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Stamper Selected to Lead Charlotte's New Online Undergraduate Degree

Brandy Stamper will serve as the inaugural program director for a new innovative online program in the School of Professional Studies. The online degree-completion program is designed for working professionals who need a bachelor's degree to complement their skill-sets and propel them upward on the career ladder. [Learn more.](#)

UNC System Request for Proposals

For more information on the 2022-2023 Undergraduate Research Request for Proposals, please visit the [Office of Undergraduate Research webpage.](#)

Fulbright U.S. Scholars Virtual Info Session

The Institute for International Education, responsible for administering the Fulbright awards, has made North Carolina a state of focus for 2022. The Fulbright Scholar Program and the [Office of International Programs](#) will host a joint [virtual information session](#) on March 15 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. to discuss the 2023-2024 Fulbright U.S. Scholar competition, which has an application submission deadline of September 15, 2022. During this presentation, a Fulbright representative and UNC Charlotte's Fulbright scholar liaison Joël Gallegos will explain the Fulbright Scholar award catalog (with over 400 awards for scholars), where a Fulbright award can take you, and how to craft a successful application.

Forty-Niner Forum to Feature U.S. Olympian

Olympic gold medalist Laurie Hernandez will address body image, competition and being yourself in the [Forty-Niner Forum speaker series](#) on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 340 of the Popp Martin Student Union. The event is sponsored by Leadership & Community Engagement. Hernandez became the second U.S.-born Latina to be on the U.S. women's Olympics gymnastics team. At the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio, Hernandez won silver in the individual balance beam competition and helped her team take the gold in the all-around competition.

WGRA Discussion on Economic Empowerment of Women in Charlotte Area

Join the Women + Girls Research Alliance for an in-depth discussion on the economic empowerment of women in the Charlotte area. This event will be held on Zoom on March 16 from 12:00-1:00 p.m.. The "Pathways to Economic Empowerment: Entrepreneurship Event" is part of their Research and Practice Discussion Series. [Register today.](#)

North Carolina Economic Forecast

North Carolina's economy continues to bounce back, but considerable uncertainties remain, including COVID surprises, Federal Reserve tightening and the economic fallout from the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Belk College of Business Professor of Financial Economics John Connaughton will help explain the latest numbers as he releases the "First Quarter North Carolina Economic Forecast Report" with a virtual presentation and Q&A at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16. [Register now.](#)

Spring Part-Time Job Fair

The University Career Center will host the [Spring 2022 Part-time Job Fair](#). We are excited about the new year and new opportunities for our employers and students. The event provides organizations with an excellent opportunity to recruit candidates for positions that don't require a college degree: part-time, temporary/seasonal, full-time non-degreed jobs, and some internships. This live event will be held at the Popp Martin Student Union on Thursday, March 17 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd floor. The Part-time Job Fair is open to all majors and all class levels. Employers are offering 3,000+ job opportunities, with pay up to \$22.00 per hour. Students can participate between classes.

Admitted Student Day

Undergraduate Admissions will host another Admitted Student Day on Friday, March 18. The on-campus event is for admitted first-year students and their guests to learn more about why they should choose Charlotte as their home!

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops

Essentials of Teaching and Learning

Competency Integration into the Course

Discover and learn how to integrate the career competencies students are gaining in the classroom as they relate to purposeful work. This session will provide training and discussion on the levels of integration: messaging & design; assignment strategy; thought & discourse; and career pathways. Resources and support continue throughout the semester and participating faculty will be eligible for grant funding for career related activities and professional development after successful completion of both the program and first full semester of implementation. Led by Patrick Madsen (University Career Center).

- Tuesday, March 15, 12:00 - 1:00 PM, Kennedy 221 ([Register](#))

Viewpoint Diversity & Civil Discourse in the Classroom Workshop

College is designed to teach students how to think - not what to think. An inclusive classroom must provide opportunities for students to form and express diverse viewpoints while respecting differing viewpoints of others. This workshop counts towards the [Essentials of Teaching and Learning Certificate](#).

- Wednesday, March 16, 2:00 - 3:00 PM ([Register](#))

Leveraging Technology: Facilitating Active Learning in a Flexible Pandemic-impacted Classroom

Learn how to integrate existing technology into active learning pedagogy that transitions between online and in-person learning. See examples from large and small classes across different disciplines and hear what has worked in different learning environments. Led by Colleen Hammelman (Geography and Earth Sciences), Erika Weber (Civil and Environmental Engineering), and Aly Amdei (Theatre).

- Thursday, March 17, 1:00 - 2:00 PM ([Register](#))

What We Carry Carries Over to the Classroom

This webinar provides a unique space for faculty to have an informal, unscripted, unrecorded, and candid discussion of how external stressors impact active learning. These stressors have become internalized by faculty and, consequently, impacted faculty capacity to facilitate active learning as they did prior to a (still ongoing) pandemic. Led by Susana Cisneros (Languages and Culture Studies), Julie Cook (Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies), and Brittany Johnson (Biological Sciences).

- Monday, March 21, 1:00 - 2:00 PM ([Register](#))

Learning Technologies

Getting Started with New Canvas Quizzing

This workshop is for anyone new to quizzing in Canvas or creating new quizzes from scratch.

- Tuesday, March 15, 10:30 -11:30 AM ([Register](#))

Teaching with Poll Everywhere

Encourage student engagement in online, blended, and face-to-face instruction through a variety of activity types that let you visualize student feedback in real time, like open-ended Q&As, multiple choice, and word clouds.

- Tuesday, March 15, 2:00 - 3:00 PM ([Register](#))

Honors and Awards Applications are Open

The Dean of Students Office is seeking nominations for the following awards: Bonnie Cone Leadership Award, Noble Niner Award, Chuck Lynch Award and the Chancellor's Citations for Leadership and Service. These honors recognize students who have made significant contributions to UNC Charlotte during their undergraduate careers and are given annually to graduating seniors who have shown outstanding qualities of scholarship and leadership. Nominations also are being accepted for the Derrick Griffith Servant Leader Award, which provides recognition to a first-generation college junior or senior student who has demonstrated leadership through on- or off-campus service to others, involvement in student organizations/activities and a commitment to mentorship. [Applications close Sunday, March 20.](#)

Graduating Niners Can Apply for Bell Ringers

The Dean of Students Office is conducting a search for Spring/May 2022 Student Bell Ringers. This role is a prestigious honor for the selected individuals. The Bell Ringer performs the longstanding tradition of ringing the Charlotte "victory bell," which was gifted to Ms. Bonnie Cone in 1961 when Charlotte College moved from its old site at Central High School to the current UNC Charlotte location. The Bell Ringer qualifications are for those who encompass an outstanding student leader who has demonstrated exemplary 49er spirit within organizations, volunteerism and/or service to others. Online applications are open through Sunday, March 20. [Learn more.](#)

J. Murrey Atkins Library Events

Strategies for Holistic Healing: Mental Health and Diverse Communities during COVID-19

The forum will address racial and social equity issues as it relates to mental health and diverse communities and the increasing disparities resulting from COVID-19. Additionally, attendees will learn practical strategies for holistically healing themselves and diverse communities. [Information and Registration](#)

- Wednesday, March 23, 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Odyssey for Democracy: from Charlotte to Bosnia and Herzegovina

Join Atkins Library for a panel discussion featuring Mirsad Hadžikadić, professor in the Department of Software and Information Systems at UNC Charlotte, who is running for the Bosniak presidential council seat in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2022. Hadžikadić will be joined by journalist Clark Curtis, whose book, *The Odyssey for Democracy: Embracing the Vision of Hope and Change in Bosnia and Herzegovina*, covered Hadžikadić's previous run for presidency in 2018 and was recently published by Atkins Library. John Cox, Associate Professor of History and Global Studies at UNC Charlotte, will moderate the discussion. [Information and Registration](#)

- Wednesday, April 6, 1:00 - 2:00 PM, Hybrid event: Halton Reading Room and Zoom

Atkins Out Loud: African-Brazilian Master Dance Teachers

Several master dance teachers from Brazil will be in Charlotte for the African-Brazilian Festival and will give a presentation in Atkins Library.

- Thursday, April 7, 1:00 - 2:00 PM, Halton Reading Room

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).

Personally Speaking: The Strategic Geology of the Civil War

In the next Personally Speaking series talk, UNC Charlotte expert Scott Hippensteel will give new meaning to the phrase "American soil," revealing how geological traits have influenced domestic military successes and failures throughout history into today. [Read More](#)

- Tuesday, March 29, 6:00 PM, The Dubois Center

AAUP Meeting Schedule

The UNC Charlotte chapter of the American Association of University Professors invites all faculty and staff to join the first Wednesday of the month to discuss how we can address adjunct conditions, racism, sexual harassment issues on campus, and other issues. The next AAUP meeting will be Wednesday April 6, 6:00 p.m. via [Zoom](#). [More info](#).

Charlotte Kids Fest 2022

Registrations are being accepted for college departments or student groups to participate in Charlotte Kids Fest, which will be held on the UNC Charlotte campus Saturday, April 23 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. This free outdoor festival 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. UNC Charlotte groups that have participated in the past include the School of Nursing, Kinesiology, UREC, Computer Sciences, 49er Rocketry, Anthropology, Math and Statistics Department, and the School of Architecture and others. [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

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