, examines the 35-40% profit margin associated with the top academic publisher, Elsevier, and looks at how that profit margin is often greater than some of the most profitable tech companies.

Everyone is encouraged to view [Paywall](#) for free before the virtual discussion. A panel of experts will present issues and themes of this movie and answer your questions about the academic and open access publishing landscape. Panelists include:

- ❖ Will Cross - Director, Copyright & Digital Scholarship Center, NCSU
- ❖ Rick Tankersly - Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development - UNC Charlotte
- ❖ Kate Dickson - Copyright and Licensing Librarian, UNC Charlotte
- ❖ Nerea Llamas - Associate University Librarian for Collections Strategy and Services, UNC Chapel Hill

Contribute Your COVID-19 Stories

How have the pandemic and work-from-home orders affected your life? Atkins Library Special Collections & University Archives has launched a campus-wide project to encourage UNC Charlotte students, staff, and faculty to document their personal experiences during the coronavirus outbreak for the University Archives. [Contribute your stories.](#)

Office of International Programs News and Events



Virtual International Career Panel

The Office of International Programs, in collaboration with The Magellan Society, the Young Professionals of the World Affairs Council of Charlotte, is hosting a virtual International Career Panel. Panelists will speak about their experiences and offer insight for those entering the job market and/or pursuing work in international fields. Please register for WebEx information.

- Tuesday, April 21, 5:30 - 7:00 PM ([Register](#))

Online Curricular Practical Training (CPT) Workshop

International undergraduate and graduate students who are interested in gaining off-campus work experience related to their field of study this summer or in Fall 2020 must complete the International Student and Scholar Office's [Curricular Practical Training \(CPT\) Workshop](#). By the end of this self-paced, virtual workshop, students will be able to understand CPT eligibility requirements, application processes, and important deadlines. Currently, the self-paced workshop will be available to students until May 1, 2020, but students hoping to apply for summer CPT should complete the workshop as soon as possible. Depending on the COVID-19 situation, the self-paced workshop may be available beyond May 1.

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](#).

COVID-19 Resources for Faculty and Staff Engaging with the Niner International Community

Just as COVID-19 has affected the lives of all UNC Charlotte faculty, staff, and students, it has made a significant impact on our international community as well. The Office of International Programs and the International Student and Scholar Office (ISSO) share [updates and resources](#) in an effort to keep you informed as you interact with members of the Niner International community. The resource can be viewed here: [ISSO's Latest Message](#).

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](#)

Next Week:

Apr 21 [International Career Panel \(Virtual\)](#)

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.*