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Kim Record and alumni recognized as Outstanding Women in Business



UNC Greensboro Director of Athletics Kim Record and four UNCG alumni have been named winners of the Triad Business Journal's [2019 Outstanding Women in Business Awards](#).

The five Spartans are among 23 women across the Triad to be recognized for their leadership and the ways in which their contributions have left an indelible mark on the community.

In her 10th year as director of athletics, Record leads the University's 17 athletic teams, more than 225 student-athletes, and 90 staff members. Record has led UNCG to unprecedented athletic success, both on and off the court. During the 2017-18 academic year, UNCG's athletic teams won five Southern Conference Championships and earned a best-ever 3.23 GPA.

The success has continued this year, with women's soccer winning its second consecutive Southern Conference Championship, and men's basketball setting a new program record for wins (28), placing second in the Southern Conference Tournament, and earning the No. 1 overall seed in the National Invitation Tournament.

Additionally, under Record's leadership, UNCG Athletics launched the [Campaign for Champions](#) in January. The fundraising campaign is focused on transforming student-athlete academic and support facilities, and recruiting and retaining top coaches.

The four recognized UNCG alumni are:

- **Waqiah McNair Ellis '01 MSN**, executive director of nursing and patient services, Cone Health
- **Jennifer Ann Causey Johnson '09, '10 MSA**, owner, Gate City Accounting Solutions Inc.
- **Kim Kelly Mann '80**, partner, Womble Bond Dickinson
- **Sherri Bulluck Thomas '93**, chief human resources and organizational development officer, Truliant Federal Credit Union

The Triad Business Journal's awards ceremony will be held Thursday, April 4, at 5:30 p.m. at Grandover Resort and Conference Center.

To learn more and to see the full list of award winners, visit the [Triad Business Journal website](#).

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Cameras. Mic's. Lightboard. Leverage the magic of UTLC's Production Suite



UNC Greensboro's [University Teaching and Learning Commons \(UTLC\)](#) has opened a new production suite to help faculty incorporate technology into the classroom and transform the learning experience for students.

The suite includes three state-of-the-art studios:

- **A one-button video recording studio** in which faculty plug in a USB flash drive,

- press record, talk to the camera, and then walk away with a video file
- **A podcasting studio** to create audio files and full-length podcasts
- **A lightboard studio** that provides a videographer and post-production capabilities

The new space also includes virtual reality technology.

Faculty members interested in learning more about the production suite are encouraged to sign up for one of the upcoming one-hour workshops. Workshops will be held March 21, March 25, April 18, and April 29. Space is limited for each session. After completing the introductory workshop, faculty can begin to reserve and use the studio spaces.

To register for a workshop, visit [the workshops and events website](#).

To learn more about the UTLC, visit utlc.uncg.edu.

Read the complete UNCG Now story [here](#).

Play on! Spartans are No. 1 seed in NIT, advance to Round 2



The UNCG men's basketball team earned the No. 1 overall seed in the National Invitation Tournament and began postseason play Tuesday night by defeating No. 8 seed Campbell 84-69 at the Greensboro Coliseum.

It was a milestone victory: the first time in program history the team has earned a victory in the NIT.

The game was UNCG's third appearance in the NIT in school history, having previously suffered losses to Memphis in 2002 and Syracuse in 2017. They earned a post-season victory in the CBI tournament in 2016, making this their second post-season victory ever.

The Spartans earned the top seed in this year's NIT after narrowly missing out on the Southern Conference's first-ever at-large bid into the NCAA Tournament. With last night's

win, this year's team has extended its program record for wins in a season to 29.

Tickets for the NIT second round match-up at the Greensboro Coliseum will be available through the [UNCG Athletics site](#), and, through Ticketmaster [here](#), and at the UNCG Ticket Office in Coleman Building.

Second-round NIT games will take place March 21-25 (the date/time for the UNCG-Lipscomb game will be announced soon) and the quarterfinals will be March 26-27, both at campus sites. The semifinals on April 2 and the championship game on April 4 will be played at Madison Square Garden in New York.

To read more, visit uncgspartans.com.

Visual: Photo from a late-season game.

Pride Month events on campus



For Pride Month 2019, UNCG's Office of Intercultural Engagement will host a variety of events through March and into April.

Some highlights:

- March 20: Queer Film Series: "Julio of Jackson Heights": In collaboration with the School of Education, there will be a screening of the documentary about the murder of a gay Puerto Rican man which inspired a coming out of a New York LGBTQ community. 7 p.m., EUC Cone Ballroom.
- March 25: Tunnel of Oppression: An interactive event highlighting issues of oppression in our society. Participants walk through scenes that highlight particular issues with an assigned tour guide. 1-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m., EUC Cone Ballroom.
- March 29: WGS Assemblages: Anti-Oppression Works: UNCG's Women and Gender Studies program will present its 4th annual research symposium, dedicated to engaging in meaningful conversation around systemic oppressions. 9 a.m.-7 p.m., multiple rooms in the EUC.
- April 3: Supporting LGBTQ+ Survivors of Violence: A workshop that discusses how best

to support LGBTQ+ survivors of sexual and relationship violence. The presentation aims to provide faculty and staff with the tools to respond to disclosures from LGBTQ+ survivors. 9:30 a.m., Bryan 113.

- April 8: LGBTQ+ and Abroad: This workshop will provide faculty and staff an opportunity to learn how to support LGBTQ+ students during the study abroad experience, and how to break down barriers against marginalized students. 6 p.m., Foust 206.
- April 16: CommUNITY Dialogue: Latino/a/x - What's the Difference?: This entry in the monthly CommUNITY Dialogue series will explore the intersections of LGBTQ+ and Latin American identities. 12-2 p.m., EUC 062.

For a full event listing, see the web page [here](#). For more information or disability accommodations, contact Elliott Kimball at 336-334-3478 or erkimba2@uncg.edu.

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Register for June's 'Building Healthy Communities Through Better Housing' symposium

Safe and affordable housing has a tremendous effect on mental and physical health. At the upcoming Building Healthy Communities Through Better Housing symposium, panelists and participants will consider ways to improve community health by investing in better housing.

The keynote will be given by Terry Akin, Chief Executive Officer of Cone Health System. There will be a wide variety of speakers and panelists, including Brooks Ann McKinney, Head of Vulnerable Populations with Cone Health; Anita Bachmann, CEO of UnitedHealthcare Community Plan North Carolina; and Rep. Ashton Clemmons, Representative for North Carolina House District 57.

The symposium will be June 7 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. in the School of Education. For more information, including a complete list of speakers, and to register, see the event listing [here](#).

Newsmakers: Basketball, Haines, Lawrimore, Ortiz, and Kirchoff

Whether researchers with timely insights or students with outstanding stories, members of the UNCG community appear in print, web and broadcast media every day. Here is a sampling of UNCG-related stories in the news and media over the week:

- Spartan Basketball's UNCG At Large campaign was featured in multiple publications, including the [New York Times](#), [The News and Record](#), and [WFMY News2](#). The team's

position “on the bubble” as a mid-major conference team was a topic on ESPN and sports radio shows – and the NCAA seedings announcement show on CBS.

- Steve Haines (Music) spoke to Yes! Weekly about his new album and his experience writing lyrics for the first time. [The piece.](#)
- WUNC featured the Well Crafted NC project’s efforts to improve awareness of women’s contributions to brewing, with commentary from Erin Lawrimore. [The article.](#)
- Fox8 featured music education undergraduate Dixie Ortiz’s efforts to increase the accessibility of music education. [The piece.](#)
- Dr. Bruce Kirchoff was interviewed in a Washington Post article on the physics of “On Top of Spaghetti”. [The article.](#)

TOPPS event

UNCG’s Teaching Innovation Office is hosting its second annual TOPPS event May 13-15.

The theme is the “Science and Art of Changing the Brain” through instruction and instructional design. The target audience for the event is all online faculty members at UNCG (full/part time). Since summer semester are mainly taught online at UNCG, this event just before the summer semester gives online faculty ideas and inspiration on how teach online.

The keynote speaker for this event is Dr. Kristen Betts, Clinical Professor in the School of Education at Drexel University. Her full bio and full event details on located on our TOPPS website at <https://utlc.uncg.edu/teaching/topps/>

The keynote presentations are Monday and Tuesday, May 13 and 14, 9am-1:15pm in the Faculty Center. Lunch is included. Additional workshops will be offered during TOPPS in various locations. UNCG faculty members can register for all or some of the sessions by going to workshops.uncg.edu and find TOPPS events under the University Teaching and Learning Commons.

Last year, the TOPPS keynote sessions were full with a wait list.

Reserve space and room equipment in Jackson Library



Like many institutions, UNCG's University Libraries has invested in a space renovation of its Library Tower in Jackson Library to support student learning. New furniture and technology have been added to floors two through five to provide improved group spaces, along with a variety of other arrangements. New seating options, larger tables, post and beam structures and whiteboards are just a few of the recent improvements. In

addition, spaces on floors two and three have been enhanced with technology and software, such as dual monitors, large screen displays and power sources.

University Libraries Facilities Manager Will Cook has been overseeing the project since its inception, which began in the spring of 2017. "One huge challenge for University Libraries has been accommodating the growing UNCG student population and finding creative ways to add more seats in Jackson Library," said Cook. "We hope our efforts will create a space that is collaborative, innovative, and technology-enhanced."

The project is scheduled to be completed during the summer of 2019. Information about each area is available on University Library's website, along with the ability to reserve the space.

Gen Ed Revision Report topic of today's special Faculty Senate meeting

Today's Faculty Forum has been canceled to accommodate a Special Meeting of the Faculty Senate. The topic will be the General Education Revision Task Force Report.

Today's (March 20) meeting will be held 3-5 p.m. in Alumni House.



In spring 2017, the UNCG Faculty Senate and the UNCG General Education Council approved a call for a task force of UNCG faculty to conduct a self-study of the UNCG General Education Program. The General Education Revision Task Force has been working on a new General Education Plan for UNCG students.

Dr. Alice Haddy and Dr. Chuck Bolton serve as co-chairs of the task force.



Last summer, the task force designed a variety of model Gen Ed programs to provide examples for the campus community. In the past half year, they have taken part in many Campus Conversions, including three forums, several faculty focus groups, faculty meetings of several schools, three student focus groups and panels, administrative groups and councils, a meeting with Community College partners, and additional outreach. They

also received input via a web site survey.

The members of the task force and background information may be [viewed here](#).



Visuals from Feb. 20 Gen Ed Forum in Alumni House. Text and photos compiled by Mike Harris.

Actor Tyler Barnhardt will present Q&A

Actor and alumnus Tyler Barnhardt (BFA Acting Class of 2015) will conduct a Question and Answer session today (Wednesday, March 20) from 4-5:15 p.m. in the Acting Studio at 328 Tate Street. Tyler has multiple film and television credits in the four years since he graduated from UNCG. He's able to offer great insights in how to move from the classroom into the world of professional acting. All are welcome.

Call for Nominations: UNCG Faculty Assembly

UNCG faculty, nominations for the two-member UNCG Faculty Assembly delegation are being solicited.

These two positions will represent UNCG at the UNC System Faculty Assembly along with the Faculty Senate Chair and Immediate Past Chair.

Please take a moment to follow the link below and submit your nominations.

Please nominate yourself or a colleague (get her/his approval first) by no later than March 31.

Visit <https://goo.gl/forms/SOu4WVUpQJ18FluU2>.

In memoriam: Trudy Atkins

Trudy Atkins, who led UNCG's publications from the 1960s until 1982, died March 15. She was editor of UNCG's alumni magazine, Alumni News, for 18 years.

She left UNCG in 1982 to work for Dr. William Friday, president of the UNC System, until his retirement in 1986, her obituary notes. She then worked for the family business, Southern Trade Publications, publishing trade journals and the Retirement Resource Guide.

She maintained a relationship with UNCG's communications staff over the years, very interested in stories or event announcements that would be of interest to her readers. She was asked to contribute memories for the 125th anniversary issue of UNCG Magazine - in a great quote, she recalled her classes with Randall Jarrell.

The memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, at West Market Street United Methodist Church, 302 West Market Street.

[See the obituary.](#)

In memoriam: Clifton "Bob" Clark

Dr. Bob Clark died March 12. He came to UNCG's Department of Physics in 1965 from Southern Methodist University, where he was department head. UNCG had recently become coed, and Clark was hired to be the department head and build up the department. He was head for 10 years and continued as a professor to his retirement in 1994.

He earned his PhD in physics at the University of Maryland in 1957. He taught physics at the United States Naval Academy from 1951-1957.

The obituary may be viewed at

https://www.greensboro.com/obituaries/clark-c-bob/article_92693a12-fcaa-5bd5-ad25-282e60f13a7f.html

Lynda Kellam gets Marta Lange/SAGE-CQ Press Award



Lynda Kellam, social sciences data librarian at University Libraries, has been awarded the 2019 Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Politics, Policy, and International Relations Section (PPIRS) Marta Lange/SAGE-CQ Press Award.

The award, established in 1996 by LPSS, honors an academic or law librarian who has made distinguished contributions to bibliography and information service in law or political science.

SAGE-CQ Press, sponsor of the award, will present the \$1,000 award and plaque to Kellam during the 2019 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, DC.

“Lynda Kellam has provided distinguished service in political science librarianship,” said award chair Erin Ackerman, social sciences librarian at the College of New Jersey. “The tools and programs she has created have an enormous impact on the profession as a whole and individual librarians.”

“Lynda created and continues to coordinate the webinar series ‘Help! I’m an Accidental Government Information Librarian,’” Ackerman continued. “These webinars cover a wide range of topics from Brexit to Census data to the U.S. Geological Survey. With this series – now in its ninth year – as well as in her work on academic databrarianship, Lynda creates opportunities for librarians to connect and share the information that helps us do our jobs better.”

Kellam received her B.A. and M.L.I.S. from UNCG and her M.A. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) is the higher education association for academic libraries and library workers.

For more information regarding the ACRL PPIRS Marta Lange/SAGE-CQ Press Award, visit the [awards section](#) of the ACRL website.

Dr. Nadja Cech



Dr. Nadja Cech (Chemistry and Biochemistry) received supplemental funding from the NIH National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH) for “Predoctoral Training: Innovative Technologies for Natural Products and CAM Research.”

The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, in collaboration with investigators in Biology and Nutrition, are working on a multi-disciplinary research proposal to the National Institutes of Health (National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine) to support predoctoral research training in the biological sciences. Funds from this proposal support stipends, benefits, and 60 percent of tuition for five predoctoral students pursuing PhD degrees at UNCG. The duration of the award is five years (renewable indefinitely depending on performance).

Dr. Emily Janke



Dr. Emily Janke (Institute for Community and Economic Engagement) received new funding from Cone Health System for the project “Advancing LEAP: Lifetime Eating and Physical Activity Practices.” Dr. Lauren Haldeman is co-principal investigator on the project.

This funding will provide administrative support to extend the efforts of the LEAP collaborative.

LEAP is a collaboration among UNCG, Cone Health, and Guilford Health Department, with support from Guilford County Schools, Greensboro Parks and Recreation, and Ready for School Ready for Life. The purpose of the effort is to identify common goals and measures that existing program providers and residents can use to inform their health and wellness efforts. LEAP is bringing together multiple stakeholders across the county to collectively determine these goals and measures through various meetings.

Dr. Jennifer L. Etnier



Dr. Jennifer L. Etnier (Kinesiology) received supplemental funding from the National Institute on Aging for the project “The effect of physical activity on cognition relative to APOE genotype (PAAD-II).” Dr. William Dudley, Dr. Laurie Gold, Dr. William Karper, Dr. Jeffrey Labban, and Dr. Christopher Wahlheim are co-principal investigators on the project.

According to the abstract, the project will examine the effects of physical activity on cognitive performance and on neurological and biological mechanisms. It will also explore the moderating role of APOE4. The study incorporates cognitive measures and MRI sequences used in a Phase III clinical trial testing the effects of physical activity on cognition in older adults and is conducted in collaboration with the principal investigator of that trial. This allows researchers to leverage National Institute of Health resources by compiling data across a broad age range.

Dr. Zhanxiang Zhou



Dr. Zhanxiang Zhou (Center for Translational Biomedical Research) received a continuation of funding from the NIH National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) for the project “Aldehydes in Alcohol-Induced Organ Injury.” Dr. Qibin Zhang is co-principal investigator on the project.

This project aims to determine if Paneth cell dysfunction is a crucial factor in alcohol-induced intestinal overgrowth of pathogenic bacteria, gut permeability increase, bacteria/bacteria products translocation and hepatic inflammation.

David Gwynn



David Gwynn (University Libraries) received new funding from the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) for the project “Digital Library on American Slavery Research Fellowship.” Richard Cox is co-principal investigator on the project.

According to the abstract, UNCG University Libraries propose to host a CLIR Fellowship in Data Curation for African American and African Studies from 2019 to 2021. Housed in the Electronic Resources and Information Technology Department and reporting to the Digital Projects Coordinator, the Fellow for Digital Curation and Scholarship in African American Studies will also work closely with the head of the web development team. The fellow’s responsibilities will focus primarily on data manipulation and visualization, text mining, and GIS applications related to the Digital Library on American Slavery (DLAS) and other relevant collections as well as dissemination of this analysis in order to enhance the historical record and to increase the visibility and discoverability of DLAS.

Dr. Jamie Schissel

Jamie Schissel’s (School of Education/Teacher Education and Higher Education) book “Social

Consequences of Testing for Language-minoritized Bilinguals in the United States” has been published. The publisher is Channel View Publications of England.

Dr. Schissel’s research focuses on the education of emergent bilingual students, specifically how language education policies around assessments interact with teaching and learning. Schissel currently serves as Chair of the American Association of Applied Linguists Dissertation Award Committee. She teaches courses on applied linguistics at UNCG for undergraduate and graduate students and has a joint appointment in the Education Research Methods Department.

Dr. Melissa R. Floyd-Pickard



Dr. Melissa R. Floyd-Pickard (Social Work) received new funding from the Guilford County Department of Public Health for the project “Expansion of the GCSTOP Program in Guilford County.” Dr. Jay Poole is co-principal investigator on the project.

According to the abstract, the Guilford County Solutions To the Opioid Problem program (GCSTOP) is a program created by Guilford County, in concert with UNC Greensboro to provide rapid response services (i.e., post reversal follow up) to individuals who overdose or are at the risk of overdose.

The project will expand the programs current capacity to positively impact opioid misuse by increasing access to harm reduction strategies. Requested funding will be used to increase the sites for the current post-reversal program, add staffing resources to the existing syringe exchange program, and provide services to justice-involved citizens with substance use disorder.

Dr. Martin Tsui, Yener Ulus

Doctoral student Yener Ulus (Biology) received new funding from NCSU North Carolina Sea Grant for the project “Effects of salinization on mercury bioavailability in coastal wetlands at Albemarle-Pamlico Peninsula, North Carolina.” Dr. Martin Tsz-Ki Tsui is faculty advisor on the project.

The project will investigate whether saltwater intrusion caused by rising sea levels is raising the amount of highly toxic methylmercury produced in coastal wetlands. An increase in methylmercury could have a grave impact on coastal wetlands, as it can translate to even

higher methylmercury accumulated in fish.

Findings like these could contribute to future coastal management that can decrease human mercury exposure through fish consumption.