Welcome to Campus Weekly

Staff celebrated at 2019 Staff Awards event

Staff members and administrators gathered at the Alumni House April 25 for the inaugural Staff Awards Ceremony, with awards presented by Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr.

“Many of you know that I believe that staff are the backbone of the University,” he said. “You provide critical structural support. ... You do all the day-to-day things in the life of the University that make it work. And what I particularly like about our staff is our commitment to excellence. ... It’s your commitment and your pride in the work that you do that I so admire. You all take pride in the work you do here, in large part, because you believe in the mission.”

The Gladys Strawn Bullard Award was awarded to UNCG Police Chief Paul Lester.

The three Staff Excellence Awards were presented to Lloyd International Honors College Budget and Operations Manager Linda Dunston-Stacey, Special Events Coordinator Julie Landen, and College of Arts and Sciences Assistant to the Dean Lori Wright.

Staff Senate Co-Chair Stephen Hale also announced the creation of a new award, the Ezekiel Robinson Staff Emeritus Award, given posthumously this year to Ezekiel Robinson, who joined the campus in 1892 and served in a prominent staff role for 52 years under three different presidents.

Staff Stars were honored as well. This year’s Staff Stars are:

- Aldenia Batts
• Amy Coble
• Becky Rymer
• Beth Todd
• Bruce Cabiness
• Dena Kowal
• Elizabeth Jordan
• George Jones
• Glenda Lloyd
• Heather Mitchell
• Jarrett Rice
• Jay White
• Jeffrey Dezearn
• Kim Sawyer
• Kristina Wright
• Kristin Rusbolt
• Lakeisha Richardson
• Shanelle Smith
• Leah Congrove
• Maddie Benefield
• Margaret Patton
• Mark Unrue
• Mecole Davis
• Michelle Courtney
• Morgan Glover
• Nancy Brown
• Richard West
• Ruby Harrell
• Ryan Thompson
• Sara Benefield
• Sherri MacCheyne
• Sean Moon
• Daniel Russell
• David McFayden
• Dicky Hawks
• Mike Elberson
• Tim Hall
• Tami Rich
• Tim Crews
• William Johnson, Jr.
Sensory Friendly Movie Night at Spartan Cinema June 14

Friday, June 14, Spartan Cinema will host a Sensory Friendly Movie Night.

The goal of the event is to create a comfortable and inclusive experience that is accessible to community members whose sensory needs may make going to a movie challenging.

The movie will be “Ferdinand,” and it starts at sundown in LeBauer Park in downtown Greensboro.

The UNCG and Greensboro Downtown Parks sponsored event will be held in coordination with Dr. Stuart Schleien, professor and chair, UNCG Dept of Community & Therapeutic Recreation, and InFocus.

“We have helped universally design the park for the showing of this film in ways that will accommodate all people, including those who use wheelchairs, individuals on the autism spectrum, people with hearing or visual impairments, families with young children, and older adults,” Schleien says. “Some of the accommodations we have in place for this film include having trained ambassadors on-site to provide assistance to those who may need it, roped off paths across the lawn for easy access by people with mobility issues, accessible bathrooms including a unisex/family bathroom, a “Ferdinand resting space” that will serve as a “chill zone” for people who wish to view the film behind the crowd, and volunteers in place who will raise a lighted rod before each sensory-sensitive moment during the film to warn viewers who may wish to look away or cover their ears.”

The InFocus team, a non-profit organization in which Schleien serves as co-director with Ginger Walton, has partnered with Greensboro Downtown Parks and UNCG to help produce the sensory-friendly movie night as part of Spartan Cinema.

InFocus, including highly trained self-advocates with disabilities, partners with agencies and organizations such as Greensboro Downtown Parks to create more welcoming, accessible,
Summer 2019 offerings for employee health and wellness

This summer, the UNCG Employee Wellness Program will host a number of events to continue to promote health and wellness all year-round.

- June 7, July 5, August 2: Artful Meditation: Drop by the Weatherspoon Art Museum for a variety of mindfulness practices, including guided meditation, walking meditation, and mindful looking. Beginners welcome! 12:30-1:15 p.m., Weatherspoon Art Museum. Click here for more information.
- ActiveU Group Fitness Classes: All group fitness classes are free and open to UNCG employees. They are held at either the EUC Dail Room or the Kaplan Center for Wellness. See here for the ActiveU Group Fitness schedule.
- Outdoor Adventures: Sponsored by the Department of Recreation and Wellness, Outdoor Adventures includes day and overnight trips, rock climbing, activities at Piney Lake, and camping equipment rental. See more information here.
- Fitness Lending Library: Don’t have time to exercise? Rent equipment from the Fitness Lending Library to work out in your office. Browse current items and make check-out requests here.
- Dietitian Consultations: Whether struggling with weight, managing a chronic disease, or just looking to make healthier diet choices, meet one-on-one with registered dietitian Cari Culp for assessment and assistance in developing practical health goals. Register for a session here.

Additionally, the Staff Senate will offer this workshop:

“Healthy Living for your Brain and Body” – For centuries, we’ve known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science is able to provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. June 4, 2019, 3-4 p.m., Bryan 113, Register at workshops.uncg.edu
Open House at Alumni House June 5

The Alumni House is turning 82. Join in for an open house birthday party to help celebrate!

When: Wednesday, June 5, 2-4 p.m.

Where: Alumni House, Virginia Dare Room

Enjoy light refreshments.

Questions? Contact Dorian Thompson at drthomp2@uncg.edu.

UNCG graduate student researchers meet with legislators

Governor Roy Cooper proclaimed May 12–18, 2019, to be “Graduate Education Week.”

In celebration of this event, graduate schools from across the UNC System brought graduate students to the NC General Assembly on Wednesday May 15, to meet with legislators. The students discussed their graduate work and its impact and relevancy to the state of North
The three students representing UNCG this year were chosen from among the 15 winners of the UNCG Graduate Research and Creativity Expo, held on April 3. They were

- Alma Chanelo, who completed her M.S. degree in Biology this May
- Oliver Thomas, who is a Ph.D. candidate in Educational Leadership and Cultural Foundations
- Ryan Yarbrough, who is a Ph.D. student in Nanoscience.


In these meetings the students explained their research briefly and discussed the importance of graduate education to our state.
Three dates for ‘Tours and Treats’ at Weatherspoon

Enjoy a family-friendly exploration of WAM’s newest exhibitions and top it off with a cool treat in the Sculpture Garden. Drop-in gallery activities, like storytelling and word games, are appropriate for all ages, including children accompanied by an adult. No reservations are needed, but if your group is larger than 10, let the Weatherspoon staff know by emailing weatherspoon@uncg.edu.

Thursdays this summer: June 6, July 18, and August 15 at 6 p.m.

Basketball discount tickets for faculty/staff (order now, get a scarf)

Did you know that as an employee of UNCG, you receive a special rate of $109 per Men’s Basketball season ticket? That’s a 20 percent discount off the general public price of $139. Plus, order prior to June 1 and receive an exclusive UNCG scarf.

Benefits to being a faculty & staff season ticket holder include:

- Can pay for season tickets with payroll deduction
- Parking
  - One (1) parking pass included with your season ticket purchase
  - 5 or more season tickets gain access to second parking pass
    - (savings of $75 for a 15-game season)
- Buddy Passes
  - This number is subject to final number of home games on the schedule.
- Exclusive Opportunities to Purchase Official Team Gear NEW!
• Season Ticket Holder Pick Up Party at Homecoming
• Season Ticket Holder Open Practice (Date TBD)

To purchase NEW employee discounted tickets – or if you have any questions – call the box office at (336) 334-3250 or email Tyler Weedon at t_weedon@uncg.edu.

Newsmakers: Jeong, play in education, Vrshek-Schallhorn, Triad’s Best, and Cech

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:

• Ken Jeong’s keynote address was included in Time’s list of best commencement speeches of 2019. The list.
• Dr. Nadja Cech and Dr. Omar Ali were spotlighted by The Chronicle of Higher Education for their work on the role of play in education. The feature.
• Dr. Suzanne Vrshek-Schallhorn was quoted in an Atlantic piece on the invalidity of older depression research. The article.
• UNCG was named The Triad’s best University/College of 2019 by Yes! Weekly. See their “2019 Triad’s Best” issue here.
• WUNC interviewed Dr. Nadja Cech on her work and how her upbringing has influenced her. The interview.

Make nomination: Holshouser Award for Public Service

The James E. Holshouser Award for Public Service, formerly known as the Public Service Award, was created in 2007 to encourage, identify, recognize, and reward public service by faculty of the UNC System. Each year, UNCG puts forth a campus nominee to the Board of Governors for consideration for the award. The selection criteria include sustained, distinguished, and superb achievement in university public service and outreach and contributions to improving the quality of life for citizens of North Carolina. The creativity and impact of such achievements should be beyond the normal accomplishments of productive faculty.

The Gardner/Holshouser award committee is currently seeking nominations for this distinguished award. In honor of their achievements, the campus nominee will receive a $1000 honorarium and be recognized at the 2020 Faculty Awards ceremony. The system winner, chosen by the Board of Governors, receives a $7,500 cash prize.
To submit a nomination, or learn more about the award, visit https://provost.uncg.edu/Holshouser/nominations.htm. Nominations are due by June 28, 2019.

New leaders of UNCG’s HNAC

Dr. Elizabeth Perrill (Art History) will direct the Humanities Network and Consortium and Dr. Asa Eger (History) will serve as Associate Director and Programming Specialist, in the coming academic year. Both Perill and Eger have served on the HNAC steering committee and are passionate advocates for the humanities.

This year, HNAC has been led by Dr. Lisa Levenstein and Dr. Jen Feather.

The UNCG Humanities Network and Consortium (HNAC) connects the university’s humanities scholars to one another and to the public. HNAC supports faculty research and fosters interdisciplinary collaborations. HNAC helps students identify how humanities coursework translates into successful personal careers and public leadership. And its members share their work in wider contexts to support and improve our communities.

Hamilton named Associate Vice Provost for Student Success and Dean of Undergraduate Studies

*The provost made this announcement last week:*

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Andrew Hamilton has accepted the position as Associate Vice Provost for Student Success and Dean of Undergraduate Studies. He will also hold an appointment as adjunct lecturer in the Department of Philosophy.

Dr. Hamilton currently serves as Associate Dean for Student Success, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at University of Houston. His previous administrative appointments include Associate Dean for Student Success, The Honors College as well as Executive Director for Academic Innovation both at the University of Houston.

Dr. Hamilton holds a B.A. from Berea College, M.A. from Boston College, and a Ph.D. from University of California San Diego.
Please join me in welcoming Andrew to the UNC Greensboro community. He will begin his new role on July 1, 2019.

I would also like to express thanks to the search committee for their outstanding work to help us select a new Associate Vice Provost and Dean.

**Dr. Elizabeth Keathley**

Dr. Elizabeth Keathley, Associate Professor, Historical Musicology and Women’s & Gender Studies and Director of Graduate Studies, Women’s and Gender Studies, has a new book. “Schoenberg’s Correspondence with Alma Mahler” documents a modern music friendship beginning in fin-de-siècle Vienna and ending in 1950s Los Angeles. The correspondence is edited and translated by Keathley and Marilyn L. McCoy, with commentaries by Keathley. The book was made possible by a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, with support from UNCG, including a one-semester research assignment from the College of Visual and Performing Arts, a Faculty First summer excellence grant, and a publication subvention from the Office of Research and Engagement.

**Tami Draves**

Tami Draves, Associate Professor of Music Education, had her peer-reviewed research article “Teaching Ambition Realized: Paul’s Beginning Music Teacher Identity” published in the Journal of Music Teacher Education.

**Dr. Constance McKoy/Dr. Andrew Willis**

Dr. Constance McKoy, Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies in the UNCG School of Music, and Dr. Andrew Willis, Professor of Piano and Historical Keyboard Instruments, have been appointed Marion Stedman Covington Distinguished Professors in Music for a five-year term, effective Fall 2019.

**Dr. Rob Elliott Owens**

Dr. Rob Elliott Owens (Class of ’95 and ’11) will co-facilitate a workshop at the Association for Applied Sport Psychology (AASP) annual conference (October 23 – 26, Portland, Oregon) titled, “Blue Pill, Red Pill, Purple Pill?: The Myths and Realities of Consulting with Men and Boys in Applied Sport and Exercise Psychology Settings”. He will also moderate a panel on “Enhancing Athlete Well-Being in Sport Organizations: Toward a Positive Organizational Psychology in Sport (POPS) Perspective”. In 2019, Dr. Owens, the chair of the Diversity
Committee for AASP, was appointed to the association’s inaugural Diversity and Inclusion Council, a group of thought leaders in sport and health that will serve in an advisory capacity to the organization’s executive board on matters related to diversity, inclusion, and social justice. Council members include Dr. Carole Oglesby, a pioneer in women’s sport; Dr. Taunya Tinsley, president-elect for the Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development (AMCD); Dr. John Amaechi, organizational psychologist and former NBA player; Dr. William Parham, inaugural director of mental health and wellness for the National Basketball Players Association (NBPA); and Dr. Alex Cohen, senior sport psychologist for the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). Dr. Leeja Carter, the director of Performance Excellence in Applied Kinesiology (PEAK) program at Long Island University – Brooklyn Campus and Diversity and Inclusion officer for AASP, will oversee council activities.

Owens received degrees in M.Ed. Higher Education Administration and Ed.D., Kinesiology, at UNCG.

He is an Instructional Technology Consultant in the Bryan School.

**Dr. Kelly Stamp**

Dr. Kelly Stamp (Nursing) will be inducted as a fellow into the American Academy of Nursing this fall. This is considered one of the most prestigious honors in nursing. Stamp is an associate professor and department chair of Family and Community Nursing.

**Nancy Doll**

Elsewhere museum on Elm Street honored Nancy Doll, director of UNCG’s Weatherspoon Art Museum, with the inaugural Sylvie Award.

The award is named for Sylvia Gray, whose inventory of materials is the foundation for the downtown museum.

This award celebrates Doll’s service to Elsewhere and the wider arts community. Doll’s insights and advocacy over the last decade have helped Elsewhere grow from an emerging arts experiment to a nationally recognized organization.
Dr. Trevor Hoppe

Dr. Trevor Hoppe (Sociology) has been honored. His recent book “Punishing Disease: HIV and the Criminalization of Sickness” (University of California Press) received the American Sociological Association’s Sociology of Sexualities 2019 Distinguished Book Award. Broadly speaking, his research examines how institutions of medicine, public health, and the law control sex and sexuality. He is also the co-editor of “The War on Sex” (with David Halperin, Duke University Press, 2017).