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Virtual STEM Summit

Promoting Educational Reform in STEM at the Course, Department, and Institutional Level

The keynote speaker for the summit is Dr. Paula Lemons, Professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the University of Georgia. The COVID-19 pandemic and heightened attention to systemic racism have highlighted the fact that outdated teaching practices can stunt student learning and trust of science, maintain systemic biases, and prevent equitable education. Institutions can dismantle these problems, and rebuild equitable and just systems through collective action among instructors, administrators, and change agents. This talk will describe a transformation project that aims to shift the University towards new core commitments for education. The summit is open to the campus community and is supported by Transforming STEM Teaching and Learning Academy, Center for Teaching and Learning and the Office of Undergraduate Education.

- Thursday, May 13, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM via Zoom ([Register](#))

Master's Higher Education Students Seeking Part-Time Positions for 2021-22

The master's program focusing on higher education (M.Ed. in Educational Leadership) has admitted its Fall 2021 entering class. Many admitted students plan to work part-time on campus in roles that will give them hands-on experience in higher education administration and student success/advising/support work, broadly defined (i.e., positions formerly classified as graduate assistantships and now classified as student temporary employees). Multiple M.Ed. students are still searching for part-time employment opportunities on campus for the 2021-22 academic year. If your office is searching/hiring for such positions to start in Fall 2021, in addition to posting on Hire-a-Niner, send your position announcement to program director, [Dr. Ryan Miller](#), so the posting can be shared directly with admitted students who are actively searching for positions.

Malibu Open Swim Workshops

Academic Affairs business officers are invited to the final [Malibu open swim workshops](#) at 2:00 p.m. on the next two Fridays, May 14 and May 21. Future workshops may be offered. Please contact malibu-group@uncc.edu with questions.

May 22 IT Outage Planned

UPCOMING IT OUTAGE: Banner, NinerNET password & Duo management are among the University IT services that will be affected during a planned outage from 7 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 22. [See more](#).

May 25 Virtual Panel on Transportation & Economic Mobility

At noon on May 25, join the Urban Institute, Dr. Evelyn Blumenberg of the Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies at UCLA, Dr. Elizabeth Delmelle, associate professor in the Department of Geography and Earth Sciences, and Charlotte

Deputy City Manager Taiwo Jaiyeoba for a discussion about the relationship between transit, transportation and economic mobility in our community. [Registration](#) is free but required

“Dr. Edward Jenner and His Legacy” Exhibits

"Dr. Edward Jenner and His Legacy" commemorates the 225th anniversary of Jenner's innovative contribution to vaccinology. Atkins Library's digital and lobby exhibits look at the smallpox researcher's method involving using "cowpox" from a milkmaid's hand, followed six weeks later by an immunologic challenge with smallpox inoculum to demonstrate protection from the dreaded disease. You are welcome to browse [the digital exhibit](#) and visit the main floor exhibit in the Atkins Library (through July 2021) to discover more about Jenner's enduring legacy in the history of medicine.

Admitted Students Week Event Site Access and Recordings

Undergraduate Admissions hosted four Virtual Admitted Students Week events for admitted freshmen throughout the Spring semester. The site used for these events housed exclusive content, links to important resources and now includes recordings of all sessions offered during the event weeks. [Check it out here](#). Undergraduate Admissions would like to thank the many partners across campus who participated by presenting sessions - often after hours to be more easily accessible to students and their families.

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:

May-July [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)

May-July [Diversity events](#)

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.*