

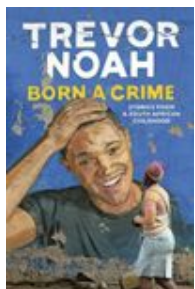
## News Digest

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### Common Reading Experience



*Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah has been selected as UNC Charlotte's Common Reading Experience text for Fall 2018. This engaging, compelling memoir from the host of The Daily Show provides ample opportunities for discussions of systemic inequalities and cultural diversity, a major goal of the UNC Charlotte [Common Reading Experience](#). The CRE committee encourages wide-scale campus engagement with *Born a Crime* and hope that this text will be widely referenced by those who teach first-year students. There will be several events during the fall semester that allow students, faculty, and staff to explore themes in the book. If you are interested in considering this text for adoption in your Fall 2018 courses, contact [Carla Eastis](#) (provide your name, department, and course(s) for which you may use the book) so you can receive a review copy of the book and be included on announcements related to the instructors workshop and other campus events related to the Common Reading Experience. Also, please make sure to submit the book to the campus bookstore as a required text for any course in which you will be using the selection.

### Diversity Web Page - New and Improved!

UNC Charlotte's [Diversity web page](#) has been migrated to the new University web template, and with the new look came newly information. The Diversity web page includes information on the Chancellor's Diversity Challenge Fund, Campus Diversity Resources, the Diversity Plan, campus-related diversity news and events, the Council on University Community (CUC), and the CUC Working Group. Of special note are some newly created opportunities, spearheaded by the CUC Working Group, for faculty, staff, and students to nominate individuals or entities to be featured on the diversity website ([Diversity Spotlight](#)), to advertise [campus](#) and [community](#) diversity events, and to submit an [innovative idea](#) that will promote diversity, inclusion, and access at UNC Charlotte. Nomination, event submission, and diversity innovation proposal forms can be found on the [CUC Working Group's web page](#).

### Charlotte City Walks



Starting May 1, Charlotteans can go on free neighborhood walking tours organized by PlanCharlotte, a project of the Urban Institute. There are 20 walks organized to date, with a half-dozen more in the works. They include a walk in the UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens, a look at plans for transit-oriented development in University City, a history walk through McCrorey Heights and the JCSU campus with historian Tom Hanchett, and an expanded number (four) of Tom Hanchett's Munching Tours, highlighting immigrant-owned businesses in east Charlotte and along South Boulevard. The Urban Institute's **Mary Newsom** and **Angelique Gaines** are the event organizers -- with plenty of help from nine community partners and a lot of volunteer walk leaders. To learn more and sign up for a walk, visit [citywalksclt.org](#).

## Canvas Training - Final Grades

### CTL Workshop: Finalizing the Canvas Gradebook

This workshop will guide you through the process of using the Canvas to Banner Grade Submission tool to correctly and successfully export your Canvas grades into Banner (Workshop Location: Kennedy 221)

- Tuesday, May 1, 9:30 - 11:00 AM, Kennedy 221 ([Register](#))
- Wednesday, May 9, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM, Kennedy 221 ([Register](#))

### Canvas Open Swim

- Thursday, May 3, 1:00 - 2:00 PM, Kennedy 221 ([Register](#))
- Tuesday, May 8, 2:00 - 3:00 PM, Kennedy 221 ([Register](#))

### YouTube Video

[Final Grade Preparation in Canvas Webinar Playback \(34'\)](#)

### FAQ

[How Can I Upload Final Grades from Canvas to Banner](#)

## Study Abroad Photo Exhibit - Grand Opening Reception



Students who studied abroad last academic year submitted their incredible photos that they took while abroad as a part of the Office of Education Abroad's yearly Photo Contest! Come by the Popp Martin Student Union Art Gallery during the opening reception to view all of the amazing photos that were submitted and see who was selected as the first place winner! The photo exhibit will remain displayed through May 25.

- Wednesday, May 2, 4:00 - 6:00 PM, Popp Martin Student Union Art Gallery

## Library Happenings

### Opening Reception - Student Mural Exhibit: "Fragments from The Library of Bable"

Work from the Fall 2017 Mixed-Media/Print Media 3 class taught by Maja Godlewska and Erik Watersotte  
Sponsored by J. Murrey Atkins Library and the College of Arts + Architecture

- Monday, April 30, 5:00 - 7:00 PM, Hight Architectural Library, Storrs Hall, Second Floor

## Save Your Students Money AND Make It Easier for Them to Read What You Assign

Atkins Library has negotiated free, unlimited access to over 450,000 e-books that you can use in your course:

- Assign the e-book as a textbook or supplemental reading.
- Assign the entire e-book or any portion of it every semester.
- Students click on a link from your Canvas course, syllabus, or website.
- Search the [database](#) of adoptable titles for this semester or a future semester.

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### Spring 2018 Paws for Exam Therapy

Finals week is ruff. Take a study break with us on the ground floor near Peet's Coffee Shop and hang out with our favorite stress relievers and four-legged friends.

- Wednesday, May 3, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
- Sunday, May 6, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
- Tuesday, May 8, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
- Wednesday, May 9, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

## 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:

- Apr 30** [Wind Ensemble](#)
- May 1-31** [Charlotte City Walks](#)
- May 1** [Jazz Ensemble & Combos](#)
- May 1** [GESP Application Deadline](#)
- May 1** [Global Gateways Application Deadline](#)
- May 2** [Music in the Gardens](#)
- May 2** [Study Abroad Photo Exhibit Opening Ceremony](#)
- May 4** [Gestures of Power: An Asian Studies Workshop](#)

### NEXT WEEK:

- May 9** [International Student Graduation Reception](#)
- May 11** [Walk Tall: Wander Among the Trees of University City's Green Heart](#)
- May 11-12** [Commencement](#)
- May 12** [The Night of the Hunter \(movie\)](#)

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

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