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J. Murrey Atkins Library News and Events

Zoom into Election 2020: Virtual Voter Registration Drive with Atkins Library

Help us spread the word to students! Celebrate National Voter Registration Day with Atkins Library as we host a voter registration drive over Zoom. Hop into our [Zoom room](#) between **9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.** on **September 22** to chat with a librarian about your voting plan and get the bonus of seeing our furry work-from-home friends. Librarians can help you: register to vote, check your registration status, request an absentee (mail-in) ballot, find an early voting location, and locate your polling location on election day.

Election 2020: How to Verify What You Read, See, and Hear Online

Craig Silverman is an award-winning journalist and author and one of the world's leading experts on online disinformation, fake news, and digital investigations. He is the media editor of BuzzFeed News where he covers platforms, online disinformation, and media manipulation. As we approach the 2020 election, he will share tips, tools, and tricks that you can use to investigate online content, including articles, photos, videos, and memes. Learn how to spot inaccurate news and to avoid spreading misleading information.

- Tuesday, October 6, 4:00 PM, 30-minute Zoom presentation followed by a 30-minute Q&A ([Registration](#))

Training Re: New Title IX Regulations

Not Just Students: What the New Title IX Regulations Mean for Faculty, Staff, and Students

The federal government issued new rules in May 2020 that govern how universities respond to incidents of sexual harassment and sexual assault. As of August 14, 2020, those new rules have become new policy at UNC Charlotte. Join Sarah Edwards, Associate General Counsel, and Dr. Michelle Reinken, Director of Title IX Compliance, as they walk through the final Title IX regulations, explain how the regulations compare with the prior legal landscape, and discuss what those changes mean for UNC Charlotte's students, faculty, and staff.

- Tuesday, September 29, 10:00 - 11:00 AM, via Zoom* ([RSVP](#))
*Registrants will receive the Zoom link via email prior to the presentation.

James Walsh Talk Opens Virtual *Personally Speaking* Series

The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, and partners J. Murrey Atkins Library and The Dubois Center at UNC Charlotte Center City, present the 11th season of the *Personally Speaking* published experts series. The series starts on **Wednesday, September 30 at 7:00 p.m.** with James Igoe Walsh discussing his research for the book *Drones and Support for the Use of Force*. Walsh explores how the use of combat drones has influenced foreign policy decisions; ignited nuanced arguments about precision weapons; and sparked debate about civilian and military casualties in conflicts. While the conversation will be virtual, it will be interactive with an opportunity to ask questions. [Details and Registration](#).

Walsh is a professor in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration. He received the 2020 First Citizens Bank Scholars Medal, the university's highest research award. In addition to his book on drones with co-author Marcus Schulzke, he has written two other books and more than 40 papers, book chapters, and other publications.

CONNECT Training and Early Alerts

CONNECT training sessions are being offered virtually for Fall 2020. Advisors and faculty can request 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.

Call for Nominations for Honorary Degrees

One of the highlights of UNC Charlotte's Commencement is the recognition of individuals for exceptional and distinctive service to the University or the larger community with an [honorary degree from UNC Charlotte](#). On behalf of the Nominations, Honors, and Awards Committee, we are asking your assistance in nominating persons for this honor. By way of background, the following criteria have been established by the Board of Trustees regarding prospective nominees:

1. exceptional and distinctive achievements on behalf of the University, the region, state or nation;
2. state, national or international esteem because of activities recognized as significant in higher education;
3. eminent achievement in scholarship, high distinction in public affairs, outstanding accomplishments in humanitarian endeavors or artistic attainment;
4. high qualities of character and personal reputation;
5. not currently employed by The University of North Carolina at Charlotte;
6. former faculty and staff eligible if they have achieved distinction in a second career or in work unrelated to their university positions;
7. merit rather than popularity.

A nomination should include the full name of the nominee, a vita, resume and/or biography (if available), and a statement of the rationale for the nomination. The nomination must also include the name of the nominator in order to be considered by the Committee. Confidentiality is very important. Therefore, the nominee should not know of his or her nomination. In addition, if you have previously nominated an individual and would like to share any additional contributions of that nominee, you are welcome to submit supplementary materials.

The deadline for nominations is **October 21, 2020**. Nominations should be directed to [Matt Wyse](#), Faculty Governance Assistant, Office of Academic Affairs. For more information or questions, please contact [Badrul Chowdhury](#), Chairperson, Nominations, Honors, and Awards Committee, or [Matt Wyse](#), Faculty Governance Assistant. We strongly encourage you to nominate someone who deserves this recognition. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Virtual Explore UNC Charlotte

Undergraduate Admissions is excited to shift our largest recruitment event, Explore UNC Charlotte, into a new virtual format hosted on Saturday, October 24, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Registration is required for this event which is open to all prospective students and their families. Throughout the event, we will offer live information sessions, an online resource fair, and virtual tours of various spaces on campus. We are grateful for the partnership and participation from all representatives across campus who help make these events happen and we look forward to showcasing Niner Nation in a new way this fall!

Center for Teaching and Learning

CTL Resources

Interested in monthly tips and ideas for actively engaging your students in online and hybrid course formats? Join the Active Learning Academy for the 2020 - 2021 academic year. We are accepting applications through the end of September. [Apply Now](#).

CTL Workshops

- Engaging Students Using Breakout Rooms with WebEx (live practice)
Tuesday, September 22, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM ([Register](#))

- Canvas Assignments and Gradebook
Tuesday, September 22, 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM ([Register](#))
- Syllabus 101: Roadmap to Success (asynchronous delivery)
Wednesday, September 23 - Friday, September 25 ([Register](#))
- How Virtual Whiteboards Level the Playing Field for All Learners
Wednesday, September 23, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ([Register](#))
- Using Cognitive Empathy in the Classroom
Thursday, September 24, 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM ([Register](#))
- Introduction to Learning Objectives (asynchronous delivery)
Monday, September 28 - Monday, October 5 ([Register](#))

Ventureprise Presents Small Bites and Insights (Weekly Zoom Series)

Ventureprise will virtually travel across UNC Charlotte's campus to highlight resources available to students and faculty to take their research and ideas to the next level. Each week, Ventureprise will be talking with faculty and students from several colleges and departments, giving you insight into how their programs, ideas and research collaborate with Ventureprise to make an impact not only on campus, but in the community, region and beyond. Tune in every Thursday to hear the stories and experiences of these campus leaders. [More info and sign up here.](#)

UNC Charlotte Representing for Global Entrepreneurship Week

As a part of Global Entrepreneurship Week, Ventureprise will be launching "Taking Entrepreneurship Across UNC Charlotte's Campus" November 17-19. Guest speakers in classes across campus, in every College, will be addressing topics to celebrate, understand and support entrepreneurship and those who champion them. Sign up to be paired with a local or regional entrepreneur who will virtually visit your class to discuss topics relevant to your class whether it be on social issues, technology, leadership, and/or entrepreneurial careers. [Sign up here.](#)

Reporting Physical Location of Workforce

As many work remotely during the pandemic, the University Tax Office reminds staff and faculty to consult with the Tax Office before hiring or contracting with an out-of-state employee, or allowing a new agreement or extension of an agreement for staff teleworking or faculty duty station changes. This applies to any employee who will be located outside of North Carolina when working for the University. In addition, workforce abroad should be avoided if possible considering the direct and indirect costs of compliance. See [additional details.](#)

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) or visit the [Academic Affairs Division News webpage.](#)

Upcoming Events

This Week:

Sep-Dec [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)

Sep-Dec [Diversity events](#)

Next Week:

Oct 1-2 [Distribution of Welcome Back Kits to Students](#) (volunteer opportunity)

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.*