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Spring 2019 Final Exam Schedule Posted

The Spring 2019 Detailed Final Exam Schedule provides exam day, time, and room locations for all spring 2019 on-campus courses. The exam schedule is now posted on the Office of the Registrar's website. Please make note of exam room locations. The classroom assigned for your final exam may be different than the classroom scheduled for the term. If you have any questions or changes that need to be made to the exam schedule, please contact Monique Wilson or Beth Dawson. Changes to the exam schedule should only be made through the Office of the Registrar. Conferences, Reservations and Event Services (CRES) does not reserve space for final exams.

Farewell Reception for Shawn Long



Dean Nancy Gutierrez of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences invites you to a farewell reception for Shawn Long, senior associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and professor of communication studies and organizational science. Shawn will become dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Kennesaw State University in Georgia.

Wednesday, May 1, 3:30 - 5:00 PM, Robinson Hall atrium (RSVP)

Harvey B. Gantt - Celebrating a Legacy of Leadership

J. Murrey Atkins Library is celebrating the receipt of Harvey B. Gantt's papers and recordings and UNC Charlotte faculty and staff are invited to attend! Please RSVP as space is limited.

Grant Will Fund New Active Learning Classroom in CHHS

UNC Charlotte received a \$67,000 grant from Steelcase Education's Active Learning Center to fund a new active learning classroom in the College of Health and Human Services. The grant-funded Steelcase Education learning environment is slated for installation during the summer in order for use starting with the fall 2019 semester. In addition to the new classroom, Co-Principal Investigators Pilar Zuber and Jules Keith-Le will receive training from Steelcase on how to use the space and will have the opportunity to share insights and best practices with all awarded schools. During the two-year program, Steelcase Education and UNC Charlotte will partner to conduct assessments and research on the impact of this newly designed space.

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Faculty Invited to Campus STEM Summit

Insights into Student Success and Student Engagement in STEM

The STEM summit is open to all faculty, staff, and administrators from STEM disciplines. We encourage departments to send teams of faculty who teach the same course. This will facilitate rich conversations about the challenges instructors face teaching critical progression STEM courses and potential solutions to these challenges. Participants will explore best

practices for increasing student learning in STEM courses and examine existing practices through this lens, with the goal of implementing deeply engaging and effective practices in critical progression courses.

Keynote Address: Dr. Chris Rasmussen, San Diego State University

Dr. Rasmussen will report on results from two national studies of STEM courses. The first project identified the factors that influence student success in critical progression courses. The second project is investigating departmental change that contributes to teaching and learning environments that improve student learning, with a particular focus on active learning strategies. It highlights case studies of departments that have successfully made transformations in department culture, norms, and practices. Departmental and institutional leadership, such as course coordination, use of data, student resources such as tutoring centers, and professional development, have been mutually supportive to initiate, implement, and sustain these changes.

• Thursday, May 16, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Kennedy 236 (*Register*)

PKP/CLGO Book Drive



The UNC Charlotte chapter of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi (PKP) has partnered with the Children's Literature Graduate Organization (CLGO) to host a book drive from March 15 - April 30. This book drive will help Read Charlotte, a local organization focused on doubling the percentage of third graders in Charlotte reading on grade level from 39% in 2015 to 80% by 2025. We are seeking donations for new and used children's books for ages 0 to 18. Novels, non-fiction and specialty books for all ages are also accepted. Please review the Phi Webpage for donation box locations and further information. Donations will also be collected at the Phi Kappa Phi initiation ceremony on Sunday, April 14, 2019, between 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the McKnight Hall lobby of Cone University Center.

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. <u>View All Dissertation Defense Announcements</u>

Upcoming Events

This Week:

Apr 15 Racial and Gender Identities: Confusion and Anti-Blackness

Apr 15 Wind Ensemble **Apr 16** Symphonic Band

Apr 16 International Education Awards Celebration

Apr 17 Student Travel Signature Walk-in Clinic

Apr 18 Racial and Gender Identities: Confusion and Anti-Blackness

Apr 18 International Coffee Hour

Apr 18 Exploring Global Learning eSeminar: Assessment of Global Learning Toward Accreditation (Register)

Apr 18 Reception for BFA Senior Exhibitions

Next Week:

Apr 22 Gardens and Verses, Celebrating Earth Day

Apr 24-28 Blues for an Alabama Sky (Theatre)
Apr 27 MacroPhotography Drop-In Day

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