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### Supporting Student Mental Health Amidst Multiple Pandemics

*Virtual Workshops from Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)*

The Fall 2020 semester poses unprecedented challenges for our students who will continue to function amid the global pandemic and ongoing unrest and fight for anti-racism. This 60-minute virtual workshop shares practical ways faculty and staff can support student mental health, with special emphasis on those with historically marginalized identities (e.g., Black, LGBTQ+, international). Learn ways to address racism in the classroom, promote inclusion and belonging, and respond to student mental health concerns as they arise.

- Thursday, August 20, 1:00 - 2:00 PM
- Wednesday, August 26, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Registration is required. To register, please click the following link:

[https://hr-training.uncc.edu/registration/catalog\\_course\\_details.asp?ppaskil\\_code=%27CAPS01%27](https://hr-training.uncc.edu/registration/catalog_course_details.asp?ppaskil_code=%27CAPS01%27)

Please contact [Dr. Erica Lennon](#) with any questions.

### Year One Launch Kicks Off



[Year One Launch](#), a new programming series featuring over 90 virtual events between August 3 and September 3, will connect incoming students to the University prior to their first day of class. By intentionally focusing on three key areas — success, belonging and financial wellness — Year One Launch helps students transition into the 49er community.

The idea for Year One Launch began when members of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs identified an opportunity for new students to begin their college experience prior the September 7 first day of classes. The Year One Launch implementation team leveraged existing campus interest in offering programs over the summer to create an expansive experience for new students eager to start their first year at UNC Charlotte.

"Keeping our newly admitted students engaged between SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration) and the first day of class is more important than ever right now," said Emily Wheeler, director of New Student & Family Services. "Our goal with Year One Launch is to sustain that connection throughout summer while equipping our new Niners with skills to successfully navigate their college career."

## New Guidance Issued for International Students

The Student & Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) released its updated fall 2020 enrollment guidance on Friday, July 24 for both continuing and newly admitted F-1 international students. The Office of International Programs has sent an email to these populations with the following key takeaways:

### Continuing Students from Spring 2020 to Fall 2020:

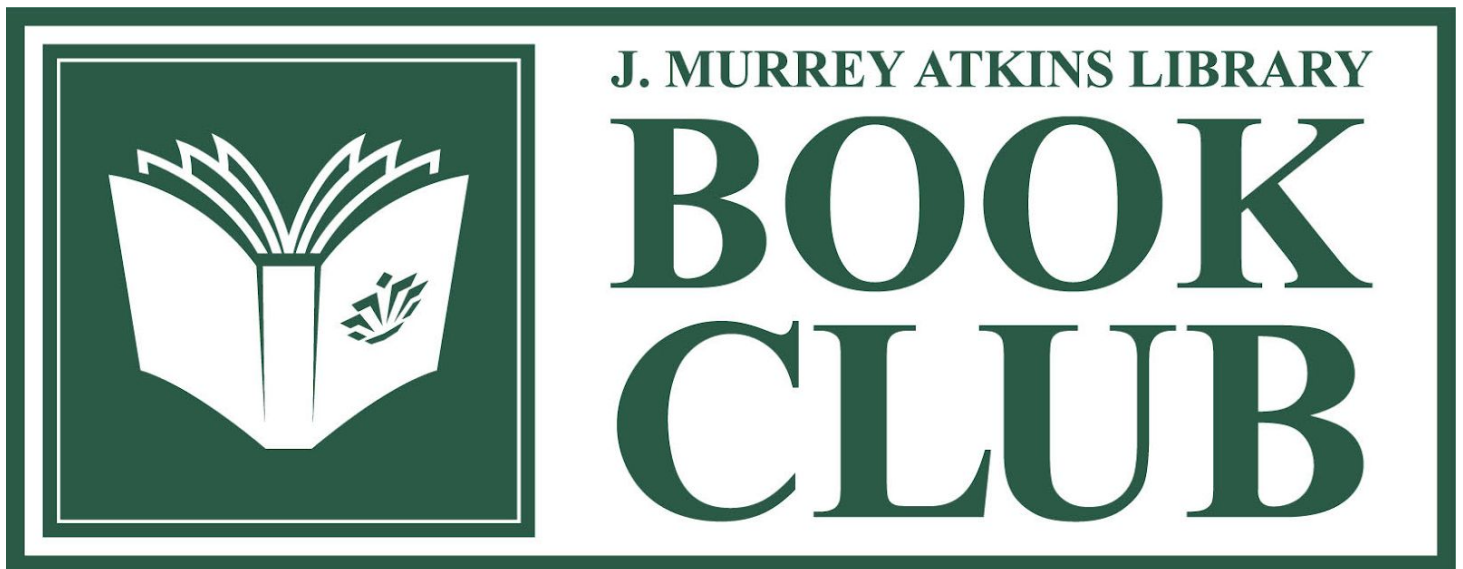
- may take any combination of online, hybrid, or in-person classes and remain in the U.S.
- may take online classes outside the U.S. without taking an immigration leave of absence
- may return to the U.S. to take classes in fall 2020 whether UNC Charlotte offers in-person, hybrid, or 100% online classes
- must be registered full time by September 14, 11:59 p.m.

### Newly Admitted Students Outside the U.S. for Fall 2020

- may not enter the U.S. to begin a new program that is fully online (must enroll in at least one class with an in-person component)
- may choose to study 100% online for fall 2020 from outside the U.S.
- may remain in the U.S. if the university moves entirely online after September 7
- must be registered full time by September 14, 11:59 p.m.

For more information, visit the ISSO's [COVID-19 webpage](#) and [Fall 2020 Updates & FAQ page](#) which includes the most recent Virtual Town Hall.

## J. Murrey Atkins Library News and Events



Atkins Library has selected [Me and White Supremacy by Layla F. Saad](#) for its next book club discussion. The Atkins Library book club focuses on diversity and cultural topics to spark conversations around equity and inclusion as well as an awareness of human differences embedded in our society and culture. Originally part of the Atkins Library Self-Selected Group Development, this book club is open to all faculty, staff, and students, an initiative recommended by the Provost.

The Atkins Library Diversity & Inclusion Committee sponsors this event but welcomes participation from faculty, staff, and students across campus to lead book discussions and to make book recommendations. Ryan Harris, Head of Research & Instructional Services, and Denelle Eads, Employee Relations and Staff Development Librarian, will co-facilitate the discussion on *Me and White Supremacy*. [Get free access to the book](#). Join Atkins Library via [Google Meets](#) for the discussion on August 26 from 2:00-3:30 p.m.

## Research Team Awarded \$580,000 NSF Grant

UNC Charlotte was recently awarded a multi-year National Science Foundation grant totaling more than \$580,000 to investigate strategies for ensuring an open, transparent culture of research on campus. The project, "Fostering a Culture of Openness and Transparency with Institutional Authorship Policies," is headed by PI Lisa Rasmussen, Graduate Faculty Fellow, with co-PIs Katherine Hall-Hertel, Associate Dean for Graduate Academic and Student Affairs, George Banks, Associate Professor of Management with the Belk College of Business, and Tom Reynolds, Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, along with Elise Demeter, Senior Assessment Research Analyst, as the Project Evaluator. For more information, please visit the [Graduate School webpage](#).

## Simulcast Support for Faculty: Classroom Training, Workshops, & Teaching Guides

For faculty teaching using one of the [Simulcast Models](#), there are a number of help resources available to you:

For hands-on practice in your classroom (training will begin on Monday, August 3), you may sign up below:

- For training using the lectern system and/or testing your University-managed laptop in a standard classroom setting, please [request an appointment](#).
- If you are scheduled in one of the 15 [dedicated simulcast classrooms](#), please make an appointment for [simulcast classroom training](#).

For training using Zoom, a web conferencing tool, you may attend a workshop:

- [Zoom: Creating, Joining and Managing Meetings Training](#) (Synchronous)
- [Zoom: Creating, Joining and Managing Meetings Training](#) (Asynchronous)
- [Zoom: Introducing Breakout Rooms Training](#) (Synchronous)
- [Zoom: Introducing Zoom Webinar](#) (Synchronous)
- [Zoom: Navigating the Interface](#) (Asynchronous)
- [Zoom: Breakout Rooms](#) (Asynchronous)
- [Zoom: Polling for Meetings](#) (Asynchronous)

Additional training resources:

- [Zoom Best Practices](#)
- [Zoom Meeting Types](#)
- [Room Passcode for Zoom](#)

For guidance on designing a simulcast hybrid course, please see:

- [Hybrid Teaching Guide](#)
- [Simulcast Support Teaching Guide](#)

## Resources for Planning for Fall 2020 Reopening

Resources for planning for the Fall 2020 reopening are available on the [Office of the Provost website](#). This includes new information about faculty training and classroom technology upgrades, as well as FAQs related to course delivery. Decisions will be based on these guiding principles: to preserve the college experience, to protect the health of our students and faculty, to ensure a successful learning environment, and to minimize the reduction in overall student credit hours. Faculty members and department chairs should coordinate course delivery and instruction plans with their associate dean.

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

## Upcoming Events

**This Week:**

**August** [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)

**August** [Diversity Events on campus](#)

**Upcoming:** [provost.uncc.edu/division-news/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events](https://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](mailto:academicaffairs@uncc.edu).*