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## Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops and Resources

## Engaged Pedagogy Workshops

**Energize Your Course Discussions:** In this workshop, faculty will receive an introduction to a useful toolkit that contains 50+ learning activities, intentionally designed to develop or enhance collaborative discussion skills and habits. These skills are categorized in easy-to-search modules: creative, critical, culturally responsive, and civic collaboration. The toolkit also contains introductory and practice modules. Led by Megan Smith (Sociology, Criminal Justice, and Gerontology).

- Tuesday, January 25, 1:00 - 2:30 PM ([Register](#))

**Active Learning Strategies to Promote Inclusivity and Equity:** Active learning environments provide opportunities to promote inclusivity and equity. By the end of the session, participants will be able to identify techniques to leverage all student voices in class activities, list three strategies for building intentional active learning teams in the classroom, and describe 3 ways of using visual methods in active learning approaches and their benefits and challenges in relation to equity. Led by Bobby Hobgood (Languages and Culture Studies), Joanna Krueger (Chemistry), and Jessamyn Bowling (Public Health Sciences).

- Wednesday, January 26, 2:00 - 3:00 PM ([Register](#))

**Introduction to Learning Objectives:** This asynchronous, online workshop clarifies the use of learning objectives for teaching and provides concrete steps for planning and writing course and module objectives for your course that match what you need and want to teach. Participants will create a course map for one module of your course, listing out module objectives, materials, activities, and assessments. Led by Elise Demeter (Office of Assessment). This workshop counts towards the [Essentials of Teaching and Learning Certificate](#).

- Monday, January 31 - Monday, February 7 ([Register](#))

## Earn a Teaching Certificate and Digital Badge

The CTL now offers two certificates for faculty, graduate students, and academic support staff. The certificates provide a clear learning path to gain knowledge and skills in key pedagogical areas. They also provide a useful way for faculty to document their professional development in teaching. Upon completion of the certificate, a digital badge will be issued by the School of Professional Studies.

- [Essentials of Teaching and Learning](#): This workshop series provides a foundation in evidence-based high impact teaching practices.

- [Essentials of Learning Technologies](#) (new!): This workshop series provides a foundation in essential contemporary learning technologies available at UNC Charlotte.

## Great Decisions Lecture Series Begins January 26

The Office of International Programs invites interested faculty, staff and students to attend the annual Great Decisions lecture series, America's largest discussion program on world affairs, spanning five timely international topics ranging from "Drug Policy in Latin America" to "Industrial Policy and the Military/ Industrial Complex." The free lecture series features UNC Charlotte faculty and other area experts who discuss the Great Discussion topics. The five virtual lectures will be held Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning January 26. For registration and lecture details and topics, please access the [Great Decisions website](#).

## Personally Speaking Event Examines the Erasure of Blackness

"There are no Blacks here. They disappeared." Black erasure continues to shape and mold anti-blackness. Argentinians offer an interesting example of anti-blackness because, in contrast with other Latin American countries that embrace a more mixed heritage, they take pride in their European roots. UNC Charlotte Department of History faculty member Erika Denise Edwards contends that Black women—concubines, wives, mothers, and daughters—are instrumental in understanding the construction of race in Argentina. She argues that these women strategically escaped the stigma of their blackness by recategorizing their racial identities as "white." Edwards delves into the intimate lives of Black women, tracing the origins of the popular mischaracterization of a "black disappearance" and demonstrating how these women shaped their own destinies. Read more about this and additional talks on the [Personally Speaking website](#).

- Tuesday, February 8, 7:00 PM [Join the Conversation](#)

## Venturprise Launch NSF I-Corps Spring 2022 Virtual Cohort: Applications Due February 5

Receive up to \$5,000 for your research or business idea. Join 300+ UNC Charlotte faculty and students that have already completed the Ventureprise Launch NSF I-Corps program. Apply to participate in the Spring 2022 Ventureprise Launch National Science Foundation I-Corps Virtual Cohort. The program provides UNC Charlotte faculty, staff and students with commercialization training and new NSF funding. The program is designed for participants to work at their own pace with interview and funding goals. This virtual cohort has been designed with a tiered approach, launching with an Intro Workshop on February 8. The goal of the program is to identify potential commercial uses for technology and research. The next stage is a six-month \$50,000 NSF I-Corps Teams grant. Applications are currently open and are reviewed as they are submitted, closing February 5. More information and the application form can be found on the [NSF I-Corps webpage](#). For additional questions, contact [Devin Collins](#) or [Laura Smailes](#). [Full application](#).

## Fourth Annual "Talking Policy in the Queen City" Panel

The fourth annual [Talking Policy in the Queen City event](#) Friday, February 11, will mark the 20th anniversary of UNC Charlotte's Public Policy Doctoral Program. Public policy experts will discuss new developments and opportunities in education, transportation, and health policy research. Esteemed alumni will also share insights regarding careers in public policy. Students, alumni and professionals will have opportunities to network during the panels. Sessions begin at 9 a.m. and continue throughout the day. [Register to Attend](#)

## Call for Proposals: Digital Humanities Collaborative of North Carolina Institute

UNC Charlotte is hosting this year's Digital Humanities Collaborative of North Carolina Institute April 21-22. The theme of this hybrid two-day program is Digital Humanities and the Environment. The organizers are [accepting proposals](#) for virtual presentations, panels, and lightning talks through February 22.

## Now's the Time to 'Take the Leap' in Entrepreneurship

In this [free four week long cohort](#) presented by UNC Charlotte's Small Business and Technology Development Center, participants will learn about different aspects of starting a business, including identifying potential markets, writing a business plan, running the finances of a business, and marketing a business. You'll work with mentors and peers in fun breakout activities designed to help strengthen your business ideas and prepare you for success.

## Call for Faculty and Student Reviewers

The Office of Undergraduate Research is accepting student submissions for the UNC Charlotte Undergraduate Research Journal from April 1 to May 2, 2022. For more information on submission requirements and registration, visit the [UNC Charlotte Undergraduate Research Journal](#) webpage. Faculty members who want to be part of the reviewer pool should complete the [Faculty Reviewer Form](#). Students who want to be part of the reviewer pool should complete the [Student Reviewer Form](#).

## Graduate School Summer Fellowship Program Offers Funding to Boost Research Progress

The Graduate School's Summer Fellowship Program (GSSF) provides doctoral students funding to continue research at a time when few other options exist. The program is available to new and repeat applicants. Eligible applicants can receive \$8,000 to support progress toward the degree. The deadline to apply is March 11. For more information and to apply, please access the 2022 [GSSF Application](#). For questions, please contact Julie Goodliffe, Graduate School Director of Funding and Fellowships.

## CONNECT Training and Early Alerts

CONNECT training sessions are offered virtually for Spring 2022. 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. Friday, February 4. 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.

## Pay Your Library Fines/Fees Online

Atkins Library now offers a convenient fine/fee online payment option located in [My Library Account](#) (accessed from the library's [webpage](#) using your NinerNet credentials). All patrons can pay directly online with a credit card (Visa, Mastercard, AmEx, Discover, Diner's Club and JCB) for Atkins Library fines and fees, including but not limited to: tech project fees, lost item replacement fees, ILL overdue fines, and more. A brief [video](#) shows how the new online payment feature works. The new online payment feature is also available to Friends of Atkins Library and UNC Charlotte Alumni with a Friends of Atkins Library card that uses the [My Library Account](#) feature. This new payment feature is for payment of library fines and fees before they are transferred to payroll or student accounts. Atkins does not currently charge overdue [fines](#) for books and laptops.

## 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](#).

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