



# DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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### 2020-2021 O. Max Gardner Award

Your assistance is requested for identifying potential faculty nominees for the 2020-2021 O. Max Gardner Award. This award is given annually by the UNC Board of Governors to "that member of the faculty of the University of North Carolina who, during the current scholastic year, has made the greatest contribution to the welfare of the human race." Please note that nominees can be of any rank, "including instructors, engaged in teaching in any unit, institution or branch of service" in the University system. Past winners of the award include UNC Charlotte's own Dr. Pinku Mukherjee and Dr. Diane M. Browder. [Linked here](#) is the UNC System announcement of last year's winner, Dr. Samantha Meltzer-Brody of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Please forward the names of nominees to the [Nominations, Honors, and Awards Committee Assistant](#) at before 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2020. Include in your nomination the individual's name, rank, and department/unit. Also, please provide a description of this individual's specific contribution(s) or achievement(s), and their impact on others.

### Call for Nominations for Honorary Degrees

One of the highlights of UNC Charlotte's Commencement is the recognition of individuals for exceptional and distinctive service to the University or the larger community with an [honorary degree from UNC Charlotte](#). On behalf of the Nominations, Honors, and Awards Committee, we are asking your assistance in nominating persons for this honor. By way of background, the following criteria have been established by the Board of Trustees regarding prospective nominees:

1. exceptional and distinctive achievements on behalf of the University, the region, state or nation;
2. state, national or international esteem because of activities recognized as significant in higher education;
3. eminent achievement in scholarship, high distinction in public affairs, outstanding accomplishments in humanitarian endeavors or artistic attainment;
4. high qualities of character and personal reputation;
5. not currently employed by The University of North Carolina at Charlotte;
6. former faculty and staff eligible if they have achieved distinction in a second career or in work unrelated to their university positions;
7. merit rather than popularity.

A nomination should include the full name of the nominee, a vita, resume and/or biography (if available), and a statement of the rationale for the nomination. The nomination must also include the name of the nominator in order to be considered by the Committee. Confidentiality is very important. Therefore, the nominee should not know of his or her nomination. In addition, if you have previously nominated an individual and would like to share any additional contributions of that nominee, you are welcome to submit supplementary materials.

The deadline for nominations is **October 21, 2020**. Nominations should be directed to [Matt Wyse](#), Faculty Governance Assistant, Office of Academic Affairs. For more information or questions, please contact [Badrul Chowdhury](#), Chairperson, Nominations, Honors, and Awards Committee, or [Matt Wyse](#), Faculty Governance Assistant. We strongly encourage you to nominate someone who deserves this recognition. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

## W+GRA Hosts Breast Cancer Research Panel Discussion

Join the Women + Girls Research Alliance on October 13 for a moderated online conversation about current Breast Cancer research, testing and treatment, and the patient experience, with a particular focus on African American health. The panel includes researchers, practitioners, and Breast Cancer survivors. Registration is free but required. [Details and registration information](#).

## International Team Trivia Night



The Office of International Programs' International Student and Scholar Office is pleased to host a virtual International Team Trivia Night on October 14, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Open to international, domestic (U.S.) students, faculty, and staff--i.e. anyone in the Niner Community--this event is for you and others who love and miss in-person trivia nights. Featuring randomized team play in WebEx breakout rooms to facilitate new connections and friendships, the event will unfold much like your neighborhood trivia night, albeit in a virtual format and with a focus on globe-spanning questions. Please sign up and/or share with your students; anyone can [register](#). The access link to the event will be emailed to registered participants 30 minutes before the event starts.

## Belk College's 50th Anniversary Continues

The Belk College of Business is celebrating its 50th anniversary this academic year with a series of events, including the new Dean's Leadership Series. The monthly online series continues on Thursday, October 15, with a focus on the implications of COVID-19 on commercial real estate. You can learn more about this and other 50th anniversary events, [on the Belk College website](#).

## J. Murrey Atkins Library News and Events

### 49ers Make Good Trouble: From Campus Activism to the Ballot Box

Join Atkins Library and Charlotte Mecklenburg Library for a virtual event that will bring together Charlotte City Council member Braxton Winston along with campus activists and local leaders who all made "good trouble" to push for positive change in their communities and how that spirit and energy can be harnessed this election season. Learn about the legacy

of activism from 49ers past and hear from the students, faculty, and community leaders who are pushing for justice and equity in Charlotte today. Tuesday, October 20, at 7:00 pm. [Registration](#)

### Atkins Creates Laptop Counter for Students

Atkins' new virtual [Laptop Counter](#) keeps track of how many laptops (MacBooks and Dell laptops) are available for checkout at the Circulation Desk and the Laptops Anytime Kiosk located in CHHS. This feature allows students to quickly find out if an Atkins' laptop is free to borrow before they head to campus and/or are near a laptop checkout location. The use of our Laptop Counter is the most efficient way to begin the process of borrowing a laptop. Availability data is updated every 15 minutes.

## Training re: Classroom Recordings & FERPA

### Smile - You're on Classroom Camera!: A Guide to Classroom Recordings & FERPA

As classroom technologies continue to evolve, and especially during times when remote or hybrid classes are necessary, more instructors are using video and audio recordings of class sessions and student projects. Recordings are sometimes used to allow enrolled students to watch a missed class session or to review an earlier session they attended, to share with another currently-enrolled class or a future class, or for accreditation purposes. Depending on how the recordings are created and edited, they may include personally identifiable information (PII) about students and thus constitute education records that are protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) — the federal student privacy law. This training session will provide guidelines for acceptable practices in making and using video and audio recordings in the classroom setting. Registrants will receive the Zoom link via email prior to the presentation.

- Tuesday, October 20, 10:00 - 11:00 AM (Register via email to [Melanie White](#))  
Presenters: Amy Kelso, Senior Associate General Counsel; Leslie Zenk, Assistant Provost; Kim Buch, Faculty Fellow, Center for Teaching & Learning and Professor, Department of Psychological Sciences

## Virtual Panel on Sustainable Development

On October 27 from 4:00-5:30 p.m., please join a free virtual panel titled "Sustainable Development" to discuss designing resilient cities in the face of pandemics and climate change. The panel is sponsored in part by the Department of Geography and Earth Sciences. Panel participants include: Taiwo Jaiyeoba, Planning Director, City of Charlotte; Brad Bartholomew, CEO, Odell; Liz McCormick, Assistant Professor, UNC Charlotte College of Arts + Architecture; Brook Muller, Dean, UNC Charlotte College of Arts + Architecture; and Shannon Binns, Founder/Executive Director, Sustain Charlotte. Clean Air Carolina board member and Odell architect Allison Shockley will moderate the panel. [More information and free event registration.](#)

## Personally Speaking: Africa's International Relations



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SPEAKING** SERIES

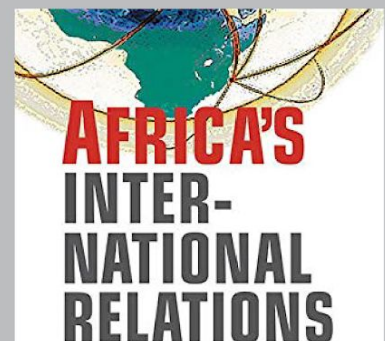
**PUBLISHED  
EXPERTS  
CONVERSATIONS**

**BETH ELISE WHITAKER**

**OCT. 28**

— 7:00 p.m. —

**JOIN US FOR THIS ONLINE EVENT**



Balancing Domestic  
& Global Interests

Beth Elise Whitaker & John F. Clark

UNC Charlotte political scientist Beth Elise Whitaker has done extensive research in sub-Saharan Africa, traversing Kenya to study U.S.-African counter-terrorism cooperation, conducting fieldwork in Tanzania and Botswana, and working with colleagues from around the globe. Now you can learn from this expert, as she offers insights from her international research and her book, *Africa's International Relations: Balancing Domestic and Global Interests*. Find answers to YOUR questions about Africa and its place in the world at the next Personally Speaking conversation on Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m. While the conversation will be virtual, it will also be highly interactive. The registration link will be available soon. Save the date!

## Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops

### Planning Your Online Exams

- Canvas Quizzing (Creating Exams in Canvas)
  - Wednesday, October 21, 10:00 - 11:00 AM ([Register](#))
  - Monday, October 26, 1:30 - 2:30 PM ([Register](#))
- Canvas Assignments and Gradebook
  - Wednesday, October 14, 1:30 - 2:30 PM ([Register](#))
- Converting Paper Tests to Canvas Quizzing
  - Thursday, October 15, 1:30 - 2:30 PM ([Register](#))
  - Wednesday, October 28, 2:00 - 3:00 PM ([Register](#))
- Best Practices in Developing and Delivering Final Assessments
  - Thursday, October 22, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ([Register](#))
  - Wednesday, October 28, 10:00 - 11:00 AM ([Register](#))

### Engaging Students

- Active Learning in Online Classes (Open Discussion Forum)
  - Tuesday, October 20, 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM ([Register](#))
- Teaching with Poll Everywhere
  - Tuesday, October 27, 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM ([Register](#))
- Bridging Synchronous and Asynchronous Learning
  - Thursday, October 29, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ([Register](#))

### Teaching & Learning Essentials Certificate Workshops

- Getting Started with Active Teaching and Learning
  - Tuesday, October 13, 2:00 - 3:15 PM ([Register](#))
- Using Cognitive Empathy in the Classroom
  - Wednesday, October 14, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM ([Register](#))
- Enhancing Cultural Awareness
  - Wednesday, October 21, 2:00 - 3:00 PM ([Register](#))
- Using Feedback to Improve Teaching and Learning (asynchronous delivery)
  - Monday, October 26 - Monday, November 2 ([Register](#))
- Syllabus 101: Roadmap to Success (asynchronous delivery)
  - Monday, November 16 - Wednesday, November 18 ([Register](#))

## UCAE Now Offering Virtual Drop-in Tutoring

The University Center for Academic Excellence is now offering virtual drop-in tutoring for 18 courses. The schedule and zoom links can be found on the [Drop-in Tutoring webpage](#). The UCAE is also continuing to offer virtual tutoring appointments! All services are free. Feel free to contact [Lauren Blackshaw](#) with any questions or concerns.

## 2020-2021 STEM Communication Fellows Named

The Center for Graduate Life (CGL) has announced the names of the 2020-21 STEM Communication Fellows. This year's Fellows include:

Oluwaseun Adeymi, Ph.D. Public Health Sciences  
Christopher Avery, Ph.D. Bioinformatics  
Sarvani Duvvuri, Ph.D. INES  
Ebony Galliard, Ph.D. Biology  
Neha Mittal, Postdoc Bioinformatics  
Ameante Payen, Ph.D., Health Psychology

Destini Petit, Ph.D. INES  
Venkatesh Ranjan, Ph.D. Nanoscale Science

The STEM Communication Fellows Program is aimed at improving communication skills among STEM scholars. Eight doctoral and postdoctoral scholars each year receive intense instruction and interaction on multiple communication formats ranging from policy papers to social media posts. Learn more about the [STEM Communication Fellows](#).

## Resources for Instructors Teaching During Fall 2020

Resources for instructors teaching during Fall 2020 are available on the [Office of the Provost website](#). This includes suggested syllabus policies, how to handle student absences during COVID, a list of faculty mentors for remote instruction advice, Q&A from the General Faculty meeting and other helpful resources.

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

## Upcoming Events

### This Week:

- Oct-Dec** [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)
- Oct-Dec** [Diversity events](#)
- Oct 13** [W+GRA Panel: Breast Cancer Research and Women's Health](#) (virtual)
- Oct 14** [International Team Trivia Night](#) (virtual)
- Oct 16** [Data Science in the Fight for Civil Liberties](#) (virtual)

### Next Week:

- Oct 19** [2021-2022 Faculty Research Grants \(FRG\) Program Proposal Deadline](#)
- Oct 20** [49ers Make Good Trouble: From Campus Activism to the Ballot Box](#) (virtual)
- Oct 21** [Sigma Xi Discussion re: Evolution, Anthropology and Culture](#) (virtual)

**Upcoming:** [provost.uncc.edu/division-news/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events](http://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).*