

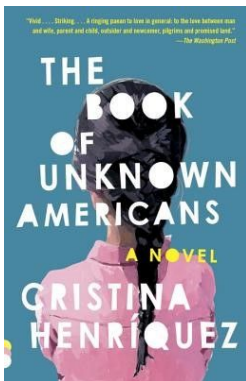
News Digest

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Fall 2017 Common Reading Experience



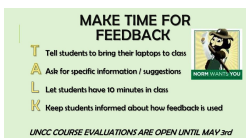
[The Book of Unknown Americans](#) by Cristina Henríquez has been selected as UNC Charlotte's Common Reading Experience text for Fall 2017. The book tells the story of a boy and girl who fall in love, their families' hopes as immigrants in America, and the community of men and women from all over Central and Latin America that surrounds them in their apartment building in Delaware. The Common Reading selection committee, chaired by Dr. Gregory Weeks, invites you to engage with this novel's rich, resonant account of what it means to be "American." Books are available in the [campus bookstore](#).

[Read more >>](#)

Faculty Governance Election Results

The 2017-2018 elections for Faculty Governance campus-wide positions concluded April 18th. Please click [here](#) to see the election results on the Faculty Governance website. Thank you to those participating in the democratic process and congratulations to the winners.

Make Time for Student Feedback



Faculty can improve their course evaluation response rates by providing time for students to complete these surveys during class. To increase the quality of this feedback, instructors might take the following steps:

- Tell students to bring their laptops or tablets to class to complete online evaluations.
- Ask students to provide specific information or suggestions (e.g., favorite activity, new topics to cover).

- Let students have 10 minutes to fill out the survey without you in the room. It is better to give this time near the beginning of class so students don't feel pressured to leave early for their next appointment.
- Keep students in the loop. Tell them how you've used this data in the past and who else reads their comments.

TALK about course evaluations to your students so they know their feedback matters to you!

Writing Resources Center

The [Writing Resources Center](#) has recently seen a surge in usage. Open tutoring appointments are going fast. Please take a moment in class to remind students that they need to plan ahead and book appointments in advance. Clients may always walk in if they cannot schedule an appointment through the [online system](#). Please also post in Canvas that tutors will be available to work with students on final papers during exams. The Exam Week schedule will go "live" on Thursday, April 27 for appointment scheduling. E-tutoring will be available during all WRC open hours. The WRC exam week hours are:

- Wednesday, May 3, CLOSED, Reading Day
- Thursday, May 4, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Friday, May 5, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Sunday, May 7, 2:00 - 6:00 PM, E-tutoring only
- Monday, May 8, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Tuesday, May 9, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

DSI Guest Speaker



Azure Machine Learning: Making Data Science Easy(er)

There's a ton of buzz around Data Science and Machine Learning. What is it? What can we do with it? Do I have to learn a new language or tool? In this presentation, we'll walk through an example of how to use Azure Machine Learning to predict the prices of automobiles. During this presentation, we'll see how easy it is to (1) Set up an Azure Machine Learning workspace, (2) Clean up our data for modeling, (3) Train and Evaluate a predictive model and (4) Publish this model as an easily consumable web service. This will be a highly interactive demonstration, so bring your data hats!

- Friday, May 5, 12:00 -- 1:00 PM, 130 Woodward

Workshops

Teaching with Poll Everywhere

This workshop will introduce faculty/staff to Poll Everywhere, and how to use the student response software in classroom and other learning spaces.

- Tuesday, May 2, 2:00 – 3:30 PM ([Register](#))
- Wednesday, May 3, 1:30 – 3:00 PM ([Register](#))
- Monday, May 8, 10:00 – 11:30 AM ([Register](#))

Finalizing Your Canvas Gradebook

In this workshop, you will explore the necessary steps to set up your Assignments and Gradebook so that the Canvas grades are the correct final grades for your export to Banner.

- Tuesday, May 2, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM ([Register](#))

Faculty Recruitment & Search Committee Training

The final session of [Faculty Recruitment & Search Committee Training](#) for AY 2016-17 will be held on May 10, 2:30 -- 4:30 PM.

Diversity and Inclusion Summer Institute

Registration is open for the summer mini-institute on Diversity and Inclusion. The [institute](#), which will be held May 15-18, is designed to help faculty understand the principles of inclusive curriculum design and develop strategies for implementing those principles. [Apply online](#) to attend.

2017 Charting Your Path

Registration is now open for the ADVANCE Faculty Affairs and Diversity Office (ADVANCE FADO) full-day workshop on Strategies for Success for the Professional Advancement of Mid-Career Women and all Under-Represented Mid-Career Faculty and Their Administrators.

- Friday, May 19, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM ([Register](#))

Planned Outages to Large-Scale Systems May 19-20



Due to scheduled electrical work, several large-scale systems and applications will be unavailable from 6:00 p.m., May 19 through 10:00 a.m., May 20. Please see [this announcement](#) for a full listing.

42nd Annual International Festival - DATE CHANGE



Please note the change of date for the 42nd Annual International Festival. The Festival will be held on October 14, 2017.

The International Festival, UNC Charlotte's longest running tradition, continues to attract over 20,000 student, faculty, staff, and community attendees each year to experience the sights, sounds, dances, food, and cultures of the world.

For more information, please visit ifest.uncc.edu.

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](#)

Upcoming Events

- May 1** [University Chorale](#)
- May 2** [Men's and Women's Choirs](#)
- May 3** [Study Abroad Photo Exhibit Opening Reception](#)
- May 6** [Center City Literary Festival](#)
- May 9** [International Student Graduation Reception](#)
- July 13** [International Coffee Hour](#)

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