



Office of Academic Affairs

News Digest

February 27, 2017

OIP Opportunities for Faculty and Students

Faculty and Student Recognition Award

The Office of International Programs encourages nominations to recognize faculty and students supporting international initiatives. One faculty member and one student will be selected to receive the 2017 OIP International Education Award.

Student Writing Contest

Faculty and staff are welcome to inform their students of the annual Crossing Borders Writing Contest. The theme for 2017 is *Crossing Borders: Different Culture. Different me. How my international experience has affected my view of the world.*

Monetary award prizes are provided for all categories. Self-nominations are accepted.

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Undergraduate Research Conference



Faculty members are encouraged to invite their students to show off their research in the [Undergraduate Research Conference \(URC\)](#).

Deadline to register is March 24, 2017. The URC will be held on April 21, 2017. [Download the flyer here.](#)

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops

February 27 - March 3

The CTL offers a range of professional development opportunities to promote excellence in teaching. We hold workshops on numerous topics throughout the month. See our [interactive online calendar](#).

The What, Why and How of Integrating Service Learning Into your Course(s)

Service learning is a widely used pedagogy both nationally and here at UNC Charlotte. It is surprisingly versatile and applicable to any discipline and level. Join your colleague, Dr. Kim Buch, as she discusses the what, why, and how of integrating service learning into any course.

- Tuesday, February 28, 9:30 - 10:45 AM ([Register](#))

Universal Design for Instructional Material

Join Khaleel Eksheir and Katie Montie, Office of Disability Services, as they discuss, Universal Design, and how full accessibility not only benefits students with disabilities, but also adds quality to your course.

- Tuesday, February 28, 3:00 - 4:30 PM ([Register](#))

Podcasting as a Writing Tool (Webinar)

Justin Cary, Lecturer in the First-Year Writing program, will provide a short overview of Sound-writing pedagogy in First-Year Writing and then move into the practical application of Podcasting for First-Year writing students. Participants

will gain insight into how to create, edit and share a Podcast. You will also engage in a discussion about how Podcasting can be used as a vehicle to transfer skills across disciplines and beyond First-Year Writing.

- Wednesday, March 1, 12:30 - 1:00 PM ([Register](#))

To register for Canvas workshops and other training opportunities, please visit the [Center for Teaching and Learning Website](#).

Digital Archiving Workshop

Intro to Digital Archiving for Activists

- **Wednesday, March 1**, 4:30 - 6:00 PM, Atkins Library, Room 124 ([Register](#) by Monday, February 27)

Atkins Library Special Collections and University Archives has scheduled a special workshop on personal digital archiving -- open to everyone but especially geared toward the social justice community. The goal is to offer a few basic strategies for personally saving important photos, videos, documents, messages, social media posts, blogs, websites, etc., from accidental (or malicious!) loss.

We invite you to come and take the opportunity to meet with others to talk about what you want to preserve and why it's important to do so -- for your own sake, and for the historical record. A team of archivists and a legal expert will be on hand to give you some basic information you can take with you. Light refreshments will be served!

Guest Speakers

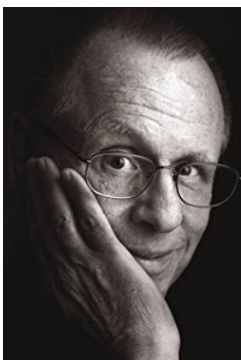


Nuclear Security - Final Installment of 2017 Great Decisions Lecture Series

Dr. Justin Conrad, Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration, will discuss Nuclear Security as the fifth and final speaker in the 2017 Great Decisions lecture series.

- **Wednesday, March 1, 6:30 PM**, Charlotte Country Day School

Visit the [Office of International Programs' website](#) for more information, including online registration and the complete listing of the Great Decisions lecture series.



Failures of Ethics: Comprehending Genocide and Atrocity

Renowned Holocaust historian and philosopher John K. Roth will speak about "Failures of Ethics: Comprehending Genocide and Atrocity."

- **Thursday, March 2, 2:00 - 3:15 PM**, McEniry 124 ([Download flyer](#))

Dr. Roth's latest book, *The Failures of Ethics*, concentrates on the multiple shortfalls and shortcomings of thought, decision, and action that tempt and incite us human beings to inflict incalculable harm. Absent the overriding of moral sensibilities, if not the collapse or collaboration of ethical traditions, the Holocaust, genocide, and other mass atrocities could not have happened. Although these catastrophes do not pronounce the death of ethics, they show that ethics is vulnerable, subject to misuse and perversion, and that no simple reaffirmation of ethics, as if nothing disastrous had happened, will do.

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Information Technology Services



Do You Know About ITS Service and System Changes During Spring Break?

During Spring Break, some ITS service and system changes will occur that may affect you, including:

- IT Service Desk temporary hours and location change
- System outages and upgrades for Banner, S & J drive files, antivirus software

Please take a moment to [read these details to ensure you're aware](#). For any questions, please contact the IT Service Desk at ext. 7-5500 or visit our Walk-Up Service Desk in Atkins Library.

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.

Topics include:

- Bullwhip Effect in Pricing in Varying Supply Chain Structures and Contracts Using a Game Theoretical Framework
- An Examination Of Elementary Math Anxiety, Self-Efficacy, and Academic Achievement

[View All Dissertation Defense Announcements](#)

Upcoming Events

- Feb 28** [Phi Kappa Phi Spring Faculty Reception](#)
- Mar 1** [AA Council Meeting](#)
- Mar 1** [Great Decisions Lecture Series: Nuclear Security with Dr. Justin Conrad](#)
- Mar 2** [Failure of Ethics](#)
- Mar 2** [BRIDGES Information Session](#)
- Mar 2** [Faculty Executive Committee Meeting](#)
- Mar 2** [International Coffee Hour](#)
- Mar 3** [Deadline for Nominations for Provost's Awards for Excellence in Teaching and Undergraduate Academic Advising](#)
- Mar 4** [Dr. Seuss!](#)
- Mar 7** [Graduate Council Meeting](#)
- Mar 10** [Deadline for Nominations for 2017-2018 Faculty Governance Positions](#)
- Mar 13** [International Film Festival](#)
- Mar 14** [Anti-Violence Against Women](#)
- Mar 15** [Muslim Cool](#)
- Mar 16** [International Coffee Hour](#)
- Mar 17** [Music in the Gardens](#)
- Mar 21** [Personally Speaking with Peter Thorsheim](#)
- Mar 21** [Spring Study Abroad Fair](#)
- Mar 28** [12th Annual UNC Charlotte International Women's Day Celebration](#)
- Mar 29** [Confucius Institute Opening Ceremony](#)

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