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Mid-Semester Grade Report - Session B Only - Opens Friday, March 22

Please submit the following by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on April 1. Please refer to the [midterm grading instructions](#).

Unsatisfactory Progress

Beginning on Friday, March 22, web grading capability will be available for faculty to assign Unsatisfactory Progress grades for all students in Session B. 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. 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

Nominations Open for Honors Faculty Appointment/Re-Appointment

Each spring, the Honors College invites nominations to the Honors Faculty. This year, faculty may apply directly using the form below; the Honors College will handle the nomination request with the department chair. Also new this year, we have combined this process with Honors Faculty re-appointments (terms expire every five years unless renewed). You will receive an email if your term is expiring. Applications for both appointment and re-appointment will be reviewed by the Honors Council, which will make recommendations to the Executive Director of the Honors College. Please consider applying/renewing Honors Faculty membership if you have: taught an honors course in your department, college, or the Honors College; provided service to honors in your department, college, or the Honors College; or acted as a thesis/project advisor or mentor for an honors student. Activities such as these make a likely case for appointment as Honors Faculty. [Nominations](#) are due April 10. Appointments begin July 1. Terms are five-year, renewable.

'Vessels Aplenty' Exhibition to Support Student Programming, Pantry

The Projective Eye Gallery at UNC Charlotte Center City will host "Vessels Aplenty: The Joan Tweedy Memorial Exhibition" from Monday, March 18, through Tuesday, April 16. This display honors late UNC Charlotte ceramics professor Joan Tweedy (1948-2014) and it is one part memorial retrospective and one part charitable event. An array of beautiful ceramic bowls representative of Tweedy's prolific creative vision will be for sale on-site and online, with proceeds benefiting the [Department of Art & Art History](#) and the University's [Jamil Niner Student Pantry](#).

The work of Professor Emerita Tweedy embodies the exploration of the vessel form prominent in contemporary ceramics these past 40 years. Tweedy enjoyed the respect and appreciation of the clay community with whom she worked in the Southeast United States as well as in national arenas. She had an outstanding teaching career at UNC Charlotte and a deep commitment to studio art and to the advancement of the ceramics field. Tweedy will be honored at a closing reception of the exhibition at the Projective Eye Gallery at 6 p.m., Friday, April 12.

All proceeds from the sale of this work will be used to support student programming. In addition, for every 10 vessels purchased, Harris Teeter will provide grocery gift cards to the Jamil Niner Student Pantry, up to \$2,000. [To view and purchase work, click here.](#)

Opportunity Research Showcase

What is really working to improve economic opportunity for Charlotte's children and youth?

Join UNC Charlotte and our nonprofit partners as we answer that critical question at the 2nd Annual Charlotte Opportunity Research Showcase on April 8 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. at UNC Charlotte Center City. The purpose of the showcase is to highlight local research and evaluation on topics, issues, and recommendations related to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Opportunity Task Force's 2017 Leading on Opportunity Report. [Registration and additional information.](#)

Upcoming Admitted Student Events for Undergraduate Admissions

On Friday, March 22, Undergraduate Admissions will welcome our newly admitted freshmen (class of 2023) to campus for tours, information sessions, and more. The event will be held from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., with 500+ students and family members attending. Please note that traffic may get backed up in the morning especially around Union Deck so please allow yourself some extra travel time. If you see these future 49er families on campus, be sure to say "Welcome to Niner Nation!" Our last 2019 Admitted Students Day event is scheduled for Friday, April 26.

SPIDUR Faculty Fellow Call for Participation

The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) at UNC Charlotte is seeking a full-time faculty member to serve as the Faculty Fellow for the Summer Program to Increase Diversity in Undergraduate Research Program. The stipend for this position is \$8000. This position will begin in August 2019.

The Summer Program to Increase Diversity in Undergraduate Research (SPIDUR) program is administered out of the Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR). The SPIDUR program is focused on recruiting high achieving students from underrepresented groups and/or first-generation students, or students with disabilities from around the country to participate in an 8-week summer research program. Students receive one-on-one, faculty-guided research training, and participate in weekly professional development sessions to better prepare them for graduate school and a future research career. The program culminates in a Summer Research Symposium.

The OUR is seeking candidates with experience mentoring undergraduate students and knowledge about research training programs for undergraduate students.

Faculty Fellow Roles/Responsibilities:

- Assist in recruiting students and faculty for the program. Please note: This may involve travel to recruit students.
- Be actively engaged during 8-week summer program
- Serve as point of contact for SPIDUR faculty mentors
- Serve as point of contact for student participants
- Serve as the liaison between the SPIDUR program and The Office for Undergraduate Research
- Work with the OUR to implement programming for summer research experiences
- Organize SPIDUR Selection Committee
- Review SPIDUR faculty mentors and student applications
- Participate in the OUR Faculty Fellow Advisory Committee planning meetings that are held during the academic year

To apply for this position please submit a letter of application, a current CV, and an endorsement from your chair to [Dr. Erin Banks](#) by Friday, April 12, 2019.

Ribarsky Center for Visual Analytics Seminar



Inferring the Animal Tree of Life Through the Lens of Phylogenomics

Gonzalo Giribet is a Harvard College Professor, Alexander Agassiz Professor of Zoology in the Museum of Comparative Zoology and Curator of Invertebrates in the Museum of Comparative Zoology. After earning his “licenciatura” in Biology at the Universitat de Barcelona, in 1993 he completed a PhD in the Department of Animal Biology, also at the Universitat de Barcelona (1997). Following two years of postdoctoral work at the American Museum of Natural History, he joined the faculty of the Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology at Harvard in 2000, as Assistant Professor and Assistant Curator, becoming Associate Professor and Associate Curator in 2004 and Full Professor and Curator in 2007. Giribet was trained as an invertebrate zoologist, using morphology, ecology and genetics, and has worked on most animal phyla, but his primary focus is among the arthropods and molluscs, although his lab also focuses on annelids, sipunculans, nemerteans, sponges, and platyhelminths, among others. He is a Research Associate at the American Museum of Natural History (New York) and at the Field Museum of Natural History (Chicago), and a Fellow at the California Academy of Sciences. His research has contributed to the areas of cladistics, biogeography, and animal biology in general. He is currently Editor-in-Chief for CSIRO’s Invertebrate Systematics.

- Friday, April 12, 2:30 - 3:45 PM, Halton Reading Room, J. Murrey Atkins Library

UNC Charlotte Annual Campus Memorial Service

Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend the UNC Charlotte Memorial Service. Student honorees are: Polly M. Rogers, Special Education; Jennifer Utz Howlett, Psychological Science; Jesseca Maloney, Social Work; Christopher Bowins, Social Work; Amber Scott, Sociology; Gregory Richardson, Biological Sciences; Joel David Laws, Electrical Engineering. Faculty and Staff honorees are: Anita Moss, English; Winsor Schmidt, Gerontology; Vasilije Lukic, Electrical and Computer Engineering; J. Daniel White, Religious Studies; Keisha Martin, Office of Academic Affairs; Bertram Spence, Student Activity Center & Venue Management; Franjo Pauler, Facilities Management; Armando Castaneda, Mosaic Computing; Cleveland Johnson, Housekeeping; Robin Drake, J.Murrey Atkins Library.

- Thursday, April 11, 7:00 p.m., Harris Alumni Center ([RSVP](#))

14th Annual International Women’s Day Celebration



The UNC Charlotte campus community has celebrated [International Women’s Day](#) since 2006. This annual event includes historical information and recognition of the 2019 honorees and a presentation by keynote speaker H.E. Audrey Marks, the Jamaican Ambassador to the United States, on Women’s Economic Empowerment: A Benefit For All. The event is co-sponsored by the Office of International Programs, the Office of Identity, Equity, and Engagement, and the World Affairs Council of Charlotte. The event is open to the campus community.

- Thursday, March 28, 3:30 - 5:00 PM, Student Union Multipurpose Room 340 ([Register](#))

Hidden No More: STEM Women of Color

Historically, women of color have faced considerable challenges pursuing careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Join us to hear from six women who, despite these challenges, have made significant contributions to their fields and are pushing society forward. Ann Vaughan Hammond and Peggy Vaughan, daughter and daughter-in-law of Dorothy Vaughan, Langley Research Center’s first African American manager; Dr. Jamila Simpson, Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for the College of Sciences at N.C. State University; Dr. Stephani Page, Molecular Physiologist at Duke Molecular Physiology Institute; Dr. Banita Brown, Associate Dean for Academic and Student Success at UNC Charlotte; and Crystal Harden, Director of Programs and Strategic Initiatives at Morehead Planetarium and Science Center, will participate in a panel discussion on leadership and diversity in STEM education.

- Thursday, March 28, 4:30 PM, McKnight Auditorium

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:

- Mar 18** [The Spirit of Sexual Shame](#)
- Mar 18-22** [Study Abroad Week](#)
- Mar 18-Apr 5** [International Film Festival](#)
- Mar 19** [International Faculty and Scholar Reception](#)
- Mar 20** [Symposium: Jane of All Trades](#)
- Mar 21** [Reception for Forming a Legacy: Works by Joan Tweedy Alumni](#)
- Mar 21** [International Coffee Hour](#)
- Mar 22** [Reception for Barbara Schreiber: Domestic Disturbances](#)
- Mar 22** [Country-Culture Workshop: India](#)
- Mar 23** [Opera Workshop: Gianni Schicchi](#)
- Mar 24** [Using Essential Oils](#)

Next Week:

- Mar 26** [Personally Speaking with Bryn Chancellor](#)
- Mar 27** [CLAS Online Course Design / Quality Matters Workshop and Open Swim](#)
- Mar 28** [Hidden No More: STEM Women of Color](#)
- Mar 28** [14th Annual International Women's Day Celebration](#)
- Mar 29** [Application deadline for the American Council on Germany DZ BANK Fellowships on Transatlantic Business and Finance](#)
- Mar 30** [2019 Center City Literary Festival](#)
- Mar 30** [Advanced Botany](#)

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

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Deadline for submission is 11:00 a.m. every Friday.*