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### Center for Teaching and Learning Resources and Workshops

#### CTL Resources for Engaging Students Online

- [Teaching Guide on Active Engagement in Physically Distanced Courses](#)
- [Handy Guide for Converting F2F Active Learning to Online Activities](#) (downloadable pdf)

#### CTL Workshops

- Academic Integrity & Cheating
  - Tuesday, September 15, 10:00 - 11:00 AM ([Register](#))
  - Thursday, September 17, 1:00 - 2:00 PM ([Register](#))
- Teaching with PollEverywhere
  - Tuesday, September 15, 1:30 - 2:30 PM ([Register](#))
  - Friday, September 18, 10:00 - 11:00 AM ([Register](#))
- Engaging Students Using Breakout Rooms with Zoom (Hands-On Practice)
  - Wednesday, September 16, 10:00 - 11:00 AM ([Register](#))
- Engaging Students Using Breakout Rooms with WebEx (Hands-On Practice)
  - Wednesday, September 16, 2:00 - 3:00 PM ([Register](#))
- Canvas Assignments and Gradebook
  - Thursday, September 17, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM ([Register](#))

### Virtual Conversation with Harvey Gantt

The College of Arts + Architecture is honored to present a public virtual conversation with Harvey Gantt, FAIA, on September 16 at 5:30 p.m. Moderated by Dean Brook Muller, Mr. Gantt and four current College of Arts + Architecture students will discuss how Charlotte might become a model of an equitable, vibrant, inclusive city and the role of the arts and design in that future.

Harvey Gantt was the first African American student at Clemson University, where he graduated in 1965 with a degree in architecture. He received his master's degree in city planning from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1970 and became founding partner of Gantt Huberman in Charlotte in 1971. Mr. Gantt served on the Charlotte City Council and in 1983 was elected the city's first Black mayor. In 2009 Charlotte's Afro-American Cultural Center was renamed the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture in his honor. [Details and Zoom link here.](#)

### DegreeWorks Unavailable September 22

DegreeWorks will be unavailable for all students, faculty, and staff on September 22 from 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. due to a scheduled upgrade. Thank you for your patience during this time period.

### BCOB Dean's Leadership Series

[Dean's Leadership Series](#): Leading on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Workplace. Moderated by [George Banks](#), Associate Professor of Management; featuring Latesha Byrd '12, CEO and Founder, Byrd Career Consulting; Michael Freno, President and Head of Investments, Barings; Omar G. Jorge Peña, CEO, Compare Foods; Craig Parkin, Senior Managing Director, TIAA.

- Monday, September 28, 12:00 - 1:00 PM, [Virtual via Zoom](#)

## CONNECT Training and Early Alerts

CONNECT training sessions will be offered virtually for Fall 2020. Advisors and faculty can request a training using the Google form on the [Academic Advising Technology Training webpage](#). These virtual training sessions can include Early Alert training. Early Alerts are due for all 1XXX/2XXX level courses by 12:00 p.m. on **Friday, October 2**. Departments may also request to schedule their own training session to be held during a departmental meeting by contacting Stephanie Westine, Advising Systems Administrator, or LeeFredrick Bowen, Director for Academic Advising Systems.

## Calls for Nominations

### 2020-2021 O. Max Gardner Award

Your assistance is requested for identifying potential faculty nominees for the 2020-2021 O. Max Gardner Award. This award is given annually by the UNC Board of Governors to "that member of the faculty of the University of North Carolina who, during the current scholastic year, has made the greatest contribution to the welfare of the human race." Please note that nominees can be of any rank, "including instructors, engaged in teaching in any unit, institution or branch of service" in the University system. Past winners of the award include UNC Charlotte's own Dr. Pinku Mukherjee and Dr. Diane M. Browder. [Linked here](#) is the UNC System announcement of last year's winner, Dr. Samantha Meltzer-Brody of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Please forward the names of nominees to the [Nominations, Honors, and Awards Committee Assistant](#) at before 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2020. Include in your nomination the individual's name, rank, and department/unit. Also, please provide a description of this individual's specific contribution(s) or achievement(s), and their impact on others.

### Harshini V. de Silva Graduate Mentor Award

Nominations will be accepted through November 6 for the 2021 Harshini V. de Silva Graduate Mentor Award. The award recognizes a full-time member of the graduate faculty who displays outstanding graduate mentoring. This award was established in memory of Dr. Harshini de Silva, an associate professor of biology, noted for her dedication to the academic and professional development of graduate students. Dr. Suzanne Leland, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, was the recipient of the award for 2020. The award, which includes a crystal obelisk, a framed citation and a cash prize, will be presented in the spring semester at a ceremony and reception presided over by the Chancellor, the Dean of the Graduate School and University officers. Information on this year's competition, nominating process and previous winners, can be found on the [Graduate School](#) website.

### Thomas L. Reynolds Leadership Award

Nominations are sought for the 2020 Thomas L. Reynolds Leadership Award for a Graduate Program Director or Coordinator who exhibits excellent leadership and outstanding service. Graduate Program Directors and Coordinators are leadership positions for the University and play an important role in the success of graduate education. Dr. Lara Vetter, English, received the distinction for 2019. Nominations will be accepted through December 11 and may come from anyone. For more information or to nominate, please visit the Graduate School's [Thomas L. Reynolds Leadership Award](#) page.

## Update on Notices for Borrowed/Overdue Items

Atkins has reinstated automated email notices to provide a reminder of borrowed and overdue items. While you may receive notification of fees and fines for these items, we will continue to extend due dates and waive fines as needed through the fall semester. If you are ready to return your items, you may bring them into the library or use any of the campus book drops for books and DVDs. If you have questions about your library account or materials you have borrowed, or would like to renew your materials, please contact [Shelly Hypes](#) or call the library at 704-687-0491.

## Resources for Instructors Teaching During Fall 2020

Resources for instructors teaching during Fall 2020 are available on the [Office of the Provost website](#). This includes suggested syllabus policies, how to handle student absences during COVID, a list of faculty mentors for remote instruction advice, Q&A from the General Faculty meeting and other helpful resources.

## 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](http://www.twitter.com/UNCC_Academics)) or visit the [Academic Affairs Division News webpage](#).

## Upcoming Events

**This Week:**

- Sep-Dec** [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)
- Sep-Dec** [Diversity events](#)
- Sep 14** [Best Practices for Holistic Faculty Review](#)
- Sep 18** [Racial Injustice and Inequality in Applications of Data Science](#)

**Upcoming:** [provost.uncc.edu/division-news/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events](http://provost.uncc.edu/division-news/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events)

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Deadline for submission is 11:00 a.m. every Friday.  
Send submissions to [academicaffairs@uncc.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@uncc.edu).*