Multi-Day Event

International Scavenger Hunt

Virtual Event | Monday, November 16 – Wednesday, November 18, Asynchronous

Join the UNC Charlotte International Students and Scholar Office (ISSO) for an international themed virtual scavenger hunt. Students will receive access to a self-paced scavenger hunt beginning on Monday, November 16, 2020 running through Wednesday, November 18, 2020.

Everyone who completes the scavenger hunt before Thursday, November 19 will be entered for a chance to win a prize! Winners will be chosen at random at the ISSO Virtual Coffee Hour scheduled on Thursday, November 19, 2020.

The Scavenger Hunt link will open on Monday, November 16, 2020.

Featured Signature Event

The Office of International Programs (OIP), in collaboration with campus partners, is excited to present the UNC Charlotte International Education Week (IEW) 2020 schedule: November 16 - 20. We invite you to participate in a host of activities, virtual events, and workshops designed to promote cultural awareness as well as to highlight the many international opportunities available to our campus community.

You are cordially invited to join this year’s signature program on Thursday, November 19 at 6:00 pm, in collaboration with the Office of Identity, Equity, and Engagement and the Young Professionals of the World Affairs Council of Charlotte in welcoming Tayo Rockson, an advocate of finding the beauty in our differences and exploring ways to communicate effectively across cultures.

Please visit the International Education Week calendar for more information, including registration details, and the full list of programs.
75 Years Later: Race, Law, and the Mass Incarceration of Japanese Americans During World War II

Virtual Event | 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Join the Department of Languages and Culture Studies for 75 Years Later: Race, Law, and the Mass Incarceration of Japanese Americans During World War II, funded by the UNC Charlotte Chancellor’s Diversity Grant.

Dr. Emily Anderson, Project Curator at the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) in Los Angeles, California, will present on the topic of mass incarceration of Japanese American citizens during World War II in the United States. The mass incarceration of people of Japanese ancestry during World War II represents a severe violation of the civil rights of an entire community and an egregious act of systemic and legalized racism. This presentation will introduce the historical and legal background—how anti-Asian racism and anti-immigrant activists on the West Coast devoted decades to limiting opportunities for Japanese immigrants and their American children—that made the wartime incarceration possible. It will also address how this history and its aftermath remains relevant.

Dr. Anderson is a Tokyo born-and-raised Japanese American with a PhD from the University of California, Los Angeles. She has taught modern Japanese history at Washington State University, was a visiting research fellow in the New Zealand Asia Institute at the University of Auckland and currently curates the On My Honor: Scouting in American Concentration Camps exhibit at JANM.

Please [click here](#) to join the virtual event.
TEDxCraver Road: Countdown to Sustainable Development Goals

Virtual Event | 11:15 AM – 1:15 PM

Take action and help raise awareness about Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)!

According to the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, “the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and developing - in a global partnership. They recognize that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth – all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.”

Join Dr. Erik Byker, Associate Professor in the Reading and Elementary Education Department at UNC Charlotte, and a panel of UNC Charlotte Honors College students to discuss ways to connect Sustainable Development Goals in taking action on the fight for global climate change.

Please submit the registration form to receive access to the virtual event link.

The Beauty of Chinese Characters: A Lecture on Chinese Culture

Virtual Event | 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Recognized as one of the most difficult languages to learn in the world, the challenge and beauty of the Chinese language lies in its unique written system of Chinese characters.

Dr. Ji’e Zheng, Adjunct Professor in the UNC Charlotte Confucius Institute, will compare Chinese and English writing systems and introduce the audience to the nature and value of Chinese characters. Participants will learn features of Chinese characters, such as the close relationship between form and meaning, the complex structure, and the cognition of the left and right brain when learning Chinese characters. Participants will gain a unique perspective of Chinese culture, thinking, values and cultural tensions through the formation and intricate structures of Chinese characters.

Please click here to join the virtual event.
Study Abroad Alumni Q&A

Virtual Event | 4:00 PM – 4:45 PM

Join the Office of Education Abroad for a Q&A session with the Fall 2020 Study Abroad Ambassadors to get an in-depth perspective on their study abroad experiences. UNC Charlotte students who study abroad are part of a unique population across the country. By leveraging their international experience, Study Abroad Alumni can stand out to employers and improve their marketability.

Studying abroad gives students the chance to diversify and enhance their education, gain a global outlook, and develop self-confidence and adaptability skills many may not have even realized they were capable of! Experience the world and immerse yourself in another culture and become more marketable to future employers at the same time.

Come prepared with your questions and learn how study abroad can impact your time at UNC Charlotte. For questions please contact edabroad@uncc.edu.

Please submit the registration form to receive access to the virtual event.
Global Engagement Scholars Program (GESP) Information Session

Virtual Event | 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Join Dr. Joe Hoff, Director of the Office of Global Education and Engagement, a unit within the Office of International Programs, for an informational session on the benefits of joining the Global Engagement Scholars Program (GESP) at UNC Charlotte. Employers are looking for graduates who have special skills that demonstrate that they are prepared for the challenges of the 21st century. Such skills include the ability to work in multicultural teams and in diverse contexts. The Global Engagement Scholars Program supports students’ structured connections in the UNC Charlotte and Charlotte international community via participation in globally focused curricular, co-curricular, and engagement experiences. The GESP is sponsored by the Office of International Programs and the Department of Global Studies.

For more information please visit the GESP website.

Please submit the GESP registration form to receive access to the virtual event.

Pukar: Call for Justice Dance Performance

Kennedy Building Plaza | 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Join the UNC Charlotte Dance Department for an outdoor performance in front of the Kennedy Building featuring dancers specializing in the field of South Asian aesthetics. Performances will showcase an array of genres, including Indian dance, martial arts, and somatic practices (techniques based on the dancer’s internal sensation). This performance at Kennedy Hall, where the UNC Charlotte community experienced tragic loss and violence on April 30, 2019, honors the lives lost and the lives forever changed on that day.

This performance is made possible by a National Endowment for the Arts grant. The grant sponsors an arts residency by a Minnesota contemporary Indian dance company, Ananya Dance Theatre, that creates work at the intersection of artistic excellence and social justice.
**From A to B: An Arabic Film Screening**

**Virtual Event | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

Please join Dr. Noha Ghali, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Languages and Culture Studies, for the Arabic film virtual screening of *From A to B*.

*From A to B* is a 2014 multilingual (Arabic and English) Emirati film written, directed, and produced by Ali F. Mostafa. Mostafa’s work has gained recognition with awards for Best Emirati Film in 2006, Best Emirati Filmmaker by the Dubai International Film Festival in 2007, and 2010’s Young Filmmaker of the Year by Digital Studio Magazine.

In the film, three estranged childhood friends travel on a road trip from Abu Dhabi to Beirut in memory of their lost friend. According to IMDb, “If what happens en route doesn’t make them crazy, it might just bring them closer.”

**The film will be streamed at this link.**
Faculty-Led Programs 101 Lunch and Learn

Virtual Event | 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Are you a UNC Charlotte faculty member interested in leading a group of students abroad? Join the Office of Education Abroad for this virtual Lunch and Learn about developing and implementing safe, affordable, and quality programming in a variety of locations around the world. We’ll cover the many considerations and planning strategies that go into creating a new program, as well as managing a program on the ground. We encourage faculty to begin the process early and review the resources available throughout the program development process.

As a faculty director, you will further develop your teaching, research, and leadership skills; build stronger connections with students and foster a sense of community; incorporate global learning outcomes into your courses; and enhance opportunities for curriculum integration and contribute to campus internationalization efforts.

For questions please contact edabroad@uncc.edu.

Please submit the registration form to receive access to the virtual event.

Small Group Discussion with Tayo Rockson

By Invitation Only | 3:00 PM – 3:50 PM and 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

UNC Charlotte’s Global Gateways residential housing program, Global Engagement Scholars Program, Phi Beta Delta, and the University of Kent GOLD program will meet in a small group setting with Tayo Rockson, an advocate of finding the beauty in our differences and exploring ways to communicate effectively across cultures.

Tayo Rockson, originally from Nigeria, grew up as a “third culture kid” in five countries before beginning college. As a four-time TEDx speaker, his new book, Use Your Difference to Make a Difference: How to Connect and Communicate in a Cross-Cultural World, published in 2019 and inspires us to explore culture, masculinity, diversity and inclusion—and create action around it.

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Q&A Session with International Studies Abroad (ISA) Student Ambassadors

Virtual Event | 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Join a panel of UNC Charlotte student International Studies Abroad (ISA) campus ambassadors and learn more about the programs ISA has to offer as well as gain an insight on what it is like to study abroad with ISA. ISA is an affiliate UNC Charlotte study abroad provider that offers and facilitates high-quality education abroad programming in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Pacific for more than 100,000 students. According to ISA, “staff members, in the U.S. and abroad, aim to ensure that you feel supported and valued throughout your program so that you can achieve maximum intercultural learning and fulfill your personal goals.”

Please submit the registration form to receive access to the virtual event.

Russia - Inside and Outside

Virtual Event | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Are you interested in learning about Russian culture, language, and history? Join the UNC Charlotte Languages and Culture Studies Russian minor for an interactive and fun game. This is a great opportunity to broaden your horizons and learn more about the opportunities offered by the Russian minor at UNC Charlotte.

The Russian minor at UNC Charlotte aims to raise students’ awareness of the geopolitical and cultural importance of the country and its language. Russia occupies 1/6 of the world’s territory and has a population of approximately 145.5 million people. The Russian language is spoken by approximately 300 million people worldwide and is considered as one of the working languages of the United Nations. Join us as we explore Russia and all it has to offer.

Please visit global.uncc.edu/calendar for the virtual event link.

Anime Viewing Party

Virtual Event | 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Are you interested in anime or do you want to learn more about the genre? Join the members of the UNC Charlotte Japanese Anime and Manga Society for a viewing party and discuss elements of the anime genre and its impact around the world.

The Japanese Anime and Manga Society is a place where those who enjoy Japanese animation and manga can gather and share their love with fellow students, explore pop culture and media within the tradition.

Please click here to join the virtual event.
UNC Charlotte Phi Beta Delta Mu Chapter: Annual Meeting and Induction Ceremony

* By Invitation Only | 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

The Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars has as its main purpose the recognition of the international education experience, related academic scholarship, and achievement. It also serves as a means for encouraging interdisciplinary collaboration and networking among faculty and students involved in international endeavors. UNC Charlotte’s Mu Chapter inducts qualified students, faculty, and staff at its annual member meeting in November. For more information please visit pbd.uncc.edu.

International Undergraduate Admissions Information Session

Virtual Event | 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

You are cordially invited to join the UNC Charlotte Undergraduate Admission and Housing and Residence Life Offices for a virtual information session. The session will help guide international prospective students through the undergraduate admission process and requirements and will include a virtual campus tour, hosted by Niner Guides, volunteer tour guides through the Undergraduate Admission Office.

Join the Housing and Residence Life Office team and learn more about global living options on campus, including the Global Gateways Program, International House, and more. Go Niners!

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Fulbright Scholar Program Information Session for Faculty

Virtual Event | 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

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Virtual Event | 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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Globally Networked Learning: What It Is and How To Do It

Virtual Event | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Are you curious about Globally Networked Learning (GNL)? Globally Networked Learning integrates global perspectives into the curriculum via online programming and research in connection with partner institutions from around the world.

In this session, we will share examples of current GNL projects and provide faculty and staff with information on how, when and why to engage in GNL. Join us to learn about GNL and discuss the possibilities of connecting UNC Charlotte students to the world (virtually)!

Please visit global.uncc.edu/calendar for the virtual event link.

Fulbright U.S. Student Program Application Information Session

Virtual Event | 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Explore the Fulbright U.S. Student Program to learn more about grants and opportunities available for students and young professionals in international graduate study, advanced research, university teaching, and primary and secondary school teaching worldwide.

Each year, the Fulbright U.S. Student Program annually awards approximately 2,000 grants, in all fields of study, and operates in more than 140 countries worldwide. Join Brad Sekulich, Director of the Office Education Abroad, UNC Charlotte’s Student Fulbright Program Advisor, for a virtual information session that will provide an introduction to the Fulbright application process, application timeline, and guidance on how to prepare a more competitive application packet.

Please submit the registration form to receive the virtual event link.

Poetry and Literature in the Post 1979 Revolution Iran

Virtual Event | 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Join the UNC Charlotte Iranian Student Organization in welcoming both the keynote speaker Shahram Mazhari, Persian music researcher, composer, and performer, and Hamed Tabkhi, Persian music composer and performer.

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All About Tea: Cultural Appreciation and Economic Significance

Virtual Event | 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Join the UNC Charlotte Confucius Institute for an exploration of tea. Develop an understanding and appreciation of tea culture. Tea is one of the most consumed beverages in the world, and is integral to Chinese culture, poetry, and daily life experience. Participants will learn different types of tea, their respective brewing methods, and discover how tea culture and trade plays a historical, economic, and cultural role in China.

Take a virtual walk through the ancient tea and horse trail that transported tea from China and neighboring Asian countries.

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