

## Chancellor Gilliam: 'We are just getting started'



UNCG Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr. marked the beginning of the new academic year Tuesday with a simple, yet impactful call to the campus community: “We are just getting started.”

During his annual State of the Campus Address to faculty and staff in UNCG Auditorium, Chancellor Gilliam remarked that this past year was one of “Giant Steps” for UNCG.

New facilities, such as the Leonard J. Kaplan Center for Wellness, transformed campus life. UNCG Athletics broke records – both on the court and in the classroom. The School of Nursing, the Weatherspoon Art Museum and Athletics celebrated milestone anniversaries. Fundraising is up nearly 14.8 percent over the previous year, with alumni gifts up 19 percent.

But these successes are only the beginning of what’s to come.

Chancellor Gilliam reflected on the unique history of the university: the foundational era from 1891-1962, and the era of expansion, which began in 1963 when the university became coeducational.

Now, we’ve reached a new era: the era of Giant Steps, a time for UNCG to more boldly step into the spotlight.

“When people talk about the top public institutions in this region, we need to be in that conversation,” Gilliam said. “We want to be front and center.”

So how can the university continue to develop into a top school of choice in the Southeast? By solidifying the strength of academic programs, raising overall visibility, improving graduation rates and competing for athletic championships, to name a few.

UNCG has already made significant strides this fall, [announcing new co-admission programs with local community colleges](#), [preparing for the opening of Spartan Village II](#) and [beginning work on the new Millennial Campus districts](#).

“We’ve come a long way, but we have farther to go,” Gilliam said. “And I believe – deeply believe – that we are poised now, more than ever, to take Giant Steps.”

*By Alyssa Bedrosian*

See additional reports at [News & Record](#) and [WFMY](#).

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## 'South Pacific,' Rhiannon Giddens launch arts series



Single-event tickets are now on sale for the 2017-18 UNCG University Concert and Lecture Series (UC/LS), a year-long series of live arts experiences formerly known as the University Performing Arts Series (UPAS).

The season opens Sept. 17 with Rodgers and Hammerstein's iconic Broadway musical "South Pacific," a collaboration between UNCG and Triad Stage. This year's headliner is UNCG alumna and Grammy award-winning artist Rhiannon Giddens, who will perform as part of UNCG's Founders Day celebration on Thursday, Oct. 5, in UNCG Auditorium.

In celebration of the university's 125th anniversary, UCLS is bringing Colson Whitehead, New York Times bestselling author of "The Underground Railroad," to campus on Feb. 8. This special anniversary event is offered free to the public.

"UCLS is a great opportunity for the general public to see renowned artists at a very affordable price," said Brigette Pfister, assistant dean for budget and operations in the [College of Visual and Performing Arts](#). "In addition to the public performances and lectures, UNCG students will have the opportunity to interact with these artists through master classes, one-on-one instruction, discussions and workshops."

Tickets can be purchased [online](#) or at the Triad Stage Box Office. Season tickets are also available, and student season tickets cost just \$20.

The full UCLS schedule is listed below. For more information, visit [vpa.uncg.edu/ucls](http://vpa.uncg.edu/ucls).

Season tickets for the University Concert & Lecture Series are currently available by phone (336.272-0160) or in person at the Triad Stage box office, 232 South Elm Street, in downtown Greensboro. Single event ticket sales begin August 1 and will be available [online](#), as well as by phone or at the Triad Stage box office. Box office hours are Monday through Friday, 12 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 2 to 6 p.m. Tickets are also available for purchase at the UNCG Auditorium box office one hour before show time. All performances and lectures begin promptly at 8 p.m.

- "South Pacific" opens Sept. 17, at Triad Stage.
- Rhiannon Giddens: Thursday, Oct. 5, at UNCG Auditorium
- Juilliard String Quartet: Friday, Oct. 27, at UNCG Auditorium
- Limón Dance Company: Friday, Jan. 19, at UNCG Auditorium
- Colson Whitehead: Thursday, Feb. 8, at the School of Music Recital Hall
- Sanford Biggers: Thursday, March 15, at the Elliott University Center Auditorium
- Lynn Harrell: Saturday, March 17, at the School of Music Recital Hall

*By Alyssa Bedrosian*

*Visual: Rhiannon Giddens*

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## UNCG co-admission agreements with GTCC, Alamance CC



UNCG has announced two new co-admission agreements with Guilford Technical Community College (GTCC) and Alamance Community College (ACC) to facilitate degree completion and bolster student success by improving access to undergraduate and graduate educational resources, university facilities and support systems.

Unlike other traditional four-year, community college co-admission agreements, the UNCG-GTCC-ACC partnerships are unique: the GTCC “G<sup>2</sup>” (Gsquared) partnership expands opportunities for transfer students to access and complete their baccalaureate degrees in a selection of popular majors. These efforts capitalize on two recent academic innovations:

- First, the recent selection of GTCC and UNCG to participate in the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation [Frontier Set](#) project, which is focused on improving student success and postsecondary degree attainment;
- Second, the ACC “Spartan Passage” partnership, which offers an accelerated master’s program in six different disciplines as well as a comprehensive undergraduate program.

“This new partnership is designed to bridge the gap for students in our state, making it easier and more affordable for them to get their degree in a shorter timeframe, and get them into the workforce sooner,” said UNC system President Margaret Spellings. “For students, for the business community, for our economy and beyond, this initiative is a win-win for the state of NC. Together, we are setting the stage for a successful future.”

“At UNCG, we are dedicated to improving our transfer student graduation rates,” said UNCG Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr. “Partnerships like these are essential to delivering results that benefit our students, our communities and our state. On one hand, they enable us to offer expanded educational opportunities to community college students at a tremendous cost-savings – because reducing student debt is a top priority. On the other hand, we know that creating a seamless transition from the community college environment to a four-year institution has direct, tangible benefits to student success. This collaboration with GTCC and ACC will produce a greater number of qualified graduates for our workforce.”

“As pioneers in improving student success in learning, and in credential and degree completion, partnering with UNCG on this endeavor allows us to build upon both of our institutions’ strengths to advance our mission of strengthening pathways to transfer and completion,” said GTCC President Dr. Randy Parker. “This co-admission agreement with UNCG further demonstrates our ongoing commitment to significantly increase student success rates and impact the lives and careers of our students.”

“We at Alamance Community College are very grateful and excited to partner with UNCG on this initiative that creates a pathway for many of our students to qualify for guaranteed admission and accessibility to The University of North Carolina at Greensboro,” said ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood. “I commend Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr. and the other excellent personnel at UNCG for working so collaboratively with our staff on this partnership. We look forward to maximizing the benefit of this agreement and forging new opportunities for our students to advance from the associate degree at Alamance Community College to earn the bachelor’s degree through The University of North Carolina at Greensboro.”

Application for the “G<sup>2</sup>” and “Spartan Passage” programs have been streamlined to benefit students. Prospective students complete one application, with a waived application fee for UNCG. Admitted students will have access to campus facilities, events, activities and services, including the UNCG University Library (in-house and online), the new Leonard J. Kaplan Center for Wellness, academic advising and financial aid, among other benefits.

The need for these programs is clear. According to research from the Community College Research Center at Columbia University’s Teachers College, and the Aspen Institute, approximately 80 percent of incoming community college students begin with the goal of eventually earning a four-year degree. Yet just 14 percent do so within six years.

For more information about the new co-admission programs, visit: [admissions.uncg.edu/apply-coadmissions-programs.php](https://admissions.uncg.edu/apply-coadmissions-programs.php).

Visual: *UNCG Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr., ACC President Algie Gatewood and GTCC President Randy Parker at press conference*

Aug. 2.

Photo by Martin W. Kane

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## Second-Annual Business Affairs Expo Draws Over 300



What do superheroes have to do with Human Resources? Just about everything, according to Victoria Benson, HR's new Deputy Chief HRO, at last week's Business Affairs Expo.

HR was one of 21 departments represented at the free event, which attracted over 300 faculty and staff as part of the 2017 Business Affairs Conference & Expo, "Taking Giant Steps."

"It gives people a chance to put a face with a name and a chance to see how much Business Affairs interacts with the day-to-day job," said Richard Fleming, assistant director of purchasing and contracts and this year's chair of the Conference and Expo.

Benson said she wanted to show attendees the volume of services and trainings available from her team.

"Human Resources has a lot of people and some don't realize the superheroes we are and the services we offer," she said.

Each table had an inventive way to display their department's offerings and attendees were lured in with contests and swag.

Financial Planning and Budgets gave away one men's and one women's fragrance and sponsored a photo booth complete with wacky props.

Terri Taylor, a travel auditor with Accounts Payable, used toy cars and artificial food displays to capture people's attention. She said the event was a great way to talk with people about travel policies, meals and mileage.



The neon LimeBike parked next to the Parking Operations & Campus Access Management (POCAM) table piqued attendee's interests.

Robert Walker, director of business services and systems for POCAM, said a lot of people were excited about the new dockless bike-share program that just expanded to downtown Greensboro.

His team spoke with visitors about recent updates and services like the Emergency Ride Home program, which provides a way for commuters to get to work in the event of an emergency.

POCAM recently installed a new electronic sign on UNCG buses that displays the next stop, and they are starting an extensive project to complete structural repairs across all parking decks on campus. Part of the project will include improving the gate equipment and eventually adding an option to use credit cards.

Charles Maimone, vice chancellor for business affairs, said he was thankful for yet another successful turnout for the Expo.

"We wanted this event to be meaningful for our colleagues across campus," he said. "Our goal is to better understand how we assist and improve by interacting with members of the campus community that rely on our services."

*By Elizabeth L. Harrison*

*Photography by Katie Loyd and Elizabeth L. Harrison*

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## Spotlight on Green and Noel, new Staff Senate co-chairs



As the new school year starts up, UNCG's new Staff Senate co-chairs, Joshua Green and Staton Noel, aim to be a voice for staff across campus, serving as a communication link between staff and campus administration. They will help also keep staff informed about how decisions at the state-level impact the campus, and why decisions are made.

Additionally, they plan to find unique ways to communicate to the UNCG staff that they are valued in the day-to-day operations of campus and in its long-term success and innovation.



“I’m a big encourager,” said Green. “I like to encourage staff and say, ‘you’re important - important to student success - you have a vital part in that - and that’s why we’re all here.’”

“I’d like staff to feel they can be empowered through working with us,” added Noel.

Citing former Staff Senate co-chair Robert Walker’s work on campus systems, Noel also plans to encourage innovations.

“This is an opportunity for me to work more closely with staff and see what innovations they’re bringing to the campus,” he said.

Aside from those goals, Green and Noel will continue inviting inspiring campus speakers to the Staff Senate meetings, plan Staff Senate-sponsored opportunities for professional development and support the Staff Senate Service Committee’s projects.

Joshua Green, who is coordinator of technology services for UNCG Police, came to UNCG in 2006 after serving in the U.S. Army for five years as a military police officer. He worked for the UNCG University Registrar’s Office, Academic Affairs and the Dean of Students Office, where he managed IT, student conduct and academic integrity processes. He earned his master’s degree in higher education in 2011, and he is a certified Veterans Service Provider through Operation College Promise.

Green’s favorite phrase? “Appreciate ya!”

Staton Noel is the director of the [Office of Innovation Commercialization](#) (OIC), which supports innovation by UNCG faculty, staff and students by protecting intellectual property, negotiating and executing agreements that help facilitate research partnerships, and providing connections to external commercialization partners. After a 20-year career with GlaxoSmithKline, Noel earned his master’s of business administration degree from UNCG and joined OIC in 2011 as a licensing assistant. He served the OIC as a marketing and licensing associate before becoming director.

Noel’s words of wisdom: “The glass is always full, even if one half is air - we need that to breathe.”

*By Susan Kirby-Smith*

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## Refurbished University Bell stands tall



The next time the iconic UNCG bell clangs, it will do so, fittingly, from atop a base worthy of its grandeur. The bell’s facelift was complete July 26, just in time to welcome students into a new year at the inaugural NAVIGATE New Student Convocation on Aug. 14.

“This new frame respects the history of the bell, and gives it the prominence it deserves,” said Dr. Kim Sousa-Peoples, director of new student transitions and first year experience.

Eighteen months ago, in an effort to meet Chancellor Gilliam’s “Giant Steps” challenge, Sousa-Peoples envisioned an idea to spruce up the timeworn symbol.

“There was a new expectation that we come out and show our best,” she said.

It was time for the old bell’s facade to better reflect the formality of occasions such as Founders Day, commencement and ribbon-cuttings, where it has been used since 1897 as a call to gather.

She reached out to Fred Patrick, former director of engineering and construction management, who retired in Jan. 2016 after 28 years at UNCG, and the pair came up with plans for refurbishing the bell’s base. The bell had had a more simple welded base with rollers.

Patrick had an \$8,000 budget and a deadline of Aug. 1, so the updated bell would arrive back on campus in time for NAVIGATE.



Installing seal in Gallucci's studio. Gallucci is on the right.

After a quick sketch, Patrick enlisted the design help of renowned sculptor Jim Gallucci, a former sculpture instructor in the art department at UNCG, and alumnus Eric Little, a former staff member in UNCG’s carpentry shop.

On Wednesday, July 26, the restored bell rolled onto campus a week shy of the deadline. It now sits 48 inches high (its ringers no longer have to bend over) on a gleaming polyurethane-coated walnut wood platform.

And to ensure the historic bell’s forever home at UNCG, Spartan is stamped on either side of the base in the form of two 12-inch bronze academic seals.

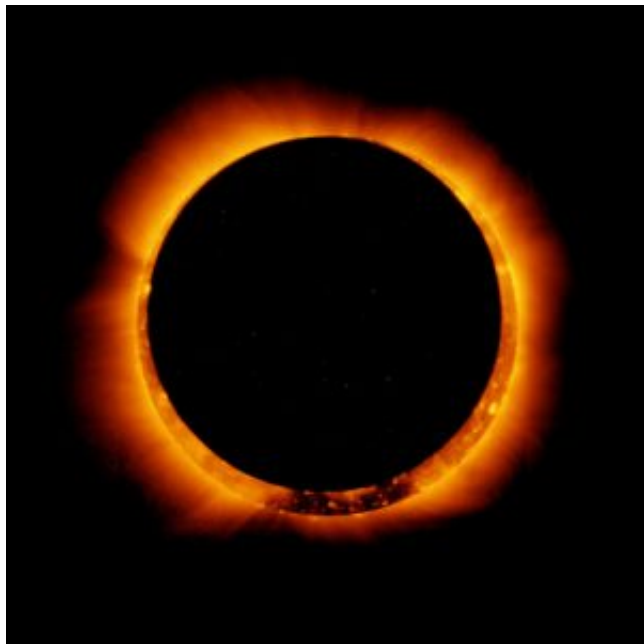
“It looks amazing,” Sousa-Peoples said. “All those who worked on restoring the bell did so with impeccable craftsmanship,” she said. “It’s been elevated to the level of prominence and esteem it deserves and will provide many years of ringing to our new and graduating students at formal academic celebrations.”

*By Elizabeth L. Harrison*

*Visual: Bell on its new stand is transported back to campus from Gallucci's studio.*

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**There goes the sun. It’s all right.**



The first total solar eclipse on the mainland of the United States since 1979 will occur across 14 states on Aug. 21, and it will be the first total solar eclipse to cross North Carolina in more than a century. Greensboro is not on the total eclipse path, but the sun will have 93.76 percent obscurity at 2:42 p.m., leaving UNCG in near darkness for several minutes.

“It will be a kind of twilight,” explained UNCG astronomy professor Dr. Anatoly Miroshnichenko.

All students, faculty, staff and community members are invited to an eclipse-viewing event from 2 to 3 p.m. at the intersection of College Avenue and the Petty Science Bridge, adjacent to the dining hall tunnel. The moon’s movement over the sun will begin at 1:13 p.m. and conclude at 4:04 p.m.

The Residence Life staff will provide attendees with solar eclipse glasses, as well as an assortment of space-themed treats such as Moon Pies and Starburst candy. There will also be a drawing for a Moon Pie t-shirt. Additional activity stations include a telescope arts and crafts area and a display of solar eclipse information featuring optimal viewing locations across the United States, historical contexts of eclipses and a description of the science behind solar eclipses.

Students will also have a chance to become acquainted with UNCG's course offerings in Astronomy and Physics, the Petty Science Building and the location of the UNCG observatory.

The event is sponsored by UNCG’s North and South Spencer residence halls. For more information on the campus eclipse observation, contact Ian Aitken at 336.334.4172 or [ifaitken@uncg.edu](mailto:ifaitken@uncg.edu).

For information on solar eclipse safety, locations, equipment and history, see [the Great American Eclipse website](#) and [Eclipse 101 on the NASA website](#).

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Photo courtesy NASA.*

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## **Parking changes for this week’s move-in days (Aug. 9-11)**

*UNCG’s Parking Operations and Campus Access Management has a message for the campus community:*

Please note that move-in traffic patterns create challenges for all campus access. We estimate approximately 2000 additional vehicles will enter campus each of the three days. To manage the number of vehicles coming onto campus during the residence hall move-in period, the McIver Deck will be reserved for move-in activities on August 9, 10 and 11.



To be certain McIver permit holders have spaces during this period, complimentary parking will be available in the following faculty/staff spaces on campus:

- Lot 7 (at the corner at Oakland and Tate St.)
- Lot 8 (outside parking surrounding Oakland Deck)
- Lot 9 (at the corner of Aycock St. and Walker Ave.)
- Oakland Deck

In many ways the influx of vehicles we experience on these days is similar to the first week of classes. However, the traffic patterns are much more unpredictable and difficult to control, which is why we have focused on limiting additional vehicles from McIver Deck. Unloading for move-in, staged move-in locations, and much higher cycle times have a large impact on our ability to control parking and traffic.

UNCG's Parking Operations and Campus Access Management will be running an express shuttle route from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. along the perimeter of campus to help those temporarily displaced by this activity.

When approaching campus, please avoid Tate Street, if possible. Grey and North Drive will operate with a one-way traffic pattern during move-in and should be avoided by personal vehicles. Between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., be prepared for heavy congestion on campus.

For more information about move-in and this temporary change in service, please visit our web page at: <https://parking.uncg.edu/fall-move-in/>. If you have any questions, please contact Parking Services at 336.334.5681 or [parking@uncg.edu](mailto:parking@uncg.edu).

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## **SpartanCard and Spartan Mail have relocated**



SpartanCard and Spartan Mail are now located in the new UNCG Campus Enterprises Business Center in Moran Commons, the first floor of the Dining Hall.

The Business Center is a new one-stop-shop for some of your most frequent campus needs. You can stop in and get a new SpartanCard, a replacement, resolve building access issues, add stored-value funds, add a meal plan, send mail or a package, and pick up postage.

The SpartanCard and Spartan Mail team are happy to serve and help make your business experience an excellent one.

If you have questions about our services please contact:

UNCG Campus Enterprises Business Center

1209 North Drive Room #106 - Moran Commons (UNCG Dining Hall)

SpartanCard

Phone:336.334.5651

Email: [jdcenter@uncg.edu](mailto:jdcenter@uncg.edu)

<https://spartancard.uncg.edu/>

Spartan Mail

Phone: 336.256.0147

Email: [postal@uncg.edu](mailto:postal@uncg.edu)

<https://postal.uncg.edu/>

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## “Show Me the Money! Locating Grant Funding Opportunities”

Faculty and graduate students often require external funding for research, scholarship and creative activity. This workshop will explore how to get the most from grant seeking databases, including SPIN, GrantSelect, Grant Advisor Plus, and the Foundation Center. Participants learn to search for possible funding opportunities, practice identifying eligibility, and realize the importance of key words. Attendees will have opportunities to access databases and engage in searches related to their topic of interest. Presented by University Libraries and the Office of Sponsored Programs. Register at <https://workshops.uncg.edu>

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## Admissions requesting faculty help to update academic-related recruitment materials

Faculty and staff in departments offering undergraduate degree programs may expect a counselor from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions to reach out in the coming weeks. Admissions is doing annual updates for two key recruitment pieces seen by thousands of students each year. These materials, the academic “one-pagers” and a departmental welcome message, are specific to each academic area and require faculty review each year to ensure accuracy.

The academic one-pager information is also listed on the Undergraduate [“Majors & Concentrations”](#) page, one of the most visited on UNCG’s entire site. The page has recently been reorganized to include a print-friendly version of each one-pager at the bottom right-hand rail of each degree program. In fact, faculty can easily distribute information about their academic areas by printing their one-pager.

Updates are happening through mid-August. If you’d like to reach out to your admissions liaison, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 336-334-5243.

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## Bridge behind EUC being restored



You may have seen restoration work behind the Elliott University Center, with the elevated walkway and the area underneath closed this summer as work is done.

Water infiltration over the years had deteriorated the Elliott University Center (EUC) pedestrian bridge (egress from EUC), UNCG Facilities tells Campus Weekly.

The construction work is a repair project to extend the life of the bridge, which leads from the EUC to College Avenue

This bridge is scheduled to be open to the students, faculty and staff in late October.

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## Chelimo in World Championships in London



UNCG alumnus Paul Chelimo, who won a Silver medal in last summer's Olympic Games, will compete in the IAAF World Championships this week in the 5,000 meters.

The schedule:

**Aug. 9:** Preliminaries (3:05 p.m.; NBC Sports, NBC Sports Gold).

**Aug. 12:** Final (3:20 p.m.; WXII-12, NBC Sports Gold).

Read the [News & Record post](#) by Eddie Wooten, from which this schedule was drawn.

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## Some roads closed on Monday for NAVIGATE

Due to NAVIGATE the following roads will be closed Monday, August 14, 2017:

- West Drive from Gray Drive to Walker Avenue will be permanently closed from 7:30 a.m. to approximately 1:30 p.m.
- Walker Avenue Eastbound will be closed at Kenilworth Street from 7:30 a.m. to approximately 1:30 p.m. Traffic will be allowed to turn right onto Kenilworth Street to access the Walker Parking Deck from Theta Street.
- Stirling Street Northbound will be closed at Theta Street from 7:30 a.m. to approximately 1:30 p.m. Traffic will be allowed to turn left onto Theta Street to access the Walker Parking Deck from Theta Street.
- Spring Garden Street Westbound at Tate Street will be closed from 1:30 p.m. to approximately 3:00 p.m. while students transition from lunch on College Avenue to the Gate City Plaza.
- Spring Garden Street Eastbound at Kenilworth Street will be closed from 1:30 p.m. to approximately 3:00 p.m. while students

transition from lunch on College Avenue to the Gate City Plaza.

- Forest Street between Oakland Avenue and Spring Garden Street will be closed from 1:30 p.m. to approximately 3:00 p.m. while students transition from lunch on College Avenue to the Gate City Plaza.
- Glenwood Street between Haywood Street and West Gate City Boulevard will be closed from 1:30 p.m. to approximately 3:00 p.m. while students cross over Gate City Boulevard and proceed to the Kaplan Wellness Center for Convocation Craze.
- College Avenue will be closed to vehicles to allow Dining Services to set up lunch stations.
- Administrative Drive from Spring Garden Street to College Avenue will be closed to vehicles to allow Dining Services to set up for lunch.

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## **UNCG Faculty Receive Open Access Publishing Support Funding**

The University Libraries and the Office of Research and Engagement provide an Open Access Publishing Fund to support faculty who want to have their article published in an open access format. By making their articles open access, this removes price and permission barriers so everyone can review their research worldwide. Faculty can receive up to \$1000 of funding each fiscal year.

The following faculty and graduate students have received funding this fall:

Kelly Harper

“Perfectionism and Effort-Related Cardiac Activity: Do Perfectionists Try Harder?” <http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0160340>

Edward Hellen

“Flexible dynamics of two quorum-sensing coupled repressilators” <https://journals.aps.org/pre/pdf/10.1103/PhysRevE.95.022408>

Sara Heredia

“Exploring the influence of item context on student response patterns to natural selection multiple choice items” <https://evolution-outreach.springeropen.com/articles/10.1186/s12052-016-0061-z>

Matina Kalcounis-Rueppell

“Winter Activity of Coastal Plain Populations of Bat Species Affected by White-nose Syndrome and Wind Energy Facilities” <http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0166512>

Nikita Kuznetsov

“Power Considerations for the Application of Detrended Fluctuation Analysis in Gait Variability Studies”

<http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0174144>

Nicholas Oberlies

“Enhanced Dereplication of Fungal Cultures via use of Mass Defect Filtering”

<https://www.nature.com/ja/journal/v70/n5/full/ja2016145a.html>

Yashomati Patel

“Naringenin Inhibits Proliferation and Survival of Tamoxifen-Resistant Breast Cancer Cells”

<https://www.intechopen.com/books/breast-cancer-from-biology-to-medicine/naringenin-inhibits-proliferation-and-survival-of-tamoxifen-resistant-breast-cancer-cells>

“Inhibition of the MAPK Pathway Alone is Insufficient to Account for all of the Cytotoxic Effects of Naringenin in MCF-7 Breast Cancer Cells” <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S221400851630013X>

Denise Tucker

"Impact of different cutoff criteria on rate of (central) auditory processing disorders diagnosis" <http://www.audiologyresearch.org/index.php/audio/article/view/158>

Information about the guidelines and the application process, as well as a link to an online application form, can be found at <http://uncg.libguides.com/scholarlycomm>

If you have questions about the fund, please contact Beth Bernhardt ([beth\\_bernhardt@uncg.edu](mailto:beth_bernhardt@uncg.edu)), assistant dean for Collection Management and Scholarly Communications.

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## Looking ahead: August 9, 2017

Staff Senate Meeting

Thursday, Aug. 10, 10 a.m., Virginia Dare Room, Alumni House

Creatives on Call with Barbara Campbell Thomas and Chris Thomas

Thursday, Aug. 10, 6 p.m., Weatherspoon Art Museum

Spartan Cinema: Zootopia

Friday, Aug. 11, 7 p.m., movie at sunset

Women's Soccer vs. Campbell (Exhibition)

Saturday, Aug. 12, 7 p.m., UNCG Soccer Stadium

Chancellor's New Student Convocation (NAVIGATE))

Monday, Aug. 14

Fall classes begin

Tuesday, Aug. 15, 8 a.m.

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## In memoriam: Gaylor F. Callahan

Gaylor F. Callahan (University Libraries) died on August 3, 2017. She received her BA (1974), MA (1977) in English and MLIS degree (1990) from UNCG and pursued graduate studies at Duke University. Most of her career was devoted to the University Libraries. She worked in Circulation and Reserves while a student and after graduating worked in the Serials Department. Since 1984 she served as the Interlibrary Loan Borrower and helped countless researchers across campus obtain the materials they needed to complete their projects successfully. Associate Dean Kathryn Crowe notes that if you look at the acknowledgments in many UNCG faculty publications you will see the faculty's gratitude for her invaluable assistance. Callahan also taught English at Elon University, UNCG and Duke.

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## Entrepreneurship speaker for your classes this year

I am the Coleman Foundation Entrepreneur in Residence for 2017-2018, and would appreciate the opportunity to visit and speak in your classes on various topics in Entrepreneurship that relate to your courses. I would like to schedule times for the Fall 2017 now. If you are teaching in the spring, then we can schedule a time in November for the Spring Semester.

This is my second year in this position and I look forward to working with all of you this year. Please email me at [wnreynol@uncg.edu](mailto:wnreynol@uncg.edu) to discuss a topic and arrange a time to visit one of your classes for Fall 2017 if you are teaching this semester.

Thank You,

[Noah Reynolds, CPA MBA](#)

Coleman Foundation Entrepreneur in Residence

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## Dr. Nadja Cech



Dr. Nadja Cech (Chemistry and Biochemistry) received additional funding from the National Institutes of Health for the project "Strategies to Investigate Synergy in Botanical Medicines."

The central challenge that impedes research on botanical dietary supplements is how to address their complexity and variability. Practitioners of herbal medicine argue that this complexity results in beneficial synergistic interactions. However, the specific constituents responsible for synergistic activity, and the mechanisms by which these constituents interact, are rarely known.

The goal of this project is to apply an innovative two-pronged approach to study synergy in goldenseal (*Hydrastis canadensis*). Goldenseal is among the top 20 best-selling herbal supplements in the United States, and shows promise of effectiveness against multidrug resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*. As an outcome of the experiments, the expectation is to provide a comprehensive list of the array of compounds that are responsible for the antimicrobial activity of goldenseal, including details about their mechanism of action. The long-term goal is to support clinical trials of goldenseal and to enable effective quality control of commercially available goldenseal preparations. In addition, the project seeks more broadly to demonstrate new methods by which the multiple constituents responsible for the activity of botanical dietary supplements can be identified. These methods are expected to prove useful to other investigators who must account for the synergistic interactions that play a role in the activity of many complementary and alternative medicines.

Cech received her PhD in Analytical Chemistry from the University of New Mexico. She supervises a group of 12 undergraduates, graduate students, and post-doctoral research associates. Cech has been recognized for both her teaching and her research.

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## Dr. Dianne H.B. Welsh



Dr. Dianne H.B. Welsh (Bryan School) received the Best Paper Award with her co-authors at the Global Innovation & Knowledge Academy (GIKA) conference in Portugal in June. Approximately 500 attended the conference. This paper will be published in the *Journal of Business Research*. The paper is titled "Determinants of women entrepreneurs' firm performance in a challenging environment: evidence from Egypt." Welsh is Hayes Distinguished Professor of Entrepreneurship and Entrepreneurship Program director.

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## See/hear: August 9, 2017

Chancellor Gilliam delivered the 2017 State of the Campus address Tuesday morning in UNCG Auditorium. Skip to the 15:30 minute mark to see the address.



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