



## News Digest

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### Closing of Financial Aid Service Desk in Reese

As you are aware, the Niner Central Student Services Center located in Cone University Center is open to help students with services related to financial aid and billing, registration, transcripts, student accounts, academic records and more. Therefore, as of January 2, the front service desk located on the first floor of Reese has been closed and removed. If you meet with students who have questions about their financial aid, please direct them to Niner Central, located at the front entrance of Cone Center.

### Mid-Semester Grade Report (Session A Only) Opens January 16

The Mid-Semester Grade Report **for Session A only** opens Wednesday, January 16. Please submit the following by **January 29 by noon**. Please refer to the [midterm grading instructions](#) for more information.

#### 1. Unsatisfactory Progress

Beginning on Wednesday, January 16, web grading capability will be available for faculty to assign Unsatisfactory Progress grades for all students in Session A. If you are unable to access your class list to assign unsatisfactory grades, please contact Elise Mickey in the Office of the Registrar at ext. 7-5485. Please note that this process is only to solicit unsatisfactory progress, not a grade for all students.

#### 2. Courses with All Satisfactory Grades

Faculty are also asked to report if all grades are satisfactory in the course in addition to submitting unsatisfactory grades.

Enter your unsatisfactory grades using [My UNC Charlotte](#). If you have a student who has stopped attending or never attended class, award that student an unsatisfactory grade ("F" for undergraduate level and "U" for graduate level) as well. This informs the student that he/she is currently enrolled in the class and runs the risk of an unsatisfactory final grade provided proper procedures are not followed.

Report only students with unsatisfactory progress by using the following notations:

- Undergraduate students: record only "D" or "F" grades
- Graduate students: record only "C" or "U" grades

### Office of the Registrar Spring Forum

Join the Office of the Registrar for their first spring forum. The forum, offered on two consecutive days (same content each day), is designed to provide you with information you can use. Most information will be related in some way to the Office of the Registrar, but information from other areas will also be shared. You pick the day that fits your schedule best. After the forums are completed, attendees will be

provided with the presentation and comments/questions/answers from both days. The forum is designed both to convey information to attendees and to address questions and concerns from attendees. Prior to the event, please share any topics of interest by emailing them to [Jonathan Reece](#), University Registrar.

- Wednesday, February 27, 3:00 PM, Cone 112
- Thursday, February 28, 3:00 PM, Cone 112

### Witherspoon Lecture: Shamans and Schizophrenia



#### **Shamans and Schizophrenia: How Religious Practices May Change Psychotic Experience**

Please join us for the 35th annual Loy H. Witherspoon Lecture in Religious Studies delivered by T.M. Luhrmann, Watkins University Professor in the anthropology department at Stanford University. Her work focuses on the edge of experience: on voices, visions, the world of the supernatural and the world of psychosis.

- Tuesday, February 5, 6:00 PM, UNC Charlotte Center City ([Register](#))

### Spring 2019 China Studies Lecture

The Confucius Institute at UNC Charlotte cordially invites you to the Spring 2019 China Studies Lecture on *Geopolitical Narratives and Their Impact on US/Chinese Relations* by Dr. Randy Kluver, Dean, School of Global Studies and Partnerships, Oklahoma State University. Relations between the US and China are at one of the lowest points in decades, as suspicions between the two nations are increasing. Drawing upon decades of research in how the two nations regard each other, especially as portrayed in media, this talk will examine the deterioration in the narratives of one another and the implications for US/China relations. In particular, the talk will address how the recent emergence of the “Chinese Dream” discourse has sought to develop an overall geopolitical framework, intended to provide an ideological framework for future Chinese development, but also to mark out China’s place in the world.

- Friday February 1, 9:30 - 11:30 AM, Lucas Room, Cone University Center ([Register](#))

The China Studies Lecture Series, sponsored by the Confucius Institute at UNC Charlotte, invites renowned scholars to share their expertise in the broad field of China Studies with the UNC Charlotte community. The speakers are nominated and/or approved by the Confucius Institute's Faculty Advisory Council and come from institutions nationwide.

### Atkins Library News and Events



You are invited to attend [Diversity Day](#) on February 28, 2019. Hosted by the J. Murrey Atkins Library Diversity & Inclusion Committee, this day-long event will include presentations by local educators and professionals in the community, and will feature a keynote presentation, "Judging or Joining? Conscious Actions for Inclusion," by Mark Puente, Director of Diversity and Leadership Programs at the Association of Research Libraries. There is no cost to attend. Please [register](#) by Friday, February 15, 2019. For more information, please visit the [Diversity Day website](#).

#### **Beyond the Myths: The American Civil War in History and Memory**

Atkins Library, the Department of History, and the Sugar Creek Branch of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library announce Beyond the Myths: The American Civil War in History and Memory - [a series of events beginning February 21, 2019 through March 13, 2019](#). The project, made possible by the Chancellor's Diversity Challenge Fund, is designed to shed light on the current controversy surrounding Confederate

monuments and provide factual historical information about North Carolina's role in the Confederacy. Presenters will discuss how the war affected individual North Carolinians from each socioeconomic group and geographic area of the state. They will contrast the history with the myths and discuss the history and future of the Civil War monuments.

## Undergraduate Research Conference Seeks Judges

The 2019 UNC Charlotte Undergraduate Research Conference (URC) is on Friday, March 29, 2019, in the Student Activity Center. The URC registration opens on Friday, January 18. The URC Committee is seeing faculty, staff, and doctoral students to serve as URC judges. Please complete the [URC Judge Recruitment form](#) to indicate your availability to judge posters or oral presentations at the URC. The form has all the details regarding the sessions. Also, please encourage your undergraduate students to register for the URC. Visit the [URC website](#) for more details.

## EdD Superintendency Concentration Program Now Recruiting

The Department of Educational Leadership and Distance Education are excited to recruit the next class of EdD students with a Superintendency Concentration. The professional EdD will be offered in a blended format that meets weekly at Mallard Creek High School. Applications are due March 15. Applications should be submitted through the Graduate School's [Application Portal](#).

## CONNECT Training and Early Alerts

Numerous CONNECT training sessions are scheduled for Spring 2019. These training sessions will include Early Alert Training. Early Alerts are due for all 1XXX/2XXX courses by noon on Friday, February 1st. Information on spring training for advisors and faculty for CONNECT, including the link for registration, can be found on the [Academic Advising Technology Training webpage](#). Departments may also request to schedule their own training session to be held during a departmental meeting by contacting [Stephanie Westine](#), Advising Systems Administrator.

## 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:

- Jan 15** [Martin Luther King Jr. Day March and Speak-Out](#)
- Jan 15** [International Speaker Series: Ambassador of Ireland to the United States](#)
- Jan 17** [International Coffee Hour](#)
- Jan 18** [New International Student Welcome Party](#)
- Jan 19** [Botanical Macro Photography with your SmartPhone](#)
- Jan 20** [Stories in the Woods](#)

### Next Week:

- Jan 22** [Study Abroad Alumni Career Workshop: Study Abroad Alumni Networking](#)
- Jan 23** [Study Abroad Alumni Career Workshop: Talking about Study Abroad in an Interview](#)
- Jan 24** [Exhibition Reception: A New Mark](#)
- Jan 24** [Study Abroad Alumni Career Workshop: Adding Your International Experience to Your Resume](#)
- Jan 25** [Student Spotlight Concert](#)
- Jan 25** [Study Abroad Alumni Career Workshop: Missing Life Abroad? How to Get Involved at UNC Charlotte](#)

**Upcoming:** [provost.uncc.edu/division-news/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events](http://provost.uncc.edu/division-news/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events)

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