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In Remembrance of Dr. Susan Cernyak-Spatz



Dr. Susan Cernyak-Spatz passed away on November 17. She was faculty member at UNC Charlotte for 20 years and a part of the University community for years afterwards.

Born in Vienna, Austria, Dr. Spatz spent her childhood enjoying theater, opera, and dance, as well as the study of history and languages. The German Third Reich and the eventual outbreak of WWII interrupted her life, sending her first to the Theresienstadt ghetto and eventually to the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp. She survived not only the camps, but also the horrific Death March back to Germany as the war was ending. After liberation by the Allies and eventually reuniting with her father, she married Bernard Fishman, an American serviceman, arriving in the United States in 1946. She later earned her Ph.D. from the University of Kansas and in 1972 began teaching German language and literature at UNC Charlotte until her retirement in 1992. She was instrumental in the creation of the Holocaust Studies programs at UNC Charlotte and continued to write and lecture locally, nationally, and internationally on the subject as recently as 2018.

Dr. Spatz was also an accomplished actress who performed in many amateur productions throughout her life. Her memoir, *Protective Custody: Prisoner 34042*, was published in 2005. It has been the basis of a documentary film and the inspiration for a theatrical production.

A memorial service was held this past weekend. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that donations be made in her memory to The [Center for Holocaust, Genocide & Human Rights Studies at UNC Charlotte](#), a program she helped to establish. Please make any checks payable to UNC Charlotte, with the memo line indicating "Dr. Spatz / Holocaust Studies," and mail to UNC Charlotte University Advancement c/o Mark Colone, 9201 University Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28223. To make a gift online, please visit go.uncc.edu/Spatz.

Submitting Final Grades

Final Grades for Fall 2019 and Session B can be submitted through [My UNC Charlotte](#) starting on November 25. **Grades are due by noon on December 16.** After 12 p.m., instructors will not have access to submit grades online.

For each student, select the appropriate grade from the drop down menu. The appropriate grades are below:

Standard

- Undergraduate - A, B, C, D, F or I*
- Graduate - A, B, C, U or I*

* When submitting a grade of "I", please make sure to confirm the *Incomplete Extension Date* by clicking submit on the confirmation page.

Pass/No Credit

- Undergraduate – P (Pass) or N (No Credit) or H (Honors)
- Graduate – P (Pass) or U (Unsatisfactory)

Audit

- AU (Audit) or NR (No Record)

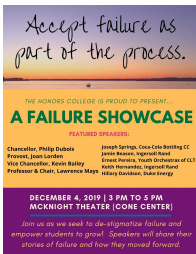
IMPORTANT

- Students who have officially withdrawn from a course and received a grade of “W” or “WE” do not need a grade assigned. If a student has never attended the course (and they do not have a grade of “W” or “WE”), then assign a grade of “F” from the grade drop-down menu.
- A grade of “I” is assigned at your discretion when a student who is otherwise passing has not completed all the work in a course due to circumstances beyond their control.
- A grade of “IP” is only assigned for prearranged courses extending over more than one semester and is NOT to be used as a substitute for an Incomplete.
- Final grades can also be submitted to Banner using Canvas. Canvas can be accessed through your [My UNC Charlotte](#) account.

If you have questions or problems submitting grades or grade changes, please review the web grading instructions at <http://registrar.uncc.edu/final-grading-instructions> or contact Elise Mickey, Assistant Registrar, at ext. 7-5485.

Thank you for submitting your grades on time!

Honors College Presents “A Failure Showcase”



The Honors College invites you to attend their Failure Showcase! Help us de-stigmatize failure! Speakers will share personal experiences of how they failed and how they pivoted from that point to find success. Speakers include Chancellor Philip Dubois, Provost Joan Lorden, and other UNC Charlotte faculty, staff, alumni and friends. Students will be able to ask questions of all speakers.

- Wednesday, December 4, 3:00 - 5:00 PM, McKnight Hall ([Register](#))

Library News

Atkins Out Loud

Please join the final Atkins Out Loud performance of the semester, featuring Afro-Brazilian dance.

- Monday, December 2, 4:00 - 5:00 PM, Halton Room, Atkins Library



Book Club

UNC Charlotte faculty, staff, and students are cordially invited to participate in a University-wide book club sponsored by Atkins Library that focuses on diversity and culture. The book selected for the first discussion is [The Person You Mean To Be: How Good People Fight Bias](#) by Dolly Chugh. The book will be discussed at the kickoff meeting. All are welcome to attend.

- Thursday, January 30, 4:00 - 6:00 PM, Atkins Library

Book Discussion Facilitator: Ryan Harris, Atkins Library, Head of Instructional Services. For more information contact Denelle Eads at deads@uncc.edu or x7-1165.

Graduate School Updates

Student Funding Nominations Must Go Through New eGPS System

Effective December 19, all graduate student funding nominations MUST be completed in eGPS, the Graduate School's new student funding system. eGPS allows Graduate Program Directors (GPDs) to view, nominate, see decisions, and track the complete funding package for students. Access to eGPS is provided upon completion of in-person or online

[Canvas](#) training.

After December 19, funding nominations may no longer be submitted through eGA, the online "electronic graduate assistantship" application platform. eGA will continue to be used for generating student contracts and transmitting contract information to Human Resources and Payroll.

GPDs and administrative staff interested in gaining access to eGPS or in learning more may participate in an informational 'open-swim' drop-in session:

- December 16, 17, and 18; 2:00 - 4:00 PM; Denny 101

Contact Director of Funding and Fellowships Julie Goodliffe, jmgoodli@uncc.edu, with any questions.



Shibu, Stott, Bose Lead Annual 3MT® Competition

Top presenters in this year's 3-Minute Thesis Competition were Abhishek Shibu, Ph.D. in Nanoscale Science; Nicole Stott, Ph.D. in Biology, Cellular and Molecular Biology; and Mukulika Bose, Ph.D. in Biological Sciences.

Shibu's presentation was entitled "Let There Be 'BLUE' Light!" Nichole Stott presented "Lung Cancer Progression." And Bose' presentation was on "Targeting Pancreatic Cancer with a Specific Antibody."

Winners receive cash prizes and an opportunity to attend the regional competition at the Conference of Southern Graduate School's (CSGS) Annual Meeting in 2020. 3MT® challenges graduate students to describe their research in a way that reaches a much broader audience.

For more on this year's competition, please visit the [Graduate School website](#).

Data Science Initiative Announces Funding Opportunity for Faculty

In anticipation of the launch of the new School of Data Science in January 2020, the Data Science Initiative (DSI) is sending a request for proposals. This grant opportunity provides seed funding awards for two funding cycles in 2020. The intent is to identify and support preparation of competitive proposals focused on research and cutting edge concepts that demonstrate follow-on potential to secure larger external grants.

Proposals must be submitted by teams comprised primarily of UNC Charlotte researchers. Candidate teams will be multidisciplinary and draw personnel from at least two colleges, with at least one principal or co-principal researcher holding an affiliate or joint faculty appointment within the Data Science Initiative. While collaborators external to UNC Charlotte may be included, the focus is on supporting the formation of new research teams based at UNC Charlotte.

- Submission for Spring 2020: Due December 9, 2019
- Submission for Summer 2020: Due March 15, 2020

Proposals must be submitted as one single PDF by email to: jhertel@ucc.edu. For more information, [click here](#).

Research and Community Partners Annual Celebration



Please join Research and Economic Development for a networking reception and keynote address on "The Future of Work and Workforce" by Dr. Jennifer Gresham, founder of Work for Humanity. Space is limited.

- Thursday, December 5, 4:30 PM, PORTAL Building

Kindly RSVP at <https://mailchi.mp/777cd34b971d/dont-forget-to-register>.

Office of Undergraduate Research Announcements

Summer 2020 Call for Faculty Applications for CRS and CCS Programs

Please "Save the Date" for the Summer 2020 Call for Faculty Applications for the Charlotte Research Scholars and Charlotte Community Scholars programs. Faculty applications will be accepted November 18 - **December 4, 2019**. The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) Summer Research Programs will begin on Tuesday, May 26, and end on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. For more information, please visit the [OUR website](#) or call 704-687-5316.

Judges Sought for Undergraduate Research Conference

The 2020 Undergraduate Research Conference (URC), scheduled for April 17, 2020, is seeking faculty, staff, and doctoral students to serve as judges. Please visit the [URC 2020 Judge Recruitment Form](#) to indicate your availability to judge posters or oral presentations at the URC 2020. The form has all the details regarding the sessions. Thank you in advance for supporting this important component of undergraduate academics at UNC Charlotte!

UNC Charlotte Undergraduate Research Journal

The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) is launching the inaugural issue of UNC Charlotte's Undergraduate Research Journal in August 2020. We will be looking for faculty and student reviewers for the Journal. Calls for reviewers will be made in March and manuscript submissions will open in April. Please keep an eye out for future announcements in the Spring 2020 semester. For more information, please contact us at 704-687-5316 or visit the [OUR website](#).

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](#)

Latest AA News

For up-to-the-minute news from Academic Affairs (faculty awards, research, recognition, initiatives), follow us on Twitter (www.twitter.com/UNCC_Academics) or visit the [Academic Affairs Division News webpage](#).

Upcoming Events

This Week:

- Nov-May** [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events calendar](#)
- Nov-May** [Diversity Events on campus](#)
- Nov 25** [Wind Ensemble Concert](#)

Next Week:

- Dec 3** [Ambassador Samantha Power "Dialogue and Book Signing"](#)
- Dec 5** ["The Future of Work and Workforce"](#)

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

*The [DAA News Digest](#) is distributed each Monday to Academic Affairs faculty and staff.
Deadline for submission is 11:00 a.m. every Friday.
Send submissions to academicaffairs@uncc.edu.*