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Provost Recognizes Basinger, McCarter, and UCAE for Excellence

The Office of Academic Affairs recently [recognized faculty and an academic unit for exemplary work in the areas of teaching and civic engagement](#) at the annual Provost's Awards Reception. These areas are vital to UNC Charlotte's mission to educate and prepare students for chosen careers and to address community needs in the greater Charlotte region. Winners of this year's awards are Susan McCarter, professor of social work; Erin Basinger, associate professor of communication studies; and the University Center for Academic Excellence.

New Codes Will Differentiate Distance Education from On-Campus Programs

UNC Charlotte will be changing the way distance education is tracked in Banner, in order to differentiate between programs that are offered on-campus versus distance education (DE). These changes will provide for more accurate reporting and enable analyses that were previously not possible. The change also allows the University to comply with the UNC Board of Governors' new policy that provides a [Definition of DE for Fee-Billing Purposes](#). [Learn more](#).

Alice Tate Lecture Series: Jewish Diversity and "Jews of Color"

Lewis R. Gordon, an Afro-Jewish public intellectual, academic, and musician, will speak on the historical diversity of Jewish people, the impact of racialization on Jewish identity, and the supportive and critical ways of interpreting the expression "Jews of color." He teaches at University of Connecticut, where he is Professor and Head of the Philosophy Department, with affiliations in many academic units, including Caribbean Studies and Jewish Studies. He lectures and is involved in political and artistic projects across the globe and holds appointments in South Africa, Jamaica, India, and France. These include founding programs such as The Second Chance Program and organizations and centers ranging from the Caribbean Philosophical Association and the Center for Afro-Jewish Studies to, most recently, the Philosophy and Global Affairs Group. He is the author of many books for which he has received accolades, which include the Gustavus Myers Outstanding Book Award for Outstanding Work on Human Rights in North America. His most recent books are [Freedom, Justice, and Decolonization](#) (Routledge, 2021) and [Fear of Black Consciousness](#) (New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2022; London: [Penguin Books](#), 2022), which was listed on Literary Hub's [Most Anticipated Books of 2022](#). He is this year's recipient of the Eminent Scholar Award from the Global Development Studies division of the International Studies Association.

- Thursday, April 14, 7:00 PM ([Register](#))

Application Deadline Extended for Next Gambrell Faculty Fellows Cohort

The [deadline to apply for the fourth cohort of Gambrell Faculty Fellows has been extended to April 15](#). Administered by the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute, the Gambrell Faculty Fellows program will fund up to six projects this year with grants

up to \$15,000 each. The fellows will join a growing group of researchers contributing to our community's ongoing search for solutions to foster greater equity.

Office of Undergraduate Research Updates

OUR is now accepting submissions for faculty project descriptions for the OUR 2022-2023 academic year programs. [Submit your project descriptions.](#)

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, please visit the [UNC Charlotte Undergraduate Research Journal webpage](#). Faculty members who want to be part of the reviewer pool may complete the [Faculty Reviewer Form](#). Students who want to be part of the reviewer pool may complete the [Student Reviewer Form](#).

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops

Discover Library Materials for Course Use : More than just eBooks!

Learn about the wide variety of high quality materials that are available and easy to use in your courses: ebooks, streaming video, databases, primary source materials. We will also share open resources that can offer affordable options to paid course materials. Led by Liz Siler, Associate Dean for Collection Services in Atkins Library and Jeff McAdams, Public Services Engineering Librarian.

- Wednesday, April 6, 1:00 - 2:00 PM ([Register](#))

Energize Your Course Discussions

In this workshop, faculty will receive an introduction to a useful tool kit 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)

- Thursday, April 7, 1:00 - 2:30 PM ([Register](#))

J. Murrey Atkins Library Events

"Odyssey for Democracy" Panel Discussion

Join Atkins Library for the panel discussion, "Odyssey for Democracy: From Charlotte to Bosnia and Herzegovina," featuring College of Computing and Informatics professor Mirsad Hadžikadić, who is running for the Bosniak presidential council seat in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Hadžikadić will be joined by journalist Clark Curtis, whose book, ["The Odyssey for Democracy: Embracing the Vision of Hope and Change in Bosnia and Herzegovina,"](#) was published by Atkins Library. The discussion, scheduled for Wednesday, April 6 at 1:00 p.m, will be moderated by John Cox, Associate Professor of History and Global Studies. [Registration](#) is required.

Think Locally: Why Local News Matters

Local journalists play a critical role in keeping people informed about what's happening in their communities. The Digital Media Literacy Group invites you to attend an engaging conversation about the importance of local news on Thursday, April 14 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. In this hybrid event, journalists Greg Lacour (Editor of Charlotte Magazine) and Meghan Bragg (Verifying Reporter at WCNC, Charlotte's NBC affiliate) will discuss the role of local media and the fact-checking processes that are used in local journalism. [Registration](#)

Discussion on Cannabis Patents

United States Patent and Trademark Office Patent Examiner Joe Zhou will lead a virtual discussion on cannabis patent related topics. He will address issues related to the marijuana industry, research and entrepreneurship, and discuss how a resident of North Carolina interested in cannabis research can obtain a patent if the product is illegal in the state. The event will be held virtually on April 20 at 4:00 p.m. [Registration](#)

2022 Digital Humanities Institute

Registration is open for the Digital Humanities Collaborative of North Carolina Institute, being hosted by UNC Charlotte, Thursday and Friday, April 21-22. The theme of this hybrid two-day program is "Digital Humanities and the Environment."

It begins with a day of virtual presentations, concluding with a virtual plenary session and in-person meetups throughout North Carolina. [Registration](#) is required.

Atkins Book Club Discussion

Join Atkins Library for its virtual book club discussion of "[Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning](#)" by Cathy Park Hong on Tuesday, April 26 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. *Minor Feelings* blends memoir, cultural criticism, and history to expose fresh truths about racialized consciousness in America. The Atkins Library book club focuses on diversity and cultural topics to spark conversations around equity and inclusion as well as an awareness of human differences embedded in our society and culture. library.charlotte.edu/MinorFeelings

Nexus: Networking Across the Disciplines

As we seek to “foster and grow collaborations across disciplines within UNC Charlotte” (University Strategic Plan, Objective 5.1) and build on the momentum of the Top-Tier Research Commission process, faculty from different departments, programs, and colleges need structured opportunities to learn about one another’s research and to brainstorm areas of mutual interest. By facilitating such networking, Nexus aims to foster the emergence of interdisciplinary research teams and support the initial stages of project development as they formulate shared research questions, consider analytical strategies, and identify potential funding sources. Nexus centers on two full-day workshops May 18 and August 15, with working groups expected to brainstorm ideas over the summer. The pilot program in 2022 will target faculty in two research areas of focus and distinction: 1) Migration and Diaspora Studies; and 2) Climate Change and Resilience. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 20 ([information and application](#)). Each faculty member in the Nexus program will receive a \$1,000 stipend for participating fully in both workshops. Nexus is organized by the Office of Interdisciplinary Studies with support from the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, the Cato College of Education, the American Studies program, and the Department of Geography and Earth Sciences. Questions can be directed to [Beth Whitaker](#), Executive Director, Office of Interdisciplinary Studies.

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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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.