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**Faculty Forum for Associate Professors**

The ADVANCE Faculty Affairs and Diversity Office invites you to attend the Virtual 2022 Faculty Forum on Thursday, March 10, 3:00–5:00 p.m. ([Zoom link](#)). The goal of the forum is to provide transparency and clarity around policies and practices for promotion to full professor. It is clear that an understanding of policies and practices for promotion to full is very important, not only for Associate Professors, but also for Unit/Department and College Review Committee Members, and Full Professors as they vote for promotion based on these policies and practices. With this in mind, we strongly encourage all Associate Professors, Full Professors, and all Members of the DRC/URC and CRC to attend. Having members of review committees present at the forum ensures that all involved in the review process for promotion to full have a common understanding of expectations around the process. We have convened a panel consisting of Joan Lorden, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and the deans (or an associate dean) of all colleges. The format is an interactive discussion, such that after each panel member has had an opportunity to talk about their expectations for promotion to full, the floor will be open for questions from participants. Please [RSVP using this form](#).

**J. Murrey Atkins Library News and Workshops****Mobile Hotspot Lending Program**

Atkins Library now has Verizon mobile hotspot devices to loan to students. The library was awarded two grants to purchase hotspots to help level the academic playing field for many students, particularly for those for whom internet connectivity is a barrier. Please share this information with any UNC Charlotte student who:

- cannot afford to cover internet service costs on their own,
- does not have broadband internet access in their homes due to where they are geographically located, or
- requires additional options due to internet traffic congestion either in the home or neighborhood driving down connectivity speeds.

Students can borrow a mobile hotspot from the first-floor Information and Research Desk. The loan period is seven days with the option to renew two times.

**Area 49 Training and Workshops**

Have you discovered Area49 yet? Sign up to learn how to use a 3D printer or Carvey CNC router, get certified to use the VisLab, or get trained to use a laser cutter.

[VisLab Full Orientation](#)

- Tuesday, March 1, 1:30 - 2:30 PM
- Monday, March 14, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

[3D Modeling Workshop](#)

- Tuesday, March 1, 2:30 - 3:30 PM
- Monday, March 14, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

### [Laser Cutter Training](#)

- Monday, February 28, 3:00 - 4:00 PM
- Thursday, March 17, 2:00 - 3:00 PM

### [Carvey CNC Router Training](#)

- Monday, February 28, 1:00 - 1:45 PM
- Thursday, March 17, 3:00 - 3:45 PM

### [3D Printer Training](#)

- Monday, February 28, 12:00 - 1:00 PM
- Thursday, March 17, 1:00 - 2:00 PM

## Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops & Certificates

### Teaching Large Classes

#### Intensify Your Large Class: Large Class Activity Mapping

This guided workshop will cover the following topics about managing activities in large classes: - Collaboration - Critical Thinking - Creation Attendees will work in groups, guided by a facilitator and subject-matter-expert, to plan how to best create activities for their large class. Flexible attendance option: attend in-person or online!

- Tuesday, March 1, 1:00 - 2:30 PM ([Register](#))

### Learning Technologies

#### Migrating to New Canvas Quizzing

Do you have quizzes already built in Canvas? Learn how to migrate them to the New Canvas Quizzing tool! New Canvas Quizzing will become the default quizzing tool in Fall 2022.

- Thursday, March 3, 1:30 - 2:30 PM ([Register](#))

### Earn a Teaching Certificate & Digital Badge

The 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 and doctoral students to document their professional development in teaching. Upon completion of the certificate, a digital badge will be issued by the School of Professional Studies.

- [Essentials of Teaching and Learning](#): This workshop series provides a foundation in evidence-based high impact teaching practices.
- [Essentials of Learning Technologies](#) (new!): This workshop series provides a foundation in essential contemporary learning technologies available at UNC Charlotte.

## Last Call for Undergraduate Research Conference Abstract Submissions

There is one more week left to submit abstracts to the Undergraduate Research Conference 2022! Please encourage your students to submit their research to the virtual URC 2022. The URC 2022 registration form is now open and will close at 5pm on Friday, March 4. Please have your students visit the [URC website](#) for more information and to register.

## Call for Nominations: Upcoming International Women's Day Celebration

The Office of International Programs (OIP) is pleased to invite the campus community to join in its annual celebration of International Women's Day (IWD). IWD is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks an inclusive call to action for accelerating gender parity. OIP recognizes that our campus community is filled with local and diverse women who embody the richness of internationalism and we are proud to recognize these individuals for their contributions to UNC Charlotte, the Charlotte community, and the world. The IWD in-person celebration will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 3:30-5:00 p.m. The celebration includes recognition

of campus women who demonstrate an interest in gender equity through their studies, work, activism, etc. while also working in or advocating for international collaboration and understanding. We invite you to nominate deserving candidates. For more information and nomination instructions, visit the [IWD website](#). The nomination deadline is March 4.

## Marian Beane Crossing Borders Writing Competition Opens

Each spring, the Office of International Programs (OIP) sponsors the Marian Beane Crossing Borders Writing Competition, an internationally themed annual writing contest for UNC Charlotte students. The competition is named in honor of a long-serving OIP staff member and staunch advocate for the UNC Charlotte international community. Please encourage students to submit entries by the submission deadline of March 21. The theme of the competition is "Different culture. Different me. How has your international experience affected your perspective of the world?" The competition is open to both graduate, undergraduate and ELTI students and carries monetary awards for top submissions. For more information, see the [Marian Beane Crossing Borders website](#).

## Society for French Historical Studies Conference in Charlotte

The Society for French Historical Studies, the main professional association of scholars of the Francophone world, is holding its annual meeting in Charlotte, co-sponsored by UNC Charlotte and Davidson College, March 24-26, at the Marriott City Center, 100 W Trade St, Charlotte, NC 28202. This year's theme is "Identity, Inclusion, and Exclusion in the Francophone World ." For more information, including a detailed program, see the [conference website](#). Note especially the following special events, which will all occur on the third floor of the hotel:

- Thursday, March 24, 7:00 - 10:00 PM - Screening and discussion of the documentary film *Furcy: Le procès de la liberté / Furcy: Fighting for Freedom*, with historical consultant Sue Peabody and filmmaker Pierre Lane.
- Saturday, March 26, 4:00 - 5:45 PM - Roundtable on "Identity, Inclusion and Exclusion in French Language Teaching," featuring a number of local secondary, community college, and college teachers of French.
- Saturday, March 26, 6:00 - 7:15 PM - Keynote lecture, "French but not (Q)White?: Expanding Frenchness for the 21st Century," by Dr. Mame-Fatou Niang of Carnegie Mellon University.

Local community members may register via the website at a special discount rate of \$10. (Local students may attend free of charge.) In accordance with Society policy, it is expected that all attendees will be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and wear masks covering their nose and mouth at all events in the hotel. Any questions may be directed to the current co-presidents of the Society, [Dr. Christine Haynes](#) (UNC Charlotte) or [Dr. Patricia Tilburg](#) (Davidson College).

## Charlotte Kids Fest 2022

The Charlotte Kids Fest will be held on the UNC Charlotte campus Saturday, April 23 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. This is a free outdoor festival that encourages kids ages 4-10 to LEARN! DISCOVER! CREATE! GO! DANCE! and PLAY! In six festival zones, participating groups engage kids through hands-on activities that not only stimulate their minds but let them have fun while doing so. The festival is the only one of its kind and scale in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg region and offers a wide variety of fun and educational activities to help children explore the world around them. Many UNC Charlotte groups have participated in the past including the School of Nursing, Kinesiology, UREC, Computer Sciences, 49er Rocketry, Anthropology, Math and Statistics Department, and the School of Architecture just to list a few. [Register your group to participate](#).

## 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](#).

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