



DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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School of Good Citizenship

Several public events are taking place as part of the School of Good Citizenship (SoGC), starting with an exhibition in partnership with The Levine Museum opening this week. Organized by artists LigoranoReese, SoGC is being realized in partnership with a broad range of Charlotte-based artists and organizations including The Levine Museum of the New South, The Light Factory, Working Films, Johnson C. Smith University, UNC Charlotte, International House, La Coalicion, and Democracy NC. For more information, please visit the [SoGC website](#).

- August 24-27, 8:30 PM - [I Once Was Lost But Now Am Found](#)
The program each evening will consist of an introduction by LigoranoReese, a spoken word performance, a virtual choir performance, Q&A and interactive drawing sessions. (Programs will run for 30 minutes maximum.)
- October 2-3, time TBD - Film screenings including presentations by the filmmakers with Working Films
[Revisioning Recovery](#)
[Stories Beyond Borders](#)
- October 10, time TBD - [Civic Saturday](#) (in collaboration with UNC Charlotte)

Center for Teaching and Learning News and Workshops

College-based Faculty Peer Mentors

With the support from Academic Affairs, each college has a group of faculty who are serving as Faculty Mentors -- faculty who are experienced in the use of instructional technology and/or online and hybrid instruction and who can help their colleagues get ready for fall. Find your faculty mentor [here](#).

2020-2021 Active Learning Academy Sign-Up

The [Active Learning Academy](#) (ALA) is a learning community open to all instructors and instructional staff who are interested in using active learning techniques, learning from peers, and promoting the adoption of active learning across our campus. Our topics this year will include using active learning methodology in online and hybrid courses. All ALA programs and activities will be conducted online this year. Sign up to be part of this year's cohort via this [registration link](#).

CTL Synchronous Workshops

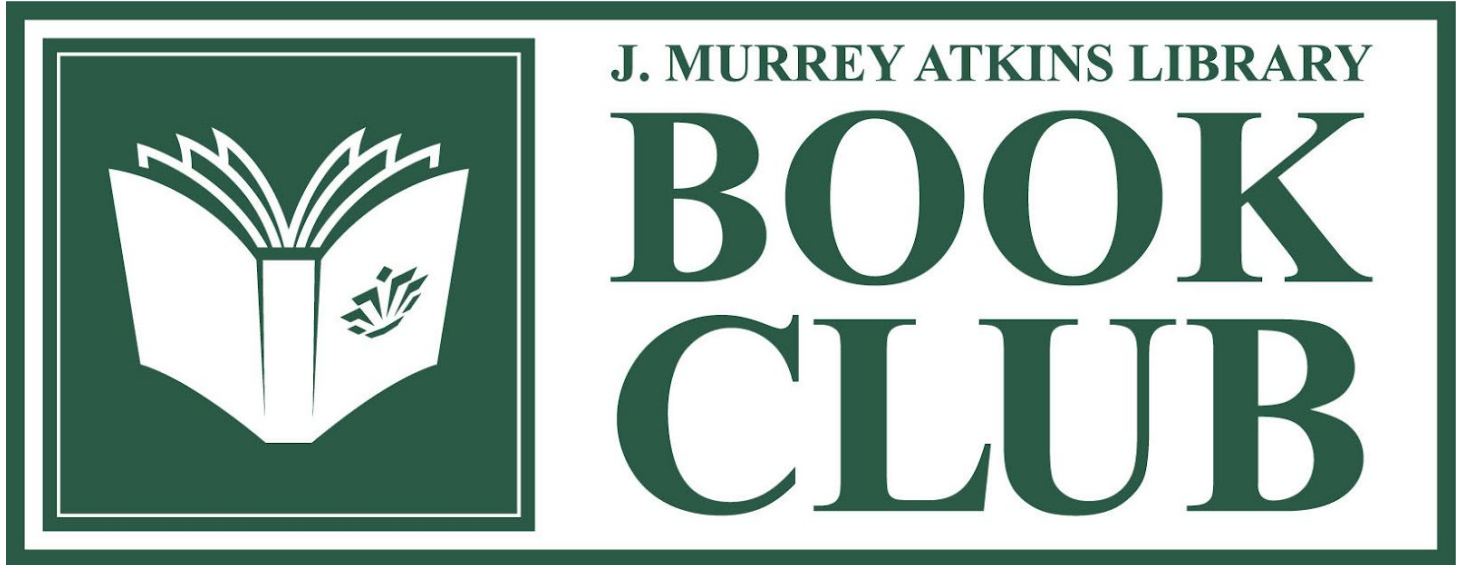
- Kaltura Quick Start, Tuesday, August 25, 10:00 - 11:00 AM ([Register](#))
- Web Conferencing for Online Classes, Tuesday, August 25, 1:30 - 3:00 PM ([Register](#))
- Canvas Quizzing, Wednesday, August 26, 10:00 - 11:00 AM ([Register](#))
- Using Poll Everywhere in Online and Hybrid Classes, Wednesday, August 26, 1:30 - 2:30 PM ([Register](#))
- Canvas Assignments and Gradebook, Thursday, August 27, 10:00 - 11:00 AM ([Register](#))
- Starting with a Fresh Canvas, Thursday, August 27, 1:30 - 2:30 PM ([Register](#))
- Canvas Q&A, Friday, August 28, 10:00 - 11:00 AM ([Register](#))

- Online Group Presentations, Friday, August 28, 1:30 - 3:00 PM ([Register](#))

CTL Self-Paced Asynchronous Workshops

- Online Teaching Foundations ([Register](#))
- Online Video Foundations ([Register](#))
- Starting with a Fresh Canvas ([Register](#))

Atkins Book Club: *Me and White Supremacy*



Reminder: Atkins' Book Discussion on *Me and White Supremacy*

The Atkins Library Book Club will feature [Me and White Supremacy](#) by Layla F. Saad at its next book discussion this Wednesday, August 26, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. via [Google Meet](#). Members of the UNC Charlotte community who are interested in participating can [get free access](#) to the book through the library's online catalog.

Women + Girls Research Alliance Hosts Panel Discussion

The Women + Girls Research Alliance (W+GRA) invites you to participate in our upcoming Fall and Winter Research and Practice Discussion series, starting in September. The September Panel Discussion topic is "Black Girlhood and Educational Narratives: A Back-to-School Discussion". The panel will be held on September 8, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. via Zoom. Registration is free but required. Panel details and the registration link are available on the [W+GRA webpage](#).

WebJam 2020

On September 10, from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., the University Career Center will host the Virtual UCC Web Jamboree 2020 as part of Gold Rush. This is a free event the Career Center hosts to kick off the new academic year, and will be partnering with the University Center for Academic Excellence, Office of Education Abroad, Student Involvement, Office of Identity, Equity, and Engagement, and Office of Undergraduate Research.

All students will be able to participate in this virtual event and must register to have access. Registration is required so students can participate in the many booths at the event, and they will have a chance to win a \$50 gift card at each booth they attend! There is over \$1000 in gift card giveaways provided by our employer partners. The booths will have Career Center and partnering department staff on hand to talk with students about services, job & internship searches, exploring majors, resume content, and how to get involved on campus to start building your brand. This event will emphasize fun and connection. Within each booth, there will be games and activities, a Virtual Escape Room, social media competitions, and an opportunity for students to connect with campus partners in an informal way.

Are Your Students Looking to Connect Across Cultures? Recommend FACE!



The Office of International Programs' International Student and Scholar Office is pleased to offer the [International Friendship & Culture Exchange Program](#) (FACE) to globally-minded students for Fall 2020. FACE is a semester-long program that was developed to encourage open communication between and among international and U.S. American students. For the Fall 2020 program, participating students will meet virtually to partake in social, yet socially distanced, small group conversation to

share the ideas, customs and concerns of their own respective countries. Please advise students who may be interested to submit the [FACE Interest & Information Form](#) by September 18, 2020.

Save the Dates for *Personally Speaking*

The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (CLAS) is excited to announce that dates have been confirmed for the start of the 11th *Personally Speaking* season. Due to COVID-19 precautions, the first two events will be virtual. CLAS will provide registration details closer to each date.

- Wednesday, September 30: James Igoe Walsh, Political Science and Public Administration, *Drones and Support for the Use of Force* (University of Michigan Press 2018)
- Wednesday, October 28: Beth Elise Whitaker, Political Science and Public Administration, *Africa's International Relations: Balancing Domestic & Global Interests* (Lynne Rienner Publishers 2018)

CONNECT Training and Early Alerts

CONNECT training sessions will be offered virtually for Fall 2020. Advisors and faculty can request a training using the Google form on the [Academic Advising Technology Training webpage](#). These virtual training sessions can include Early Alert training. Early Alerts are due for all 1XXX/2XXX level courses by 12:00 p.m. on **Friday, October 2**. Departments may also request to schedule their own training session to be held during a departmental meeting by contacting Stephanie Westine, Advising Systems Administrator, or LeeFredrick Bowen, Director for Academic Advising Systems.

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) 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

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