

In This Issue

- Unsatisfactory Progress Grading for Spring Second Half Term
- Complete the COACHE Faculty Survey
- Community Talk to Discuss Confederate Monuments and the Ongoing Fight for Racial Justice
- OUR Call for Faculty Applications: Paper Chase Pilot
- Sources of Domestic Extremism
- SDS Now Accepting Applications for Seed Grants for Summer 2021
- Ogundiran Receives First Citizens Bank Medal
- University Systems Access
- In Memoriam: Nickolas Stavrakas
- Faculty Toolkit for Teaching During the Pandemic
- Dissertation Defenses
- Latest AA News
- Upcoming Events

Unsatisfactory Progress Grading for Spring Second Half Term Opens March 29

Unsatisfactory Progress Grading for the Spring Second Half Term opens Monday, March 29. Submit unsatisfactory grades for your course(s) by April 8 at 12:00 p.m. If there are no unsatisfactory grades to report, please select "All grades for course are satisfactory" using [My UNC Charlotte](#). Please refer to the [midterm grading instructions](#) for more information.

Complete the COACHE Faculty Job Satisfaction Survey

The Division of Academic Affairs encourages you to complete The COACHE Faculty Job Satisfaction Survey, which will remain open until April 12, 2021. An email from *Collaborative on Academic Careers* (coachefaculty@abtsurvey.com) was sent to all eligible participants, which contains the link to access the survey. Recent data from COACHE reveals that many faculty at UNC Charlotte have yet to complete the survey, and that a number of faculty started the survey, but have not completed it. The ADVANCE Faculty Affairs and Diversity Office and individual colleges have offered incentives to faculty, which are linked to participation rates, so please take this opportunity to make your voice heard. Faculty can expect tangible outcomes once the data has been analyzed and strategies that are informed by the data to facilitate faculty success are implemented across the institution.

Community Talk to Discuss Confederate Monuments and the Ongoing Fight for Racial Justice

Join Karen L. Cox in conversation on her book *No Common Ground: Confederate Monuments and the Ongoing Fight for Racial Justice*. The [virtual talk](#) will be held April 22 from 5:30-7 p.m. In partnership with UNC Press, facilitators include Dr. Willie J. Griffin, staff historian at the Levine Museum of the New South, and Emily Gunzburger Makas, associate professor of architectural and urban history in the School of Architecture at UNC Charlotte.

Office of Undergraduate Research Call for Faculty Applications: Paper Chase Pilot

Are you interested in participating in a Paper Chase collaborative writing bootcamp with a team of undergraduate research students? Click [here](#) to learn more and apply.

Sources of Domestic Extremism

Political extremism, violence, and terrorism are on the rise in the United States. What factors are driving this development? What can our government and society do to understand and address these threats? How can government authorities collect and act on intelligence about domestic extremism while still respecting civil liberties? A panel discussion on Wednesday, April 7 at 12:00 p.m. will tackle these questions, with experts on political violence, the role of the media, and public policy. Sponsors are the UNC Charlotte Peace and Conflict Innovations Lab and the Intelligence Community Center of Academic Excellence. Students, faculty, staff, and members of the public are asked to [register](#) for the discussion.

SDS Now Accepting Applications for Seed Grants for Summer 2021

The School of Data Science (SDS) is accepting research proposals for the summer 2021 seed grants for the data science funding cycle. This grant opportunity provides up to \$10,000 per award, resulting in a total of \$50,000 for UNC Charlotte and partnering faculty and researchers. The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support cross-disciplinary research projects within the field of data science. Proposals must be submitted by teams composed primarily of UNC Charlotte researchers. Candidate teams will have at least one principal or co-principal researcher holding an affiliate or core faculty appointment within the School of Data Science. The submission deadline for Summer 2021 is April 20. Proposals must be submitted as one single PDF via email to dzhang15@uncc.edu. For more information, click [here](#).

Ogundiran Receives First Citizens Bank Medal

[Dr. Akin Ogundiran](#), a Chancellor's Professor and professor of Africana Studies, Anthropology and History, is the 2021 recipient of the First Citizens Bank Scholars Medal, UNC Charlotte's most prestigious [faculty award](#), in recognition of excellence in research. He was honored at a special Zoom ceremony March 18. The 2020 recipient of the First Citizen's Award was [Dr. James Walsh](#), Political Science and Public Administration. Read more about this year's award at [Inside UNC Charlotte](#).

University Systems Access

150 Day Grace Period

EHRA part time, full time, summer school and retired faculty can continue to use their NinerNET account for 150 days after their contract end date (typically end of May). This grace period was put into place to help cover the time between semesters so that faculty could continue their work.

What if an Early Cut-Off is Needed?

If an early cut-off is needed, it is the responsibility of the hiring department to notify the Office of OneIT immediately. For example, if a temporary, PT faculty member will not be returning for upcoming terms, it would be appropriate to request an early cut-off since that faculty member does not need to use campus systems. It is up to the hiring department to monitor these situations; administrative assistants might want to keep a list of their faculty or research members with contracts ending and check with the department chair to determine if earlier cut-offs are warranted. A calendar reminder at the end of each term - Fall, Spring, and Summer - might help all parties to actively manage this responsibility.

See [this FAQ](#) for additional information. Contact the IT Service Desk if you have any questions at 704-687-5500 or help@uncc.edu.

In Memoriam: Nickolas Stavrakas

Professor Emeritus Nickolas (Nick) Stavrakas passed away on March 24 at Atrium Health University following the onset of a sudden illness. Nick retired from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte where he taught in the Mathematics department for 43 years, serving as Associate Chair of Mathematics from 1991-1994. Nick also attended UNC Charlotte as an undergrad in the 1960s. Services for Nick will be on Wednesday, March 31, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Charlotte. Visitation will be at the church from 10:00-11:00 am with a Mass of Christian Burial to immediately follow.

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 grade election procedure for Spring 2021, related 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:

Mar-May [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)

Mar-May [Diversity events](#)

Next Week:

Apr 7 [Sources of Domestic Extremism](#)

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.
To have items included in the digest, complete the [NEWS DIGEST REQUEST FORM](#).
Deadline for submission is 11:00 a.m. every Friday.*