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CAPS Re-Entry Workshop for Students

The Center for Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) will be holding a workshop on Tuesday, May 21, 12:45-1:45 p.m., in Student Union room 261, to support student transition back to campus this summer following the on-campus shooting. This workshop will provide information on common trauma responses, including potential impact of being back on campus and in a classroom setting, as well as strategies to manage these responses.

Invitation for Faculty to March at New Student Convocation 2019

We are excited to continue the new tradition of our [Day of Convocation](#). All faculty members are invited to participate in the festivities on Monday, August 19, 2019. Wearing regalia, faculty will report to the faculty line-up area at 10:30 a.m., which will be behind the North Basketball court on the concourse level of the Student Activity Center. The program will run about an hour and will be completed by noon. To participate in the faculty procession, please RSVP [here](#). For additional details including information on regalia rentals, please visit the [New Student Convocation website](#).

Opening Week Orientation Activities

Please take note of the schedule for the opening week of the 2019-2020 academic year. More details (times, locations) will be provided closer to the start of the academic year.

- Monday, August 12: New Faculty & EHRA Staff Community Orientation and Tour (Community Relations)
- Tuesday, August 13: New Faculty Orientation (Provost and ADVANCE FADO)
- Wednesday, August 14: New Faculty Benefits Orientation (Human Resources)
- Thursday, August 15: University Convocation (and Department Chairs meeting)

Teachers to Illuminate the Art and Chemistry of Light

The Charlotte Teachers Institute is sponsoring the community event “The Art and Chemistry of Light” on Tuesday, May 21, at the Bechtler Museum of Modern Art.

This “Teachers as Scholars” event will feature presentations and discussions with local educators who studied the topic together in a 2018 Charlotte Teachers Institute (CTI) seminar, including UNC Charlotte chemistry professor Tom Schmedake and 11 Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools teachers.

Schmedake will discuss the art and chemistry of light in the context of his own research and the experience of leading a recent seminar with teachers. Mini-presentations will examine: the role of light energy in an elementary art class; the cyanotype printing process in high school photography; energy and society in middle school science; the application of light in high school forensic science; and hands-on light demonstrations for high school students with intellectual disabilities.

The main program begins at 6:30 p.m.; a reception precedes, starting at 5:30 p.m. During the reception, seminar teachers will share poster presentations on the application of light energy in high school chemistry; the color visualizations of linear functions in middle school math; principles of light energy in middle school science; the visible light spectrum in high school science; and light, color and Dr. Seuss in a first grade classroom.

Reception guests can view the museum's "Nomadic Murals: Tapestries of the Modern Era" exhibition that showcases a diverse collection of modern art tapestries from the mid-20th century.

CTI's "Teachers as Scholars" educational series for the public highlights the collaborative work by professors and teachers in CTI seminars. This project was made possible by funding from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The [Charlotte Teachers Institute](#) is an educational partnership among Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, UNC Charlotte and Johnson C. Smith University that works to improve teaching in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

Ventureprise Launch NSF I-Corps Summer Cohort - Now Accepting Applications

Have an idea or research finding that the National Science Foundation may be interested in Funding? Want to receive up to \$5000 for your research or business idea? Apply to participate in the summer 2019 Ventureprise Launch National Science Foundation I-Corps cohort. The program provides UNC Charlotte faculty, staff and students with commercialization training and up to an initial \$5000 in NSF funding. The goal of the program is to identify potential commercial uses and prepare for more substantial commercialization funding opportunities. The next stage is a six month \$50,000 NSF I-Corps Teams grant. The cohort will run May 29-July 10 (break for the July 4 holiday). A complete schedule and application form can be found on the [Entrepreneurship website](#). To learn more, please contact Principle Investigator [Devin Collins](#) (7-8058).

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:

- May 1-24** [10th Annual Study Abroad Photo Exhibit](#)
- May 21** [The Art and Chemistry of Light, A Teachers as Scholars event](#)
- May 21** CAPS Re-Entry Workshop for Students (see article)
- May 21** [The Art and Chemistry of Light](#)

Next Week:

- May 30** [Farewell Reception for CLAS Sr. Associate Dean Shawn Long](#)

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

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