



News Digest

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Discontinued Degree Program

The UNC Board of Governors has approved a request to discontinue and restructure a degree program:

[M.Ed. in Teaching English as Second Language](#) (TESL)

Teaching English as Second Language will be offered as a concentration within the M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction program beginning Spring 2019.

Please make changes to your records accordingly.

First Citizens and de Silva Awards Deadlines

Time is running out to nominate your favorite faculty member for the Harshini V. de Silva Graduate Mentor Award and the First Citizens Bank Scholars Medal. Nominations for these awards close November 2 and November 9, respectively. The First Citizen's award recognizes faculty with outstanding scholarship, creativity and/or research. The de Silva award recognizes an outstanding faculty member who also is an outstanding mentor. Nominations for the de Silva award come from departmental chairs; nominations for the First Citizens Bank award are open to any UNC Charlotte faculty member. More information on these awards can be found on the Office of the Provost [Awards & Honors](#) web page.

Post-Master's Certificate in University and College Teaching

The Cato College of Education, in collaboration with the Graduate School, offers a twelve credit hour Post-Master's Certificate that is designed to prepare current faculty, graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, and others with the skills needed for the full scope of faculty responsibilities at a range of institutions of higher education. The Certificate aims to explore issues facing American college students, develop concrete skills in teaching including developing a teaching philosophy, apply effective instructional design, learning principles, curriculum models, and analyze, design, develop, and evaluate online learning. Doctoral students, adjunct faculty and lecturers who are new to teaching, and new tenure-track faculty who are content experts but not trained in teaching pedagogy, could benefit from this certificate. Learn [more](#) and [apply](#) today!

NinerScholars Portal Open to 2019-20 Scholarship Applications

The NinerScholars Portal is now open for students to begin applying for scholarship for the 2019-20 academic year. As a reminder, if your college or department has not completed the Scholarship Content Review Process, you'll need to do so before the University Scholarship Office can open your application to students. Scholarship funds which currently do not have a sufficient balance to make a 2019-20 award, but receive the necessary funding to make an award before February 1, 2019, may still be opened in NinerScholars. Please contact the University Scholarship Office (USO) if a scholarship that is currently closed to applications should be opened. The USO will host a training session for the NinerScholars Administrator and Reviewer Portals in early February. The session will offer resources and in-depth training on current and new functionality in the portals. The system enhancements will streamline your application review, recipient selection, and award administration processes. All new and continuing scholarship administrators are encouraged to attend; more details will be made available in the coming month. You may contact the USO at 704-687-5871 or by emailing scholarships@uncc.edu.

Barret Lecture Series / Multicultural Issues in Counseling Conference

The Department of Counseling and the Office of School and Community Partnerships is pleased to present the 11th Annual Dr. Bob Barret Lecture Series. Moises Serrano-Cruz will serve as the keynote speaker. He is an openly queer and undocumented activist and storyteller who has lived most of his life in Yadkin County, North Carolina; his presentation will incorporate these aspects of his life.

- Thursday, November 1, 7:00 PM, COED 010 ([Register](#))

The Multicultural Issues in Counseling Conference will take place on Friday, November 2. Faculty and graduate students from UNC Charlotte's Department of Counseling will facilitate a diverse offering of sessions for participants. Moises Serrano-Cruz's film, "Forbidden: Undocumented & Queer in Rural America," will be featured.

- Friday, November 2, 9:00 AM, Student Union 3rd Floor Multipurpose Room ([Register](#))

Retirement Reception: Patty Tolley

The William States Lee College of Engineering invites you to attend a retirement reception honoring Patty Tolley, Associate Dean, who has provided 23 years of outstanding service to the University and to the College of Engineering.

- Wednesday, December 5, 3:00 - 4:30 PM, Duke Lobby ([RSVP](#))

Atkins News and Activities

Atkins Library Celebrates Open Access Week

Open access to information – the free, immediate, online access to the results of scholarly research, and the right to use and re-use those results as you need – has the power to transform the way research and scientific inquiry are conducted. It has direct and widespread implications for academia, medicine, science, industry, and for society as a whole. Between October 22 and 26, Atkins will hold a [series of programs and events](#) to help educate the campus community on the benefits of Open Access, including a Wikipedia edit-a-thon, and a faculty panel discussion on Open Access publishing.

Next "Atkins Out Loud" Features Brass Instruments

A student trumpet ensemble and a brass quintet will perform at the next Atkins Out Loud event. [Atkins Out Loud](#) is an initiative sponsored by the J. Murrey Atkins Board of Advisors to give students, faculty, staff, and community members the opportunity to perform for an audience on campus. Light refreshments will be served.

- Tuesday, October 30, 7:30 PM, Halton Room, J. Murrey Atkins Library

Help Send the Green Bags Home

Atkins' supply of Express Delivery Bags is running low! If you have any of the library's green canvas bags, please send them back as soon as possible via campus mail. We appreciate your help!

Celebrating 20 Years of Harry Potter

Come learn about the mystical world of Harry Potter and how it has influenced a generation of students and scholars since it was first published twenty years ago! Dr. Balaka Basu, Assistant Professor of English, will give a talk about the wizarding world of Harry Potter.

- Wednesday, October 31, 2:00 - 3:00 PM, Halton Reading Room

CTL Workshops and Webinars

Copyright and Fair Use in Academic Settings (Webinar)

Join Atkins Library's Copyright Librarian, Kate Dickson, for an overview of copyright in education. Topics include: -Educational Fair Use -Documents, Videos, Images, Article use in online and face-to-face classes - Q&A Forum.

- Wednesday, October 24, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM ([Register](#))

Re-imagining learning via competency-based language (Workshop)

This workshop is facilitated by Patrick Madsen, Director of the University Career Center at UNC Charlotte. This session seeks to introduce ongoing processes/innovations that help students translate competencies gained during the educational experience, tweaks that can be made to courses to assist, and new ways to attract students to academic departments and courses by utilizing competency based marketing. Objectives: 1. Participants will be introduced to national competencies through research with employers and the My Success Portal. 2. Participants will discuss new ways to tweak courses to help translate to career outcomes.

- Thursday, October 25, 2:00 - 3:00 PM, Kennedy 221 ([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:

- Oct 22 [Conversation with Mirsad Hadžikadić](#)
- Oct 23 [OUTSpoken Presents: "The Year We Thought about Love"](#)
- Oct 24 [A warning from History: Holocaust survivor Susan Cernyak-Spatz](#)
- Oct 25 [Preparing Your Garden and Containers for Winter](#)
- Oct 25 [Reclaiming the Image of the Black Male](#)

NEXT WEEK:

- Oct 30 [The History of Politics of Distributed Biotechnology](#)
- Nov 1 [Personally Speaking: Combative Politics](#)
- Nov 3 [Native Tree Winter Identification](#)

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

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