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Community Talk to Discuss Confederate Monuments and the Ongoing Fight for Racial Justice

Join Karen L. Cox in conversation on her book *No Common Ground: Confederate Monuments and the Ongoing Fight for Racial Justice*. The [virtual talk](#) will be held in partnership with UNC Press; facilitators include Willie J. Griffin, staff historian at the Levine Museum of the New South, and Emily Gunzburger Makas, associate professor of architectural and urban history in the School of Architecture at UNC Charlotte. [Attendees must register](#) no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 19. Registrants will receive a link to join the talk.

- Thursday, April 22, 5:30 - 7:00 PM ([Register](#))

Express FAFSA Service Days

Completing the FAFSA is the first step in applying for financial aid and all students need to reapply every year. Students who need help completing their FAFSA can get virtual express FAFSA service by meeting with our financial aid counselors. [Express FAFSA Service Days](#) will be held on April 21, 22, and 27 at a specific time. Registration is required for these events. To learn more about Express FAFSA Service Days visit [Niner Central](#).

Considerations for Conducting Annual Performance Evaluations During the Pandemic

Yvette Huet, Director for the UNC Charlotte ADVANCE Faculty Affairs and Diversity Office and a Professor of Kinesiology, and Sarah Ekis, Human Resources Manager for EHRA Non-Faculty Administration and Staff Performance Management, will join Sam Sears and T'Ajai Carrington from the Office of Legal Affairs to provide guidance and common considerations to support managers conducting performance evaluations this year. The group will address:

1. General guidance and best practices for conducting the annual performance evaluation that apply both during and beyond the pandemic;
 2. Suggestions for evaluating achievements relative to opportunity, to account for the broad impacts of the pandemic on employees and moving forward; and
 3. Considerations for mitigating the role of bias in reviews and suggested approaches and/or frameworks for avoiding inequities in the evaluation process.
- Tuesday, April 27, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, via Zoom ([RSVP*](#))
*Zoom link will be provided to registrants

Professional Development Opportunity: Post-Master's Certificate in University and College Teaching

Searching for an opportunity to expand your teaching knowledge and approach? Consider enrolling in the 12 credit hour online Post-Master's Certificate in University and College Teaching. This program is designed to prepare current faculty, graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, and others with the skills needed for the full range of faculty responsibilities at

institutions of higher education. The Certificate aims to explore issues facing American college students, develop concrete skills in teaching including developing a teaching philosophy, apply effective instructional design, learning principles, curriculum models, and analyze, design, develop, and evaluate online learning.

Doctoral students, adjunct faculty and lecturers who are new to teaching, and new tenure-track faculty who are content experts but not trained in teaching pedagogies could benefit from this certificate. To learn more, please email the Program Director [Dr. Florence Martin](#) and [apply today](#).

J. Murrey Atkins Library News and Events

COVID-19 Vaccinations: Science, Politics, Mistrust, and Misinformation Panel

Atkins Library's Digital Media Literacy Group will host a panel discussion focusing on the [COVID-19 vaccines](#). Speakers from UNC Charlotte and the wider Charlotte area will address topics ranging from scientific information to political influences to medical mistrust to misinformation and disinformation. The panel discussion will be moderated by WBTV news anchor, Molly Grantham. [Registration](#) is required.

- Wednesday, April 21 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Atkins Webinars on Digital Humanities, Technology, and Innovation

Digital Humanities as Open Access Resources

- Wednesday, April 21, 12:00 - 1:00 PM ([Registration](#))

Bring Technology and Innovation Into Your Classroom with Area 49

- Friday, April 23, 1:00 - 2:00 PM ([Registration](#))

Film Screen with a Dean: Wilmington on Fire

As part of the series, "Film Screen with a Dean," Anne Cooper Moore, dean of Atkins Library, invites you to a virtual panel discussion on Wilmington on Fire, a feature-length documentary directed by Christopher Everett that chronicles The Wilmington Massacre of 1898. Everyone is encouraged to view the film prior to the virtual discussion. Wilmington on Fire is available to screen on [Vimeo](#) at no cost. [Registration](#) is required.

- Wednesday, April 28, 2:00 - 4:00 PM.

Reminder: Atkins Library Survey for Faculty

Please be sure to take the [Atkins Library Survey](#). The library is interested in how you currently use the library and how we might improve those interactions in the future. The survey is anonymous and no personally identifiable information will be gathered or retained. Completion of this survey is voluntary and will take about 20 minutes of your time.

Library Account Login Update

In May, J. Murrey Atkins Library will enable library account login ability for Friends of Atkins Library. As a result, current UNC Charlotte students, faculty, and staff may notice a minor change in the NinerNet library account login path. There will be an additional click required to choose the NinerNet login rather than the Friends option. This change does not affect how you request library materials or any library service.

New Automated Email from the Library

Also occurring in May, J. Murrey Atkins Library will enable a monthly automated email sent on the 2nd of each month, reminding active library users of loans, overdue items, and fines. No action is required on your part in response to this automated email. However, if you have overdue items that you intend to return, please contact circdesk@uncc.edu to ensure you are not charged replacement fees.

Green Delivery Bags

Atkins Library's supply of Express Delivery Bags is running low! If you have any of the library's green canvas bags in your office, please send them back to us as soon as possible via campus mail. We appreciate your help!

Faculty Toolkit for Teaching During the Pandemic

Resources for faculty and staff teaching and advising during the 2020-21 academic year are available on the [Office of the Provost website](#). This includes the new grade election procedure for Spring 2021, related FAQs, suggested syllabus policies, how to handle student absences during COVID, a list of faculty mentors for remote instruction advice, resources from the Center of Teaching and Learning 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) or visit the [Academic Affairs Division News webpage](#).

Upcoming Events

This Week:

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

Apr-Jun [Diversity events](#)

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

*The [DAA News Digest](#) is distributed each Monday to Academic Affairs faculty and staff.
To have items included in the digest, complete the [NEWS DIGEST REQUEST FORM](#).
Deadline for submission is 11:00 a.m. every Friday.*