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Supporting “The New Norm” Campaign for Health and Safety

As UNC Charlotte prepares to welcome students, faculty and staff back to campus for the fall semester, the University has launched “The New Norm: Your Health. Our Community,” an educational campaign promoting new safety and community standards designed to protect Niner Nation. Details are available at NinerNationCares.uncc.edu.

An extensive social media campaign is underway. Faculty and staff members can help best by sharing or reposting the UNC Charlotte messages. There also will be [signage](#) throughout campus. To request signage or other communication tools, please contact your facility manager or the communications director for your college or division. Also, consider adding a [nameplate](#) to your email signature with a link to NinerNationCares.uncc.edu.

Pause on New Academic Program Approvals

The UNC System Office has placed a pause on the review and approval of [new academic programs](#) for the period between July 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020. Beginning in January 2021, any new academic program proposals will need to address any potential shifts in projected enrollment and revenue as a result of the pandemic. For questions about new academic program development, departments and colleges should contact [Leslie Zenk, Assistant Provost](#).

J. Murrey Atkins Library News and Events

Research and Writing Help

Atkins Library's Research and Instructional Services (RIS) has created a series of infographics to keep the campus updated on research consultations and the services offered by the library and the writing center:

- [Student Consultations](#)
- [Faculty and Staff Consultations](#)
- [Atkins Library and the Writing Resources Center](#)

Atkins Book Club Discusses *Me and White Supremacy*

The Atkins Library Book Club will feature [Me and White Supremacy](#) by Layla F. Saad at its next book discussion on August 26 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. via [Google Meets](#). Members of the UNC Charlotte community who are interested in participating can [get free access to the book](#) through the library's online catalog. Ryan Harris, Head of Research & Instructional Services, and Denelle Eads, Employee Relations and Staff Development Librarian, will co-facilitate the discussion. The Atkins Library Diversity & Inclusion Committee sponsors this event but welcomes participation from faculty, staff, and students across campus to lead book discussions and to make book recommendations. For more information or to suggest a book for a future discussion, contact [Ryan Harris](#) or [Denelle Eads](#).

Resources for Planning for Fall 2020 Reopening

Resources for planning for the Fall 2020 reopening are available on the [Office of the Provost website](#). This includes new information about faculty training and classroom technology upgrades, as well as FAQs related to course delivery. Decisions will be based on these guiding principles: to preserve the college experience, to protect the health of our

students and faculty, to ensure a successful learning environment, and to minimize the reduction in overall student credit hours. Faculty members and department chairs should coordinate course delivery and instruction plans with their associate dean.

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:

August [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)

August [Diversity Events on campus](#)

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.