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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](#)

Explore How to Apply for Graduate Education for Faculty and Staff

Graduate School Admissions will host a virtual information session on February 10, 12:30 p.m., on the graduate application process and answer questions of faculty and staff. The Tuition Waiver program is available to employees who are in permanent positions and regularly scheduled to work 30 hours or more each week, nine months of the year or longer. Tuition Waivers may be used to cover tuition expenses for up to three courses an academic year (spring, summer and fall semesters) at any of the 17 schools within the UNC system. Please [RSVP](#) to join Graduate Admissions and learn the requirements to apply for admission.

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](#)

Picture a Scientist Virtual Panel Discussion

The ADVANCE Faculty Affairs and Diversity Office invites you to watch the award winning documentary "Picture a Scientist" in your own time, and then join via [Zoom](#) for a virtual Panel Discussion about the film.

- Friday, February 11, 12:00 - 1:30 PM ([Register](#))

[About the Film](#)

Women make up less than a quarter of STEM professionals in the United States, and numbers are even lower for women of color. Have you ever wondered why female scientists are still in the minority in the US? In the documentary, "Picture a Scientist," three prominent female scientists, Biologist, Nancy Hopkins, Chemist, Raychelle Burks and Geologist, Jane Willenbring chronicle their personal experiences in the sciences, describing how they faced and overcame brutal harassment (both explicit and implicit racial and gender bias), entrenched institutional discrimination and years of subtle slights. The film also spotlights how they, and a number of other bold and inspiring scientific luminaries, are using their experiences to change the culture of science and provide new perspectives on how to make science more diverse, equitable and open to all. [Download and Watch the Movie](#)

About the Panel

Joan Lorden, Facilitator, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Jennifer Troyer, Dean, Belk College of Business

Deborah Thomas, Professor and Chair, Department of Geography and Earth Sciences

Susan Trammell, Professor, Department of Physics and Optical Science

Valentina Cecchi, Associate Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Training: The Public Records Act - It Affects You More Than You Think

The North Carolina Public Records Act is one of the broadest in the country, and our courts have consistently interpreted it to favor transparency. What does this mean for us as university employees? The COVID-19 pandemic has drastically changed the prevalence of remote work and remote education. What does this mean for work we do at home and on smartphones/tablets? How does the law affect the deletion of electronic records and destroying paper files? How has the law changed to affect records related to research projects and other records? A 2020 case from the North Carolina Supreme Court weighs in and brings new insight into the evolving topic of public records disclosure. Presented by: Erica Solosky, Associate General Counsel; Tina Dadio, University Public Records Officer/Legal Specialist; and Amanda Simpson, Paralegal.

- Tuesday, February 15, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, via Zoom ([RSVP](#))
**Registrants will receive the Zoom link via email prior to the presentation.*

Gradescope Workshops

Learn how to use Gradescope to deliver assignments that are handwritten, fully online, or a combination of the two. Pick from various webinars that cover all Gradescope assignment types and course formats, including the Canvas workflow.

[UNC Charlotte Bubble Sheets Workshop](#) – Gradescope as an alternative to OpScan

- Tuesday, February 15, 1:00 - 2:00 PM
- Wednesday, February 23, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

[February Gradescope Workshop Series](#)

Gradescope for In-Person Teaching

- Friday, February 11, 12:00 - 1:00 PM
- Tuesday, February 22, 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Gradescope for Computer Science

- Wednesday, February 16, 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Gradescope for Online and Hybrid Teaching

- Thursday, February 17, 2:00 - 3:00 PM
- Wednesday, February 23, 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Using Gradescope in Canvas

- Friday, February 18, 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Gradescope for Existing Users

- Thursday, February 24, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Attend Virtual Info Session for Higher Education Master's and Doctoral Programs

The UNC Charlotte master's and doctoral programs focusing on higher education will host a virtual information session on Wednesday, February 16, 12:00 p.m. Eligible faculty and staff can use the tuition waiver benefit for courses. Part-time and full-time enrollment options are available; the final admissions application deadline for fall 2022 admission is March 1. [Register for the session](#). Direct questions to [Dr. Ryan Miller](#).

Spring 2022 C-Suite Speaker Series

The Belk College of Business is pleased to welcome Hugh McColl, retired chairman and CEO of Bank of America, for the Spring 2022 C-Suite Speaker Series, one of the college's signature events. The event will feature a fireside chat with Belk College Dean Jennifer Troyer. The series brings business leaders to the UNC Charlotte campus to present and interact with undergraduate and graduate students. [Learn More](#)

- Thursday, February 17, 10:00 AM, via Zoom

Workshop on Employment and Payment of Foreign Nationals

The Office of International Programs' International Student and Scholar Office invites hiring officials and supervisors to attend the Employment and Payment of Foreign Nationals workshop on February 17 at 1:00 p.m. Register via the [Human Resources Learning and Organizational Development portal](#).

Center for Teaching and Learning - Workshops and Resources

Online Course Design & Facilitation

APPQMR Quality Matters Workshop

Quality Matters (QM) is a nationally recognized, faculty-centered peer review process designed to certify the quality of online course design and online components. The QM Rubric is used in course reviews that result in continuous improvement and faculty development. The Applying the Quality Matters Rubric (APPQMR) Online workshop provides an overview of the QM Rubric Standards, peer review process and how to apply the concept of alignment for course improvement. The asynchronous ONLINE APPQMR workshop is fully online and follows a set schedule of activities for two weeks and takes approximately 10-12 hours/week. Led by Dean Adams, Associate Dean and Professor, College of Arts + Architecture

- Tuesday, February 8 - Tuesday, February 22 ([Register](#))

Humanizing Your Online Course: Effective Facilitation Strategies to Engage Online Learners

After designing the course when teaching it, the instructor acts as a "facilitator" and uses various strategies to actively engage the students to facilitate learning. Based on research findings as effective facilitation strategies, this workshop will demonstrate 1) creating a video-based introduction and orientation, 2) creating instructor generated lessons, 3) moderating discussions with responses of different modalities (text, graphics, videos) 4) sending periodic announcements to the class, 5) using a "contact the instructor" forum for general questions about the course and providing timely responses and 6) providing timely feedback on assignments and projects using various modalities. Led by Dr. Florence Martin from the College of Education Learning, Design, and Technology Department.

- Monday, February 14, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ([Register](#))

Teaching Large Classes

Intensify Your Large Class: Large Class Space Mapping. This guided workshop will cover the following topics about managing classroom space (face-to-face, online, and blended) in large courses: - Attendance - Student Groups - Physical/Virtual Space: "Movement" - Physical/Virtual Classroom Materials and Tools - Technology, Resources, Mobile Devices - TAs. Attendees will work in groups, guided by a facilitator and subject-matter-expert, to plan how to best utilize "spaces" in their large class.

- Wednesday, February 9, 2:00 - 3:00 PM ([Register](#))
- [Teaching Guide: Teaching Large Classes](#)

Learning Technologies

Instructional Video Part 3: Creating In-Video Quizzes Using Kaltura

- Tuesday, February 8, 1:00 - 2:00 PM ([Register](#))

Migrating to New Canvas Quizzing

Do you have quizzes already built in Canvas? Learn how to migrate them to the New Canvas Quizzing tool! New Canvas Quizzing will become the default quizzing tool in Fall 2022.

- Tuesday, February 8, 10:30 - 11:30 AM ([Register](#))

Getting Started with New Canvas Quizzing

This workshop is for anyone new to quizzing in Canvas or creating new quizzes from scratch.

- Wednesday, February 9, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ([Register](#))

J. Murrey Atkins Library - Workshops and Resources

Fates Intertwined: Carver College and Its Connection to UNC Charlotte

In celebration of Black History Month, join Atkins for a panel exploring Black education in Charlotte and the creation of Carver College. Opened in September 1949 during the era of segregation, Carver College began as a junior college serving African Americans and was the counterpart to Charlotte College (which later became UNC Charlotte).

- Wednesday, February 16, 4:00 PM ([Register](#))

Atkins Out Loud Features Clarinetists

Professor Jessica Lindsey and the Clarinet Studio will present "Reed our Lips: Music for Clarinets."

- Thursday, February 24, 4:30 - 5:30 PM, Halton Reading Room

Area 49 Training and Workshops are back!

Join us to learn the basics of 3D modeling or how to use the Visualization Lab's giant screen and VR headset. We also have training on how to operate our laser cutter, CNC routers, and 3D printers. Once you've been trained, you can reserve a machine and create your own designs. [Register for our current session and keep checking back for future dates.](#)

Free Tutoring Available for Undergraduate Students

Students can now sign up for tutoring appointments through Connect or they can stop by during the University Center for Academic Excellence's drop-in hours across campus. The UCAE provides free peer tutoring for over 150 undergraduate courses. Please let your students know about this important resource. Visit the [UCAE website](#) to find instructions on how to create an appointment, a copy of the drop-in schedule, and a list of all the courses covered. Contact [Laura Parker](#) for more information.

Faculty Searches and Visa Sponsorship

As faculty search committees identify final candidates, please be aware of any potential immigration needs and consult with [Denise Medeiros](#) in the International Student and Scholar Office (ISSO) prior to extending a final offer. Candidates can also be referred to the [ISSO website](#) for additional information.

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

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