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Virtual Screening of Oscar Nominated *Hunger Ward* Documentary

The Office of International Programs invites you to attend an exclusive virtual documentary screening of Oscar nominated *Hunger Ward* focusing on the continuing famine and war in Yemen followed by a conversation between Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Nicholas Kristof and Academy Award nominated filmmaker Skye Fitzgerald. As part of the Office of International Programs and World Affairs Council of Charlotte collaboration, the screening will take place on Tuesday, April 6 at 7:00 pm. [Registration](#) is free.

Guidebook Author, Travel TV Host Offers Insight at Upcoming Distinguished Speaker Series

The Office of International Programs and The World Affairs Council of Charlotte extend a special invitation to the UNC Charlotte community to participate in their Distinguished Speaker Series on April 15, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Guidebook author and travel TV host Rick Steves will offer his insight on traveling in the post-pandemic world and what this means for the exchange of ideas and cultural perspectives globally. Free to UNC Charlotte faculty, staff and students. Register [here](#).

Virtual Panel on Housing Affordability and Regulation with Charlotte's Top Planner

Join Dr. Lori Thomas, Charlotte planning director Taiwo Jaiyeoba, Dr. Tom Mayock, and Dr. Dan Threet of the National Low Income Housing Coalition at 12:00 p.m. on April 20 for a virtual panel about housing affordability, regulation and economic mobility. [Registration](#) is free but required.

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.

Four Win NSF Graduate Research Fellowships

Four students – two from The William States Lee College of Engineering and two from the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences – were awarded the highly competitive and prestigious Graduate Research Fellowship from the National Science Foundation for 2021. The four, Forest Atcheson, Electrical Engineering, Terawit Kongruengkit, Materials Engineering, Anthony Lindsay, Political Science, and Christopher Neff, Electrical Engineering, are among only 2,000 students selected nationwide to receive the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship from more than 16,000 applicants. For more information, please visit the [Graduate School](#).

Panel Discussion on 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.

Scholarship of Assessment Faculty Learning Community Grants

The Office of Assessment and Accreditation announces funding for summer 2022. The [Scholarship of Assessment Faculty Learning Community Grants](#) will focus on Learning Improvement to make intentional changes in the learning environment that lead to improved student achievement. During the summer, participants will establish a working knowledge within one of the chosen tracks, identify an area of student learning to improve, and develop a learning improvement plan to implement during the 2021-2022 academic year. The two tracks are 1) Equity in Assessment and 2) Gradescope Integration. Submissions should be sent to [Christine Robinson](#) by 5 p.m. on April 2, 2021.

J. Murrey Atkins Library News and Events

Faculty Survey Launches April 6

J. Murrey Atkins Library is interested in how faculty currently use the library and how we might improve those interactions in the future. This survey, which launches tomorrow, will help us determine how we can address faculty needs, where we can improve, and what works well. Please watch for an email from your Subject Librarian with the link to the survey.

Diversity in Gaming Panel

Are you part of UNC Charlotte's diverse gaming community or interested in game design and development? Join our panel of industry professionals on Friday, April 9 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. for a discussion on diversifying gameplay and creation:

- Latoya Peterson, Glow Up Games, CXO/Co-Founder
- Tara Mustapha, Code Coven, CEO and Founder
- Eve Crevoshay, Take This, Executive Director
- Mark Barlet, AbleGamers Charity, Founder
- Atia Newman, Rochester Institute of Technology, Associate Professor
- Mark Reisch, Rochester Institute of Technology, Associate Professor

[Registration](#) is required. This project is hosted by Atkins Library and faculty from the College of Arts + Architecture and College of Computing and Informatics and is made possible with a grant from the Chancellor's Diversity Challenge Fund.

COVID-19 Vaccinations: Science, Politics, Mistrust, and Misinformation Panel Discussion

The Atkins Library Digital Media Literacy Group is hosting a panel of speakers focusing on the COVID-19 vaccinations and the science, politics, mistrust, and misinformation surrounding them. The panel discussion will be Wednesday, April 21 at 1:00 p.m. with a 60-minute presentation followed by a 30-minute question and answer session. The panel will include:

- Zinobia Bennefield, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, UNC Charlotte
- Shi Chen, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Health Informatics and Analytics, Department of Public Health Sciences, UNC Charlotte
- Melinda Forthofer, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Public Health Sciences, UNC Charlotte
- Gibbie Harris, MSPH, BSN, Public Health Director, Mecklenburg County
- Kathleen Jordan, DNP, MS, FNP-BC, ENP-C, SANE-P, FAEN, Clinical Associate Professor, School of Nursing, UNC Charlotte
- David Wessner, Ph.D., Professor of Biology, Davidson College

Please [register](#) for the discussion, and the Zoom link will be sent to you prior to the event.

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:

- Apr-Jun** [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)
- Apr-Jun** [Diversity events](#)
- 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.*