Alumni-Employee Network Kickoff Luncheon on Feb. 20

One third of UNCG’s faculty and staff are also Spartan alumni. Are you an alum?

In order to recognize your dedication to your alma mater, UNCG is launching the UNCG Faculty and Staff Alumni Network. Please join in for a kickoff luncheon. This will be an opportunity to engage with your peers, celebrate your hard work, and get excited for Believe in the G the following day.

The kickoff luncheon will be held Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. in Alumni House.

The buffet-style lunch is complimentary, but please RSVP for planning purposes: register here.

2019 Summer Camps at UNCG
Looking at camps for this summer? There is a big variety at UNCG, from sports camps to sciences ones like the Herpetological Research Experience, from the UNCG Summer Arts and Design Camp to UNCG Summer Music Camp – and nearly a dozen more.

The UNCG Community and Friends web page hosts a fully updated listing of this year’s UNCG camps:

Visit https://communityengagement.uncg.edu/clinics-camps-services/#campsworkshops

Bough wow! Naturally beautiful UNCG a Tree Campus USA

We Spartans know how beautiful UNCG is. For the tenth year in a row, the Arbor Day Foundation has officially agreed.

UNCG has earned Tree Campus USA recognition for the 10th year in a row. Tree Campus USA, an Arbor Day Foundation program, honors colleges and universities and their leaders for promoting healthy trees and engaging students and staff in the spirit of conservation.

“Ten years of Tree Campus USA designation is a great honor and shows this University’s commitment to caring for our campus urban forest,” Andrew Currin, Assistant Director of Grounds, affirmed.

To obtain this distinction, UNCG met the five core standards for sustainable campus forestry required by Tree Campus USA, including establishment of a tree advisory committee, evidence of a campus tree-care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, an Arbor Day observance, and the sponsorship of student service-learning projects.

Our entire campus community should be proud of this sustained commitment to
environmental stewardship. Many thanks are due to UNCG’s Grounds crew, including Kevin Siler, who oversees the annual application process. Being a Tree Campus USA is an integral part of UNCG’s vision for a sustainable campus and its goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050.

To learn more about the role Grounds plays in that mission and to read the UNCG Campus Tree Care Plan, follow the link: https://facsustainability.uncg.edu/action-areas/grounds/

Follow UNCG Sustainability on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook @SustainableUNCG

**Panel on Inclusive Student Experiences**

The Viewpoints of Inclusive Student Experiences panels are a venue for faculty to hear the perspective of students from marginalized identity groups on campus. The moderated panel will allow faculty to ask questions of the students and reflect on diversity and inclusion at UNCG. This VOICES panel will focus on International Students’ Experiences. It will be April 11 at the Faculty Center, from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. RSVP here.

**Workshop on the Fulbright Scholar Program**

A workshop on the Fulbright Scholar Program for administrators, faculty, and professionals will be presented by Grant Stream-Gonzalez, Outreach and Recruitment Analyst at the Institute of International Education. He will discuss how to create a competitive application, how to make contacts abroad, choosing the right country and award for you, and the numerous opportunities available in more than 125 countries. The workshop will be on February 28, in the MHRA third floor lounge, from 2-3 p.m. Space is limited, so RSVP at https://workshops.uncg.edu/Workshop-Schedule/1074.

**Global Engagement Panel**

The Global Engagement Faculty Fellow Dr. Ali Askerov will host a panel of UNCG faculty and staff who attended the 2019 Workshop on International Skills Enhancement Conference. The panelists will share pedagogical techniques to improve intercultural learning, strategies for critical reflection, and ways to globally engage students in the classroom. The panel will be February 25, at The Faculty Center, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Register for attendance here.

**Teaching online courses that involve community**
engagement

Each year UNCG brings nationally and locally renowned community engagement scholar-practitioners to campus to engage with faculty, staff, students, and community colleagues. Speakers facilitate discussions on key aspects of engagement, including capacity development for engaged teaching, learning, research, and creative activity; expansion of policies, structures, and paradigms to support engagement; and alignment of institutional and community priorities through engagement.

This year the Speaker Series will kick off with Rebecca J. Dumlao, Ph.D., Professor of Communication Studies at East Carolina University. In the session she will discuss Choice Points for Teaching Online Courses that Involve Community Engagement. Find out more about Rebecca and the exciting lineup we have here.

Careers in Sustainability Panel

Here’s a great opportunity for UNCG students and the campus community to hear from professionals in various industries who think about sustainability issues every day in their work. They will discuss interesting career paths.

This event is for students and is part of the Appalachian Energy Summit Mid-year Summit. Seating is limited.

Register via Handshake here: https://uncg.joinhandshake.com/events/265056

Or e-mail Megan Walters: mlwalter@uncg.edu
Q&A Panel Discussion, 1:15 – 2 p.m.

Networking Mixer with light refreshments, 2:00 – 2:45

Panelist include:

Tori Carle, GSO Waste Reduction Supervisor

James Allred, Assistant Vice President, Bankruptcy Specialist II at Bank of America

Daniel Smith, environmental lawyer and Chair of Greensboro Beautiful

**Artists & Curator Talk at WAM**

Join Art on Paper curator Elaine Gustafson in conversation with participating North Carolina artists Sara Farrington, Kate Gordon, and Antoine Williams for insights into their working processes and inspirations.

The Weatherspoon talk on Feb 21, 4 – 5 pm is in conjunction with the exhibition **Art on Paper 2019** (on view until May 5, 2019).

**Men’s Basketball heads into 2 big match-ups**

Men’s Basketball is currently rated no. 45 in the nation in the NCAA’s NET (RPI) ratings. They are just behind VCU and Alabama, and just ahead of UCF and Indiana.

UNCG (22-3 overall and 11-1 in the conference) is in second place in the SoCon, trailing Wofford, who is undefeated in the conference.

UNCG has two big road games this week:

at Furman, who is third in the SoCon and no. 56 nationally

at Wofford, first in the SoCon and rated no. 27 nationally.

Both games can be enjoyed on ESPN+.
‘Modern Black Lives and the Medieval Right’

The first talk in the spring semester of the Medievalism in Contemporary Culture Speaker Series will be:


The talk will be Tuesday, Feb. 19, 5:30 p.m., MHRA 1215.

The talk is co-sponsored by the English Department’s Class of 1952 Professorship and the African American and African Diaspora Studies Program.

Mathematics Education’s Yopp Speaker Series

Teaching math to children is a complex and always-relevant subject. As part of its Yopp Distinguished Speaker Series, the Mathematics Education Department has two talks coming up soon. Both are free and open to the public.

First, Dr. Sandra Crespo, Professor of Mathematics Education at Michigan State University, will present “Against All Odds: Teaching Collaborative Learning in the Elementary Mathematics Classroom”. Dr. Crespo will share her experience with the Complex Instruction framework, and will discuss how to use it as a tool to address inequities in the teaching and learning of mathematics. This talk is March 18, 5:30-7 p.m., in the EUC Alexander Room.

Following will be Dr. Nicholas Johnson, a senior researcher at the University of California – Los Angeles. His talk, “Expanding Competence: Recognizing and Building from Children’s Partial Understandings”, will analyze research on children’s mathematical competence. He will explore the value of children’s partial understandings and the socially constructed nature of competence. The presentation is May 8, 10:30 a.m.-noon, in SOEB 401.
Phi Beta Kappa Spring 2019 events

UNCG’s Phi Beta Kappa will have two events this semester:

**General membership meeting - refreshments included**

MHRA Building Faculty Lounge, room 3501

Wednesday, February 27  4 – 5 pm

Primary order of business will be to elect the next class of new members to our chapter

**Spring 2019 Initiation Ceremony**

Weatherspoon Art Museum Auditorium

Monday, April 15  Program starts at 7 pm, followed by a reception in the lobby

Guest speaker: Dr. Stan Meiburg, Director of Graduate Programs in Sustainability at Wake Forest University

**Dr. Susan P. Keane will receive Faculty Mentor Award**

The recipient of the 2018-19 Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award will be Dr. Susan P. Keane, professor of psychology.

Since 1983, Keane has mentored 41 doctoral dissertations and 54 masters theses at UNCG, including a recipient of the outstanding dissertation award and the outstanding thesis award. Her graduates have pursued a variety of positions in the academy, in clinics and hospitals, as well as in private practice.

Since 2005, Keane has served as the director of clinical training and is responsible for the well-being of the clinical program and its students. Of the 63 students who have completed this program during Keane’s tenure as director, 62 were successfully matched with an internship on their first attempt, far exceeding the national success rate of 2/3 in some years.
Keane has received $2.8m in training grant funds. These external funds were used to support 51 different students as well as to help begin and sustain Dream Camp, a summer day camp for children on the autism spectrum that also serves as a training site for 8-14 student therapists each summer.

Her mentoring extends beyond students’ time at UNCG, with graduates returning to campus years after they graduate to seek Keane’s advice. Her former students describe her as a personal and professional role model who insists on the highest standards of excellence and who has a gift for helping students explain complex results in a way that patients and their families can understand. They remark that she strikes that perfect balance between offering direct advice and imbuing students with confidence to make their own decisions.

She will receive the award in a ceremony for faculty honorees in April.

Dr. Chris Payne

Dr. Chris Payne (The Center for Youth, Family, and Community Partnerships) received a continuation of funding from Guilford Child Development for the project “Partnerships to Enhance Early Care and Education.” The project is supported by funds from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. Joy Scott is co-principal investigator on the project.

According to the abstract, UNCG’s Center for Youth, Family, and Community Partnerships will serve as the Research/Implementation/Professional Development partner to Guilford Child Development for its second Early Head Start Child Care (EHS-CC) Partnership grant in order to increase staff knowledge and skills which support high quality comprehensive child development services. Utilizing an implementation science model, researchers will provide training, technical assistance, mentoring, and quality improvement for EHS staff and home child care providers delivering expanded services in Guilford County, N.C. The US/HHS Administration for Children and Families has designated several zip codes in this county as a high priority area and will provide funding for the purpose of expanding high-quality, comprehensive services for low-income infants and toddlers and their families.

Guilford Child Development (GCD), the grant applicant, will bring its deep experience with Early Head Start program administration and its extensive and longstanding networks of community and child care provider partnerships to a comprehensive and collaborative effort to expand access to high quality early childhood services to children and families in a high need area in Guilford County, NC. GCD and its partner, UNCG, will increase access to high quality early childhood care through a two-pronged approach: (A) Direct provision of high
quality early childhood services through additional Early Head Start classrooms in Greensboro, NC; and (B) Comprehensive training to increase the knowledge and skills of child care staff and heighten the quality of care in homes and classrooms. This two-pronged approach will help to meet the immediate need for high quality child care while also building a broad base of early childhood professionals to continue to meet community needs.

Dr. Gideon Wasserberg

Dr. Gideon Wasserberg (Biology) received new funding from the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) for the project “NCDHHS Contract to Survey Tick Distribution in NW NC.”

According to the abstract, the project will test the “New-River invasion corridor hypothesis,” which posits that Lyme disease spreads faster, by dispersing ticks, along the New River basin that acts as a natural corridor connecting the current southwestern Virginia hot-spot of Pulaski/Wythe/Giles counties with the high Lyme disease incidence northwestern counties of Ashe and Alleghany. Researchers will test this hypothesis using tick flagging in 10 sites: five along the New River and five in latitudinally parallel sites in the western Piedmont. Sites will be surveyed at least one time between November and January, and at least one time between April and June. Ticks will be collected (stored in 95% ethanol), speciated, and sent to CDC for pathogen testing.

Jenny Southard

Jenny Southard, University Speaking Center coordinator and Communications Studies faculty member, has been appointed Student Advocate of the Communication Centers section of the National Communication Association.

The Communication Centers Section of the National Communication Association (NCA) encourages and facilitates the exchange of scholarly and professional knowledge about issues related to communication centers, including communication theory and methodology, speech communication, and other disciplines related to the study of human communication. Members of the Section support the following goals:

- Cooperation among center administrators and consultants in exchanging professional information about center operations
- Scholarly research about the impact of communication centers
• Academic exchange between communication scholars
• Professional cooperation with other associations of scholars
• Promotion of the Communication Centers initiative in higher education

**Askerov, Powers, Rinker, Schmitz**

Four UNCG faculty members will present a reading at Scuppernong Bookstore downtown on their peace and conflict studies and social work:

- Ali Askerov, Contemporary Russo-Turkish relations: From crisis to cooperation

- Meredith Powers, Social work promoting community and environmental sustainability: A workbook for social work practitioners and educators (Co-Ed., Vol. 1 & 2)

- Jeremy Rinker, Identity, rights, and awareness: Anticaste activism in India and the awakening of justice through discursive practices

- Cathryne Schmitz, Critical multiculturalism and intersectionality in a complex world

The reading will be Thursday, Feb. 21, at 4 p.m.

**Dr. Jonathan Zarecki**

Dr. Jonathan Zarecki (Associate Professor, Classical Studies) gave a lecture as part of the Marshall Center Lecture Series at the Jepson School of Leadership Studies at the University of Richmond on Feb. 15. His talk commemorated the 200th anniversary of the re-discovery of one of the most important works of political philosophy from the Roman era, Cicero’s De Re Publica. His talk explored the importance of Cicero’s concept of the ideal statesman to modern theories and discussion of leadership.