

# NORTH CAROLINA HONORS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Conference Program

September 29 - 30, 2017

UNC Charlotte

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Welcome to Charlotte!

On behalf of the Honors College, I am excited to welcome you to UNC Charlotte for the 2017 North Carolina Honors Association Conference. Hosting this conference has been a dream of mine for several years, after the warm welcome I received from the state honors family when I became Executive Director of our Honors College in 2012. My hat is off to Dr. Cherese Childers-McKee, for taking the ball and running with it!



Cherese and her committee of staff, faculty, and students have planned a terrific slate of activities and sessions. We look forward to meeting those of you who are new to us and strengthening our connections with those of you whom we already know. We hope you come away with some great ideas about crossing borders and building bridges through your honors programs. Our Honors College, spanning 28 honors programs on campus, is all about such crossings. Whether we are talking about interdisciplinarity, diversity and inclusion, intellectual breadth, or global awareness, crossing borders and building bridges are necessary 21st century skills we strive to foster in our honors students.

We are especially proud to present our keynote speaker, Dr. Brenda Tindal, Historian and Senior Vice President of Exhibits and Education at the Levine Museum of the New South and a scholar of the Civil Rights Movement. Through her educatory role at the museum, Dr. Tindal is an expert on crossing borders and building bridges. She is an alumna of UNC Charlotte and the University Honors Program.

If you need any assistance or have any questions over these two days, please do find me or one of our dedicated staff.

All the best,

Malin Pereira, Ph.D.  
Executive Director, Honors College  
Professor of English, UNC Charlotte

## Program at a Glance

**Friday, September 29, 2017**

**Location: UNC Charlotte Center City Building, uptown campus**

12:30 PM - 1:15 PM	Registration	Lobby (Snacks and refreshments available in the upstairs atrium)
1:30 PM - 5:00 PM	City as Text™ Event Uptown	Auditorium
5:15 PM - 7:45 PM	Banquet and Keynote Speaker	Atrium/Auditorium

**Saturday, September 30, 2017**

**Location: UNC Charlotte Popp Martin Student Union, main campus**

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Breakfast and Registration	Third Floor, Multipurpose Room
8:15 AM - 10:00 AM	Transfer to UNC Charlotte Summit	Room 261
9:00 AM - 9:55 AM	Poster Session	Third Floor, Multipurpose Room
10:00 AM - 10:35 AM	Concurrent Session #1	Rooms 261, 262, 263, 265, 266
10:40 AM - 11:15 AM	Concurrent Session #2	Rooms 261, 262, 263, 265, 266
11:20 AM - 11:55 AM	Concurrent Session #3	Rooms 261, 262, 263, 265, 266
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch	Third Floor, Multipurpose Room
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Faculty Meeting/Student Activities	Third Floor, Multipurpose Room
2:45 PM - 3:15 PM	Closing & Awards Ceremony	Third Floor, Multipurpose Room
3:20 PM - 4:00 PM	Tour of Levine Hall (optional)	Meet outside of the Multipurpose Room

# Banquet and Keynote

## Transcending Boundaries in the 21st Century

Friday, September 29, 2017

5:15 PM - 7:45PM



Public historian, archivist, curator, and educator Brenda Tindal is the Staff Historian and Senior Vice President of Research & Collections at Levine Museum of the New South in Charlotte, NC. In this role, Tindal conducts research, plans and curates major exhibits, develops and delivers educational programs, supports communications, media, and community relations efforts, and serves on the Museum's senior management team. In 2005, she was part of the curatorial team that developed *Courage: The Carolina Story that Changed America*, an exhibit on the region's role in the landmark school desegregation case, *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954), which won the National Award for Museum Service — the nation's highest honor awarded to museums and libraries.

Before joining the Levine Museum of the New South in 2015 as staff historian, Tindal was a Visiting Lecturer in the Department of History and the Honors College at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, where she taught a broad range of courses in comparative U.S. and South African history, Southern history, African American history, and visual and material culture.

A sought after social commentator, convener, and speaker, Tindal has been featured on C-SPAN, the Knight Foundation's Media Learning Seminar, Happenings Magazine, NPR, Pride Magazine, NBC-Today, The Charlotte Observer, and many other local and national news and media outlets. She has been the recipient of numerous awards, professional appointments and citations, including Interim Coordinator for the 2015 UNCF-Mellon International Faculty Seminar in Nantes, France, 2012-2013 recipient of the Dean Bobby Paul Mentor & Teaching Excellence Award, and the 2011-2012 Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Fellow at Princeton University.

# Special Sessions

## City as Text™

Friday 1:30-5:00 PM, Center City

Go on an adventure through Center City and use the wonderful Queen City as your text. During this event, you will explore all four wards of the Uptown area and the Epicenter. The more you investigate and venture, the more you will learn about Charlotte, its history, and what its future holds.

## Transfer to UNC Charlotte Summit

Saturday 8:15-10:00 AM, Student Union, Room 261

Faculty and staff will meet to share information about their honors programs and to explore possible bridges between two-year honors programs and UNC Charlotte honors. In particular, we will hear presentations from the South Piedmont Community College Honors Program, the Wake Technical Community College Honors Program, the UNC Charlotte University Honors Program, the UNC Charlotte Business Honors Program, and the UNC Charlotte Transfer Center. We will conclude with discussion and Q&A.

## Student Activity

Saturday 1:30-2:30 PM, Student Union, Third Floor Multipurpose Room

Students' activities will include a diversity scavenger hunt, cultural bingo, and privilege walk activity. Activities will conclude with a discussion about ways we can "cross borders and build bridges" in our own lives.

## Faculty/Staff Business Meeting

Saturday 1:30-2:30 PM, Student Union, Third Floor Multipurpose Room

Faculty and staff will meet for an NCHA business meeting.

## Tour of Levine Hall (Optional)

Saturday 3:30-4:00 PM, Meet outside of the Third Floor Multipurpose Room

Take a tour of the newly constructed Levine Hall, the 5-story residence hall and administrative offices for honors and merit scholars programs on campus. The administrative side of Levine Hall includes public reception areas, two seminar rooms, a lounge, a study area, a mini kitchen, a 16-seat conference room, an honors faculty community office with two private conference rooms, and a hotel space for visiting scholars and speakers.

# Detailed Conference Schedule

## Session #1: 10:00 AM - 10:35 AM

### POPP MARTIN STUDENT UNION Room 261

Moderator: Jordan Brusso

#### **If You Ask Them, They Will Come: Welcoming Transfer Students into Honors**

Patrick Bahls, University of North Carolina at Asheville

Historically, honors programs and colleges have been mostly the milieu of “traditional” students who enter the program at the outset of their college careers; students who enter later on (including transfer students) are less common. We discuss means of making honors opportunities more accessible to such students.

#### **Creating Connections between Campus and Community**

Alayna Graves and Alexis Moon, University of North Carolina at Asheville \*

We are a sophomore duo who are both involved in off campus jobs, local internships, community engagement, peer and youth mentorship organizations, and leadership positions within our honors program. We will speak about bridging the gap between our campus groups and the larger community around our campus.

### POPP MARTIN STUDENT UNION Room 262

Moderator: Megan Coyle

#### **A Dog's Place in Reducing Anxiety and Stress in College Students**

Kylie McGee and Emily Hamilton, Gardner-Webb University

The relationship between humans and animals is unlike any other. There are several beneficial aspects, whether psychological or physiological, that come from this relationship. This study examines the literature on the relationship that exists between dogs and humans as well as an experiment conducted involving college students and anxiety.

#### **Why so Serious... About Revolution? An Analysis of the Political Philosophies of The Dark Knight and Frankenstein**

Jonathan Rife, Catawba College \*

By utilizing political criticism, this presentation analyzes the political implications of Frankenstein and The Dark Knight, manifested through the authors' commentary on revolution. By exhibiting similarities and differences between the two revolutionaries, Victor's monster and the Joker, this presentation discusses the cycle of revolution and its social effects.

### POPP MARTIN STUDENT UNION Room 263

Moderator: Misty Morin

#### **Use of Veterans Specific Activity Questionnaire (VSAQ) to Predict Exercise Tolerance in Ambulatory Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ambALS) Patients**

Cody Mabe, Pfeiffer University \*

Many ambulatory ALS patients want to know if they can exercise, and if so, how much exercise they can do safely. The purpose of this study was to validate the Veterans Specific Activity Questionnaire (VSAQ) for the evaluation of exercise capacity in ambALS patients. This will improve exercise prescription and the therapeutic intervention.

#### **Exercise as a Treatment for Parkinson's Disease**

Danielle Dunn, Mars Hill University \*

This is an exploration of how healthcare could be improved through cooperation between primary healthcare providers and other professionals in health and fitness related fields to produce better outcomes for Parkinson's disease patients and better health for the nation.

### POPP MARTIN STUDENT UNION Room 265

Moderator: Kelly Brabec

#### **Bell Jars, Physics and Jumping Off Cliffs: An Exploration of Adolescent Depression in the Coming of Age Novel**

Brianna Thurman, University of North Carolina at Charlotte \*

While YA novels like Catcher in the Rye and The Bell Jar share personal accounts of depression with readers, providing self-discovery and comfort to many teenagers, novels like Stephenie Meyer's New Moon and Jay Asher's 13 Reasons Why glamorize the disorder, skewing perceptions of depression into a romantic teenage ideal.

#### **Serious Matters: How Humor Functions in Young Adult Literature about the Holocaust**

Shelby LeClair, University of North Carolina at Charlotte \*

This thesis explores the use of humor as a rhetorical device within Young Adult (YA) Holocaust literature. While its presence within these texts is disputatious, my study reveals the potential of humor within YA Holocaust literature to influence reader engagement and interpretation.

### POPP MARTIN STUDENT UNION Room 266

Moderator: Luke Lowry

#### **Maybe She's Born With It? How Gender Binaries are Constructed in Contemporary America**

Peyton Glendinning, Catawba College \*

“Sit like a lady.” “Man up.” “You’re much prettier when you smile.” “Boys don’t cry.” In modern America, gender comes with an unspoken rulebook. This presentation dissects this rulebook and offers solutions to these divisive binaries that you can implement into your everyday life.

#### **The Construction of Minority Identities in Video Games**

Nephdarlie Saint-Syr, University of North Carolina at Charlotte \*

This project focuses on the way that minorities, such as African Americans and other minority groups, are represented and portrayed in the media and particularly in video games, especially in the popular video game series: Grand Theft Auto and NFL Madden.

## Session #2: 10:40 AM - 11:15 AM

### POPP MARTIN STUDENT UNION Room 261

Moderator: Jordan Brusso

#### **New Ideas in Student-led Community Engagement**

Lindsey Farris, Sallie Perdieu, Jordan Thompson, Jacob Lowman, and Dylan Rood Western Carolina University

The Honors Board of Directors at Western Carolina have taken a tradition of community service in the local region to new level of student engagement that begins with an intense first-year conference and supports student ideas through a mini-grant program.

### POPP MARTIN STUDENT UNION Room 262

Moderator: Megan Coyle

#### **The Facing Project - Facing Affordable Housing**

Audrey Thomas, University of North Carolina at Asheville \*

The Facing Project is a nonprofit organization that pairs writers with citizens who have faced life circumstances that should be shared with others in order to educate the community. Here, I will describe my involvement in the Facing Project, which I completed for an honors course in community engagement.

#### **Praying for Change, Just Not in Government**

Samuel Reeder, Catawba College \*

This presentation analyzes the constitutionality of publicly elected officials opening public meetings with prayer. It specifically looks at the ongoing case regarding the Rowan County Commissioners starting public meetings with prayer that started back in 2012, and past court cases to help explore this topic.

### POPP MARTIN STUDENT UNION Room 263

Moderator: Misty Morin

#### **Evaluating Informal Marine Science Education Programs in the Chesapeake Bay**

Mallory Munden, University of North Carolina at Wilmington \*

Marine science summer camps are fun, but are children learning? A study from Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve shows short-term and long term knowledge increases and personal development impacts. These camps are important for teaching new information to children and building their confidence as scientists and environmental stewards.

#### **Interweaving Biology and Physics: Growing Plants in Artificial Gravity**

Isaac Yeboah Aning, Wingate University \*

During cosmic exploration, travelling from one astronomical body to another, humankind may experience a range of gravities. Flora will likely accompany humans on interstellar expeditions; this probes a question of how plants will react in non-Earth-like settings. Results of plants' reactions to various artificial gravitational fields will be presented.

### POPP MARTIN STUDENT UNION Room 265

Moderator: Kelly Brabec

#### **Passing and Failing: Revamping Honors Colloquium Based on a Pedagogy of Play**

Angela Bolte and Julie Boyer, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

This presentation will describe the revamping of Honors Colloquium, a class designed to introduce new students to Lloyd International Honors College, to a Pass/Fail model to better allow Honors students to explore and engage through a pedagogy of play.

#### **Ludite, Explore, Perficite!**

Sam Alsharif, Samaya Roary, and Miranda Sherman, University of North Carolina Greensboro \*

Ludite, Explore, Perficite is Latin for "Play, Experiment, Perform," which is an integral part of the pedagogy of Lloyd International Honors College at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. The presentation by current Honors students will explore how the elements of play, performance, and improvisation are incorporated into an honors education to enhance students' learning and development.

### POPP MARTIN STUDENT UNION Room 266

Moderator: Luke Lowry

#### **A Country that Hath yet her Maidenhead: Representations of Landscapes as Female Bodies in Spenser's The Faerie Queene and A View of the Present State of Ireland**

Chelsea Moore, University of North Carolina at Charlotte \*

During Queen Elizabeth's exploration campaign, Edmund Spenser played a significant role in creating propaganda that promoted colonizing the Irish. The feminization of Ireland as detailed symbolically and metaphorically in Spenser's Faerie Queen and A View signify how dangerous viewing nature as feminine can be to both the colonizer and the colonized.

#### **Race, Gender, and Publishing: Policing Public Perception in Zora Neale Hurston's Dust Tracks on a Road**

Nicole Kaufman, University of North Carolina at Charlotte \*

This presentation is an exploration of race and gender in publishing, particularly how these two factors combined with the publishing economy of World War II, resulted in the censorship of Zora Neale Hurston's autobiography, Dust Tracks on a Road.

## Session #3: 11:20 AM - 11:55 AM

### POPP MARTIN STUDENT UNION Room 261

Moderator: Jordan Brusso

#### **Crossing Literal Borders: The Impact of Study Abroad**

Izna Ahmed, Isaac Hawkins and Christina Santiago, University of North Carolina Greensboro \*

As part of the Lloyd International Honors College, students are required to embark on an international journey for a semester or more. This presentation will focus on three students at different stages of the study abroad process and how crossing literal borders has an impact from the beginning to the end.

## **Global Citizenship: An Honors Trip to China**

Micah Lee and Hanna Lee, University of Mount Olive \*

A key theme in this year's NCHA Conference is Global Citizenship. This past May, the University of Mount Olive Honors Program students became global citizens when our class visited China. We had learned about that nation's history, heritage and culture in class, but, experiencing China in person was a truly life changing experience. Our presentation focuses on the trip and the impact it made on us.

### **POPP MARTIN STUDENT UNION Room 262**

Moderator: Megan Coyle

#### **Building the Bridge from You to Exclusivity**

Allie Knuckles, University of North Carolina at Charlotte \*

This oral presentation will take a look at key themes of diversity provided from experts in the field. An analogy using a passport will provide an easy way to remember important lessons on diversity to bring with you in your everyday life.

#### **Proposition Envision: A Recruitment Program for High Achieving Underrepresented Students**

Carolyn Veale, North Carolina State University

Proposition Envision was a recruitment program developed and delivered by the University Honors Program at NC State University after receiving a diversity enhancement grant. The program was geared towards high achieving minority students eligible to apply to the University Honors Program. Proposition Envision introduced participants to multiple support systems available on campus and the surrounding community. The recruitment weekend included: attending a major college event, campus tours, participating in a mock Honors seminar, learning about undergraduate research and fellowship attainment, social activities, a field trip, attending a traditional NC State ceremony and engaging in race dialogue.

### **POPP MARTIN STUDENT UNION Room 263**

Moderator: Misty Morin

#### **Hands-On Hybridization: 3D Printed Models of Hybrid Orbitals**

Riccardo De Cataldo, High Point University \*

Electricity is the flow of electrons, which exhibit both wave-like and particle-like behavior. A 3D printer has been used to print mathematically accurate models of electron waves, referred to as orbitals. These models serve as teaching aids to improve students' understanding of electron behavior.

#### **Identifying Novel Plasma Membrane to Endosome Fusion Machinery using Fluorescently Labeled Alpha-factor**

Henry Weaver, University of North Carolina at Charlotte \*

We have identified novel PM-Endosome fusion machinery by using fluorescently labeled alpha-factor. We visualize fusion to the endosome by the appearance of internal puncta and by using a candidate approach, we pair our probe with a series of knockout yeast strains to determine the proteins involved in this membrane fusion.

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# Poster Presentations

## **Third Floor, Multipurpose Room 9:00-9:55**

#### **Eye Contact Across Gender and Culture**

Susanna Parkhill, University of North Carolina at Charlotte \*

This study investigated eye contact patterns across gender and culture. Thirteen participants were chosen to represent the male and female genders across diverse backgrounds. Both interview and survey methodology was utilized for this research. The results suggested interesting cultural findings including differing signs of respect, and gender and family relations.

#### **Getting Out: An Investigation into the Failures of the New Orleans Hurricane Katrina Evacuation Process and What Could Have Been Done Differently**

Eli Hardin, Gardner-Webb University \*

An investigation into what mistakes were made during the evacuation process ahead of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, and a report on what local officials should have done differently.

#### **Population Governance in the People's Republic of China: Outcomes from the One-Child to Two-Child Policies**

Zachary Osborne, University of North Carolina at Charlotte \*

China's population planning has had many outcomes. Few studies, however, have discussed how China will handle the outcomes to meet economic growth with labor shortage, low fertility rate, and aging population. The two-child policy could take years to begin affecting the labor supply; there is a market need for China to solve its labor shortage. This research will attempt to bridge the gap in the literature by analyzing China's increased development of robotics.

#### **Knowledge Is Power: Utilizing Databases and Voting for Scientific Discovery**

Natalie Kratts, Lenoir-Rhyne University \*

The bank of scientific knowledge about plants and human diseases is vast and expanding every day. Using text mining, databases, and a voting engine, a novel approach was created to organize that knowledge and identify and validate important semantic relationships between plants and human diseases to eventually aid researchers in hypothesis generation for future research.

#### **Longevity Outcomes and Genetic Regulation in Curly Wing Drosophila**

Jeremiah Nance, Pfeiffer University \*

The purpose of this study is to observe whether a caloric restriction feeding schedule leads to lifespan increases in experimental Drosophila along with the analysis of longevity through mRNA analysis.

#### **How Should We Serve?: The Research of Focalized and Deliberate Attention**

Rachael Meachem, Gardner-Webb University \*

The purpose of this study was to delve deeper into the ongoing war against poverty by analyzing its effects at Graham Elementary School in Shelby, NC. The primary sources included interviews with Graham Elementary faculty and staff, field observations, and literary work from renowned authors who have spent years on research.

### **Writing the End: Exploring Creative Writing and Post-apocalyptic Literature**

Aaron G Hilton, Gardner-Webb University

Based in my recent summer research opportunity, this is a preliminary look at the conventions and stylistic elements of post-apocalyptic literature. This information is the beginning of a larger, ongoing project which will culminate in the production of an original novel and a genre analysis thesis.

### **The Development of a Novel – A Genre Study of Young-Adult Science Fiction**

Summer Byers, Gardner-Webb University \*

As a participant in the Summer Research Scholars program at Gardner-Webb University, I wrote the first draft of a Young-Adult Science Fiction novel. I developed my writing process through a study of the two genres, as well as considering feminism, identity, and agency within these genres.

### **The Role of Collard Greens in Redefining the South**

Sarahan Moser, University of North Carolina at Charlotte \*

Collard greens are a famously southern food that I plan to present on at the Honors Conference. The purpose of my work will showcase the historical and contemporary importance of collards, like the myth that they originated in North America. Collards convey certain meanings about the South, sending messages about race relations between blacks and whites.

### **Back in Time: Marty McFly's Character Journey**

Chelsea Sydnor, Gardner-Webb University

Marty McFly is a key factor in the ongoing success of the Back to the Future trilogy. This presentation examines his character appeal and dynamic arc throughout the films.

### **Investigating the Role of Global Medical Brigades in Developing Sustainability through Community Engagement**

Rachel Jones, University of North Carolina at Charlotte \*

Global Medical Brigades (GMB) is a student-led social responsibility movement that fosters community engagement in Central America and West Africa. GMB trains community leaders to implement sustainable healthcare systems. I will share descriptions of UNCC's student brigades to Panama and Nicaragua and investigate how we established successful community engagement.

### **Art Conservation: The Restoration Process with Giovanni Battista Cima de Congeliano's 'The Virgin Child with Saint Andrews and Saint Peters' in the High Renaissance**

Rachel Freeze, Pfeiffer University

In this research, there is an exploration of art conservation and methods used to restore cultural pieces, followed by the controversies that come with it. There is also documentation of my own restoration process, done through the knowledge that I have gained on art conservation. I have begun to restore Giovanni Battista Cima da Conegliano's unfinished painting, 'The Virgin Child with Saint Andrews and Saint Peters', beginning with the underpainting in blue monotonous.

### **Subsidies in Higher Education Distort Price Signals in the Labor Market: A Model of Major Selection**

Samuel Barker, Pfeiffer University \*

This research examines the causal relationship between subsidization in higher education and college major selection. A model of major selection following simple axioms demonstrates this. The theoretical result suggests that subsidization causes more happiness, but less productivity. This challenges the popular rhetoric of blanket subsidization. Further empirical evidence is needed.

### **The Mailman with a Century-Long Delivery Route: Alfred "Teen" Blackburn**

Bailey Sherrill, Pfeiffer University \*

Delving into the complex maze of local history, this biographical research project reveals the century-old life of Alfred "Teen" Blackburn as a change-maker for racial divisions in early to mid-twentieth century Yadkin County, NC beneath the guise of his roles as the state's last living slave and Confederate Soldier recipient of the Class B pension.

### **"To Cope, or Not To Cope-That is The Question: Strategy Reporting and School Engagement Among Black Adolescents"**

Tyrone A. Fleurizard, Wingate University \*

School-based psychosocial interventions tend to improve student engagement. A "Mindset Intervention" on urban and rural elementary and high school students (N = 308) was conducted to promote STEM engagement. Black students reported using significantly less strategies compared to non-black students. Findings suggest a need to improve interventions for minority students.

### **Implementation of Culture-Specific Norms in a Neurocognitive Battery**

Amanda Cook, University of North Carolina Wilmington \*

Culture influences the way we think, and consequently, our performance on neuropsychological tests. To date there is no neurocognitive battery accounting for cultural differences to be used across different countries. EMBRACED is a newly developed, comprehensive computerized neurocognitive battery which will employ culture-specific norms and embrace all cultures.

### **Endothelial Cell's Inflammasomes and Breast Cancer**

Kristin Smoot, University of North Carolina at Charlotte \*

The inflammatory microenvironment is a critical mediator of tumor formation, progression, and metastasis. The multi-protein cytoplasmic complexes inflammasomes are key players in the inflammatory microenvironment. Here, we determined the presence and effect of inflammasomes in endothelial cells in an in vitro model of the breast tumor microenvironment.

### **Collaborations Between Psychology and Neurobiology That Led To Psychology's First Nobel Prize**

Rachel Kantor, University of North Carolina Wilmington \*

This poster discusses the work of Roger Sperry, credited with being awarded Psychology's first Nobel Prize in 1981. We examine how his work emerged from separate disciplines: psychology and neurobiology. The extraction from both academic fields led to the discovery of the individual roles of the right and left hemispheres.

### **Macao's Political Awakening**

Nicholas Osborne, University of North Carolina at Charlotte \*

My poster will analyze the recent political developments in Macao, one of the People Republic of China's Special Administrative Regions. In particular, I examine the surge of protests in the region against the Macao government. The sources of the protests vary from income inequality caused by a casino economy to a social movement spillover from Hong Kong.

### **China, Africa's New Colonial Power: Myth or Reality?**

Benjamin M. Osborne, University of North Carolina at Charlotte \*

China is Africa's largest trading partner and is heavily invested in the continent through investments and trade deals like the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The BRI is a Chinese-led infrastructure investment program that will build bridges and unite citizens and companies across borders to spur innovation and economic activity.

### **Hushpuppies: A Defining Food of the South**

Jaylon Smallwood, University of North Carolina at Charlotte \*

In this poster, I explore a southern food that has become an icon—the hushpuppy. Originally eaten by fishermen in Georgia and South Carolina where they also went by red horse bread, this small dish has found its way onto the kitchen table holding our attention and obsession. The stories of its origin and the conveyance of the dish has made it a symbol which no southern dinner can go without.

### **How the Gender of Judges Affects Trial Outcome in the US Court of Appeals**

Madison Dejaegher, University of North Carolina at Charlotte \*

The current literature on the effects of the gender of judges on the US Court of Appeals is minimal. I will not only seek to expand this, but ask questions that have yet to be answered. In doing so my research will focus on gender and its effects on the US Court of Appeals' judicial decision-making with special regards to women's issues.

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## Miscellaneous Information

### **Connect with us on Social Media**

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Throughout the conference when posting on social media please use the hashtag #NCHA2017

### **WiFi**

NinerWiFi-Guest provides wireless access for guests of UNC Charlotte. To connect to NinerWiFi-Guest, follow these steps: 1) Select the NinerWiFi-Guest network to connect; 2) Open a browser and enter a URL. This should take you to the log-in page; 3) Click on Guest.

### **Restrooms**

Restrooms are located on each floor of the Student Union. Please see the "Student Union Floor Maps" if needed.

### **Thank You to NCHA Committee and Volunteers**

This Conference would not have been possible without the hard work of our NCHA Committee, faculty, staff and student volunteers. We appreciate each of you for your hard work behind the scenes to ensure the Conference ran smoothly from the first day of planning through the closing and awards ceremony. You exemplified this year's theme of "Crossing Borders. Building Bridges" in your work as you created an event fit for all disciplines and all honors programs across North Carolina.

- Ms. Shannon Zurell-Carey, our Administrative Associate, who greatly contributed to the success of this conference
- City as Text™ Team: Ms. Allison Walsh, Mr. Stacy Utley, Dr. Jeffrey Leak
- University Honors Program and Dr. Jennifer Warner
- Business Honors Program
- Dr. Angela Bolte, past president of NCHA
- Judges: Mr. Thomas Forget, Dr. Adriana Medina, Dr. Sara Levens, Dr. Didier Dréau, Dr. Jennifer Webb, Dr. Kim Harris, Ms. Celia Sinclair, Dr. Patrick Bahls, Dr. Katherine Bruce, Ms. Carolyn Veale, Dr. Salvatore Musumeci, Dr. William Carpenter, Ms. Candace Jones, Dr. Colin Townsend, Dr. Veronica McCombs, Dr. Tom Jones
- Moderators: Ms. Kelly Brabec, Ms. Jordan Brusso, Ms. Megan Coyle, Mr. Luke Lowry, Ms. Misty Morin

Thank you for your service!

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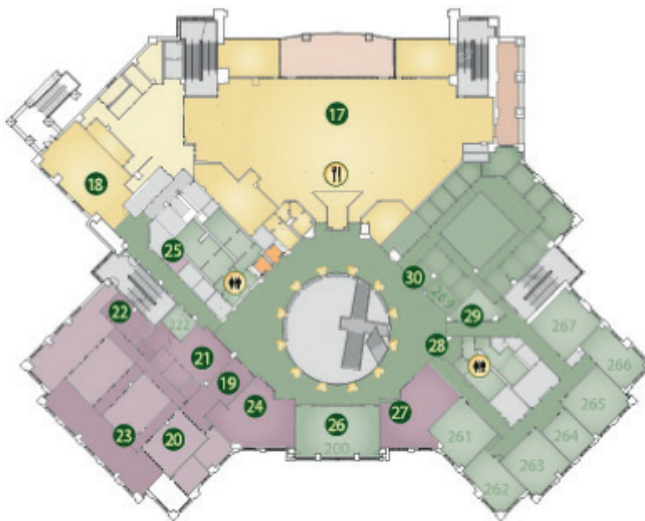
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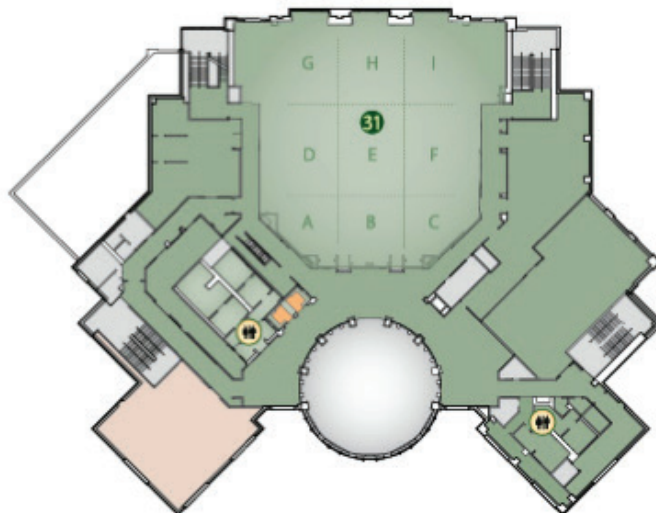
- 1 Rotunda
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- 3 Piano Lounge
- 4 Art Gallery
- 5 Movie Theater
- 6 Outtakes Quick Cuisine
- 7 Norm's
- 8 Union Square
  - Mamma Leone's
  - Einstein Bagel Brothers
  - Freshēns
  - Wendy's
- 9 Union Station
- 10 The Campus Salon
- 11 ID Card Office
- 12 Charlotte Metro Credit Union
- 13 NinerTech Computer Store
- 14 Barnes & Noble at UNC Charlotte
- 15 Starbucks

## Second Level



- 17 Crown Commons
- 18 Bistro 49
- 19 Student Government & Organizations Complex (SGOC)
- 20 Student Organization Resource Center
- 21 Campus Activities Board (CAB)
- 22 NOW (Niners on the Weekend)
- 23 Student Organizations
- 24 Multicultural Resource Center
- 25 Religious & Spiritual Life
- 26 Meeting Room 200
- 27 Center for Leadership Development
- 28 Meeting Rooms
- 29 CRES/Reservations Office
- 30 Student Union & Activities Administration

## Third Level



- 31 Multipurpose Room (ABCDEFGHI)