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Early Alert Reporting Continues To Improve

For the third consecutive year, more than 90 percent of faculty teaching lower-division courses participated in the Early Alert Campaign. This places UNC Charlotte among the top universities employing best practices in early alert reporting, analysis and outreach that leads to improvements in student success. This excellent participation will lead to our students receiving the support and tools they need to be successful in their courses.

Personally Speaking Series: Berman Examines Language, Lollipops, and Lying

Children are often seen as small versions of adults, but research shows that children often think differently from adults, and that many of their learned behaviors can be attributed to cultural differences in their homes and communities. Elise Berman, a professor at UNC Charlotte, will examine this idea from a multicultural perspective during her *Personally Speaking* talk about her book, "Talking Like Children: Language and the Production of Age in the Marshall Islands." The virtual talk is offered to communities everywhere, and will especially appeal to people interested in children, language, Pacific Island culture, and American colonialism. In this *Personally Speaking* series talk, offered by the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences with Atkins Library and The Dubois Center at UNC Charlotte Center City, Berman will present her findings on Tuesday, October 26 at 7 p.m. Each event in the series stimulates conversation between the community and UNC Charlotte researchers about topics that are both interesting and relevant. The event includes a question and answer period, giving attendees a chance to talk with the researcher. Attendees must [register](#) to obtain the link for the event.

Holliday-Millard Begins New Role as Director of Enrollment Communications

Jordan Holliday-Millard has accepted a new role as Director of Enrollment Communications in Enrollment Management where he will lead a cohesive communication and marketing strategy for the seven departments in the unit (Admissions, Niner Central, Financial Aid, Registrar, OASES, Scholarship Office, and Enrollment Communications). He previously served more than six years in New Student & Family Services where he played a critical role in shaping the onboarding and transition experience and directing the communication strategy for new students and families.

Designing Effective Online Courses Workshop

Over 3,000 of your colleagues from all 17 UNC institutions have completed the Designing Effective Online Courses (DEOC) Workshop. There are two- and four-week pacing options for the workshop in order to provide flexibility for individual schedules. Individuals who complete the entire workshop will receive a certificate of completion. For those interested in only certain topics covered in the workshop, it is permissible to participate only in those sections. The fall 2021 workshop will start on October 25, 2021. For questions, contact [Jim Ptaszynski](#). [Register for the fall workshop](#).

De/Anti-Colonizing Research for Diversity and Inclusion

In colleges committed to issues of diversity and equity, diverse approaches to research, especially those taken up by researchers deploying de/anti-colonial methodologies, should be honored. This [symposium](#) will educate administrative leaders, students, and research faculty on the historical legacies and the emancipatory nature of de/anti-colonizing research, as well as the barriers within the academy faced by those who take up such agendas. [Register for the event.](#)

Call for Faculty Projects: Paper Chase Program

A Collaborative Writing Model for Disseminating Research Rapidly

Are you a faculty member looking to increase your research publication productivity? Do you have research data waiting to be published? Are you willing to mentor UNC Charlotte students on their research and writing skills? The Paper Chase program, sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Research, is intended to train students and faculty on an effective method to communicate research results. Visit the [Office of Undergraduate website](#) for more information.

J. Murrey Atkins Library News and Events

Atkins Celebrates Open Access Week

Celebrate Open Access Week with Atkins Library October 25-31. Now entering its tenth year, Open Access Week is a global event that explores how open scholarship benefits the academic and research community. To celebrate, we're highlighting [resources](#) we have to help the UNC Charlotte community publish open access

Panel Discussion: Who Can You Trust? How Online Media Manipulates Our Thoughts and Behavior

Join media literacy experts for a [virtual conversation](#) about how media can influence us through misinformation and what we can do about it. The conversation is centered around the film [Trust Me](#), a documentary that explores manipulation and misinformation at the intersection of human nature and information technology. This event is sponsored by the Digital Media Literacy Group at UNC Charlotte and by Appalachian State University.

- Tuesday, October 26, 1:00 PM ([Register](#))

Wonderland Poetry Reading and Tea Party

Atkins Library and the English Learning Community invite you to enjoy tea, treats, and poetry with the characters from Alice in Wonderland to celebrate the 150th anniversary of *Through the Looking-Glass* and *What Alice Found There*. We welcome you to share your favorite Lewis Carroll poem, your own original poem, or another treasured work of verse and follow us down the rabbit hole for an afternoon of whimsy and fun.

- Thursday, October 28, 3:30 - 6:30 PM, Halton Reading Room, Atkins Library ([Event Information](#))

Atkins Celebrates a Caldecott Winner

Atkins library invites the campus and community to a talk, an art workshop, and an exhibit focused on the life and artistry of Gail E. Haley, who won the Caldecott Medal in 1971 for her children's book, *A Story A Story*.

About the exhibit and events

- An exhibit on the ground floor of Atkins Library will display materials from the library's [Gail Haley collection](#), featuring artwork from *A Story, A Story*: October 15-November 29.
- A linoleum-cutting workshop in the Makerspace of the library's Area 49: November 3, 1-3 pm. Participation is limited, so please [register](#).
- A virtual discussion with Gail Haley and Professor of English Mark West: November 8, 4-5:30 pm. [Register](#).

Lunch & Learn: Celebrate the Insulin Centennial

The discovery of insulin in 1921 was a significant breakthrough for patients with insulin-dependent diabetes. Since that time, new technologies have greatly improved the quality of life for millions of people. Join a [Lunch & Learn](#) on November 9, 12:00-1:00 p.m., either virtually or in the Atkins Library Halton Room. Dr. Tonya Anderson will present about advances in this field of medicine.

Atkins Joins UCOL's Common Reading Experience

The Atkins Library Book Club will join this year's university Common Reading Experience selection of [The 57 Bus](#). Join the [online book club discussion](#) of this nonfiction book for teens about race, class, gender, crime, and punishment as it tells the true story of an agender teen who was set on fire by another teen while riding a bus in Oakland, California.

- Tuesday, November 16, 3:00 - 4:00 PM ([Register](#))

Charlotte Race and Social Equity 2021 Fall Forum

Houseless Close to Home: Stories From Our Own Backyard

This forum will address racial and social equity issues as it relates to being unhoused. Attendees will hear directly from an alum who experienced being houseless as a student. A panel discussion will feature local leaders who will share innovative strategies to eliminate the number of people being unhoused. The [UNC Charlotte Race and Social Equity Fall Forum](#) is sponsored by Atkins Library and the Race and Social Equity Academy in UNC Charlotte's School of Social Work.

- Wednesday, November 17, 12:00 - 1:30 PM ([Register](#))

Upcoming Award Deadlines

Harshini V. de Silva Graduate Mentor Award	November 5, 2021
First Citizens Bank Scholars Medal	November 12, 2021
Bank of America Award for Teaching Excellence	November 18, 2021
UNC Charlotte Award for Teaching Excellence	November 18, 2021
Bonnie E. Cone Early-Career Professorship in Teaching	December 10, 2021
Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching	December 10, 2021
Thomas L. Reynolds Leadership Award	January 28, 2022

Announcing the Third Gambrell Faculty Fellows Cohort

[See the projects selected for the new Gambrell Faculty Fellows cohort.](#) Researchers are studying four key challenges or opportunities facing Charlotte and our broader region, including the racial wealth gap, housing instability, the digital divide and transportation access. The Gambrell Faculty Fellows program grew out of the 2018 Charlotte Opportunity Insights Partnership, also funded by The Gambrell Foundation. The Fellows program incorporates and builds local research capacity to address issues related to economic mobility in Charlotte, facilitate research on economic mobility and give our community access to that work.

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops

Humanizing Your Online Course: Strategies to Promote Learner Interaction in Online Courses

This session will share research-based strategies for creating socially interactive learning in online environments. Strategies include team-based projects, collaborative work, discussion formats, and peer reviews to enhance learner-learner interaction.

- Tuesday, October 26, 10:00 - 11:00 AM ([Register](#))

Instructional Video Part 2: Creating Videos in Canvas, October 27, 9-10 a.m. Learn how to use Kaltura CaptureSpace to add powerful media tools to Canvas, and combine the best features of video sharing, webcam recording, screen recording, and more. Creating and sharing multimedia learning content is easier than ever using these intuitive tools!

- Wednesday, October 27, 9:00 - 10:00 AM ([Register](#))

Supporting International Student Success

This workshop will explore the unique perspectives, expectations, and roles of the professor-international student relationship. Topics such as class participation, verbal/non-verbal communication, anxiety triggers, and academic integrity will be covered. With increased understanding, faculty can be better advocates for their students, therefore supporting their success both in and out of the classroom. [Supporting International Student Success Teaching Guide](#)

- Friday, October 29, 10:30 AM ([Register](#))

Earn a Teaching Certificate!

CTL now offers two certificates for faculty, graduate students, and academic support staff. The certificates provide a clear learning path to gain knowledge and skills in key pedagogical areas. They also provide a useful way for faculty to document their professional development in teaching.

[Essentials of Teaching and Learning](#): This workshop series provides a foundation in evidence-based high impact teaching practices.

[Essentials of Learning Technologies](#): This workshop series provides a foundation in essential contemporary learning technologies available at UNC Charlotte.

Faculty Council News

Please visit the Faculty Governance website for the latest news from the Faculty Council including:

- [Meeting Schedules](#)
- [Agendas/Minutes](#)
- [Latest News](#)

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

Upcoming Events

This Week:

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

Oct-Dec [Diversity events](#)

Upcoming: provost.charlotte.edu/division-news/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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.