

**The Nov. 18 edition of Campus News will be the final update to the site prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. Weekly updates resume Dec. 2.**

**Nov. 4, 2009**

## **Top Story**

### **Group dedicated to promotion of employee health and well-being**

Here are some facts about the state of the University's health – an estimated 14 percent of UNC Charlotte employees smoke, and the collective cost of chronic conditions, such as high blood pressure, diabetes, asthma and heart disease amounts to approximately \$625 annually per employee.

This information resulted from the work of an interdisciplinary committee appointed by UNC Charlotte Chancellor Philip L. Dubois. The Advisory Committee to the Chancellor for Employee Health and Wellness (ACCEHW) is charged with collecting, organizing, developing and communicating about health resources for faculty and staff.

“The creation of this committee is a statement - it is a declaration by UNC Charlotte's leadership that the health and well-being of employees is a priority,” said Gary Stinnett, committee chair and associate vice chancellor of human resources. “UNC Charlotte has a growing population of students and employees, and it is imperative that the University's culture is focused on health and wellness.”

The committee's first tasks were to survey stakeholders, inventory resources and review health claim statistics from the state health plan to determine the ways in which the University might be able to promote more healthy behavior.

In tandem with Way-to-Health, a research group based in Chapel Hill working with 12 North Carolina public universities and community colleges to enhance the efforts of their employee wellness committees, the ACCEHW has identified three areas to target during this academic year: smoking, nutrition and physical activity.

The initial focus is to reduce the negative impacts related to tobacco use. In the coming months, the group will begin by educating the campus community about available smoking cessation resources; a new employee-focused smoking cessation program will be offered free-of-charge in the winter months. Information about the program will be publicized in Campus News and on the University Web site as it becomes available.

Stinnett stated that in light of forthcoming changes to the State Employee Health Plan, the committee's work takes on even greater urgency.

During the spring open enrollment period, employees will automatically be enrolled in the 70/30 medical benefit plan; in order to choose the 80/20 plan, employees will be asked to make the selection online. Employees who select the 80/20 plan will be required to fill out a form attesting that they (and any dependents covered by the state

plan) do not smoke/use tobacco products. Beginning in 2010, individuals who use tobacco products will not be eligible for the 80/20 plan.

Another change to the state health plan will take effect in 2011. At that time, employees considered obese, based on Body Mass Index (BMI) readings, will only have access to the 70/30 plan. Stinnett hopes the efforts of the ACCEHW will pave the way for some employees who might be considered obese now to adopt behaviors that help them achieve a healthy BMI by 2011.

“The ACCEHW was charged with helping employees meet their health and wellness goals,” Stinnett said. “Now that the state has approved and implemented new state health plan policies, we have even more motivation to achieve this objective.”

Funding for ACCEHW activities will be provided through the Way-to-Health program initially, with the committee documenting future needs in the campus budget process. To further educate employees about health issues and the many resources at their disposal, periodic health features and updates of ACCEHW activities will appear in Campus News.

## **Around Campus**

### **Charlotte Research Institute opens \$2.8 million state-of-the-art lab**

The Charlotte Research Institute at UNC Charlotte hosted nearly 100 people at a celebration for the grand opening of a 14,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art laboratory in Grigg Hall. The space will provide an environment where regional businesses can collaborate with UNC Charlotte researchers in order to leverage talent, provide access to cutting-edge facilities, grow businesses and create new jobs.

Funding for the \$2.8 million lab was provided jointly by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration and the State of North Carolina as part of a project approved in 2006.

The grand opening celebration was held in conjunction with the annual UNC Charlotte Optoelectronics Symposium, which focused on industry-university partnerships designed to establish a new National Science Foundation Center for the Development of Metamaterials.

George Dunlap, a member of the Board of County Commissioners and Centralina Council of Governments, and Robin Cooley, U.S. Economic Development Administration southeast regional manager, participated in the event with CRI Executive Director Robert Wilhelm, Associate Director Barry Burks and Provost Joan Lorden.

Grigg Hall also houses the Physics Department and the Center for Optoelectronics and Optical Communications.

### **H1N1 vaccinations available at SHC today through Friday**

Faculty, staff and students still can obtain the H1N1 flu vaccine through the Student Health Center (SHC). Vaccinations will be offered on the center’s lower level from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, Nov. 4-6, until supplies are exhausted. The vaccination is free; faculty and staff members must present their University ID. Only the nasal spray vaccination is available. People not eligible to receive the nasal spray include:

- Adults 50 years and older
- Pregnant women

- People with weakened immune systems
- People with long-term health problems including:
  - Heart disease
  - Kidney or liver disease
  - Lung disease
  - Metabolic disease (diabetes)
  - Asthma
  - Anemia or other blood disorders
  - Muscle or nerve disorders (cerebral palsy) leading to breathing or swallowing problems
- People in close contact with persons with severely weakened immune systems requiring care in a protected environment
- Children or adolescents on long-term aspirin treatment

People who are moderately or severely ill should wait until they are feeling better to receive the vaccination.

### **University to observe International Education Week**

International Education Week is Nov. 16-20, and the University's Office of International Programs is coordinating more than 25 initiatives across campus as part of this observance.

According to Rebecca Vincent, coordinator of international initiatives, there will be more student-led events than ever. In addition to student organizations sponsoring events to increase awareness of culture and history, a number of groups are highlighting efforts to address international issues, such as access to clean water and genocide.

Throughout the University's IEW observance there will be guest speakers, films, brown-bag lunch presentations, recommended readings and international coffee tastings. For more information, e-mail Vincent at [rebecca.vincent@uncc.edu](mailto:rebecca.vincent@uncc.edu) or visit the Web site [www.oip.uncc.edu/IntEdWk.htm](http://www.oip.uncc.edu/IntEdWk.htm).

### **Bioinformatics Building awarded LEED silver certification**

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) has awarded LEED silver certification (new construction) to the Bioinformatics Building.

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification results from an extensive review of the design and construction practices for a project. The USGBC, a nonprofit coalition of building industry leaders based in Washington, D.C., developed and administers the LEED certification system. Projects accrue points in six green design categories: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality and innovation and design process. Based upon points awarded, USGBC designates projects as LEED certified, silver, gold or platinum. The design team LS3P Associates LTD, led by Scott Baker, was instrumental in guiding the UNC Charlotte team through the LEED certification process.

According to Jennifer Evans, construction manager for capital projects in facilities management, using LEED guidelines will enable the University to reduce energy consumption. Recent legislation mandates state buildings must lower energy use by 30 percent. Bioinformatics Building designers and contractors incorporated many LEED products into the facility, including low-emission paints and carpets, low-flow toilets and water fountains, carbon dioxide sensors and a mechanism to monitor and verify electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems. During the building's erection,

construction manager at risk Rodgers Builders Inc. recycled approximately 80 percent of construction waste and used regional materials when possible, which decreased transport distances.

“By implementing such practices in the Bioinformatics Building, the University is setting the standard that it will accept for the design and construction of its facilities,” said Evans. “We’re also demonstrating our commitment to be responsible users of our resources and leaders in sustainability.”

### **New donors help to drive SECC effort**

To date, this year’s State Employees Combined Campaign (SECC) includes more than 145 new donors. Their donations, combined with fellow faculty and staff members, bring the SECC total to more than \$64,900. With 900 plus SECC agencies, faculty and staff members have been able to direct their tax-deductible contributions to causes that have personal meaning for them.

Construction manager Al McCool is one such contributor. His SECC designation supports the American Red Cross.

“Everyone is aware of the great work the Red Cross does with blood drives, but it’s their work in times of natural disasters that causes me to designate it to receive my SECC gift,” said McCool, a member of facilities management, capital projects. “As a member of the North Carolina Baptist Men, I and others in the association often assist in disaster relief under the Red Cross umbrella. They provide the upfront assessments, food, water, cleaning supplies, etc. that are needed for groups like the NCBM to help the victims. Without the leadership and focus that the Red Cross brings during a natural disaster, efforts of other groups would be much less effective.”

McCool said supporting the Red Cross and being blessed with his job and having the opportunity to be part of this combined effort with University employees to make a difference “really feels good.” Faculty and staff who have yet to make a SECC pledge are encouraged to make a donation by midnight, Wednesday, Nov. 4, to be eligible for the final donor prize drawing of the 2009 campaign. Click [here](#) to make a donation.

### **Use campus resources, common sense to protect yourself**

Daylight Savings Time has ended, and many individuals are walking through campus after nightfall. With this change of season, the Campus Safety and Security Committee offers the following safety tips:

- Consider using the UNC Charlotte campus shuttle service. It is provided free of charge to staff, faculty, students and guests between 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Click [here](#) for route and schedule information.
- Campus Police can provide safety escorts after 6:30 p.m., call ext. 7-2000.
- Remember SafeRide, a disability and safety campus transport service operated by the Office of Parking and Transportation Services. Electric vehicles provide transportation within the inner campus for mobility-impaired individuals during daytime hours and across the campus for everyone during evening hours. For details, dial ext. 7-4285 or visit the Web site <http://www.saferide.uncc.edu>.
- Become familiar with the “blue light” emergency telephones located near buildings and parking areas. More than 200 emergency phones dot the campus. A map of phone locations is [online](#).
- Avoid walking alone at night; do not take shortcuts through dark areas.

- Park in well-lit areas and have car keys ready before reaching the vehicle or building.
- Avoid parking next to large vehicles that obstruct views.

### **Auxiliary services adds blog to Web site**

Auxiliary services has added a news blog to its Web site. According to LouAnn Lamb, marketing director for business services, the blog is designed to be a readily available source of information concerning planned improvements within business and auxiliary services, which includes dining services, parking and transportation services, mail services, 49er card and meal plans, printing and copying services, vending and Barnes and Nobles at UNC Charlotte. Information is posted to <http://aux.uncc.edu/news> weekly.

“Auxiliary services hopes faculty, staff and students will learn to count on our Web blog for communication about improvements in our areas, notice of inconveniences that accompany change and plans for upcoming projects,” said Lamb.

### **Technology research now available online**

Gartner Inc. provides a comprehensive collection of analysis and advice for technology users. All UNC Charlotte faculty, staff and students, through the efforts of the Office of Technology Services, can access Gartner’s research and other information.

Current employees or students can use the Gartner research site to review product assessments, monitor market forecasts, learn more about the hype cycle of different technologies and more. Users can create e-mail alerts for notification about new research published in topic(s) of interest.

To log onto Gartner Research, employees should go to <https://niner.net.uncc.edu/tools/gartner/> using their NinerNet account. After logging in, users will receive an e-mail from Gartner with registration confirmation and tips for using search and browse tools as well as access to the site’s quick start guide and online training.

The Faculty/Staff Help Center can answer questions or provide technical assistance with Gartner Inc.; call ext. 7-3100 or e-mail [help@uncc.edu](mailto:help@uncc.edu).

### **Golden Key chapter recognized at international conference**

The UNC Charlotte chapter of the Golden Key International Honour Society was recognized with bronze chapter standing at the society’s international conference in Orlando, Fla. Jonathan Crane, communications studies, is the chapter advisor.

Golden Key boasts a membership of nearly 2 million individuals in more than 375 chapters worldwide.

### **What’s on UNC Charlotte Cable Television?**

On the next episode of “Medicine and Society,” Rosemarie Tong, director of UNC Charlotte’s Center for Professional and Applied Ethics, interviews Jessica Schorr Saxe, a family physician at Carolinas Medical Center-Biddle Point, and Anne Walker from Walker Pediatrics. The topic for this segment is “Partnering to End Obesity: Physicians, Families and Community.” The physicians discuss their role in controlling childhood obesity and offer advice to families on healthier eating habits. They also discuss how society can help promote a healthier lifestyle. “Medicine and Society” airs at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Sundays and Mondays in November.

A complete UNC Charlotte Cable TV program schedule is available [online](#) and at TVGuide.com (Charlotte - Time Warner Cable, Channel 22). UNC Charlotte Cable TV is produced by the University's Broadcast Communications Department, which provides a wide variety of video and media services. For more information, e-mail Ashley Rowell, program director, at [abrowell@uncc.edu](mailto:abrowell@uncc.edu).

### **Computer room equipment replacement to affect campus Nov. 15**

The Facilities Management Office will replace equipment that services the campus computer room on Sunday, Nov. 15. During this work, central IT services, systems and applications will be unavailable. The outage is expected to be from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A list of services impacted during this outage is on the [Web](#). For a complete listing of ITS outages and alerts visit the [IT Message Center](#).

### **Bronze busts of former chancellors unveiled**

Former chancellors E.K. Fretwell and Jim Woodward returned to campus Friday, Oct. 30, for a special ceremony to unveil bronze busts of their likenesses. The event honored the chancellor emeriti's contributions as the University's second and third leaders.

"Today, UNC Charlotte is North Carolina's urban research university. It would not be so were it not for the visionary leadership of E.K. Fretwell and Jim Woodward," said Chancellor Philip L. Dubois. "The two individuals we celebrate today set about their work with a clear vision of what the University needed in the moment as well as what the University could become. E.K. and Jim, thank you for your service and dedication."

Long-time University benefactor Irwin "Ike" Belk commissioned sculpture John Heibenstreit to create the busts, which are located in the lobby of the J. Murrey Atkins Library. The artist also sculpted the bronze bust of first chancellor Dean Colvard, unveiled last year.

### **Nominees sought for 2010 Bank of America Award for Teaching Excellence**

The selection committee for the 2010 Bank of America Award for Teaching Excellence is soliciting nominees. This award is one of the most important and prestigious presented by the University, as it honors outstanding teachers on campus and provides an example of UNC Charlotte's commitment to teaching excellence.

In its call for nominations, the committee is seeking to honor individuals respected as outstanding teachers and mentors. The strongest nominations include specific examples from students and colleagues alike. In order to be eligible for the Bank of America Award for Teaching Excellence, a faculty member must be tenured, must be on the UNC Charlotte faculty for seven years and must be teaching in the year that the award is given. Nominees cannot be a former recipient or have been a finalist within the past two years.

As in the past, the Bank of America Award Committee will select five finalists from among the nominees. The award recipient will be selected from the finalists and will be honored along with them at an awards ceremony in September 2010.

For more information or to nominate a teacher, go to the Web site [www.provost.uncc.edu/BOFAaward](http://www.provost.uncc.edu/BOFAaward). Nominations are due by Friday, Dec. 4.

### **Facilities management to host silent auction**

The Facilities Management Event Committee will host a silent auction from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 4, at the College of Health and Human

Services/College of Education quad. Proceeds from the auction, which is open to the campus community, will benefit the organization's social fund, which is used to offset expenses for its holiday party and spring picnic.

Among the items donated thus far are three sets of tickets for four to the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro, two Taylor Made golf clubs/drivers, gift cards to Home Depot and a Sony computer with docking station (model VGN-BX760PB). These items are valued at more than \$500. In addition, there will be a raffle for cash prizes of \$50 and \$100.

Prospective bidders will be able to view items on site. A minimum bid will be on the silent auction sheet. Bidders can check back during the auction's time frame and re-bid until the conclusion of the event. The highest bid will be declared the winner; this individual must pay for the prize with a check payable to UNC Charlotte with "FM Silent Auction" in the memo line at the Facilities Management/PPS Building, Room 207 or 215. For more information, contact Jen Evans at ext. 7-6285.

## Faces

Name: Cricket Bonnetaud

Title: Assistant Director, Academic Advisor

Department: Office of Adult Students and Evening Services

Location: Barnard Building, Room 106

The urgency to start anew can be a powerful force, one for which Cricket Bonnetaud is quite familiar.

Bonnetaud, assistant director of and academic advisor in the Office of Adult Students and Evening Services (OASES), works with the University's sizeable nontraditional student population. According to Bonnetaud, defining a nontraditional student can be difficult. While age is one factor, so are life circumstances, such as being married, a service veteran or self-supporting.

"From 18 to 82, our students run the gamut, but we're prepared to work with them where they are – whatever their experience," said Bonnetaud. "We have some students who, at the age of 40 or 45, decide they want to go to college."

While Bonnetaud is content in her role at UNC Charlotte, before joining the University almost a decade ago, she put her "now or never" approach to life into action. She quit her job as a massage therapist, sold her car and shipped her Harley-Davidson motorcycle to France and spent the next year touring the country along with other parts of Europe. The motorcycle enthusiast's motive was to "eat, drink, learn the language and culture and integrate myself into the Harley lifestyle."

Prior to embarking upon the adventure, Bonnetaud contacted a number of Harley-Davidson chapters in France and was invited to join several riding excursions. During one such trip to Normandy, Bonnetaud met husband Philippe.

The newlyweds returned to the United States with their Harleys, and Bonnetaud started her job search focusing on higher education institutions.

“I love the university atmosphere,” Bonnetaud stated. A native of Florida, she completed a bachelor’s degree in rehabilitation services and a master’s in counseling and human systems from Florida State University. After initially contacting the Office of Disability Services about volunteer opportunities, Bonnetaud learned of an opening in OASES, and “eight years later, here I am.” Currently, she is pursuing a doctorate in adult and higher education through N.C. State University as part of its first Charlotte cohort.

As one of the first contacts for nontraditional students, Bonnetaud provides them with academic counseling and assists them with orientation and registration. In addition, she is staff advisor for the Nontraditional Student Organization (NTSO). Currently, it is National Adult Student Week, and the 300-member NTSO has a number of activities planned in observance. Bonnetaud also serves as advisor for Alpha Sigma Lambda, the oldest national honor society for adult students. Every March, OASES holds an induction ceremony for those students invited to join.

While Bonnetaud enjoys the fact that OASES is comprised of “five strong women who work together,” she said it can be a challenge to inform students about some of the financial and academic realities associated with higher education. “For example, a student who works full time until 6 p.m. may want to major in psychology, but that’s not possible given their time constraints and availability of classes. We’re a traditional university with a 16-week semester and limited evening and weekend courses.”

Beyond the University, Bonnetaud plays the piano, preferably classical and gospel music, and she is active in her church. She and her husband also work with Love Inc. Through this organization, they provide assistance to two elders in their community – helping with household chores and lawn maintenance. The local Harley chapter of which Bonnetaud is a member holds fund-raisers to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and the Ladies of Harley sponsors charity drives for Turning Point, an emergency shelter for women and their children located in Monroe.

## Upcoming Events

### **Murdock Research Institute lecture to focus on metabolomics**

Amr Ragab, manager of the Metabolomics Lab at the David H. Murdock Research Institute (DHMRI), will present “We are One-third Human” at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 10, in the DHMRI Core Laboratory, First Floor Meeting Room. His talk is part of the lecture series “Discovering DHMRI,” designed to educate others about the institute and technologies being used to make research advances in diseases, agriculture and nutrition.

There is no charge to attend the lecture series; however, registration is requested due to limited seating. To register, e-mail [workshops@dhmri.org](mailto:workshops@dhmri.org) or call (704) 250-2600.

### **IT student to defend doctoral dissertation**

Su Dong, a doctoral student in information technology, will defend the dissertation “Toward Systematic Design and Analysis of Knowledge-intensive Service Delivery Networks” at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 11, in Friday Building, Room 364. Ram Kumar and Monica Johar are the dissertation advisors.

### **HR holding religion in the workplace workshop**

Charlotte's growing religious diversity may cause employees to consider how to create a workplace environment that is sensitive to these differences. The University's Human Resources Department is hosting a workshop designed to educate faculty and staff on the need for the awareness of religious differences, as well as provide suggestions on what UNC Charlotte can do to help everyone feel included.

Local attorneys Kristi Walters and Parer Poe will conduct this workshop, which will be from 2 to 4 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 11, in Colvard Building North, Room 5092. Seats are still available for this session; to register, employees should sign up online at <http://www.hr.uncc.edu/training/registration/main.asp>. Prerequisite for attending the workshop is the completion of "Diversity: Just Be FAIR" or the Skillport online module "Why Diversity Matters."

For more information, contact a member of the employee learning and development staff: Shirley Jackson at ext. 7-2636, Julie Laytham at ext. 7-4273 or Crystal Garris at ext. 7-3284.

### **Alumni education series to address using Twitter for job searches**

The UNC Charlotte Alumni Association will sponsor "Using Twitter to Find a Job" at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 12, at the Harris Alumni Center at Johnson Glenn. Panelists for this discussion, part of the Alumni Association education series, are Scott Hepburn, social media strategist; Rich Sauser, project manager and career transition guide; and Gary Zukowski, founder of Tweet My Jobs.

Space is limited; click [here](#) to register online. For more information, e-mail John Snelsire at [jmsnelsi@uncc.edu](mailto:jmsnelsi@uncc.edu).

### **SEANC lobbyist to speak in Charlotte**

Ardis Watkins, director of legislative affairs for the State Employees Association of North Carolina (SEANC), will speak at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 12, at Central Piedmont Community College's Cato Campus. All state employees are welcome to attend this event. A reception will be held in advance of the talk at 5:30 p.m.

As part of this presentation, Watkins will discuss lobbying efforts on behalf of SEANC's 55,000 members, including the avoidance of significant pay cuts and additional furloughs.

The Cato Campus is located at 8120 Grier Road, which is at the intersection of Grier Road and W.T. Harris Boulevard. Free, convenient parking is available. The event will be in the ground floor auditorium of Cato II. For more information, e-mail Michael Eldridge at [mleldrid@uncc.edu](mailto:mleldrid@uncc.edu) or contact Sue Eldridge at (704) 364-8858.

### **Faculty/Staff Day for women's basketball Nov. 16**

The Charlotte 49ers Faculty/Staff Day for women's basketball is Monday, Nov. 16; the women's team will take on the University of South Carolina at 7 p.m.

All faculty and staff members have the opportunity to receive four complimentary tickets to the game. Starting Monday, Nov. 9, interested employees can pick up their free tickets at the 49ers Ticket Office by showing a valid ID. At the game, Chartwells is offering all faculty/staff a free small popcorn in a souvenir cup with any concession purchase.

For more information, contact the 49ers Ticket Office at ext. 7-4949.

### **November's 'Community Conversations' to focus on art**

The College of Arts + Architecture will explore how the arts reflect the changing cultural demographics of the Charlotte region as part of "Community Conversations: Changing Times...Changing Minds." Experience this unified presentation of visual art, music, theatre, dance and architecture at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 18, at the Levine Museum of the New South.

The UNC Charlotte speaker series "Community Conversations: Changing Times...Changing Minds" complements the Levine Museum exhibit "Changing Places: From Black and White to Technicolor." As education sponsor for the exhibit, UNC Charlotte is hosting a community conversation every third Wednesday of the month through February 2010. The conversations, designed to take a deeper look at issues raised by the exhibit, are free and open to the public.

### **Artist, filmmaker Alfredo Jaar to lecture**

Installation artist, architect, public interventionist and filmmaker Alfredo Jaar will lecture at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 18, in Cone University Center, McKnight Hall.

In his talk, part of the Distinguished Speakers Forum sponsored by the Center for Leadership Development, Jaar will discuss his work, which centers on sociopolitical issues, such as the oil economy, the "Third World" concept, pollution, border controversy, poverty and genocide. Using public interventions, he challenges perceptions of social imbalance. Recently, the ephemeral exhibit "The Cloud" was done at the U.S.-Mexican border to commemorate persons whose lives have been lost in the attempt to traverse into the United States.

Born in Santiago, Chile, in 1956, Jaar completed his education at both the Instituto Chileno-Norteamericano de Cultura (Chilean-North American Institute of Culture) and the Universidad de Chile (University of Chile). He has received numerous awards for his work, including the MacArthur Foundation Award in 2000. He also was recognized by the Guggenheim Memorial Foundation and received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Following Jaar's talk, there will be a reception in the Cone Center's Lucas Room. This event is free and open to the public. On Thursday, Nov. 19, Jaar will be on campus to work with students. For more information, contact the Center for Leadership Development at ext. 7-2703.

### **Undergraduate admissions to host 'Explore UNC Charlotte'**

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions is sponsoring "Explore UNC Charlotte" on Saturday, Nov. 21. This free open-house program targets prospective students and their families. It includes campus tours as well as informational sessions on degree programs. Other offerings include transfer student advising and sessions on learning communities, financial planning, selecting a major and academic success. Explore begins at 9 a.m. in the Barnhardt Student Activity Center; guests are encouraged to arrive by 8:45 a.m.

### **Education professor to discuss Sino-American research**

Chuang Wang, assistant professor in the Department of Educational Leadership, will discuss "Sino-American Educational Research: Opportunities and Challenges" at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 5, in the College of Health and Human Services, Room 207. This talk is part of the Global Perspective Series, sponsored by Phi Beta Delta honor society for international scholars.

### **Fall Faculty Reception set for Nov. 9**

Provost Joan Lorden and the UNC Charlotte chapter of the national honor society Phi Kappa Phi invite all members of the faculty and professional staff to attend the Fall Faculty Reception scheduled for 4 to 6 p.m., Monday, Nov. 9, in the lobby of the Robinson Hall for the Performing Arts. During this event, the 2009-10 performing arts season will be highlighted, and a door prize drawing will be held for tickets to upcoming performances.

### **Eli Lilly executive, researcher to discuss FDA**

Gail Cassell, vice president for scientific affairs and distinguished Lilly Research Scholar for Infectious Diseases at Eli Lilly and Company, will present “Science and Mission at Risk in the Food and Drug Administration: A Historical and Ethical Perspective” at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 9, in the College of Health and Human Services, Room 376.

Cassell, who holds a doctorate in microbiology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, has been involved in establishment of science policy and legislation related to biomedical research and public health. For nine years, she was chair of the Public and Scientific Affairs Board of the American Society for Microbiology. Cassell also served as an advisor on infectious diseases and indirect costs of research to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and she has been an invited participant to numerous Congressional hearings and briefings related to infectious diseases, anti-microbial resistance and biomedical research.

The ADVANCE Office, College of Health and Human Services, Department of Public Health Sciences, Health Services Research Academy and the Center for Applied and Professional Ethics are cosponsoring this event.

### **UNLV social work professor to lecture**

Stacey Hardy-Desmond, associate professor in the School of Social Work at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, will present “The Elephant, the Bull and the Lion: Forensic Social Work as a Model for Culturally Competent Practice in the Human Services” at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 12, in the College of Health and Human Services, Room 155 . A reception will follow at 6:30 p.m.

This presentation is the second in a four-part speaker series focusing on health and human services disparities in communities of color. Funding for this series is provided by the Chancellor’s Diversity Challenge Fund. RSVPs are requested via e-mail by Nov. 7 to [CHHSEvent@uncc.edu](mailto:CHHSEvent@uncc.edu). For additional information, call ext. 7-7917. A certificate of attendance will be available.

### **Multicultural Leadership Conference set for Nov. 14**

The eighth annual Multicultural Leadership Conference will be held Saturday, Nov. 14, in the Cone University Center.

This one-day event provides student leaders and advisors the opportunity to explore the intersections of culture, diversity and leadership. This year’s program will include three breakout sessions featuring 18 workshops covering race, culture, sexual and gender diversity and leadership fundamentals.

The conference keynote speaker will be Brandon Major, chair of the board of directors of Time Out Youth. A human resources professional, Major has more than 25 years of experience in diversity training and organizational development in the retail

grocery industry. He also served on the executive committee and as vice president of the Rowan-Salisbury chapter of PFLAG.

Since its inception, the conference has attracted increasing numbers of student from across the southeast. Registration includes breakfast, lunch, conference materials and a T-shirt. The Center for Leadership Development and the Multicultural Resource Center collaborate to hold this event. More information is available on the conference [Web site](#) or contact Stephanie Schmidt at ext. 7-5323.

### **Atkins Library to host collector of African American artifacts**

Thomas Wirth, a leading collector of African American literary and historical artifacts, will present “Collecting African Americana: In Pursuit of Langston Hughes” at 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 15, in the Halton Reading Room of the J. Murrey Atkins Library. This free, public presentation is for the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Julian D. Mason Talk on Rare Books and Book Collecting.

Wirth, who holds a Ph.D. in chemistry from the California Institute of Technology, began collecting literary and historical African-Americana in the mid-1970s. His emphasis is on materials written by African American authors. From 1965 to 1970, Wirth taught chemistry and physical science at three historically black colleges in the South. During this time, Wirth noted, “the unavailability of books relevant to the black experience was a huge impediment to our students’ intellectual development...So I began to collect. It was a way of contributing to the preservation of rare and historically important materials devalued in the mainstream. It also was a way to maintain my connection with the black community after I left the South.”

Currently, Wirth is pursuing Harlem Renaissance scholarship as project director and editor of the Amistad Research Center’s “Countee Cullen Correspondence Online” project.

The Julian D. Mason Talks are endowed by an anonymous donor; the talk’s namesake is a UNC Charlotte professor emeritus of English. For more information, e-mail Katie McCormick at [kmccormi@uncc.edu](mailto:kmccormi@uncc.edu).

### **‘BachNight 2009’ to feature free concert of Baroque music**

The Department of Music in the College of Arts + Architecture, in partnership with Myers Park Baptist Church, will present “BachNight 2009” at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 20, at the church’s sanctuary, located at 1900 Queens Road.

Jeffrey Price, UNC Charlotte music professor, will lead this musical collaboration and community celebration of J.S. Bach and other composers of the Baroque period. The program will include organ performances, choral and instrumental chamber music as well as two chorales sung by all in attendance.

Among the performers for this event are violinist David Russell, Belk Distinguished Professor of Music; tenor Brian Arreola; Hope Thacker, mezzo-soprano; Mira Frisch, cello; Matthew Manwarren and Jacqueline Yost, organ; and Susan Savage, oboe. The UNC Charlotte choirs, under the direction of Randy Haldeman; Myers Park Baptist Church Chancel, conducted by Jonathan Crutchfield; and Singers of Renaissance, directed by Robert Pritchard; also will perform.

Admission is free; donations will be accepted in support of Myers Park outreach ministries and UNC Charlotte music scholarships.

# Human Resources

## Shared leave requested

Lois Presley, student financial aid, needs shared leave donations.

To contribute leave, faculty and staff should refer to the requirements and participant forms in [Personnel Information Memorandum \(PIM\) 29](#) or in the literature racks outside of the Benefits Office, King Building, Room 225. For more information, contact Joy Finney, benefits counselor, at ext. 7-2892.

## Important HR links

- [HR benefits and important news](#)
- [Personnel announcements](#) (Also visit the Human Resources Office in King Building, Room 222, to view the Employment Opportunities board.)

# Training

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Nov. 11 [Sustainable Cities](#). 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., UNC Charlotte Ben Craig Center. Cost: \$122.

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Nov. 13 [Steam Systems Fundamentals](#). 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., UNC Charlotte Ben Craig Center. Cost: \$122.

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## Swap 'n' Shop

### For sale:

Bunn 10-cup coffee maker. New, white with black trim. Makes hot coffee in three minutes. Original price \$100, will sell for \$60. Queen quilt and shams. Like new, scalloped edges, one side is purple/sage and green/yellow, reverse side yellow - bright fun colors. Original cost \$130, will sell for \$35. Call ext. 7-8485.

Red Aeropostle hoodie jacket with faux fur lining and lined hood. Very warm and cozy. Only worn a few times last season. Great Christmas gift for high school or college student. Size large but has a snug fit. Asking \$40. E-mail [mkohan@uncc.edu](mailto:mkohan@uncc.edu).

Couch and oversized chair with ottoman. Very good condition. Asking \$400. Bike, in good shape. \$50. Photos available. E-mail [lasherr1@uncc.edu](mailto:lasherr1@uncc.edu).

Honey-colored crib, converts to a toddler bed. Used for one year. In good condition. Asking \$100 or best offer. E-mail Lisa at [lnewman@uncc.edu](mailto:lnewman@uncc.edu).

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