Fred Chappell’s new poem for the 125th

Fred Chappell has received, among other awards, the Bollingen Prize in Poetry, Aiken Taylor Award in Poetry, T.S. Eliot Prize and Prix du Meilleur Livre Étranger from the Académie française. He was the Poet Laureate of North Carolina from 1997 to 2002 and received the UNC system’s O. Max Gardner Award and UNCG’s McIver Award.

The emeritus professor, who helped create the UNCG MFA Program in Writing, has now graced UNCG’s 125th Anniversary celebration with a special poem.

A Salutation to the Alma Mater in this Her Birth Year
spoken by the community of all students, past, present, and future

We gather to express all gratitude
For those enduring gifts that we received
   From the faithful nurturing Motherhood
Of our University beloved.

This bright threshold of opportunity
Opened promiseful new worlds unknown
   To an eager community
Whose pilgrimage had now begun.

We learned to study varied aspects of Nature,
To examine every thought as it occurs,
   To bear us each as a friendly creature
On watchful terms with the universe.

Here we discovered the persons that we were,
And glimpsed the persons that we might become,
   Striding a measured thoroughfare
Or marching to a different drum.

To grasp the blessings of liberty we turned
The pages of our Nation’s storied past,
   Finding that all the freedoms earned
Arose from questions, first and last.

Founded to uphold the Women’s cause,
The College enabled us to elevate
Those motives of imperfect laws
That would abridge their true estate.

With Commerce, Science, Literature, and Art
Our College became our University,
Stepping forward to embrace its part
In our Nation’s history.

   Alma Mater, you we hail;
   Forever may your spirit thrive,
   And may your valiant years strongly prevail
   Long past your young One Hundred Twenty-five.

   – Fred Chappell, professor emeritus

Visit the UNCG Magazine special 125th-themed site for social-media friendly items, including this poem.

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Star light, star bright - in two locations

UNCG offers two options for setting your gaze on the stars this fall and winter. Dates for free viewings at the Three College Observatory and UNCG Planetarium Show have been added online:

**Three College Observatory**

Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 18, 7 p.m.

Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 13, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

**UNCG Planetarium**

Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 5, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 2, 2018, 7:30 p.m.
In Raleigh and at UNCG, ‘Collage’ attracted sold-out crowds

Photography by Martin W. Kane

More than 300 UNCG student musicians brought the musical traditions of the Atlantic Rim to North Carolina this month at the 10th annual Collage concert.

The UNCG School of Music performed “Collage: Atlantic Crossings” for sold-out crowds at UNCG Auditorium on Sept. 9 and at Meymandi Concert Hall in downtown Raleigh on Sept. 16. The Raleigh performance marked the first time that the concert has been performed in the state’s capital.

“The performance was exceptional, the crowd was very enthusiastic and the reception was incredibly positive,” said Dr. Kevin Geraldi, associate professor of conducting in the School of Music. “The impact of showcasing virtually every aspect of the School of Music in this way is truly immeasurable.”

Collage 2017 explored the relationships between Europe, Africa, the Americas and the Caribbean by presenting one captivating work after another, from Dvořák’s New World Symphony to sacred music from 18th-century Brazil.

This year’s performances served as an extension of the Atlantic World Arts International Conference, organized by UNCG’s Atlantic World Research Network (AWRN). The network fosters interdisciplinary research, teaching and creative work that reflects on the peoples, cultures and ecologies of the Atlantic Rim.

All ticket proceeds will benefit the School of Music Collage Scholarship Fund. To learn more about UNCG’s School of Music, visit vpa.uncg.edu/music.

By Alyssa Bedrosian
Photography by Martin W. Kane

Excellence Professor Dr. Kelly Stamp’s heartfelt research

Dr. Kelly Stamp’s focus comes from the heart.
The new department chair of Family and Community Nursing and Eloise R. Lewis Excellence Professor is a leader in scholarship and initiatives concerning heart failure self-care, nursing science and intervention development.

Sept. 29, Stamp appeared in a video for the American Heart Association with music star Queen Latifah. The video is part of the “Rise Above Heart Failure” campaign to increase awareness of heart failure through understanding the signs, symptoms and management options.

“Women don’t realize that they can be victims of heart failure as frequently as men,” Stamp explained. “It’s a risk factor for all of us, and it is important to get the word out that heart failure is an issue for both men and women. However, it can be particularly difficult for women because they tend to be older when diagnosed, may be widowed or live alone more frequently and feel more socially isolated.”

Stamp’s interest in heart failure and self-care behaviors began when she worked in a cardiac intensive care unit in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and Tampa, Florida, with patients who had bypass surgeries and other cardiac situations. Her research has been motivated by her desire to understand the information that keeps patients well at home and reduces morbidity and mortality rates.

“The fulfillment is being able to work with patients and see that interventions we have implemented based on what we’ve learned in our studies help to keep them well and out of the hospital,” Stamp said.


Currently, Stamp is President-Elect of the American Association of Heart Failure Nurses, Past President of the Alpha Chi Chapter through Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society and a member and Fellow of the American Heart Association. In addition, she serves as a reviewer for the National Institute of Health and numerous peer-reviewed journals. Prior to joining UNCG, she was Associate Professor and Director of the Direct Master's Entry program at the Connell School of Nursing at Boston College.

Stamp joined UNCG in August of this year. She remarked on the innovative teaching in the UNCG School of Nursing and the supportive, unified team she’s found there and across campus.

“It’s been a refreshing, positive place to be, with a common mission,” Stamp said. “Like that phrase of Dr. Robin Remsburg’s: Teamwork makes the dream work.”

By Susan Kirby-Smith

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Charity cycling event to benefit hurricane victims Oct. 15

When Homayoon Ershadi’s friend in Houston left his job to help those devastated by Hurricane Harvey’s destructive path, it got him thinking.

“It made me question if there is anything I can do to help people down there who lost pretty much everything they have,” said Ershadi, SGA’s secretary of business affairs. “Then Irma hit Florida and was a threat to North Carolina, and that’s where it became obvious that I need to do something.”

Ershadi, an avid cyclist, came up with a way to utilize his networks on and off campus to provide some relief for hurricane victims. With his combination of work experience at the Trek Bicycle Store in Greensboro, an internship at cycling advocates SFW Agency and his position with SGA, Ershadi started organizing the university’s charity bike ride.

“With this event, I am able to donate more than I ever could by myself, and also it is providing a channel for all of the students and people in our community who want to help the victims, but aren’t sure how to go about it,” he said.

“Ride Out the Storm” is scheduled to take off Sunday, Oct. 15, outside of the Weatherspoon Art Museum on Tate Street and Spring Garden. Three different routes options – 3-mile fun ride, 30-mile at 16+ pace and 50-mile at 18+ pace – give participants of all cycling levels a chance to participate. Registration is $10 for students, faculty and staff and $25 for the public. All proceeds from the ride will be donated to the American Red Cross to assist victims of last month’s hurricanes.

Sponsors include the SFW Agency, Trek Bicycle Store of Greensboro, Recycles Bike Shop and LimeBike, which will provide a free fleet of
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bikes for those who do not own a bike but would like to ride. Representatives from Trek will be on site providing complimentary bike repair. Participants will receive free giveaways and have the chance to win raffle prizes.

Details are still in the works for a start time, but Ershadi said it will likely be around 10 a.m. He encouraged all faculty and staff to wear navy and gold and come out to this fun and healthy event in support of hurricane victims.

By Elizabeth L. Harrison

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Athletics announces five-year strategic plan

The UNCG athletic department has announced its updated strategic plan, “The Spartan Way: 2017-2022,” a comprehensive vision that maps out the next five years for the department in concert with the university's “Taking Giant Steps” strategic plan announced last month. Athletics' plan contains the department’s core purpose, guiding principles and strategic priorities moving forward for UNCG Athletics.

“We recognize the meaningful part athletics play in both the strategic development of our university and in creating a vibrant UNCG experience for our students, our alumni, our colleagues and our community,” said UNCG Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr. “Our goal is and always has been to compete for championships on the field while ensuring our student-athletes’ success off the field, not only while they are here, but also after they’ve moved on from UNCG. In doing so, we will create excitement around the university, a deeper connection to our community and a sense of pride for all of our stakeholders. The updated UNCG Athletics Strategic Plan is the right road map for us moving forward, and it will help us achieve both our athletic and university goals.”

The core purpose of the UNCG athletic department has been and will continue to be operating The Spartan Way to discover and develop champions in life. This plan sets a course for the department to achieve its envisioned future being a nationally-recognized athletics program continuously competing for championships.

“This planning process gave us an opportunity to connect with our stakeholders and imagine our future together,” said UNCG Director of Athletics Kim Record. “We identified six strategic priorities to focus on: student-athlete well-being, athletic facilities, branding and engagement, resources, basketball and culture and community.”

The strategic planning committee, comprised of more than 100 faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends, developed a plan with over 200 action steps to be executed over the next five years. The athletics department will operate with six guiding principles as the foundation for daily decisions: student-athlete well-being, teamwork, responsibility, integrity, development and excellence.

To learn more about the new plan and the planning process, visit uncspartans.com.

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SELF Design Studio, a pioneering makerspace
Assistant Director Matt Fisher teaching about modular circuitry creation at The Day of Making, when the SELF Design Studio is open to children and parents.

You only need to walk through the doors of the UNCG School of Education’s SELF Design Studio to know that innovative things are happening there. Newly created robots of various shapes and sizes line the walls. Drawings with spinning flowers, historical story boxes and “augmented reality” postcards occupy shelves. Hanging on the back of a chair is a talking sports coat.

Here, at the SELF studio, in-service and pre-service teachers learn to use a variety of emerging technologies and tools including 3D printers, robotics, and circuitry kits, as well as traditional art supplies. UNCG students can bring in their ideas and work towards their materialization.

“We figure out how to use technology in the classroom and use it in practical and meaningful ways,” said Assistant Director Matt Fisher. “Someone has an idea, and we make it once, and then we figure out how to make it better.”

The SELF studio is in its fourth year, and always moving forward with more workshops and creative projects. The pioneer in university makerspaces is an integral part of UNCG’s Science Everywhere festival and the host of the Writing and Robotics camp. If there’s a big local event happening, SELF shows up. Their eclipse party included a time capsule and house-made projectors. At the National Folk Festival, SELF was there, facilitating two projects – Collabo-Story and Collabo-Art.

Education students also bring SELF creations, ideas and materials to their teaching internships sites across Guilford County. Through the Transforming Teaching Through Technology (T4) grant, the SELF studio also installed makerspaces into four elementary schools, two middle schools and one high schools in Guilford County and Winston-Salem.
marble paper.

Fisher says makerspaces are a growing part of school environments. He appreciates expanding “maker” culture throughout school districts, and deeply enjoys his work with students at the SELF Design Studio.

“With the students and all their ideas,” he said, “no day here is ever the same.”

For more information about the SELF Design Studio workshops, which include coding, 3D printing, video game design, “augmented reality” and more, check out the workshop calendar and tools page. To see SELF Design Studio creations in action, check out the videos on their Facebook page.

Next week, read about how the SELF Design Studio joined with Kiser Middle School to launch a high-altitude balloon into the stratosphere, more than 100,000 feet above the earth’s surface.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7cKIHXhd0ql

Video: A robot built by a UNCG School of Education student for a library display case at General Greene Elementary

By Susan Kirby-Smith

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**Alianza monthly luncheons for the 2017-18 academic year**

Alianza, UNCG’s Latino Staff Association, invites all UNCG employees to their 2017-18 luncheons. Alianza is an organization of employees who examine issues impacting Hispanic and Latino faculty, staff and students, and who promote campus activities around Hispanic and Latino culture and community.

The luncheons are at Pedro’s Taco Shop on 948 Walker Ave., near Tate Street. The dates are as follows:

Oct. 3 at noon

Nov. 7 at 4 p.m.

Dec. 5 at noon

Jan. 2 at 4 p.m.

Feb. 6 at noon

March 6 at 4 p.m.

April 3 at noon

May 1 at 4 p.m.

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**Open Enrollment 2018 is coming**

Open Enrollment will be held Sept. 30 through Oct. 31, 2017. The State Health Plan’s Board of Trustees approved several changes for the 2018 benefit year. You MUST TAKE ACTION during Open Enrollment to avoid an increase in the your monthly premium contribution.
Changes to the NC State Health Plan

Here are a few of the changes included in this year’s NC State Health Plan:

- Eligible employees will be automatically enrolled in the 70/30 Plan and MUST TAKE ACTION to otherwise choose the 80/20 Plan and/or to reduce their premium.
- Consumer-Directed Health Plan (CHDP) is no longer available.
- New Accident Insurance will be offered through NCFlex.
- The only Wellness Premium Credit activity is the Tobacco Attestation. Active members in the 70/30 Plan and 80/20 Plan may reduce the monthly premium by $60 each month by completing the tobacco attestation, attesting to being tobacco-free, or committing to enroll in the QuitlineNC multiple-call program by the end of Open Enrollment. Click HERE for details.

Single Sign-On

If you participated in Open Enrollment last year, you may have experienced problems logging into the insurance website. UNCG Human Resources and Information Technology Services are excited to announce Single Sign-On for this Open Enrollment. You will be able to log in using your UNCG username and password. Click HERE to log in to the insurance enrollment portal.

How to Get More Information

This year we are offering two types of Open Enrollment sessions: information-only meetings and open enrollment assistance labs:

- Information-Only Meetings: To hear about all of the upcoming changes, information only meetings will thoroughly inform you of your options for 2018.
- No enrollment will take place at these meetings. We encourage you to attend one of the information-only meetings prior to enrolling.
- Open Enrollment Assistance Labs Join our HR Benefits Staff in the computer lab as we walk you through the enrollment process. HR Benefits Staff will be on hand to provide assistance for online enrollment of your 2018 benefits. Prior to attending an enrollment assistance lab, a benefits information-only meeting is recommended (see above). Register for a seat in the 2018 Open Enrollment Assistance Lab by clicking HERE.

NCFlex Open Enrollment Guides will be sent through interoffice mail prior to the start of Open Enrollment. Click HERE to access an electronic version of the guide.

Please contact HR Benefits at (336) 334-5009 or askbenefits@uncg.edu if you have additional questions.

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Ashby Dialogue Series: film “Journey of the Universe” Oct. 19

As the next event in the Ashby Dialogue Series, the film “Journey of the Universe” will be screened. Dr. Mary Evelyn Tucker, senior lecturer and research scholar of Yale University, will speak about the film, which she co-produced.

The screening and discussion will be held 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the Sullivan Science Bldg, Mead Auditorium, on Thursday, Oct. 19.

The Emmy Award-winning film narrates the 14-billion-year history of the universe. It explores many facets, including its fiery inception, the
solar system and the many organisms inhabiting earth. Tucker’s discussion afterward will be especially pressing, and will make us contemplate life as we know it through science.

The Ashby Series is sponsored by the UNCG College of Arts and Sciences. Ann Berry Somers is the facilitator of the event. The public is welcome.

Questions? Contact Etsuko Kinefuchi, Communication Studies, e_kinefu@uncg.edu.

By Ishan Davis

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**Faculty Senate meets today (Wednesday) at 3 p.m.**

This month’s Faculty Senate meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct. 4, 3 p.m. in the Alumni House.

Chair Andrea Hunter and Provost Dana Dunn will speak. At 3:20 p.m, an update on the Strategic Planning will be presented by Dr. Julia Jackson-Newsom, Associate Vice Chancellor for Strategy and Policy. A General Education Self-Study Update will be presented by Dr. David Carlone, Chair, General Education Council. An NC Faculty Assembly Report will be presented by Dr. Spoma Jovanovic, UNCG Faculty Assembly Delegate. A proposed resolution will be presented by Dr. Anna Marshall-Baker, UNCG Faculty Assembly Lead Delegate and Spoma Jovanovic, UNCG Faculty Assembly Delegate, And the 2016 – 2017 Faculty Senate Self-Study will be presented by Dr. Andrea Hunter, Faculty Senate Chair & Anne Wallace, Immediate Past Chair.

Upcoming Events:

- George Meaffy, "The Faculty Role in Student Success: Insights from the Field." October 17, at 3:30 p.m. Virginia Dare Room, Alumni House
- Faculty Forum: General Education Program Review Wednesday, October 18, 2017, 3-5 p.m., Alumni House, Virginia Dare Room

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**Spartan Legislative Network forum on city council**

On October 11, the UNCG Spartan Legislative Network (SLN) is sponsoring a discussion along with OLSL, SGA, and the Greensboro Chapter of the League of Women voters titled "City Council: What it Does, and Why You Should Care and Vote!" The SLN is also hosting a reception prior to the event at 6:30 p.m. in the UNCG Faculty Center for alumni, students, faculty, and staff. The discussion will begin at 7 p.m. in the EUC's Cone Ballroom.

The Spartan Legislative Network is an all-inclusive network of UNCG alumni, students, faculty, and staff who share a common interest in promoting the accomplishments of UNCG as one of the founding institutions of the UNC system. Our mission is to bring together members with a shared interest in serving their communities by participating in policy discussions and engaging with legislators to shape the future of UNCG.

Questions about the event? Contact Dorian Thompson (UNCG Alumni Association): drthomp2@uncg.edu.

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**‘The Institutional as Usual: Sexism, Racism and the Politics of Complaint’**

The Women and Gender Studies Program of the College of Arts and Sciences presents the first lecture in The Dylan Rose Kadis and Eloise Hall Kadis Lecture Series.

"The Institutional as Usual: Sexism, Racism and the Politics of Complaint” will be presented by Dr. Sara Ahmed Oct. 18, 4 -5 p.m., in the Maple Room, Elliott University Center.
How do everyday forms of talk help shape how institutions of various kinds (such as government agencies, universities, and businesses) work? In this talk, Dr. Sara Ahmed offers a feminist analysis of how ordinary conversation, including joking and banter, helps perpetuate and normalize institutionalized forms of sexism and racism. She further addresses what happens when people seek to complain about such ordinary conversation. What does the institutional response to such complaints tell us about how contemporary forms of power work and how oppression gets reproduced through repeated, seemingly small actions?


The Dylan Rose Kadis and Eloise Hall Kadis Lecture Series is made possible by a generous donation from Claudia Buchdal Kadis ’65 to honor her granddaughters Dylan Rose and Eloise Hall and her husband, Bobby Kadis.

The lecture will be followed by heavy hors d’oeuvres. There is no fee to attend, but please rsvp to Julie Potter at jdpotte2@uncg.edu.

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Make nominations for Research Excellence Awards

In 1988, the Research Excellence Awards were established in recognition of the following principle:

“Given that creating and diffusing knowledge is a formal obligation of the University, the Research Excellence Award will be given to a full-time member of the faculty whose work contributes in an exemplary fashion to this end.”

Each year, the Chancellor solicits nominations for the Research Excellence Awards and a faculty review committee studies the portfolios with regard to the following criteria: 1) the importance of the research contributions to the field, 2) the originality of thought, 3) the execution of the research, and 4) the pattern of the nominee’s research productivity.

Up to two Research Excellence Awards may be given each year. The Junior Research Excellence Award is for a scholar at the rank of assistant or associate professor and a cash honorarium of $4,500 accompanies the award. The award will be based primarily on work done at UNCG during the past five years. The Senior Research Excellence Award is for a scholar at the rank of professor and a cash honorarium of $7,500 accompanies the award. The award will be made on the basis of the nominee’s research career, with particular emphasis placed on work done in the last five years.

Due to the exceptional pool of nominees typically submitted and in recognition of the work involved in preparing the nomination packet, the Research Excellence Committee will consider applications for an additional year after the original submission. The nominator will have the opportunity to update the application packet, if desired. This would particularly apply if, for example, a nominee for the Junior award becomes eligible for the Senior Award or if the nominator wishes to highlight significant accomplishments in the past year since the original packet was submitted.

To nominate a faculty member for a 2017-2018 Research Excellence Award, go to http://research.uncg.edu/research-excellence-awards for a copy of the Nomination Packet, which includes the nomination guidelines, selection criteria and the nomination cover sheet. All materials are to be submitted electronically. The Nomination Packet, including the signed nomination cover sheet, should be scanned as a pdf file and emailed to rsh_ptnr@uncg.edu by December 1, 2017.

For more information, contact Debbie Freund at freundd@uncg.edu or 336-256-0426.

Read about the current recipients here.

Read about prior recipients here.

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Volunteers prepare, as SECC kicks off later this month
SECC organizers have been hard at work stuffing envelopes and finalizing plans for this fall’s State Employees Combined Campaign (SECC). The annual giving campaign benefits charities across the Triad and the state.

Macea Whisette is the campus chair this year. Cathy Church is vice chair (facilitator).

This year’s State Employees Combined Campaign goal is $200,125 to commemorate the university’s 125th Anniversary of the opening of its doors.

One new event this year is the Kickoff and Agency Fair, which is inspired by the popular kickoff held each year years ago. The fall’s highlights are:

**Kick Off / Agency Fair**, October 23, noon – 2 p.m., EUC, Cone Ballroom

- Free food and entertainment.
- Over 20 non-profit agencies on hand

**Pancake Breakfast / Silent Auction.** This fundraiser event will be held Monday, October 30, 7:30 a.m., Fountain View Dining Room, Moran Commons. An email was distributed to faculty and staff last week with an invitation to purchase tickets and attend the breakfast. See details here.

**UNCG SECC 125th T-shirts on sale** this month. Look for more details as the campaign approaches. For more information, contact secc@uncg.edu.

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**Locating grant funding opportunities**

The workshop “Show Me the Money! Locating Grant Funding Opportunities” will be held Wednesday, Oct. 25, 9-11 a.m., in 304 Curry Building.

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. The workshop is presented by University Libraries.
and the Office of Sponsored Programs.

Register at https://workshops.uncg.edu

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**Be a 2017 Homecoming Champion**

Homecoming 2017 is right around the corner, Oct. 16-22. The Alumni Engagement office is asking Spartans to go the extra mile.

In celebration of UNCG’s 125th anniversary, consider becoming a Homecoming Champion by making a gift of $125 to the UNCG Alumni Association. You will help create a lasting legacy that keeps Spartans connected while also enjoying VIP perks at this year’s Homecoming.

As a Homecoming Champion, you’ll enjoy:

- A voucher for the Spartan feast, featuring Stamey’s Old Fashioned Barbeque and Yum Yum ice cream, at Saturday’s Homecoming Block Party on Kaplan Commons
- A commemorative badge of honor to wear throughout the weekend
- An official UNCG Homecoming T-Shirt – custom-made with your name on it.
- VIP beverage service on Homecoming Saturday

GOLD alumni (Graduates of the Last Decade, classes of 2007-2017) can become a Homecoming Champion by making a gift of $75 to the UNCG Alumni Association.

For any questions, email alumni@uncg.edu or call 336.334.5696.

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**You’re invited to LLC’s Poetry without Borders Oct. 13**

“Poetry without Borders:” A Celebration of Words” will be held Friday, October 13, 2017.

The purpose of the 2017 Celebration of Words is to bring together the creative side of all the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures students and faculty. Organizers will highlight LLC’s diversity and common love and respect for languages. They will inquire about the creative and artistic aspect of words. The 2017 Celebration of Words will focus on poetry and its connections to the visual arts, specifically photography.

- Breakfast: 8-9 am, EUC
- Morning and early afternoon sessions: 9 am-3 pm, EUC
- Afternoon event 3-5 pm followed by a reception at 5 pm, Virginia Dare Room (Alumni House)

For more information or to request disability accommodations contact: Dr. Carmen Sotomayor (ctsotoma@uncg.edu) All events are free and open to the public.

Featured Events:

- Photographer and public speaker José Galvez
- Reading by distinguished retirees Roch Smith, Dr. Ramiro Lagos and Dr. Mark Smith-Soto, Veronica Grossi (UNC) and Nathalie Dupont (Bucknell University)
- Presentation of LLC’s multilingual poetry magazine International Poetry Review by Dr. Kathleen Macfie
- Presentation of the Most Poetic Word in Each Language contest Faculty Poetry Recital in original language and English translation

LLC’s Global Village Living Learning Community will also actively participate in the event. LLC will hold a poetry contest titled “The Most Poetic Word in Each Language” to engage students in the days preceding the event and on the day of the event. On October 13th, they have reserved 8 rooms in the EUC so students will have the chance to visit and participate in several poetry workshops from 9 am-3 pm.

LLC thanks the Office of Intercultural Engagement and its director Gus Peña for its support.
Volunteers needed for Run 4 the Greenway

The 8th Annual Run 4 the Greenway is a 4 mile and a 1.25 Mile Costume Walk/Run - in honor of UNCG’s 125th Anniversary - will be held Saturday, Oct. 28, 4-8 p.m. at Morehead Park on the Downtown Greenway (475 Spring Garden St beside Morehead Foundry).

UNCG is a sponsor in honor of the 125th Anniversary and is providing volunteers for the course monitor positions, water and cheering stations, and other areas.

As a volunteer, you get a great t-shirt and a coupon for a free beverage.

Click the link below and sign up to help on October 28.

Pass this email on to anyone you know that may be willing to give a couple of hours on that Saturday to have fun and support UNCG and benefit the Downtown Greenway.

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ea8iu2nn5f58-2014

A volunteer training session will be held on Monday, October 9, in the Claxton Room at EUC from 5 to 6 p.m. T-shirts and beverage coupons will be given out.

Would you rather walk or run? Go to www.downtowngreenway.org/event/8th-annual-run-4-the-greenway/ to register or for more information about the run.

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See/Hear: Oct. 4, 2017

Thursday, Oct. 5, 2017, will be the 125th Anniversary! Students, faculty and staff gathered on the soccer field on Sept. 20, 2017, to take a formation photo in celebration of UNCG’s 125th anniversary.

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New Bryan School web site

The Bryan School of Business and Economics announces the launch of its new web site. The site is designed with a focus on key users, and is now mobile responsive – so it can be navigated easily on any device. Visit the new site at bryan.uncg.edu.

For questions about the Bryan School’s site redesign project, contact the Bryan School’s Webmaster Alex Runyan at agrunyan@uncg.edu.

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Looking Ahead: Oct. 4, 2017

Faculty Senate Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 4, 3 p.m., Alumni House, Virginia Dare Room

Founders Day Celebration
Thursday, Oct. 5, 4 p.m., The Quad

UC/LS: Rhiannon Giddens
Thursday, Oct. 5, 8 p.m., UNCG Auditorium
Artist Talk: Louise Fishman
Friday, Oct. 6, 6 p.m., Weatherspoon Art Museum

UNCG Jazz Ensembles I & II
Friday, Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m., Recital Hall

Tim Youd: 100 Novels (Performance Art)
Oct. 9 - 13, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.; 2 - 4 p.m., Weatherspoon Art Museum (various locations)

Dr. Kenneth Gruber

Dr. Kenneth Gruber (Center for Youth, Family and Community Partnerships) received new funding from NC A&T State University for the project "Research and Technical Assistance for the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences – NC A&T State University." This project is supported by funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA NIFA).

Dr. Paul Knapp

Dr. Paul Knapp (Geography) received continuation of funding from the National Science Foundation for the project "A multi-century reconstruction of tropical cyclone rainfall magnitude and variability derived from longleaf pine in the U.S. southeast Atlantic coastal region."

This project is designed to provide a multi-century perspective regarding the variability of rainfall derived from landfalling tropical cyclones (TCs; tropical depressions, tropical storms, and hurricanes) in the Atlantic southeast coastal region (ASCR) of the southeastern US by examining the instrumental climate record and the development and application of multiple proxy tree-ring records. Latewood growth of longleaf pine (Pinus palustris Mill.) within the ASCR principally occurs from mid-June through mid-October (tropical-cyclone season) and has strong statistical power when used to reconstruct TC precipitation (TCP). TCP is a critical component of the ASCR hydroclimate, as it influences summer/autumn recharge to groundwater supplies, can abruptly end severe drought conditions, and serves an important ecological role. Conversely, TCs and their associated flooding impose substantial societal costs including human mortality and economic losses. To place the effects of TCP in a historical context, this study will: 1) extend the TCP record to the 17th century to document spatio-temporal variability prior to historic records; 2) determine if actual and reconstructed TCP values significantly correspond with changes in tree-ring oxygen-18 isotopes; and, 3) examine variability of TCP and determine the sensitivity of TCP to the North Atlantic, Atlantic Multidecadal, and El Niño Southern Oscillations.

Dr. Chris Payne

Dr. Chris Payne (Center for Youth, Family, and Community Partnerships) received new funding from Guilford County Partnership for Children for the project "Juvenile Court Infant Toddler Initiative." You may view your project and award documents in Ramses under the proposal number listed above.
Infants and toddlers are the most frequent victims of abuse and neglect in families. Moreover, they are the largest group of children to enter, remain in and re-enter foster care, and they are the least likely to reunify with their biological families. A growing body of research clearly demonstrates that early relationships play a critical role in a child’s brain development and future academic and social success; when these relationships are neglectful or abusive, the course of an infant’s entire life may be impacted. Young children who experience trauma and neglect are much more likely than their peers to develop mental health disorders and physical ailments and are at greater risk of having behavioral and educational problems.

Guilford County continues to rank high on many of the factors associated with increased rates of child maltreatment for children: poverty, economic stress, parents who are adolescents, or single parents without social support networks. As well preventive services may be available but not accessible or utilized due to barriers. This project will provide continued support for the Community Court Coordinator in Guilford County’s Juvenile Court Infant Toddler Initiative (JCITI). This program builds the capacity of families, court team members and service providers to support the safety and the healthy development of young children, 0-5, who present in the child welfare system due to abuse, neglect, or dependency. The purpose of the Juvenile Court Infant Toddler Initiative is 1) to increase awareness among all those who work with maltreated infants and toddlers about the negative impact of abuse and neglect on very young children, and 2) to change local systems to improve outcomes and prevent future court involvement in the lives of very young children, thereby reducing the risk for abuse and neglect among infants and young children in Guilford County. The project will continue the work of the JCITI Community Court Coordinator (CCC), who is trained in providing services to children and families from diverse backgrounds and working across the judicial, legal, child welfare and child-serving systems. The JCITI CCC is an early childhood mental health/child welfare professional, housed in the courts, addressing the needs of young children birth to three in Guilford County, utilizing the services for infants and toddlers provided by the community stakeholders. Specifically, the JCITI coordinator will engage early childhood service providers, provide some mental health services, serve as a resource for child development expertise for the court, track referred cases, and work with community partners to identify gaps in services helping to coordinate services and resources in support of infants/toddlers and their families. Approximately 100 children, 0-5, and their families benefit from this service each year. The Guilford County initiative creates a system and provides services modeled after the evidence-based Zero to Three Safe Babies Court Team program. Guilford County JCITI utilizes the 10 core principles of the ZTT model. The ZTT Safe Babies Court Team model is being used in several locations across the US including: Washington State; Miami/Dade, Florida; Little Rock, Arkansas; Des Moines, Iowa; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Cherokee, NC.

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Dr. Ryoko Yamaguchi

Dr. Ryoko Yamaguchi (Office of Research and Engagement) received over $1 million in new funding from the National Science Foundation “BRIGHT-CS: Building Student Retention through Individuated Guided coHort Training in Computer Science.”

BRIGHT-CS proposes to create a comprehensive computer science and empowerment model for African American/black girls by building strategic partnerships with schools, universities, non-profit and community organizations. We recognize that to engage and promote black girls in computing, it cannot be a "one-off" experience such as a school’s coding day, a Hackathon, or a summer coding camp. Rather, engagement must be an ongoing process that is part of a larger learning ecosystem of students, parents, the community and the school. This learning ecosystem must also provide peer-level support to help guard against feelings of isolation in the field. BRIGHT-CS is a three-year project that will:

- Create a computing learning ecosystem that uses a cohort model of positive peer and near-peer mentors among black girls in computing with an emphasis on (1) empowerment and leadership development for black girls, (2) comprehensive computer science and computational thinking experiences, and (3) partnerships with schools, colleges/universities, and non-profit and community organizations; and

- Research the effectiveness of this learning ecosystem to promote black girls in computing and determine best practices for broadening participation to other marginalized student groups.

Three important features of BRIGHT-CS are that 1) it leverages the existing (and growing) local community of empowerment for black women and girls, 2) it focuses on creating a CS learning ecosystem focused on computational thinking, and 3) it has vast reach in providing professional, leadership, and civic development for its constituents and partner organizations. Creating a CS learning ecosystem can easily be extended to other groups of students and locales. The concept of a CS learning ecosystem is one that has great potential for broader impacts across different communities.

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Golden Globe-winning "Paradise Now” Oct. 12 in Human Rights Film Series
Join the Human Rights Research Network for its next film in the International Human Rights Film Series.

The next film is "Paradise Now" on Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the School of Education Building, Room 120. A post-film discussion facilitated by Dr. Jerry Pubantz, professor of political science, will follow the screening.

The film tells the story of two Palestinian friends who are recruited to become suicide bombers in Tel Aviv. It won the 2005 Golden Globe Award for Best Foreign Language Film.

The series is free and open to the public. For more information on the film series or upcoming film showings, visit humanrightsresearchnetwork.weebly.com.

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