

## Welcome to Campus Weekly



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## Cranes, drains, and trains: a campus construction cornucopia

As fall draws to a close, here are highlights of the campus construction projects that are finishing up, underway, or on the horizon for the coming calendar year.

### Recently completed/wrapping up:

- Steam line replacement behind Mossman – You know the one ... the project with the long, blue fence.
- Weatherspoon Art Museum – Upgraded lighting and dimming controls in Falk, Tannenbaum, and Gallery 6.
- Well-Winfield fire alarm replacement
- Bryan School Room 137 – Renovation (in the space formerly known as Au Bon Pain)
- Mossman third-floor suite – Final tweaks to space and furniture are being conducted.



Nursing and Instructional Building progress as of December 2, 2019.

### Ongoing:

- Nursing and Instructional Building – Building drywall and most of the brickwork was completed by Thanksgiving. Occupant move-in is anticipated for October 2020, with the building fully open by Spring 2021.

- Coleman Building Academic Success Center – An existing athletics equipment room is being repurposed into an academic study space for 50 students.
- School of Dance Coleman – Landscaping is being done in the courtyard outside of the second-floor circulation space.
- Tennis courts – Final inbounds colors are being added to the recent resurfacing.
- Spartan Village II retail monument sign – The new sign will be a 4-sided brick and precast retail sign that includes integral lighting, changeable retail plates for up to 13 tenants, and a digital component that is remotely programmable by University Communications.

### **Upcoming for spring 2020:**

- UNCG Police station plaza – New banners will be installed.
- Ragsdale-Mendenhall Residence Hall – The building will be fully renovated, prompting the relocation of occupants (see related story).
- Stone Building Room 142 -The project includes new auditorium seating, handrails, acoustical tiles, ceiling tiles, LED lighting, flat-panel screens, and air distribution devices, along with the removal of the stage.
- Coleman Athletics weight room – A new mezzanine and support offices will be added, and equipment upgraded.
- Coleman 139 and 141 – These rooms will be combined to create a new Men’s Basketball team lounge and film review room.
- Music Building – Brickwork will be done at the Herring Garden water feature and handicap access path.
- Weatherspoon Art Museum – Sculpture courtyard modifications will include the removal of Cor-ten steel “wave” planter and trees.
- UNCG Online office – This project includes the creation of 6-8 additional offices and modification to existing space as needed.
- Sullivan Science Building – All lighting will be upgraded to LED.
- Coleman dance studio 221A & B – The floors will be replaced.
- UNCG Auditorium – The chandelier hoist mechanism will be upgraded.
- Mossman – The main path of egress will be relocated from Room 241 to 200E, and a new door installed between those rooms.
- Mossman 275 – A new pantry will be installed, and the flooring and carpet will be upgraded.

### **Upcoming for summer 2020:**

- Moore-Strong Residence Hall – Full roof replacement
- Graham Building – Full roof replacement
- Phillips-Hawkins – Full roof replacement

- Stone Building – Repair of damaged exterior masonry stairs and landings will take place at northwest entrance.
- Stirling St./Theta to Bryan Building service drive – The team distribution system will be replaced.
- Sullivan Science Building greenhouse – New environmental control systems will be installed to meet temperature, humidity, and sunlight requirements.

### **Pending for 2020:**

- New Arts Place at Tate & Gate – A new multi-cultural arts venue to include flexible performance space, gallery, instructional and practice rooms, office space, and a retail component.
- Railroad bridge painting – Railway bridges at Tate St. and Josephine Boyd will get new colors.
- Steam Plant control system upgrade – A new building automation system means big improvements to efficiency in campus climate control and energy usage.
- Campus Master Plan update – The project will update the 2014 Master Plan to incorporate the strategic plan, capital plans, recent construction, millennial campus designation, land acquisition, and campus-wise space assessment.
- Moore Nursing Building – Modernization and reconfiguration of existing space will take place to support general instructional use and academic support.

*Compiled by Matthew Bryant*

## **Gifts, music, and Spartan spirit at Greensboro's Festival of Lights**



One of Greensboro's most enduring holiday traditions will again light up downtown this Friday, as the Festival of Lights brings holiday cheer to the city. And, as always, Spartans play a big role.

The UNCG Pop Up Shop will hold its grand opening during the festival. Come find discounted UNCG merch just in time for holiday gift-giving, and enjoy appearances by Spiro, the UNCG spirit squad, and the UNCG Chariots a capella group.

Once you're done at the shop, make sure to stick around for the variety of Spartan musicians who will be performing at the festival. The UNCG Horn Choir and Tuba Band will play LeBauer Park and the UNCG Sapphires, the women's a capella group, can be found throughout the festival performing as a strolling group.

As well, a variety of UNCG alumni will bring their talents to the Elm Street Musical Stroll. Catch UNCG Old Time Ensemble alumni in The Zinc Kings and The Gate City Railbenders for some lively fiddling and folk at 308 and 527 S. Elm respectively. Then, find Laura Jane Vincent '04 at the corner of Elm and Washington for a set of rousing ballads. Finally, end your stroll with a wide repertoire of jazz and pop classics, delivered by alumna Jessica Mashburn, near Gate City Boulevard.

For a list of all Pop Up Shop events, see [here](#). For a map and full schedule of the Festival of Lights, see the event page [here](#).

## **New name, and VC for Enrollment and WAM director search committees**

With several searches underway or beginning here at UNCG, here is an update:

### **Business Affairs to be renamed Finance and Administration**

In line with other UNC System schools and national peers, UNCG's Business Affairs division will be renamed Finance and Administration, which is the new higher education term of art. This is pending UNC System approval. The start of the new VC search presents a good time to change the name to one that candidates will more readily respond to. The new Vice Chancellor's title will now be Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration. (See earlier CW post about the search process and search committee.)

Additionally, two other searches have an update:

### **VC for Enrollment Management**

The new Vice Chancellor for Enrollment will report to the Chancellor. The Chancellor has appointed the following individuals to the VC for Enrollment Management search committee:

- Kelly Burke, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School (Chair)

- Karen Bull, Dean, UNCG Online
- Joi Bulls, Associate Chair, AP Associate Professor & Internship Director, Dept. of HDFS
- Beth Fischer, Vice Chancellor for Advancement
- Tim Johnson, Executive Director, Housing and Residence Life
- Andrew Hamilton, Associate Vice Provost for Student Success and Dean of Undergraduate Studies
- Steve Honeycutt, Director of Financial Planning and Budgets
- Christopher Keller, Director of Undergraduate Admissions
- Larry Mayes, Associate Vice Provost and Director of Institutional Research
- Kimberly Osborne, Senior Director, Integrated Marketing Communications
- Todd Sutton, Associate Vice Chancellor for Learning Technology and Client Services
- Deborah Tollefson, Director of Financial Aid

### **Weatherspoon Art Museum director**

The search committee has been appointed:

- Peter Alexander, Dean Emeritus, College of Visual and Performing Arts (Co-Chair)
- Margaret Benjamin, Weatherspoon Arts Foundation Board Member (Co-Chair)
- Lindsey Auman, Weatherspoon Arts Foundation Member
- Chris Cassidy, Director, School of Art
- Pam Coote, Weatherspoon Arts Museum Advisory Board Member
- Ann Grimaldi, Curator of Education, Weatherspoon Art Museum
- Nancy Hoffman, Greensboro City Councilmember
- Elizabeth Perrill, Associate Professor, Director of Undergraduate Studies, Art History
- Susan Taaffe, Preparator, Weatherspoon Art Museum
- Maggie Triplette, Weatherspoon Arts Museum Advisory Board Member
- Tim Warmath, Weatherspoon Arts Foundation Board Member
- Antoine Williams, Assistant Professor of Art, Guilford College

### **UNCG announces 13 Gilman Scholars**



Thirteen UNCG students will receive the prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship to study abroad next semester.

The Congressionally funded Gilman Program broadens the U.S. student population studying and interning abroad by providing scholarships to outstanding undergraduate Pell Grant recipients who, due to financial constraints, might not otherwise study abroad.

With thirteen recipients, UNCG has more Gilman Scholars than any other college or university in the Carolinas.

UNCG is ranked 14th nationally out of 407 institutions in the number of Gilman Scholarships awarded.

Since 2012, 130 UNCG Gilman Scholars have received over \$430,000 in scholarship funding through the Gilman program.

UNCG's Gilman Cycle 1 Recipients for Spring 2020:

That Htoo, Belgium  
 Jazlyn Ibarra, Spain  
 Malaika Nzau, South Africa  
 Esteban Garcia, Finland  
 Joseph Santiago, South Korea  
 Shante McNeill, Sweden  
 Jaimon McMillan, France  
 Faith Brown, Botswana  
 Leonardo Lopez-Trejo, Netherlands  
 Kiara Bethune, South Korea  
 Ian Surman, China  
 Kaila Williams, Canada  
 Nyat Fessehaye

All Gilman Scholars are studying abroad on exchange programs at UNCG partner institutions.

For a full list of Gilman recipients, visit [gilmanscholarship.org](http://gilmanscholarship.org).

To learn more about UNCG's International Programs Center or to support global opportunities for UNCG students, visit [international.uncg.edu](http://international.uncg.edu).

## Campus Holiday Open House Dec. 5



The annual Campus Holiday Open House will be held Thursday, Dec. 5. Join the Spartan community at the Alumni House for an afternoon of food, music, and cheer. Make sure to bring a non-perishable food item, to donate to the Spartan Open Pantry. The open house will run 2-4 p.m.

A special treat just before the open house: Help UNCG's Grounds crew plant two new trees in Foust Park! From 1 to 2 p.m., Assistant Director of Grounds and certified arborist Andy Currin will be on hand at Foust Park (in front of the Alumni House) to talk about the trees in the beautiful park and to answer your questions about UNCG's Tree Campus USA distinction.

Later in the day, UNCG will host another campus tradition. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the UNCG luminaires, which have provided a warm glow throughout campus on the evening of Reading Day since 1969. (See [UNCG Archives' story](#) about the tradition's origin.)

Additionally, the Vacc Bell Tower will be decked out for the holidays that evening - and throughout the month.

## Angel Tree donation deadline extended to Dec. 10

It's that time of year for Spartans to sign up and purchase gifts for our Angel Tree Families to help make their holidays special. Find a particular item or items you would like to purchase, sign up, and shop - it's that easy.

Once you have identified your gift, please contact one of the following to arrange a time to drop off your donation. **The deadline has been extended to Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019**, but the sooner the better.

- Britt Flanagan - 123A Moore Nursing Building, [bsflanag@uncg.edu](mailto:bsflanag@uncg.edu)), 336.334.4686

- Katherine Stamey - 114A Guilford Hall, [ksstamey@uncg.edu](mailto:ksstamey@uncg.edu)), 336.256.1397

You do not need to wrap the gifts. However, please be sure to tag them with the Family No., gender, and age. This information, along with the signup link, may be found at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4dada72fa6fc1-angel>

## Office of Housing and Residence Life will relocate



On Dec. 16, UNCG's Office of Housing and Residence Life will relocate to the Jefferson Suites Residence Hall as part of the Ragsdale/Mendenhall renovation. Staff phone numbers and email addresses will remain the same, but the office's location will be 1501 Spring Garden Street.

In the upcoming Spring semester, the Ragsdale/Mendenhall Residence Hall will be closed for renovation, which includes:

- Adding central air conditioning and an elevator
- New plumbing, vanities, doors, and hardware
- ADA ramps to make the first floor more accessible
- Variety of cosmetic changes in the rooms.

Students assigned to live in Ragsdale/Mendenhall for the Fall 2019 semester will be reassigned to another room for the Spring 2020 semester. Assignments were made by Dec. 1. Housing and Residence Life has offered frequent updates to Ragsdale/Mendenhall residents, including monthly Town Hall meetings.

"Ragsdale/Mendenhall is the last of a group of major renovations in the residence halls that we have been working on for the past eight years," said Timothy Johnson, executive director of Housing & Residence Life. "We made the decision to wait until spring semester to take the building off-line to be able to accommodate the largest number of residential students for the fall semester. We have been working since last spring to notify students of our plans, so that they would know about the "Big Move," even before they signed up for the building. We are excited about the renovations coming and very appreciative of the students that signed up to live in the building, despite the move. They have created a great community this fall and we are hopeful they will carry that Ragsdale/Mendenhall spirit to other parts of campus in the spring."

For more information, visit [hrl.uncg.edu](http://hrl.uncg.edu).

## Volunteer opportunity: POCAM seeks volunteers for Salvation Army Toy Drive

Would you like an opportunity to use up your remaining Community Involvement Leave? Parking Operations & Campus Access Management is sending volunteers to help with the Salvation Army Toy Drive in High Point.

They have a signup sheet available at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f45aaac23a1f94-salvation> if any other UNCG employees would like to volunteer.

Dates available are Dec. 11, Dec. 12, and Dec. 17. The beginning time indicated on the sign up sheet is the time that the Spartan Chariot will depart from Stirling St, in front of the EUC. The end time indicated is the time that the Spartan Chariot will arrive back on campus. Anyone who signs up is welcome to catch a ride on the Spartan Chariot.

Since Dec. 11 is a full day of volunteering, the Spartan Chariot will provide transportation to Chili's for anyone wanting to purchase their lunch.

Questions? Contact Tiffany Hunt at [tchunt@uncg.edu](mailto:tchunt@uncg.edu) or 336-256-1242.

## Coffman, Stein will lead UNCG's Child and Family Research Network



Dr. Coffman



Dr. Stein

Dr. Jennifer Coffman and Dr. Gabriela Livas Stein will serve as co-directors of the UNCG Child and Family Research Network, the University has announced.

Established over a decade ago, the Child and Family Research Network (CFRN) is a group of faculty members and researchers from the UNCG community whose scholarship and teaching reflects a core concern for the welfare of children and families. The goal of the network is to facilitate collaboration among these faculty and other individuals interested in children and

families, and to enhance scholarship, teaching, and service within the local, regional, national and international community.

To provide an opportunity for networking, meeting the new leadership, and charting the next decade of CFRN's support for scholarship, teaching, and service designed to bring faculty together to enhance their work, the University invites you to a reception on **Monday, Dec. 9, 3-5 p.m., in the Faculty Center.**

## LLC holds its first Undergraduate Research Expo



UNCG's first Languages, Literatures, and Cultures Undergraduate Research Expo was held on Monday.

The expo brought together students in four LLC courses – Global Crossings: Images, Media, and Texts; Immigration Stories; Globalization and Diversity: Cultural Expressions; and The Best of German Literature – to share papers, posters, and videos on diverse topics.

The expo, funded by the Mellon Fund's Transforming Humanities project, was an opportunity for undergraduate students to engage in research with real-world impact. The research covered diverse topics including accessibility in education, human trafficking, child labor, and workplace discrimination. Through the process of preparing for the expo, students were introduced to contemporary issues and how to employ academic research as a tool to create practical solutions.

"This is an opportunity for students to put to use what they're learning in particular areas through the research they're conducting," said Head of LLC Dr. Roberto Campo.

As research is typically associated with graduate students, the undergraduate expo is an opportunity to demystify the research process for students who traditionally may not be able to engage in research, he explained. We all do research every day, Campo noted, and what the expo teaches is how to apply this to the conditions of life that the classes and students are concerned with. "It's a uniquely valuable experience."

Plans are already being set for next semester's expo, which will have a larger focus on LLC's language classes, including French, Spanish, Russian, and Spanish Linguistics. It will be another great opportunity for undergraduate engagement.

*Story and photography by Avery Campbell*

## **Newsmakers: Working students, Emmylou Harris, basketball, Gilliam and Hamilton, Manning and Pitchford, and Pop Up Shop**

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 last two weeks:

- Chancellor Gilliam spoke to Higher Ed Works on UNCG's efforts to support working students. [Read the piece and watch a video here.](#)
- Emmylou Harris' performance at UNCG next month, as part of the University Concert and Lecture Series, was featured in the News & Record. The concert is now sold out. [The piece.](#)
- The Washington Post highlighted UNCG men's basketball's win against Georgetown on Saturday. [The article.](#)
- Higher Ed Works featured the new Gen Ed revisions, with commentary from Chancellor Gilliam and Andrew Hamilton. [See the feature and watch a video.](#)
- Dr. Killian Manning and women's basketball's Alexis Pitchford were interviewed by the Southern Conference for their Classroom Connections series. [The piece.](#)
- The News & Record featured the upcoming opening of the Pop Up Shop downtown. [The article.](#)

## **Parking fines paid with food items for students**



It was a first at UNCG. And organizers say this event for the Spartan Open Pantry won't be the last.

UNCG's Parking Operations & Campus Access Management teamed with UNCG's Student Government Association to have the University's inaugural Food for Fines event to support the Spartan Open Pantry.

Parking fines were paid through food items, instead of cash.

The collection of food ran from Oct. 28 to Nov. 1, and students and visitors paid \$825 in fines with non-perishable food items.

More than 193 lbs of food was collected.

In the future, organizers say they plan on hosting this event once a semester.

## **New UNCG discount program for PART bus passes**

UNCG is now a registered participant for PART's XPass Employer Discount Program.

Seeing the success of the Biz40 XPass Program, the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) decided to make the XPass program available Triad-wide. The program will provide a 30% discount on the cost of PART bus passes to registered employees or participating employers.

Triad XPass Users are eligible to receive 30% off the cost of PART bus passes: 31-Day (\$56) and 10-Ride (\$14).

Additional information and link to registration: <https://www.partnc.org/218/XPass-Program>

Questions? Contact Grant Harris – [Gvharris@uncg.edu](mailto:Gvharris@uncg.edu).

## Dr. Wendy McColskey



**Dr. Wendy McColskey (SERVE Center)** received new funding from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction for the project “2019-2020 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Cohort 14 Level I Grant Application Review and 2018-2019 Annual Evaluation Reporting.”

SERVE will conduct the Level I application reviews of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Cohort No. 14 grant applications in the spring/summer of 2019 and 2) conduct Cohort No. 12 and No. 13 evaluation activities for the 2018-19 school year.

The 21st CCLC supports the creation of community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities (i.e., before, during and/or after school programming) for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools. The program helps students meet state and local student standards in core academic subjects, such as reading and math; offers students a broad array of enrichment activities that can complement their regular academic programs; and offers literacy and other educational services to the families of participating children.

## Dr. Audrey E. Snyder



**Dr. Audrey E. Snyder (School of Nursing)** received new funding from The Edward M. Armfield, Sr. Foundation for the project “School Health Coordination at Moss Street Partnership School.”

This project will help to develop the School Health Coordinator/Nurse role, nurse health room and create a new and innovative student clinical practice site at Moss Street Partnership School (MSPS). Moss Street Partnership School was specifically chosen because it offers UNCG students an opportunity to make a positive contribution with an at-risk population in a rural and underserved community, address some of the significant health education needs in the community and participate in interprofessional collaboration with other health professionals. The goal of this project is to create a unique learning environment for undergraduate students to have real world nursing experiences in community and school-based health.

## Dr. Mitchell Croatt



**Dr. Mitchell Croatt (Chemistry & Biochemistry)** received new funding from the National Institutes of Health National Cancer Institute for the project “TAK1 Inhibition by (5Z)-7-Oxozeaenol Analogues for Anticancer Leads.”

This project will develop new anticancer drug leads based on the natural product pharmacophore.

## Dr. Sonja Frison



**Dr. Sonja Frison (The Center for Youth, Family and Community Partnerships)** received a continuation of funding from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services for the project “NC Healthy Transitions for Youth and Young Adults with Serious Mental Disorders.” Dr. Ayesha Boyce and Dr. Tiffany Smith are co-principal investigators on the project.

## Dr. Nadja Cech



**Dr. Nadja Cech (Chemistry & Biochemistry)** was recently featured as a Face of Mass Spectrometry in the American Society for Mass Spectrometry (ASMS) journal.

The recognition is part of a new interview series that highlights the diversity of ASMS members, as well as demonstrates the various paths that one can undertake to achieve a career in mass spectrometry.