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## Fall 2022 Common Reading Experience Selection

[The Ground Breaking: An American City and Its Search for Justice](#) by Scott Ellsworth has been selected as UNC Charlotte's Common Reading Experience text for fall 2022. A riveting and essential new book, *The Ground Breaking* not only tells the long-suppressed story of the notorious Tulsa race massacre, it also unearths the lost history of how the massacre was covered up, and of the courageous individuals who fought to keep the story alive. Most important, it recounts the ongoing archeological saga and the search for the unmarked graves of the victims of the massacre, and of the fight to win restitution for the survivors and their families. We are excited to see this text adopted in courses that teach both first-year and continuing students. In addition to an author visit, there will be discussion groups and activities planned through the fall term to build upon the book's themes. Faculty, if you would like to adopt *The Ground Breaking* for your fall 2022 course(s), please contact [Carla Eastis](#) to arrange delivery of a desk copy of the book and to be included in announcements regarding special events. You should also submit the book to the campus bookstore as a required text for any course in which you will be using it.

The Common Reading Experience at UNC Charlotte provides a shared academic experience to assist first-year students in their transition to the university. The program offers opportunity for self-reflection, critical thinking, student interaction, and understanding of diverse perspectives.

## Belk College Remembers Stephen Jolly

The Belk College of Business is fondly remembering [Stephen A. Jolly](#), an award-winning faculty member who left a lasting impact on thousands of accounting students during his 26-year tenure. Dr. Jolly, who taught accounting from 1975-2001, passed away on February 2. In 1980, he received the NCNB (now Bank of America) Award for Teaching Excellence, one of the University's highest honors.

## Online Bachelor Completion Program Helps Adult Students Finish What They Started

UNC Charlotte furthers its commitment to adult learners with the addition of a new online bachelor's degree completion program in [professional studies](#). The program can be completed part-time with courses delivered 100% online to maximize opportunities for students to complete their degree while working or taking care of other responsibilities. Students with qualifying transfer credit can complete the program in as little as 12 months. [Learn more.](#)

## Belk College to Offer Multidisciplinary Entrepreneurship Certificate

The Belk College of Business will introduce the Undergraduate Certificate in Entrepreneurship starting in August. The 12-credit hour certificate program, which is available to students regardless of major, was developed with support from faculty and staff from the College of Arts + Architecture, the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences' LEADS program, and from Ventureprise. [More information.](#)

## 2022 Undergraduate Research Conference

UNC Charlotte's Undergraduate Research Conference (URC) 2022 registration is now open. Students can register their research projects until 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 4. For more details, visit the [URC webpage](#).

## Atkins Events to Celebrate Black History Month

### Fates Intertwined: Carver College and Its Connection to UNC Charlotte

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](#))

### The Black Read: Reading & Discussion Group

Join Atkins Library, Souls' Speak, The Black Alumni Chapter, and the Nu Rho chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. to read and discuss passages from Black literature, speeches, and correspondence. Readings will be followed by discussions moderated by Dr. Janaka Lewis, Associate Professor of English and Director of the Women's and Gender Studies Program. Sign up to read a piece by a Black author or, if you identify as a member of the Black or African American community, read your own original work for the event. This will be a virtual event and [registration is required](#).

- Monday, February 21, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

## Center for Teaching and Learning: Workshops and Resources

### Easy Lecture Capture

Did you know? Lecture Capture using Zoom is easy and available with tools already in your classroom. [Learn more](#).

### Engaged Pedagogy

#### Coming Back to the Classroom with NEW Tools

This presentation will focus on providing participants with an opportunity to explore and discuss Active Learning Strategies upon returning to Charlotte campus after multiple campus disruptions. This ALA workshop is being led by Felecia Harris (Africana Studies), Cynthia Hancock (Sociology), and Suzanne Collins (Marketing).

- Thursday, February 17, 10:00 - 11:00 AM ([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. 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. Led by Kim Buch (Psychology).

- Thursday, February 17, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM ([Register](#))

#### Using Feedback to Improve Teaching and Learning (asynchronous workshop)

Feedback is integral to the teaching and learning process. This workshop provides an overview of tools and strategies for giving and receiving feedback – both traditional and technology-based – that can be easily incorporated into any course. This workshop counts towards the Essentials of Teaching and Learning Certificate.

- Monday, February 21 - Friday, February 25 ([Register](#))

### Learning Technologies

#### Teaching with Poll Everywhere

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.

- Thursday, February 17, 2:00 - 3:00 PM ([Register](#))

## Canvas Assignments and Gradebook

Simplify your life by using the gradebook to automatically calculate grades and share those grades with students. Plus, at the end of the semester, you can easily submit final grades. Win, win, win!

- Friday, February 18, 1:30 - 2:30 PM ([Register](#))

## NC BREATHE 2022 Conference and Call for Posters

The Department of Public Health Sciences is pleased to support [CleanAIRE NC's NC BREATHE Conference](#) 2022, "Health, Equity, and the Climate Crisis in North Carolina." The conference will be held Thursday, April 7, 2022, 8:00am-5:00pm, both virtually and in-person at Catawba College in Salisbury, NC. A [Call for Posters](#) features abstracts on air quality, climate change, environmental justice, health disparities, and related public policy topics. Three student abstract authors will be selected to give a short lightning-talk presentation about their poster and research. The deadline for abstract submission is midnight March 14. For any abstract-related questions, contact [Kirsten Minor](#).

## Nominations Open for Honors Faculty Appointment

Each spring, the Honors College invites nominations to the Honors Faculty. Faculty may apply directly via the [Nomination Form](#); the Honors College will handle the nomination request with the department chair. If you are already a member of the Honors Faculty and your five-year term is expiring, you will receive an email about applying for reappointment. Applications for both appointment and reappointment are reviewed by the Honors Council, which makes recommendations to the Executive Director of the Honors College. Please consider nominating/renewing Honors Faculty membership if you have: taught an honors course in your department, college, or the Honors College; provided service to honors in your department, college, or the Honors College; or acted as a thesis/project advisor or mentor for an honors student. Activities such as these make a likely case for appointment as Honors Faculty. Nominations are due April 10. Appointments begin July 1. Terms are five-year, renewable.

## Charlotte Kids Fest 2022

The Charlotte Kids Fest will be held on the UNC Charlotte campus Saturday, April 23 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. This is a free outdoor festival that encourages kids ages 4-10 to LEARN! DISCOVER! CREATE! GO! DANCE! and PLAY! In six festival zones, participating groups engage kids through hands-on activities that not only stimulate their minds but let them have fun while doing so. The festival is the only one of its kind and scale in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg region and offers a wide variety of fun and educational activities to help children explore the world around them. Many UNC Charlotte groups have participated in the past including the School of Nursing, Kinesiology, UREC, Computer Sciences, 49er Rocketry, Anthropology, Math and Statistics Department, and the School of Architecture just to list a few. [Register your group to participate](#).

## 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](#).

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.