



# DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

## WEEKLY NEWS DIGEST

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### Appeal Tool Coming Soon

A team of Enrollment Management and Academic Advising staff have been working together, in conjunction with OneIT, to create a streamlined Appeal Tool to provide students with a user-friendly portal to submit appeals. In May, a small pilot of the new Appeal Tool will be launched for the Financial Aid SAP Appeal process. The Academic Suspension Appeal process is targeted to be launched in the fall. Additional appeal types will be considered to be included in the future. If you have questions, please contact [Katie Ramstack](#).

### J. Murrey Atkins Library News and Events

#### Film Screen with a Dean: Wilmington on Fire

As part of the series, "Film Screen with a Dean," Anne Cooper Moore, dean of Atkins Library, invites you to a virtual panel discussion on Wilmington on Fire, a feature-length documentary directed by Christopher Everett that chronicles The Wilmington Massacre of 1898. Everyone is encouraged to view the film prior to the virtual discussion. Wilmington on Fire is available to screen on [Vimeo](#) at no cost. [Registration](#) is required.

- Wednesday, April 28, 2:00 - 4:00 PM

#### Diversity in Gaming Survey

Help us create our new Diversity in Gaming Collection by playing video games & using controllers! Please give us [your feedback](#) by May 13.

#### Green Delivery Bags

Atkins Library's supply of Express Delivery Bags is running low! If you have any of the library's green canvas bags in your office, please send them back to us as soon as possible via campus mail. We appreciate your help!

### Designing Health: Arts + Architecture, Health and Human Services Colloquium

Join the colleges of Arts + Architecture and Health and Human Services for a one-hour, virtual 3-panel conversation connecting the arts and sciences. Speaker Panel 1: Performing Artists' Health Care Access and Dance as Medicine (Gretchen Alterowitz, associate professor of dance, and Tricia Turner, associate professor of kinesiology); Speaker Panel 2: Social Circus and Health: A Balancing Act (Carlos Cruz, associate professor of physical theatre, and Abbey Fenwick, associate professor of kinesiology); and Speaker Panel 3: Air Quality: Environmental Design Matters (Jefferson Ellinger, associate professor of architecture, Brian Ring, clinical associate professor of kinesiology, and Andrew Harver, professor of public health).

- Thursday, April 29, 12:00 - 1:00 PM, via [Zoom](#) (Meeting ID: 978 3602 5318; Call In: 929-205-6099)

## U.S. Student Fulbright Program Information Session

On Thursday, April 29 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm, the Office of International Programs' Office of Education Abroad will co-host an [interactive Fulbright U.S. Student Program presentation](#) about opportunities for students to pursue graduate or professional study, conduct research, or teach English. The session will kick off with Fulbright representatives outlining the program and application process followed by an exclusive session for UNC Charlotte students with UNC Charlotte's student Fulbright program advisor Brad Sekulich providing details about our campus process. Faculty are encouraged to identify potential student Fulbright candidates and invite them to attend. Interested faculty and staff are welcome to join to learn more about UNC Charlotte's student Fulbright process.

## College of Liberal Arts & Sciences to Honor Faculty for Teaching Excellence

Eight College of Liberal Arts & Sciences faculty will be celebrated for their teaching excellence during a virtual awards event on Thursday, April 29 beginning at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom. At the ceremony, the finalists for the CLAS teaching excellence awards, the Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Full-Time Lecturer, the Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Part-Time Faculty Member, and the Award for the Integration of Undergraduate Teaching and Research, will be recognized. The recipient of each award will be announced at the event. More information and access to the Zoom link can be found [here](#).

## Graduate School Awards Fellowships

The Graduate School recently awarded donor-supported graduate fellowships to 17 UNC Charlotte students, representing a broad cross section of academic programs. Established to support exceptionally talented and committed graduate students, the Graduate School offers a variety of fellowships for program specific research or scholarship. The fellowships are presented annually in the spring with award payments beginning in the upcoming academic year. Read more at the [Graduate School](#).

## 2021 Virtual Faculty Showcase

Join us for this year's [Virtual Faculty Showcase](#) and learn how fellow faculty made improvements to their classes based on their participation in professional development activities at UNC Charlotte. The purpose of this event is to celebrate faculty best practices, especially as it relates to the recent move to online instruction. This year's event is being designed as two asynchronous video series:

- Assessing Student Learning in an Online Class
- Engaging Students in an Online Class

The Showcase is hosted by the [Office of Assessment and Accreditation](#), [Center for Teaching, and Learning](#), [Atkins Library](#), and [Communication Across the Curriculum](#). Attend this virtual event by visiting the Faculty Showcase [webpage](#).

## Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops

Syllabus 101: Roadmap to Success (Asynchronous Workshop; counts towards Essentials of Teaching & Learning Certificate)

- Wednesday April 28 - Friday, April 30 ([Register](#))

Canvas Assignments & Gradebook

- Wednesday, April 28, 2:00 - 3:00 PM ([Register](#))

## Green and Gold Drive Business Around the Globe

In a new commemorative video, Belk College of Business alumni are sharing their pride and celebrating the college's 50th anniversary from locations around the world. [Learn more](#).

## Ventureprise Launch NSF I-Corps Summer 2021 Virtual Cohort Now Accepting Applications

Join 350+ UNC Charlotte faculty and students that have already completed the Ventureprise Launch program. Apply to participate in the Summer 2021 Ventureprise Launch National Science Foundation I-Corps Virtual Cohort to receive up to \$5,000 for your research or business idea. The program provides UNC Charlotte faculty, staff and students with commercialization training and new NSF funding. Applications will close May 20. This virtual cohort with a tiered approach launches June 2. The goal of the program is to identify potential commercial uses for technology and research. The next

stage is a six month \$50,000 NSF I-Corps Teams grant. Applications are currently open and are reviewed as they are submitted. More information and the application form can be found on the [NSF I-Corps webpage](#). For additional questions, contact [Devin Collins](#) or [Laura Smailes](#).

## 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](http://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](#)

**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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