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Evaluation of Dean Candidates, Cato College of Education

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in the interview process for the [Dean of the Cato College of Education](#). Please take time to provide feedback via the [candidate evaluation form](#); the evaluation form will be available until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, September 20.

CONNECT Training and Early Alerts

CONNECT training sessions will be offered virtually for Fall 2021. Advisors and faculty can request 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, September 17**. Departments may also request to schedule a training session to be held during a departmental meeting by contacting [Stephanie Westine](#), Advising Systems Administrator, or [LeeFredrick Bowen](#), Director for Academic Advising Systems.

Research and Economic Development Announces Updates to F&A Distribution

New [F&A distribution guidelines](#) for FY2022 include funds for Colleges and Centers and a higher ceiling for faculty. [Read the full announcement](#).

Registration Open for Women + Girls Research Alliance September Talk

Registration is open for W+GRA's September 15 Research and Practice Discussion Panel, Supporting Our Girls During the Pandemic. [Panelist information and registration is available online](#).

Constitution Day Event: 9 Minutes and 29 Seconds That Changed Policing

9 Minutes and 29 Seconds That Changed Policing: The Constitutional Questions Surrounding the George Floyd Case

As the nation continues to debate Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin's conviction and sentencing in the May 2020 murder of George Floyd, UNC Charlotte's Constitution Day event will draw upon UNC Charlotte faculty experts to explore the case and its broader implications for race and social justice issues. The virtual conversation is open to the entire campus with particular emphasis on student attendees. Panelists include faculty experts from the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology: Maisha Cooper (expertise in race and racial issues in society), Janne Gaub (police technology and misconduct), Joe Kuhns (police use of force), and Beth Bjerregaard (constitutional issues). Moderator Kendra Jason is a Department of Sociology faculty member and the Race and Social Justice Advocate for the sponsoring [College of Liberal Arts & Sciences](#). The discussion will focus on topics such as whether the use of force in the Floyd case can be considered reasonable or excessive, the implications of video evidence in similar cases, the issues that contributed to the question about fairness of the trial, and the effect of the case on race relations within the criminal justice system.

- Friday, September 17, 10:00 AM ([Register](#))
*A Zoom link will be emailed to registered participants.

Explore Charlotte Virtual Open House

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions will kick off their fall recruitment season with Explore Charlotte Virtual Open House on Saturday, September 18. This event will bring together academic colleges and campus partners from across the university to support the class of 2023 in their college search. The [event](#) will be live from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Ventureprise Launches 49er Impact: UNC Charlotte's Road to Global Entrepreneurship Week

With a goal to engage many students across all colleges, Ventureprise is looking to work with faculty, staff and campus organizations to highlight student opportunities, ideas and research. This semester's 49er Impact will include panels, workshops, mentoring and conclude with a pitch competition during Global Entrepreneurship Week, November 8-12. We aim to provide students with experiences, professional development and co-curricular activities in a variety of forms. We are looking for faculty and campus support in a few ways; check out the [ways you can be involved](#) and [have students sign up](#) through September 23. Email [Laura Smailes](#) with any questions or recommendations.

University Policies Related to Records Handling and Storage

University Policy: 101.8, Personnel Records

State law protects the confidentiality of employee personnel records and also provides guidance for the proper handling of employee personnel records by UNC Charlotte as a public institution. University Policy 101.8 defines what is considered a personnel record, where such records may be located, and their retention schedule. Additionally, the policy addresses persons permitted access to such records and their responsibility for maintaining confidentiality in handling and accessing them. Please take an opportunity to review [University Policy: 101.8, Personnel Records](#) and take time to ensure the proper storing and handling of personnel records, including those of faculty associated with reappointment, promotion and tenure. Please discuss this policy with all employees approved for access to handle these records.

University Policy: 402, Student Education Records (FERPA)

Federal law protects the confidentiality of records relating directly to a student and also provides guidance for the proper handling of records by UNC Charlotte as a public institution. University Policy 402 defines what is considered a student record and where such records may be located. Additionally, the policy addresses persons permitted access to such records and their responsibility for maintaining confidentiality in handling and accessing them. Please take an opportunity to review [University Policy: 402, Student Education Records \(FERPA\)](#). Chapters [121](#) and [132](#) of the [General Statutes of North Carolina](#) governs the retention and disposition of student related records. The UNC System Office provides minimum retention standards for the handling of student records in the [UNC Records Retention and Disposition Schedule](#). Please take time to ensure the proper storing, handling, retention, and disposition of student related records. Please discuss this policy and schedule with all employees approved for access to handle these records.

Graduate Admissions System Migration Status

Due to an unforeseen technical issue, the Graduate School is delaying migration to a new graduate admissions system. Once the new platform is ready to launch, additional information will be provided to prospective students, recommenders, graduate program directors and affiliated administrators, and the University community. Thank you for your patience as we continue to improve the user experience. Please contact [Johnna Watson](#) with any questions or concerns.

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops and Resources

[Supporting International Student Success: A Teaching Guide](#)

Teaching with Poll Everywhere Workshop

Encourage student engagement in online, blended, and face-to-face instruction through a variety of activity types that let you visualize student feedback in real time, like open-ended Q&As, multiple choice, and word clouds.

- Wednesday, September 15, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM ([Register](#))

Viewpoint Diversity & Civil Discourse in the Classroom

College is designed to teach students how to think - not what to think. An inclusive classroom must provide opportunities for students to form and express diverse viewpoints while respecting differing viewpoints of others. Teaching students how to engage in civil discourse can ensure that diverse viewpoints are discussed without offending others or disrupting the

class. This workshop will provide techniques and resources to help faculty engage students in safe and respectful discussions around diverse viewpoints and perspectives. This workshop counts towards the [Essentials of Teaching and Learning Certificate](#).

- Thursday, September 16, 2:00 - 3:00 PM ([Register](#))

Faculty Council News

Please visit the Faculty Governance website for the latest news from the Faculty Council including:

- [Meeting Schedules](#)
- [Agendas/Minutes](#)
- [Latest News](#)

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](#) or visit the [Academic Affairs Division News webpage](#).

Upcoming Events

This Week:

Sep-Oct [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)

Sep-Oct [Diversity events](#)

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

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*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.*