‘War and Peace Imagined’ spring 2017 events

UNCG’s War & Peace Imagined event series continues this semester with a variety of lectures, performances and discussions that explore the themes of war and peace over the past century.

Listed below are featured events for the remainder of the yearlong series. All events are open to the public, and many offer free admission.

To learn more and to view the full schedule of events, download the UNCG Guides app or visit warandpeace.uncg.edu.

Feb. 16: Illusions of Peace, Realities of War

UNCG emeritus professor Ron Cassell will give a lecture exploring the pivotal year of 1917. The talk will take place at 4 p.m. in the Moore Humanities Research Administration (MHRA) Building (Room TBA).

Feb. 16-26: “Antigone”

The UNCG School of Theatre will present Sophocles’ “Antigone,” a classic Greek tragedy that encompasses the themes of war and peace. The show opens Feb. 16 and runs through Feb. 26 at Taylor Theatre on campus. Visit theatre.uncg.edu to learn more and purchase tickets.

Feb. 20: Honor Under Pressure – Reflections of a Former POW in North Vietnam

Retired Navy Commander Porter Halyburton, whose inspiring story of war and friendship was told in the book “Two Souls Indivisible,” will visit UNCG to share his experience as a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War. The event will take place at 4 p.m. in the Elliott University Center (EUC) Auditorium.

Feb. 24: Giuseppe Verdi – “Requiem”

This special performance, featuring four UNCG alumni as vocal soloists, will combine the powerful music of Verdi’s monumental “Requiem” with real-time digital artwork created by UNCG School of Art Director Chris Cassidy. The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. in UNCG Auditorium.

Feb. 26: For the End of Time – Holocaust Memorial Concert

A quartet including UNCG faculty member Kelly Burke and Greensboro Symphony maestro Dmitry Sitkovetsky will present a program in commemoration of the Holocaust and the power of music during troubled times. The concert will take place at 3:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall in the UNCG Music Building.

Feb. 26: Prayer, Protest, Peace – Jazz and the Civil Rights Movement
UNCG Jazz Ensembles I and II will present music related to the struggle for civil rights in the United States. This evening performance begins at 7:30 in the Recital Hall in the UNCG Music Building. Tickets can be purchased at music.uncg.edu.

March 7: Tikvah

Written by Burton Beerman, Tikvah is a multimedia oratorio based on the memoir of Holocaust survivor and Torah scholar Philip Markowicz. The piece includes UNCG professor Welborn Young and the UNCG Chamber Singers collaborating with the Red Clay Saxophone Quartet. Join the School of Music for this special performance at 7:30 p.m. in UNCG Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at music.uncg.edu.

March 22: Lecture by Chris Abani

Drawing on his life and work in Nigeria, London and the United States, award-winning poet and novelist Chris Abani will discuss how literature and the arts connect us globally in unexpected ways. The lecture will take place at 6 p.m. in Cone Ballroom, EUC.

April 21 and 22: “Comanche”

Part of Spring Dances, this live dance work documents and explores the history of Coast Guardsman Charles W. David Jr. Performances will be at 8 p.m. on April 21 and at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on April 22. All performances will take place at the Dance Theater in the Coleman Building. Tickets can be purchased at dance.uncg.edu.

By Alyssa Bedrosian

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**Healthy Relationships Initiative launches with kick-off community events**

UNCG and Phillips Foundation have officially launched the Guilford County Healthy Relationships Initiative (HRI), an original program to promote happy, healthy and safe relationships and improve quality of life across Guilford County.

At a launch event held at UNCG’s new Leonard J. Kaplan Center for Wellness, the HRI team unveiled the program’s three-pronged public health approach focused on community mobilization, social marketing and educational programming.

In addition, HRI introduced a month-long series of kick-off events, including a community date night, educational workshops and a family fun day at local YMCA branches.

“Traditionally, relational health has been viewed as a private matter, and as a result, individuals haven’t had access to the support and resources they need to form and foster positive relationships,” said Dr. Christine Murray, director of HRI and associate professor in UNCG’s Department of Counseling and Educational Development. “HRI is changing the conversation so that relationships are seen as an important public health issue. Our goal is to be a go-to community resource for individuals, couples and families across the county.”

HRI is guided by a steering committee that represents 21 community organizations. These partnerships will allow the initiative to reach a broad audience and host engaging programs and events, most of which will be offered free to the public.

In addition to public programming, HRI offers free, online toolkits, as well as training for Guilford County professionals.
“Unhealthy relationships, particularly within families, threaten the stability of our society’s foundation,” said Elizabeth Phillips, executive director of Phillips Foundation. “With the integration of the HRI’s programming and ‘upstream’ interventions into the service platforms of our partner organizations, we plan to democratize best practices and resources from the clinic environment to the broader community. Phillips Foundation is excited to help launch this initiative to enhance a positive culture across Guilford County that values healthy relationships, ultimately preventing trauma and dysfunction in the home.”

While the initial implementation plan focuses on the next four years, the long-term goal is to create a lasting, sustainable initiative that can serve as a resource for Guilford County residents and a model for communities across the United States.

To learn more about HRI and upcoming events, visit guilfordhri.org.

Visual: Christine Murray, at event. By Martin W. Kane.

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**UNCG reduces energy and water consumption**

UNCG is growing. An expanding student body and more building space naturally cause an increase in the use of natural gas, electricity and water, according to UNCG energy analyst Nihal Al Raees. There’s also the weather—harsher winters and summers make it more energy intensive to control the indoor climate.

But a strategic energy plan is at work, to ensure that the university’s total energy and water consumption not only meet but surpass state-mandated reductions. The UNCG Facilities Energy Conservation Team has been evaluating and implementing technologies and strategies to reduce fossil fuel consumption wherever possible, reducing the Energy Use Intensity number, which is the energy per square foot, per year. This year’s energy use goal is to reduce the campus EUI by one percent.

According to UNCG’s Strategic Energy Plan report for 2015-16, through the implementation of the UNC system’s first performance contract, installation of several new technologies, improvements to the steam and chilled water infrastructures, and education and outreach efforts, energy and water consumption have decreased significantly at UNCG since 2003. In 2015-16, the Energy Use Intensity number was the lowest ever recorded at UNCG and water consumption had been reduced dramatically, far surpassing the 20 percent water-saving goal established by the state.

Moving toward sustainable energy resources is a future goal, with a plan for UNCG to become a model of campus energy use. Implementation of the UNCG Climate Action Plan to reduce energy consumption and eliminate greenhouse gas emissions began in the fall of 2013. These and all other efforts keep UNCG moving toward the 2050 carbon neutrality directive of The University of North Carolina Policy of Sustainability, in which all North Carolina system branches are committed to becoming carbon neutral as soon as practical and by 2050 at the latest.

How can you help?

Students, faculty and staff are requested to help conserve energy at UNCG, with small actions that can have big results. These actions can be as simple as turning off any electronics and lights when they are not in use, using CFL or LED light bulbs and using natural light whenever possible. Setting computers to hibernate when they’re not in use, shutting them down before leaving for the day, and not leaving them plugged in overnight, can make a big difference in how much energy each computer uses. Together, Spartans can make a difference in reducing energy costs and the university’s impact on the environment.

The Energy Conservation Pledge is available online for those who will promise to take small steps to reduce unnecessary energy use. Sign
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the energy conservation pledge [here](#).

See tips on saving energy [here](#) and try these steps immediately:
- Turn off lights when leaving any unoccupied room.
- Unplug electronics when not in use, or use a smart power strip.
- Put computer on “sleep” or “hibernate” when not in use for short periods, and shut them down when they are not going to be used for more than two hours.
- Take the stairs instead of an elevator whenever possible.
- Do not open windows during cold weather and report uncomfortable temperatures to Facilities Operations by phone at 334-3456 or workrequest@uncg.edu
- If working in a lab, lower the sash on the fume hood when not in use.

Information and some copy drawn from UNCG’s Strategic Energy Plan report for 2015-16, with the assistance of UNCG energy analyst Nihal Al Raees.

By Susan Kirby-Smith

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Chancellor’s musings: Finding a way forward in turbulent times

Chancellor Gilliam, at the start of his Q&A session with Faculty Senate last week, addressed a potential, positive approach in these times. His thoughts were repeated (in a lengthier way) in an email to faculty, staff and students later last week, in one of his occasional “Chancellor’s musings” messages, reprinted here:

“When I Find Myself in Times of Trouble”

Or,

“What Should I Do Now?”

I’ve struggled the last few months to write something that is meaningful and thoughtful; something that sheds light on a way forward in these most turbulent of times. It’s been difficult because I don’t want to succumb to rhetoric and intemperate language—that does nothing more than add fuel to the fire. And I don’t want to impugn the integrity of anyone who truthfully believes that his or her perspective is valid and without malice, whether on the political left or right.

So where does this leave me?

Two recent and interrelated stories have provided me some clarity. The first story concerns the reported shortages of food at the Greensboro Urban Ministry’s Food Pantry. As has been reported in the media, the demand for food in the latter part of 2016 left Urban Ministry with a desperately low inventory of food items to distribute to individuals and families in need. While it appears that charitable contributions from generous members of our community have staved off immediate shortfalls, leaders at Urban Ministry are understandably worried about the days ahead.

The second story is about the Healthy Relationships Initiative (HRI) spearheaded by Associate Professor Christine Murray of the Department of Counseling and Educational Development in the School of Education and Elizabeth Phillips, Executive Director of the Phillips Foundation. This project focuses on the role that healthy relationships play in contributing to broader community-wide health. Put differently, this work lifts up the idea that one way to prevent community corrosion associated with domestic violence, drug abuse, and the neglect and abuse of children is to engage preventative strategies that target the interactions that form the foundation of our day-to-day experience. The HRI framework calls attention to interventions designed to build healthy relationships. The theory is that one critical marker of a healthy community is a significant number of healthy and vibrant interpersonal relationships, particularly at the family level.
An exciting feature of this work is that it brings together representatives from the academic community, the philanthropic community, and the governmental, non-profit, and private sectors. Of course the cynic will observe that it is remarkable that these disparate interests can collaborate at all. I’d rather stipulate that this network is the contemporary antidote to today’s complex and interrelated problems. Not only is it desirable, it is necessary.

Now – what does this have to do with finding a way forward in the current climate?

It is this. We should pay attention to and work on the problems that are right in front of us.

We have many problems right here in Guilford County. People are hungry. Children are abandoned. Families are in distress. I was stunned to learn, for example, that the Guilford County Family Justice Center, which works on domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse issues, has helped over 8,300 individuals and families since its inception a year and a half ago. I was shocked when I heard this data reported by Catherine Johnson, the new Executive Director of the Center and a UNCG alum.

Now, I’m not arguing that we should ignore the daunting issues that face the nation. Nor am I suggesting that we can’t or shouldn’t have strong emotions about issues currently on the public agenda. We absolutely should. There are times when conditions are such that they present complex challenges to our individual and institutional core values. When they do, we must take the time and invest the energy to understand how to move forward and when it is necessary to take a stand. This is what this university has always done and will continue to do.

What I’m suggesting, however, is that we not allow the noise on the political and social landscape to paralyze us or derail efforts to make a difference, discourage individuals from doing things that can help their communities, or dissuade people from believing they can have a positive and meaningful impact even in an environment where it seems that the challenges we face can be overwhelming.

Let’s focus our energy on transforming our community and making it a more vibrant place to live. A safer and more welcoming place to live. Let’s help our neighbors, be kind to strangers, and love each other a little bit more.

###

Save your students money with Open Education Mini-Grants

Are you interested in bringing down the cost of textbooks for your students? The high cost of commercial textbooks (print and electronic) is a major concern for both students and their parents.

A new program at UNCG encourages you to do something about that concern. The Office of the Provost and the University Libraries are joining together to support UNCG’s Open Education “Mini-Grants” initiative to encourage instructors to use low-cost or free alternatives to expensive course materials; these can include open-access scholarly resources, library-licensed and owned resources and learning objects and texts that faculty create themselves. Fifteen $1,000 “mini-grants” will be available this spring, made possible by an LSTA grant through the State Library. The fifteen mini-grants are meant to offer an incentive for the time it will take faculty to identify new resources, adjust syllabi and modify assignments, as well as any actual expenses you incur.

If you are interested in applying for these “mini-grants”, you are encouraged to attend one of the Open Education Initiative Information Sessions to be held Feb. 21 or 22 from non to 1 p.m. in Jackson Library, Room 216. Please RSVP prior to the workshop or direct your questions to Beth Bernhardt at brbernha@uncg.edu. Additional literature on open educational resources is available at http://uncg.libguides.com/oer.

The deadline to apply for the “mini-grants” is March 10.
You can apply at [http://tinyurl.com/o2xck9j](http://tinyurl.com/o2xck9j).

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**Black History Month: Governor’s proclamation, chancellor’s interview**

This month is Black History Month. A number of events will be held on campus, including a Diversity Expo and a UNCG Neo-Black Society hosted Black Arts Festival. A listing of events may be viewed in [here](http://tinyurl.com/o2xck9j). Chancellor Gilliam recently spoke to WGHP about Black History Month - the video clip can be [viewed here](http://tinyurl.com/o2xck9j). And Governor Cooper issued this proclamation:

State of North Carolina

Roy Cooper

Governor

Black History Month 2017

By the Governor of the State of North Carolina

A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the national theme for Black History Month in 2017 highlights the historic success of African Americans in overcoming the crisis in black education, and in North Carolina we celebrate the ascent of African American people and communities through education in centuries past and for centuries to come; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carter G. Woodson is known as the father of Black History, and Black History Month originated from “Negro History Week” established in 1926 by Dr. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, and is now celebrated throughout the entire month of February; and

WHEREAS, the sons and daughters of North Carolina have quenched the thirst for education and knowledge, sharing it and using its power to uplift a people; and

WHEREAS, Shaw University in Raleigh was founded in 1865 as the first African American institution of higher learning in the South, and whose graduates were founders of North Carolina Central University, Elizabeth City State University, and Fayetteville State University, and where was housed North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University for its first year, making Shaw a fount nurturing opportunity and hope for a people; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to the largest number of four-year, degree-granting Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the nation; and

WHEREAS, John Chavis from Halifax County, a Revolutionary War veteran, a free man of color educated by the president of Princeton University, a licensed Presbyterian minister in 1800, and a teacher of white students by day and black students by night, is considered by some to be the most educated African American at the time; and

WHEREAS, Anna Julia Cooper of Raleigh, enrolled in the first class at St. Augustine’s Normal School and Collegiate Institute upon its opening in 1868, earned a master’s degree in mathematics from Oberlin College in 1887 and became a school principal, college professor, activist for civil rights and women’s rights; earned a doctorate from the Sorbonne in Paris and won international acclaim as a beacon for equality; and wrote “A Voice from the South,” the first book-length feminist analysis of the condition of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Hawkins Brown, born in Henderson and educated in Massachusetts, established Palmer Institute in Sedalia in 1902 to feed the hunger for learning of African American youth, creating a day and boarding school that was fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and became a destination for blacks from across the country and internationally, as Dr. Brown became nationally known and spoke out for the American principals of freedom and justice for all people; and

WHEREAS, Annie Wealthy Holland, a Virginian who in 1911 became teaching supervisor in North Carolina and in 1915 was named state demonstration agent for North Carolina, effectively serving as state supervisor for black elementary schools, traveling to every county to teach demonstration classes in subjects from reading to nutrition and sewing, and was founder of the first African American parent-teacher...
association in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Julius Chambers from Montgomery County became a distinguished jurist who in 1971 won the Supreme Court Case of Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education, which established the nation’s commitment to end racially segregated schools and helped to provide access to a quality education for all children in America; and
WHEREAS, African Americans have contributed and continue to contribute significantly to remedying the crisis in education, and furthering the ascent of African Americans in the great state of North Carolina and beyond;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Cooper, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 2017 as “BLACK HISTORY MONTH” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

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CACE Conference: “Black America in the 21st Century”

The Conference on African-American & African Diasporic Culture and Experience will take place Feb. 22 and will feature many presentations and performances from students, alumni and faculty from various schools and universities. The theme for this year is “Black America in the 21st Century.” The entire UNCG and Greensboro community are invited, and faculty are encouraged to bring classes to the conference. All research presentations will be in various rooms in the EUC except for the CACE Networking Social and Poster Presentations, which will be in the Virginia Dare Room at the Alumni House.

Here is what to expect at CACE this year:

- The opening session, at 9 a.m., will feature remarks from Dean Kiss, Provost Dunn and Chancellor Gilliam, followed by an interactive performance from Community Play.
- Research presentations will occupy the rest of the morning and the CACE luncheon which follows will feature performances from Suah African Drummers and the African Student Union Miwasi Kitoko Dance Team.
- Research presentations will continue through the early afternoon and the CACE networking and poster presentations will take place from 3 to 6 p.m., over coffee and snacks.
- From 6 to 8 p.m. the Literary Café will feature poets and spoken word performances about Black America in the 21st Century, hosted by Tiera Moore, Dominick Hand and Demetrius Noble.
- Register for the conference here, see the schedule here and find more information on the website.

Email aads@uncg.edu with questions.

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Supportive ‘culture of care’ at UNCG - two workshops

In an effort to create a culture of care, the Dean of Students Office invites you to attend workshops specifically designed for faculty and staff. Visit http://sa.uncg.edu/dean/uncg-cares/ to register to attend. For additional information, contact the Dean of Students Office at 336-334-5514.

UNCG Still Cares
Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017
2 – 4 p.m.
EUC Sharp Room

“UNCG Cares” about students! During this 2-hour training for UNCG faculty and staff, participants learn about types of distress for students, recognizing signs of distress, strategies for reaching out to students, active listening skills, effective referral and the resources available on campus to assist students. By creating an environment of support, students in distress may seek help before issues rise to the crisis level. After completing the training, each participant is given a decal/sticker with the “UNCG Cares” logo to display in his or her office.

UNCG Cares: Our Critical Responders
Friday, February 24, 2017
2 - 3:30 p.m.
EUC Willow Room

This specialized UNCG Cares training is designed for frontline staff and their supervisors. The training will help staff members identify individuals in distress and those who may become a risk, appropriately handle the individual’s behavior and create a safety plan for themselves and their office. We encourage supervisors to attend this UNCG Cares training with their frontline staff members in order to create the safety plan for their office and to spend one-on-one time with their staff addressing safety concerns.

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Symposium: ‘#NODAPL: Indigenous Resistance at Standing Rock’

The symposium “#NODAPL: Indigenous Resistance at Standing Rock” will be held Thursday, Feb. 16, at 12:30 p.m. in the Maple Room of the EUC. There will be a panel of guest speakers presenting on the proposed Dakota Access pipeline, its context, and the opposition to it by indigenous peoples, particularly the Standing Rock Sioux. Panelists will include Jaskiran Dhillon from the New School, Nick Estes, from the University of New Mexico, and Melanie Yazzie, from the University of California, Riverside.

“Indigenous Resistance at Standing Rock” is co-sponsored by the Women’s and Gender Studies Program, the Environmental and Sustainability Studies Program and the Office of Intercultural Engagement.

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Spartan Club launches redesigned website at www.spartanclub.org

The UNCG Spartan Club has launched its brand new website redesign at www.spartanclub.org in conjunction with the Giant Steps For 50 Years fundraising effort in 2017. The new and improved Spartan Club website features information on how to get involved and support UNCG Athletics. Donors and fans can find information on benefits and giving levels as well as links to directly donate to support UNCG student-athletes.

The Spartan Club website will now offer donors a tracking tool for the Spartan Athletics Scholarship Fund goal. This year’s Giant Step for 50 Years is an ambitious fundraising effort inspired by this year’s celebration of 50 years of organized intercollegiate athletics at UNCG. The Giant Steps effort has two goals related to the 2016-17 Spartan Athletic Scholarship Fund: reaching $500,000 in cash raised and 1,000
The mission of the Spartan Club is to secure the financial support that will provide our student-athletes with the opportunities to achieve academic and athletic excellence. As a non-profit organization, the Spartan Club supports more than 220 student-athletes who compete in 17 varsity sports at the Division I level. To join the Spartan Club or to learn more about its effort on behalf of UNCG student-athletes, call 336-334-3576 or visit www.spartanclub.org.

See more at http://www.spartanclub.org/ViewArticle.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=32210&ATCLID=211449792

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**Go green on the screen: Two films and a contest**

There are two upcoming films as part of UNCG’s Sustainability Series, as well as an opportunity to become a locally recognized filmmaker.

The two film screenings listed below begin at 6:30 p.m. They are free and accompanied by a discussion of an environmental issue.

Feb 23 – Landfill Harmonic (2015) in Ferguson, Room 100
Mar 9 – This Changes Everything (2015), at the Weatherspoon Art Museum

The UNCG Sustainability Council, Office of Sustainability & Green Fund also announce the 2017 eighth annual Sustainability Shorts Film Competition. Submissions of original 10-minute films about sustainability are accepted up to March 24, 2017, and participants are eligible for one of three prizes.

All entries will be screened as part of the UNCG Sustainability Film and Discussion Series at the Weatherspoon Art Museum on Thursday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m., where winners will be announced and celebrated.

Entries must address sustainability, which UNCG defines as the “enduring interconnectedness of social equity, the environment, the economy, and aesthetics.” Judging is based on relation to sustainability as well as concept, cinematography, acting, production quality, costuming and writing.

Submit films on DVD or in a screenable online format (YouTube, Vimeo) together with your name, phone number and email address, and the title and length of the film by 5 p.m. on March 24, 2017 to Sarah Dorsey sbdorsey@uncg.edu. For more information, contact Sarah via email or at 336.334.5610.

By entering the competition, entrants agree to the following: 1) Films must be original work, must not infringe on any rights of others, and must have all necessary permissions. UNCG will not be held liable for any copyright infringements. 2) To claim prizes, winners must be present (in person or via audio/video connection) at the screening. 3) Entrants will retain all ownership rights to their films. 4) UNCG reserves the right to not screen any film(s) for any reason. 5) Prizes are not negotiable or transferable. 6) The decisions of the judges are final.

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**Looking Ahead: Feb. 8, 2017**

**Staff Senate meeting**

Thursday, Feb. 9, 10 a.m., Alumni House, Virginia Dare Room
Film: “No Man’s Land”

Thursday, Feb. 9, 6:30 p.m., SOEB 120
Guest Artist Recital: SaVaSa Brass Trio

Fri, February 10, 7:30pm, Recital Hall

**Book Talk:** “Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption”

Monday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m., Hodges Reading Room, Jackson Library
Faculty Forum, “Academic Freedom and Shared Governance”
Wednesday, Feb. 15, 3 p.m., Alumni House

Men’s basketball vs. Wofford
Wednesday, Feb. 15, 7 p.m.

Talk, ‘Illusions of Peace, Realities of War,’ on WW I’s 1917, Ron Cassell
Feb. 16: 4 p.m., MHRA Building (Room TBA)

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**Dr. Joseph Green**

Dr. Joseph Green (Special Support Services) received new funding from the University of North Carolina General Administration for the project “Concept Area: Deploying Academic Innovations for Affordability.”

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**Stacey Krim and Mac Nelson**

Stacey Krim and Mac Nelson (University Libraries) have won the Music Library Association’s 2016 Best of Chapters Award for their paper “Hyperconnected Access to Archival Music Collections: Cataloging, Finding Aids, and Social Media.” The award has earned Krim and Nelson a place as featured speakers at the 2017 annual meeting of the MLA in Orlando, FL (February 22-26, 2017). Their presentation will be streamed in Spanish and Portuguese as part of the first Pan-American Regional meeting of the International Association of Music Libraries, Archives, and Documentation Centres.

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**Dr. Holly Sienkiewicz**

Dr. Holly Sienkiewicz (Center for New North Carolinians) received new funding from Hispanics in Philanthropy for the project “Latino Community Coalition of Guilford County (LCCG).” The project will address the scarcity of resources that serve the Guilford County Latino community in culturally competent ways. The LCCG seeks to establish itself as a forum of discussion and an empowerment coalition, and to improve Latino access to local leadership training or positions to influence community change. Specific goals include strengthening the leadership skills of the existing Latino leaders, encouraging emerging leaders in the development of new skills, informing the larger community about the issues facing Latinos in Guilford County and surrounding areas and promoting local Latinos’ talents and contributions. The Latino Community Coalition is currently comprised of over 130 professionals who represent and serve the local Latino community in various agencies across Guilford County. The main focus revolves around Advocacy, Education and Networking to strengthen and support the Latino Community in Guilford County.

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**Dr. Blair Wisco**
Dr. Blair Wisco (Psychology) was recognized as a “Rising Star” by the Association for Psychological Science. This honor is for outstanding psychological scientists in the earliest stages of their research career post-Ph.D, for innovative work that has advanced the field and signals great potential for their continued contributions.

Wisco is the director of the Cognitive, Psychopathology, and Emotion (CoPE) lab at UNCG and her research examines the role of cognition and emotion regulation in the development of depression and trauma-related disorders.

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Dr. Prashant Palvia


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Dr. Julia Smith

Dr. Julia Smith (Psychology) received continued funding from Child Trends for the project "Center for Research on Hispanic Children and Families," which is a subcontract to the Hispanic Families Research Center, managed by Child Trends, Inc. The primary goal of this research is to advance understanding of child care issues for low-income Hispanic families, including related issues such as a) improving the quality of care and the coordination across early care and education systems to support early learning for Hispanic children and b) increasing access and promote informed child care choices among Hispanic parents. The activities of the center within this focus area will constitute a menu of secondary data analysis, qualitative and quantitative studies, policy analyses, and a measurement study each with the intention of creating new knowledge to inform service delivery and positive development for young Hispanic children and their families.

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Dr. David Wyrick
Dr. David Wyrick (Public Health Education) received new funding from the National Collegiate Athletic Association for the projects "NCAA Introductory Module/NCAA Coaching Module/NCAA - Student Module/NCAA - Faculty Athletics Representative Module" and new funding from the National Football League (NFL) Foundation for the project "Evaluation contract for InSideOut Coaching Character."

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Dr. Kenneth Gruber

Dr. Kenneth Gruber (Center for Youth, Family and Community Partnerships) received new funding from the Cone Health Foundation for the project "Access to Integrated Care by the Uninsured in Greater Greensboro," and new funding for the project "Addressing Co-Occurring Mental Health and Substance Abuse Disorders."

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See/hear: Feb. 8, 2017

When many think of Valentine’s Day at UNCG, they think back to the bustle of activity at the longtime Tate Street store known as The Corner. The shop, with its long counter and aisles of greeting cards and gifts, was known for inexpensive flowers. On Valentine’s Day, they sold lots of roses to students, faculty, staff - anyone and everyone. Campus Weekly spoke with owner Grant Snively on the last day of business for The Corner, in 2011. Here’s a trip down memory lane - as he described one Valentine’s Day at the store.

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