

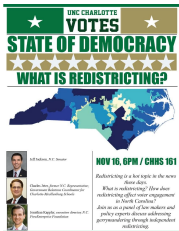
News Digest

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State of Democracy - What is Redistricting?



Redistricting is a hot topic in the news these days. What is redistricting? How does redistricting affect voter engagement in North Carolina? A bipartisan panel of lawmakers and policy experts will discuss addressing gerrymandering through independent redistricting. Panelists will include NC Senator, Jeff Jackson, former NC Representative, Charles Jeter, and NC FreeEnterprise Foundation executive director, Jonathan Kappler. Given the significant role gerrymandering plays in NC politics at state and national levels, we hope that faculty, staff and students will attend to lend their voices to this important conversation.

- Thursday, November 16, 6:00 PM, CHHS 161

Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition



Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) celebrates the exciting research conducted by our Ph.D. and master's students. Come watch these student researchers compete as they attempt to present their research in just 3 minutes with one, static slide. This is a great opportunity to learn about the excellent research projects UNC graduate students are conducting, learn about topics in academic research across disciplines, and have fun supporting and networking with students. All are welcome to watch the competition! For more information on competition rules, judging criteria, past winners, and more visit: <https://gradlife.uncc.edu/3mt-unc-charlotte>

- Friday, November 10, 4:00 - 6:00 PM, Fretwell 100

Book Sale - Atkins Library

Save the Dates: Atkins Library Book Sale

On December 1 and 2, Atkins will offer for sale over 8,000 duplicate and carefully selected items including academic monographs, paperbacks, children's literature, K-12 teacher kits, LPs, DVDs, etc. The sale will be held in the Halton Reading Room. No item over \$3.00. Cash only. More information: library.uncc.edu/BookSale.

- Friday, December 1, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - for faculty, staff and students
- Friday, December 1, 12:00 - 7:00 PM - open to the public
- Saturday, December 2, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM - open to the public

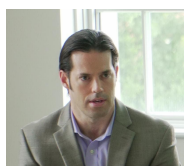
Personally Speaking: Thomas Wolfe and Lost Children



Stories of the American South are steeped in a sense of “lostness,” often seen through the eyes of children as they experience loss, grief and tragedy.. In her book *Thomas Wolfe and Lost Children in Southern Literature*, Paula Gallant Eckard explores ties between the lostness in contemporary Southern writing and Thomas Wolfe's semi-autobiographical *The Lost Boy*. Hear about her book and “the story behind the story” at [Personally Speaking](#).

- Tuesday, November 14, 6:30 PM, UNC Charlotte Center City ([Register](#))

EPIC Energy Seminar Series



Solid State Switching & the Revolution in Power Distribution

EPIC welcomes Ryan Kennedy, founder and CEO of ATOM Power for this discussion, which will focus on the impacts of implementing solid-state circuit breakers in both AC and DC power distribution systems. Some of the impacts are obvious but there are some very obscure but ultra-high impact advantages that Atom Power only realized once development was complete. A secondary discussion will be in Atom Power's own development of our solid state circuit breaker, some of the commercialization challenges encountered, some of the original goals, and the unanticipated value propositions realized. EPIC is pleased to partner with IEEE Charlotte PELS/IAS/IES Joint Chapter for this event.

- Tuesday, November 7, 5:00 - 6:30 PM, EPIC G256 ([Register](#))

Data Science Initiative

The DSI is co-sponsoring a workshop/meet-up with Google and the Machine Learning Society. Faculty are asked to share this information with students. The event is free and is a great opportunity to learn and network.

- Tuesday, November 7, 6:00 PM, UNC Charlotte Center City ([Register](#))



Dr. Dave Schrader: Case Studies for Sports Analytics and Big Data

This talk focuses on what's happening to apply the latest data science and big data techniques to business and sports. Using a variety of cases, Dr. Dave will show how companies and teams get a competitive edge through the use of wearables, sensors, automated video analysis, and mobile technologies. We'll highlight some student projects going on through the Teradata University Network, show how to get your hands on data sets, and provide a list of possible capstone projects and collaborative research projects, plus the idea of doing “Moneyball on the UNC-Charlotte Campus”.

- November 15, 3:00 - 4:00 PM, Student Union 340 GHI

Office of International Programs



ONLY ONE WEEK AWAY: International Education Week at UNC Charlotte

The Office of International Programs (OIP), in collaboration with campus partners, will host the UNC Charlotte [International Education Week](#) (IEW) celebration: November 13-17. International Education Week serves as an annual showcase of the role universities hold in shaping global awareness and understanding. There will be plenty of engagement opportunities for students, faculty, and staff. This year's signature program, in collaboration with Peace Corps, The Multicultural Resource Center, and the University Career Center, includes a film screening of [Girl Rising](#), a documentary about the transformative power of education for girls around the world, followed by a panel discussion. Save the date for Wednesday, November 15. OIP will also hold [Fulbright Constituent Workshops](#) on Friday, November 17 for Faculty, Administration, and Staff. Please visit the [IEW site](#) for this year's full line-up of events and details.

Office of Education Abroad New Study Abroad 101 Format

To begin the study abroad process, students will complete Study Abroad 101, which was formerly a live webinar hosted by OEA staff several times per week. The Office of Education Abroad has now recorded a series of YouTube videos that are even more effective in discussing important topics that students need to know before beginning the study abroad process, such as: eligibility, different program types, cost structures, financial aid & scholarships, as well as a step by step guide of how to use resources on OEA's website to assist in the research process. All students are recommended to complete Study Abroad 101 and in some cases, completion of 101 is required in order to meet with an Education Abroad Advisor. This may also be a great resource for faculty and staff at UNC Charlotte who are interested in understanding the steps to studying abroad and the different opportunities students have to choose from. Learn more about [Study Abroad 101](#).

Training and Workshops

Teaching with Poll Everywhere

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

- Tuesday, November 7, 10:00 - 11:30 AM ([Register](#))

Online Literacy: Enhancing the Readability of Canvas

Join us for a webinar where we will discuss strategies for identifying problems and improving the readability of assignments in Canvas. Cat Mahaffey, Associate Director of First-Year Writing in the University Writing Program, will lead the session.

- Wednesday, November 8, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ([Register](#))

Delivering Your Program Online

This session is for program directors, faculty champions, department chairs and leaders who want to learn more about delivering an online or blended program. Bring your questions, challenges, and "what if" scenarios and walk away with a plan for next steps to take back to your department. Jody Cebina, Director, Distance Education and Summer School, and Larry Inabnit, Clinical Assistant Professor and BSRT Program Coordinator will lead the session.

- Thursday, November 9, 2:30 - 3:15 PM ([Register](#))

Social Media Tactics for Researchers

Attend an [interactive workshop](#) exploring faculty use of social media tools to advance research agendas. Have you ever considered blogging, but don't know whether you could do it effectively or justify the effort involved? Are you curious about the challenges, benefits, risk and commitment involved in using various social media platforms for your communications needs? This faculty-led workshop and panel discussion will cover the basic background of

contemporary platforms and offer some examples of successful use. Open to all UNC Charlotte Faculty; no prior experience in social media is required to participate.

- Friday, November 17, 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM, McEniry 116 ([Register](#))

Who Ya Gonna Call? Essential Speed-Dials for All Your University Problems

This program, offered by the Office of Legal Affairs, is an extension of a session offered at their recent Annual Symposium addressing discrimination, harassment, and retaliation. Presenters — Sam Sears, Deputy General Counsel, and Jeanne Madorin, Executive Director of Human Resources for Employee Relations — will provide an overview of a number of UNC Charlotte policies that govern the workplace, including University policies outlining the rights of employees with disabilities, the rights of employees who qualify for protected leave under the FMLA, and the policies prohibiting discrimination, harassment, and retaliation. The presenters will then discuss scenarios related to these topics and, as suggested by the title of the program, identify campus resources available to faculty and staff to help navigate these challenging issues. The program may be particularly useful for supervisors, who are obligated to ensure appropriate implementation of applicable University policies when relevant employee requests or complaints surface within their department or units.

- Friday, November 17, 9:00 - 10:15 AM, CHHS 161 ([Register](#))

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

THIS WEEK:

- Nov 6 [Ethics of Precision in Medical Screening](#)
- Nov 8 [Apocalypse Past, Present, and Future: Archiving the Catholic Sex Abuse Crisis](#)
- Nov 9 [Global Learning in Foreign Language Instruction: More Than Just Talk](#)
- Nov 9 [Graduate Student Funding - Faculty and Staff Forum](#)
- Nov 9 [Graduate Student Funding - Student Forum](#)

NEXT WEEK:

- Nov 12 [Exploring North Carolina During the Great War: 100 Years On](#)
- Nov 13 [2/D & 3/D and Graphic Design BFA Exhibitions](#)
- Nov 13-17 [International Education Week](#)
- Nov 14 [Personally Speaking: Thomas Wolfe and Lost Children](#)
- Nov 15 [Graduate Student Funding - Student Forum](#)
- Nov 15 [IEW Signature Program: *Girl Rising* Film Screening and Panel Discussion](#)
- Nov 16 [Defiant Requiem: Music and Resistance in Nazi Concentration Camp](#)

Nov 16-19 [Fall Dance Concert](#)

Nov 17 [Fatal Family Violence Across the Lifespan](#)

Nov 17 [Global Gateways Resident Application Priority Deadline](#)

UPCOMING: <https://provost.uncc.edu/about-academic-affairs/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events>

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