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Fire Safety and Emergency Evacuation Training Requirements Due

Please complete the annual training sessions that are required by the North Carolina Fire Code. Each employee must complete these required sessions by January 4, 2021:

- Building Emergency Evacuation Training
- Fire Safety and Prevention

Each session can be completed in approximately 15 minutes. To complete the trainings, log in to [Percipio](#) with your NinerNet credentials and follow the prompts to complete the training. For assistance with logging into or navigating through Percipio, call OneIT at 704-687-5500.

Niner Central Virtual Assistance Options

Your students may continue to contact [Niner Central](#) remotely for assistance related to financial aid, billing and payments, registration, and student records. To practice proper safety protocols related to COVID19, Niner Central is offering virtual assistance via email, phone, remote check-in, virtual appointment, and drop-in virtual zoom lobby.

Abbas Receives Top 3MT Award

An exploration into how the home air conditioner can play a role in preventing a power outage won first place for Akintonde Abbas, Ph.D., Electrical and Computer Engineering, in the 2020 3-Minute Thesis (3MT) competition coordinated by the Center for Graduate Life (CGL). Other top presenters in this year's competition included Amanda Sargent, Ph.D., Organizational Science, who took second place for her research presentation, "Men Versus Women: Who Gets More Support for Work-Family Management?," and Lena Etzel, Ph.D., Clinical Health Psychology, third place for "The Future: A Looming Threat We can all Relate To!" This year's People's Choice Award was presented to Remi Ketchum, Ph.D., Biology, for her presentation, "Some Like It Hot: Surviving in Extreme Environments." A full recording of this year's 3MT competition, which was conducted online, is available from the [Center for Graduate Life](#).

J. Murrey Atkins Library News and Events

Collections Move to Offsite Storage Begins This Week

As early as today, UNC Charlotte will begin moving most of the periodicals collection and 70% of the print collection currently in Atkins Library to an offsite storage facility located 15 minutes from campus in Concord. As we [shared in August](#), the move of materials to offsite storage provides adequate social distancing and additional space for study and research. The move will continue through to the beginning of the 2021 Spring Semester. During this time, there will be some temporary noise, closure of study spaces, and disruption of collection access:

- Signage will indicate areas of the Ground through the 3rd floor that are temporarily inaccessible and direct visitors to other open spaces in the library.
- Browsing will temporarily not be possible in areas where the move is taking place.

- Item locations listed in the catalog might not be accurate as materials are moved.
- If you want to check out a book during this time, please request the item in the library catalog.
- The time it takes for the title to be retrieved and made available to you might be slightly longer than normal.

We appreciate the patience of library users as we go through this process.

A Life of Art and Activism: Celebrating T.J. Reddy

Thomas James "T.J." Reddy was a UNC Charlotte alumnus and a talented artist, poet, musician, and civil rights activist. As a student here, he helped to found the Black Student Union and Africana Studies Department at UNC Charlotte. Reddy passed away on March 31, 2019, but he is still with us in art and memory. Please join us [virtually on December 2 from 4:00-5:15 p.m.](#) for a panel discussion on Reddy's life featuring UNC Charlotte professors Akin Ogundiran (Africana Studies), Mark West (English), and Lisa Homann (Art History).

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops

Start Planning For Your Spring Courses with a Workshop

Online Course Facilitation (asynchronous delivery)

- Monday, November 30 - Friday, December 18 ([Register](#))

Canvas Assignments and Gradebook

- Monday, November 30, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM ([Register](#))

Putting the "Personal" in Personalized Online Learning

- Wednesday, December 2, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM ([Register](#))

Designing Your Online Course (DYOC) (Quality Matters program)

- Thursday & Friday, December 3 & 4, 1:00 - 4:00 PM ([Register](#))

Office of Undergraduate Research News

Summer 2021 Call for Faculty Applications for OUR Summer Research Program

Save the date for the Summer 2021 Call for Faculty Applications for the Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) Summer Research Program. Faculty Applications will be accepted November 16 - December 11, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. The OUR Summer Research Program will begin on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, and end on Tuesday, August 4, 2021. Please click the link to complete the Faculty Summer Project Form: [2021 OUR Summer Call for Faculty Projects Form](#). For more information, please visit the [OUR website](#) or call 704-687-5316.

2021 Undergraduate Research Conference

Save the date for the virtual UNC Charlotte Undergraduate Research Conference (URC). The URC 2021 will be a virtual conference using the ForagerOne platform and is scheduled for Thursday, April 15, and Friday, April 16, 2021. Students will be required to submit an abstract as part of the URC 2021 registration. The registration form for URC 2021 will open on Monday, January 25, 2021, and close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2021. Since this is a virtual conference, students will record short 2-3 minute videos for poster presentations and 10-12 minute videos for oral presentations.

Faculty Toolkit for Teaching During the Pandemic

Resources for faculty and staff teaching and advising during the 2020-21 academic year are available on the [Office of the Provost website](#). This includes the new grading exception policy, FAQs, suggested syllabus policies, how to handle student absences during COVID, a list of faculty mentors for remote instruction advice, resources from the Center of Teaching and Learning 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:

- Nov-Dec** [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)
- Nov-Dec** [Diversity events](#)

Next Week:

- Nov 30** [Designing Effective Online Courses \(online workshop\)](#)
- Dec 2** [A Life of Art and Activism: Celebrating T.J. Reddy \(virtual\)](#)

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