

News Digest

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Mid-Semester Grade Report

The Office of the Registrar requests that mid-semester grade reports be submitted by **12:00 PM on March 1**. Please refer to the [midterm grading instructions](#).

Unsatisfactory Progress - Web grading capability is available for faculty to assign Unsatisfactory Progress grades for all students. If for any reason you are unable to access your class list to assign unsatisfactory grades, please contact Elise Mickey in the Registrar's Office at ext. 7-5485. Please note that this process is only to solicit unsatisfactory progress, not a grade for all students.

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.

Nominate a Leader in Graduate Education by March 15

The Graduate School is seeking nominations for its inaugural Thomas L. Reynolds Leadership Award honoring excellence in graduate program administration. The award will be presented annually to a Graduate Program Director or Graduate Program Coordinator, selected by a committee of Graduate School staff and faculty and student leaders. The winner will receive \$1000, an engraved plaque, and his or her name will be engraved on a perpetual trophy. For more information on award criteria, please download the [Information Sheet](#). To submit a nomination, please use the [Reynolds Leadership Award Google Form](#).

Timothy Tyson - 2019 Levine Lecturer



Noted author-scholar Timothy B. Tyson, winner of the Best Book of 2017 from both the Los Angeles Times and National Public Radio for *The Blood of Emmett Till*, will deliver UNC Charlotte's 2019 Levine Lecture. His topic will be "What We Remember, What We Forget, and Why," examining the place of North Carolina, "the Old North State," in a more diverse, contemporary New South.

- Thursday, March 14, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, Levine Museum of the New South ([Register](#))

Recruiting for UMC/Associate Faculty Ombuds

The Faculty Executive Committee is seeking nominations for the combined position of University Mediation Coordinator (UMC)/Associate Faculty Ombuds.

Qualifications of the UMC/Associate Faculty Ombuds

The UMC/Associate Faculty Ombuds will be a senior and tenured member of the faculty who has appropriate knowledge of the University's mediation process and has undergone or is willing to undergo formal training through the International Ombudsman Association (IOA). The individual must follow the Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice of the IOA and must participate in continuing professional education during his or her term of office. At a minimum, the person selected should have good listening and communication skills, be fair-minded, diplomatic, impartial, comfortable speaking to people with varying backgrounds, and sensitive to issues of diversity. The individual should be a good problem-solver who can keep up with details, make sure deadlines are met, and be able to work closely with faculty and administration. For additional information, please see the [University Ombuds Office website](#) and the [Grievance Policy](#).

Term of Office

The position is typically a three year renewable term, with the term beginning August 15, 2019. The position requires a commitment of 25% effort and normally includes a reduction in workload as determined in consultation with the department and college. Although most faculty are on nine-month contracts, conflicts requiring resolution may require attention during the summer months.

Nominations

To nominate someone (or yourself) for the combined position of UMC/Associate Faculty Ombuds, please send an email to facultygovernance@uncc.edu by Wednesday, March 13, 2019. The email should include a letter of interest, current curriculum vitae, and written agreement by the faculty member's department chair and dean stating that if selected, the faculty member will be able to serve.

First-Time International Graduate Enrollment Beats National Trend

The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) recently released its annual International Graduate Admissions Survey report, revealing a second consecutive year of decline in international graduate applications in the U.S. Nationally, the 240 colleges and universities participating in the survey had a 4% decline in international graduate applications, and a 1% decline in first-time enrollment from 2017-18. For the same period, UNC Charlotte's international graduate applications declined 21%, while first-time enrollment actually increased by almost 15%. CGS attributed the slowdown in international graduate applications to "uncertainty over U.S. visa policies, political rhetoric regarding immigration and strained relations with China." Hardest hit fields were engineering, physical and earth sciences and public administration and services. "UNC Charlotte is a great place for international students to call home," said Johnna Watson, Associate Dean for Graduate Enrollment. "They choose us because of our stellar faculty and graduate programs, but also because of the warm welcome provided by the entire University community and the City of Charlotte." More information on the study is available from the [Council of Graduate Schools](#).

Office of International Programs News and Events

2019 Faculty and Student International Education Awards Announcement

Nominations are now open for the [2019 Faculty International Education Award](#) and the [2019 Student International Education Award](#). Nominations may come from any member of the University community and must include a nomination form and a letter stating the student's qualifications for the award. A second letter from a University or non-University individual is encouraged but not required. The deadline for both Faculty and Student International Education Awards nominations is March 13, 2019. Award recipients will be recognized at the annual International Celebration on Tuesday, April 16, 2019.

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:

- Feb 25** [Great Decisions Lecture Series: The Rise of Populism in Europe with Dr. Imdat Ozen](#)
- Feb 26** [Crafting Your Book Proposal and Attracting a Publisher](#)
- Feb 28** [Diversity Day](#)
- Feb 28** [International Speed Friending](#)
- Feb 28** [Rolling application deadline for opportunity with Japan Studies Institute in California](#)

Next Week:

- Mar 7** [International Coffee Hour](#)

Upcoming: provost.uncc.edu/division-news/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events

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