



News Digest

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Fall 2017 Final Exam Schedule Now Posted

The Fall 2017 Detailed Final Exam Schedule provides exam day, time, and room locations for all *on-campus courses*. The exam schedule is now posted on the Office of the Registrar [website](#). If you have any questions or changes that need to be made, please contact [Monique Wilson](#), [Rashaun Durden](#), or [Beth Dawson](#). Changes to the exam schedule should only be made through the Office of the Registrar. Conferences, Reservations and Event Services (CRES) do not reserve space for final exams. Please make note of exam rooms. The classroom assigned for your final exam may be different than the classroom scheduled for the term.

Lewis Selected as Diversity Faculty Fellow

Dr. Chance W. Lewis, Carol Grotnes Belk Distinguished Professor of Urban Education in the Department of Middle, Secondary and K-12 Education and Executive Director of UNC Charlotte's Urban Education Collaborative, has been named the first Diversity Faculty Fellow by Provost Joan Lorden. Lewis is an internationally recognized leader in the field of urban education and issues related to diversity, inclusion, and access. As director of the Urban Education Collaborative, he has been committed to disseminating the next generation of research on the improvement of teaching and learning in urban schools. His research targets achievement gaps in urban education, African American student success in urban K-12 districts and higher education, and recruitment and education of teachers of color for urban education. Over his career, he has published more than 100 papers and monographs and garnered over \$6 million in external funding. In naming Dr. Lewis to the newly created post of faculty fellow for diversity, Provost Lorden cited Lewis' 23 years of research and experience promoting diversity, inclusion and access in the field of education stating that, "this gives him an extraordinary understanding of diversity, inclusion and access within the context of urban institutions with student populations like those that UNC Charlotte seeks to serve." Scott Kissau, Chair of the Department of Middle, Secondary and K-12 Education, believes "the wealth of knowledge Chance has gained through his active teaching, research, and service agendas related to diversity has certainly contributed to the success of the department." As the new Provost's Diversity Faculty Fellow, Lewis will chair the newly created Council on University Community Working Group which is designed to accelerate the work of the Campus Plan for Diversity, Access, and Inclusion, with emphasis on those parts that pertain directly to the Division of Academic Affairs. Under Lewis' direction, the CCWG will work to increase the visibility, coordination, and impact of the Campus Plan and ongoing initiatives throughout the Division. The Working Group will begin meeting in January 2018.

New University IT Assessment to Begin

Chancellor Dubois has engaged consultant BerryDunn to begin a new campus-wide IT assessment of resources, services and processes in all distributed IT units and in the ITS department. [See his message about the initiative](#) sent to all University faculty and staff on November 17, 2018.

Invitation to Speak at Analytics Frontiers 2018

Analytics Frontiers is the UNC Charlotte Data Science Initiative's annual conference, with support from prominent corporations and institutions in financial services, healthcare, energy, retail, education, government and manufacturing. In its fourth year, the Analytics Frontiers Conference will bring together business executives, thought leaders, data scientists, entrepreneurs, professional analysts and a diverse set of speakers. Last year, the keynote speaker was Nate Silver, founder of FiveThirtyEight.com and author of *The Signal and The Noise*. DSI is in the process of selecting another impressive keynote and additional speakers for this distinguished event and invites submissions from UNC Charlotte personnel. Presentations should be deliverable within a 45-minute time slot (including any Q&A, as appropriate). To submit your presentation for consideration, please send it to analyticsfrontiers@uncc.edu no later than **Sunday, January 14, 2018**. If your topic is selected, you will be contacted to submit a brief bio and picture, as well as to sign a speaker's agreement, including authorizing of the UNC Charlotte Data Science Initiative to make presentations available for viewing online.

Analytics Frontiers 2018 will be held on March 21 at The Ritz-Carlton in uptown Charlotte. It will be a full day event, with a focus on deep learning, machine learning, and artificial intelligence and breakout sessions that cut across a number of industries. Examples of suitable topics include: demos or case studies or discussions about the successful implementations of processes, tools, and infrastructure required to support large scale analytics; emerging technologies in data analytics; challenges in analytics within a specific industry; organizational acceptance of analytics; ethical considerations in data analytics; and analytics applications for everyday business. Visit analyticsfrontiers.uncc.edu for more information.

Retirement Receptions

The Center for Teaching and Learning is rolling out the red carpet for Sam Eneman. Join CTL in honor of his retirement after 17 years of service.

- Thursday, December 7, 2:00 - 4:00 PM, Kennedy 236 ([RSVP](#))

Dean Nancy Gutierrez invites all faculty and staff to join CLAS as they celebrate Bill Hill's retirement after 35 years of service to UNC Charlotte. Bill founded the Department of Communications Studies and he coached the UNC Charlotte debate team. He served as Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and as Interim Associate Provost before becoming the college's Senior Associate Dean.

- Wednesday, December 13, 3:30 - 5:00 PM, Robinson Hall ([RSVP](#))

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 20 [Graduate Student Funding - Faculty and Staff Forum](#)

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

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