
Honors College Communiqué

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An aerial photograph of a mountain range with snow-covered peaks and a town below. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. The foreground shows a town with buildings and green spaces, partially covered in snow. The background features rolling hills and mountains, some with snow patches.

Honors College students
reached new heights
during a hike up Arthur's
Seat in Edinburgh, United
Kingdom.



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Welcome from the Executive Director

You are reading the fourth edition of our Honors College annual newsletter, now renamed *Honors College Communiqué* to reflect its distinctive communications role with a sophisticated audience of University administrators, community leaders, and donors. It was produced – as always – by our committed and creative team of student interns: Alana Hadley, Misty Morin, Jayden Corea, Brianna Smith, and Luke Lowry. They have surpassed themselves! I so appreciate their hard work.



The Honors College celebrated 50 years of honors education at UNC Charlotte this year, and we are getting ready for 50 more! The number of honors programs on campus now totals 29, a 39% increase since 2011. With 608 honors students and 159 merit scholars currently served by the Honors College, capacity in honors opportunities for high-achieving undergraduates at UNC Charlotte has grown 46% since 2011. And we plan to keep growing! More faculty are teaching honors courses for the Honors College and more students are graduating with departmental honors than ever before. Plans are underway to double the capacity of the University Honors Program, our largest and oldest multi-year honors program, housed in the Honors College. Stay tuned...

Thanks to all of you who support honors opportunities for high-achieving students at the University. You provide the valuable resources of time and money that help these exceptional students develop into people who can forge ahead making progress on some of our world's most intractable problems. They are more than worthy of our mutual investment, and we are grateful for your partnership with us.

The Honors College is your front door to honors at UNC Charlotte. Come on in!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Malin".

Malin Pereira, Ph.D.

Executive Director, Honors College

Professor of English

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Study Abroad Stories



City as Text International



Study Abroad Stories



The 50th year of honors education at UNC Charlotte also brought with it our first Honors College originated study abroad experience City as Text: The International Version. Fifteen students, representing the University Honors Program, the Business Honors Program, and several departmental honors programs, traveled to Dublin, Edinburgh, and London to conduct research on the cultures of these locations. Students completed portfolios to document their journeys and received credit for an Honors Topic course.

Days before the group's departure, a massive winter storm touched down in the United Kingdom, cancelling numerous international flights. As a result of this adversity, Honors College students took the initiative to schedule their own alternative methods of transportation, demonstrating their ability to perform under pressure, as well as take on leadership roles in moments of crisis. Several students took a very round-about way to get to Dublin – taking trains from London to the Holyhead Station in Wales, catching a ferry into the city. One student even had his flight rerouted through Germany.



When asked about the trip, Luke Lowry had this to say, *This was definitely one of the most memorable experiences of my life. All three cities were individually unique and full of wonderful history, culture, and vibrancy. Although the trip had its fair share of mishaps with bad weather and canceled flights, this forced us to adapt and get out of our comfort zones. Once we realized that we couldn't control every detail of our trip, we were much more willing to fully engage with the culture and lay our preconceived notions to the side.* This shared experience is highly beneficial to students and promotes the ideas of inclusivity and cultural diversity that the Honors College strives to uphold by encouraging students to examine the perspectives of those who see the world differently.

2018 by the Numbers

50 Years of Honors

608

Total Honors Students



29

Honors Programs



159

Merit Scholars



123

Honors Students Graduated



170

Freshmen enrolled in Fall 2018



2,535

Service Hours Completed



1 Honors College

Arts + Architecture Honors Program

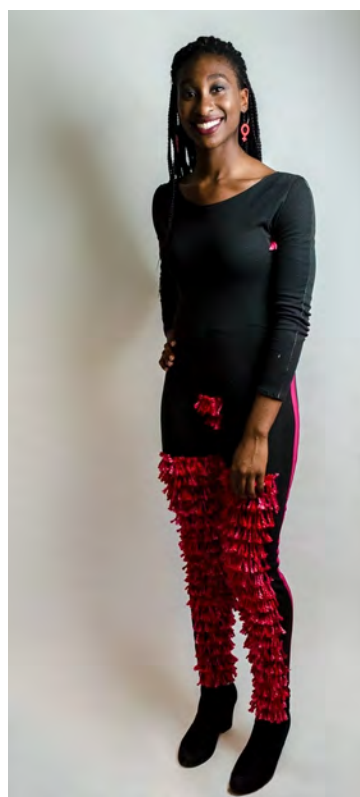
Elizabeth Hammock
Art, 2020



I am a junior in the Arts and Architecture Honors Program, working towards a BFA with a concentration in Fibers. This means that I create art using techniques such as dyeing fabric and yarn, weaving, crocheting, embroidery, sewing for garments, soft sculpture, and quilting. Additionally, I also study book making, paper making, printing, drawing, and painting.

This past spring semester there was the Annual Student Juried Show, and all three of the pieces I submitted were honored at the show. The distinction of being selected for this showcase helped me to realize my potential as an artist.

Last fall, I collaborated with peers to create a yarn sculpture for Premiere Yarns, an international distributor of hand knitting yarns located in Harrisburg, NC. In January, my peers and I were invited to Phoenix, AZ for a creative convention in which our sculpture was showcased at Premiere Yarns' booth.



Elizabeth's design,
I Have Hair and I Don't Care on
model Bre Andrea

I was also in the Statement Making fashion show on campus for both 2017 and 2018. For the 2017 show I had three garments: *I Have Hair and I Don't Care*, *Consent is Sexy*, and *You Don't Get to Label Me*. For the 2018 show I had one garment: *Don't Waste Water*.



One of the pieces showcased in the
2018 Annual Student Juried Show

Business Honors Program

This past summer I had the opportunity to serve as a research assistant at Johns Hopkins University's Center of Humanitarian Health as a data management intern on the Child Marriage under Emergency Contexts (CMEC) research team. The CMEC initiative studies the prevalence rates and risks associated with child marriage in internally displaced populations of Ethiopia, Lebanon, and Myanmar through a partnership with Johns Hopkins, the Women's Refugee Commission, and International Medical Corporations in each country. Fortunately, I will be continuing my work as an intern for the Child Marriage under Emergency Contexts (CMEC) team through the rest of this semester and into the new year. My projects for the upcoming months consist mainly of cleaning incoming data from partnering locations, preliminary analyses on key indicators, and finishing writing the manuscript on the child marriage data collected from Ethiopia earlier this year.

In addition to keeping busy with my research endeavors, I also participated in the third annual Service Charlotte that took place on Saturday, October 20th. The event is a unified day of service among UNC Charlotte student organizations and academic departments, where groups come together and volunteer at various nonprofits across the greater Charlotte area. As Director of the event this year, I am thrilled to announce that we quadrupled our participation from the previous years and gave back to nine partners across our community. The longitudinal goal of this event is to increase the measurable outcomes of UNC Charlotte's culture of philanthropy and outreach.

The Business Honors Program has been pivotal in my undergraduate experience, as I've enjoyed learning among an eclectic group of intellectuals, participating in stimulating coursework, and serving the greater Charlotte area through various civic engagement endeavors.

Vidhya Balasubramanian
Chemistry, Economics, and
Public Health, 2019



University Honors Program

James Hoover
Business Management, 2021



I was born and raised in Charlotte, North Carolina, and am proud to call the Queen City my home. During my first year as an honors student in the University Honors Program, I observed several of my peers take part in amazing research opportunities and realized why UNC Charlotte is North Carolina's urban research university. I was inspired to find something that I was passionate about and explore opportunities for research. In August, I saw an advertisement for an upcoming research summit for Emergency Medical Services – the perfect opportunity to do research of my own.

In September, I attended the Foundation for Pre-hospital Medicine Research EMS Research Summit at the North Carolina Emergency Medical Services Conference. The EMS Research Summit is a two-day event where groups use real data to learn about the research process, formulate a research question, and produce an abstract. My research group studied two topics: pediatric intubation success based on age group, and disparities in pain management in the pediatric population. It was fascinating to see the data come to life to tell a story, especially for a field that I am passionate about.

I have been working for EMS for Cabarrus County since September 2017. When I am on the ambulance, I work with a Paramedic to respond to calls for emergency medical services. In addition to driving the truck, EMTs provide basic life support for patients that are less critical, and assist Paramedics with patients that may be experiencing life-threatening emergencies. Being able to help someone in need and seeing how our work impacts the lives of our patients is the reason I enjoy this type of work.

Currently, I am weighing my options for post-graduate opportunities. My plan is to apply for a paramedic certification program and eventually a masters program in either Business or Healthcare Management.



Alumna Spotlight

Pavani Gingrich, a 2016 graduate and former Ambassador for the University Honors Program, has been making big strides since finishing her undergraduate Biology degree. When asked about her experiences, she had this to say...

What was your Honors experience as a student at UNC Charlotte like?

I was part of the University Honors Program (UHP) during my four years undergrad at UNC Charlotte, and it was definitely a highlight of my undergraduate experience. My very first friends in college were people I met while living in honors housing. From the first weeks, there were so many opportunities to meet my peers and really establish that tight-knit UHP family. I loved how there were so many different ways for students in UHP and the Honors College to connect with each other at social events and community service events. Another layer about the Honors College and UHP that I loved was the opportunity for leadership. I was part of the inaugural class of UHP Student Ambassadors. My favorite part about being an Ambassador was getting to tell prospective students and their families all of the incredible benefits of being a UHP student at UNC Charlotte. Personally, I gained so many life skills, as well as knowledge, from my honors classes and other honors opportunities, and I wanted other students to have the same opportunity as I did to enhance their college experience through honors.

Where are you now?

I am currently a first year medical student at St. George's University School of Medicine. After graduation, I took a gap year to gain some working experience and take my time applying to medical school without having the stressors of school. I knew even before college that I wanted to go into the medical field, specifically to become a doctor, so when I came to UNC Charlotte, I took the most common route of most pre-medical students and declared Biology as my major. That curriculum was very meticulous, but being a UHP student allowed me to broaden my horizons by taking courses that focused more on critical thinking and analysis. I think some of those classes were especially beneficial to how I looked at complex situations. They changed the lens through which I now analyze situations and obstacles.



Alumna Spotlight

What did you do in the interim between graduation and where you are now?

I found an internship at Levine Cancer Institute in uptown Charlotte, previously held by an Honors College alumni, as a Patient Education Writer. This was my first real experience with the administrative side of healthcare. When I started, a project had just begun to develop a cohesive website of Patient Education handouts (like the ones you get at the doctor when you are sick) that are specific to the needs of cancer patients and Levine Cancer Institute. This was my first hands-on experience at writing easy to understand healthcare information for the everyday person. It was an eye-opening experience that made me understand the larger scale of healthcare and how it works.

How did your experience as an Honors College member shape you for your future endeavors?

The Honors College, UHP, and all of its requirements as far as social, enrichment, and service events really prepare you for working with people from all backgrounds, cultures, and levels of professional hierarchy. The real world is such a melting pot. I did not feel as lost in my post-grad experiences as I thought I would, and I credit much of my comfort to my honors experience.



Martin Scholars Take on New York City

This summer the Martin Scholars Program and several Honors College staff traveled to New York City to see the sights and experience *Hamilton* on Broadway. Alex Gomes remembers the trip fondly, saying, "There were so many things we did in New York, but the highlight was definitely seeing *Hamilton* on Broadway. I was in awe during the whole show. As a Theater major, I was able to learn so much by watching the techniques of the actors and musicians." This trip was funded through the generosity of Demond and Kia Martin.



Unveiling New Medallions



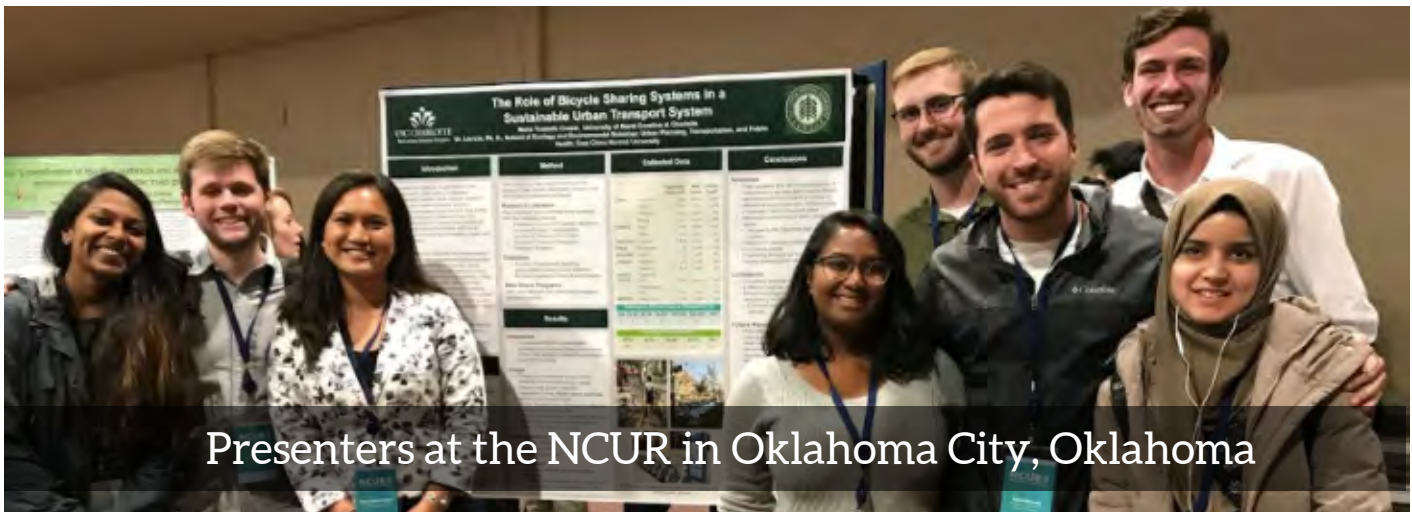
The Honors College is proud to present the new medals for graduating students in the following programs: University Honors, Albert Engineering Leadership Scholars, Crown Scholars, and Martin Scholars. Jamie Franki, a famous commemorative coin maker and professor in the College of Arts + Architecture, designed the medallions by gathering student input during the design process. The finished products are a the combined result of his artistic abilities and the vision of honors students. The medal for the University Honors Program depicts a portion of the Charlotte skyline blending into the Levine Hall arch with students passing underneath. The merit scholarship medallions are representative of students coming together to hold the symbolic 49er pickaxe in a show of school unity and community. The medallions came at a perfect time to celebrate the first graduates of the Martin and Albert Scholarship programs.

We would like to say a special "thank you" to Mr. Franki for his dedication of time and talents to our program, and we look forward to collaborating with him again.

Conference Travel

The Honors College proudly supports students by paying for expenses related to traveling for conferences. Over the past year, we have provided 18 students with the opportunity to present research and develop connections within their fields of study.

Cassandra Beach – Experimental Biology Conference and SEACSM
Jakob Breunig – Indiana Religious Studies Conference and SECSOR
Jordan Costanza – American Literature Association
Lambodhar Damodaran – American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
Charley Fite – American Meteorological Society
Elizabeth Kay – Society for Affective Science
Taelor Malcolm – American Association of Geographers
Alexis Mitchell – Society for Affective Science
Misty Morin – Furious Flower
Sarah Paschall – Society for Affective Science
Vidhya Balasubramanian – National Conference on Undergraduate Research
Quinn Barnette – National Conference on Undergraduate Research
Erica Cherian – National Conference on Undergraduate Research
Maria Cruzat – National Conference on Undergraduate Research
Nesreen Elathram – National Conference on Undergraduate Research
Seth Flynn – National Conference on Undergraduate Research
Tyler Rapp – National Conference on Undergraduate Research
Isaac Sluder – National Conference on Undergraduate Research



Conference Travel



UNC Charlotte students and Dr. Pereira with the world-renowned poets

"The Furious Flower 2018 Poetry Summit brought together students and professional artists alike in a space filled with a tangible creative energy. Tyehimba Jess, winner of the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, astounded us all with a lecture on his book, *Olio*.



Misty Morin and the editor of 'Dreaming America,' Seth Michelson

Two other poets, Anastacia-Reneé and Brenda Osbey, held workshops and encouraged the attending students to create with the attitude that our work will be published and seen by the masses. Guest speaker Seth Michelson gave an informative lecture on how to use poetry to impact the lives of others. Attendees also traveled to Charlottesville, Virginia to attend the Festival of the Book. There, our group from UNC Charlotte met Kevin Young, the poetry editor for the *New Yorker*, and had the chance to discuss everything from his works to the best graduate school programs for creative writing. This poetry summit taught me so much about what it means to be a writer and a member of a creative community."

- Misty Morin



"This experience I had at the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene conference was extremely invaluable to my development as a scientist and a science communicator. I had the privilege of presenting my research to some of the most influential scientists in the field. Their feedback has not only helped to strengthen my research methods, but also my thought processes when attempting to solve the questions I have about my research. It was astonishing to have such influential academics and researchers discuss my research with me and give me words of advice and encouragement. Even topics that were seemingly unconnected to my own became more relevant and interconnected than I thought. I cannot thank the Honors College enough; I hope that I can attend more conferences such as this one where the knowledge seems to be endless."

- Lambodhar Damodaran

Faculty Updates

New & Re-Appointed Honors Faculty

The Honors College is continuously growing as we add more honors and scholars programs at the University. With this growth arises the need for more faculty to support honors and work with our high-achieving students. Listed below are the new and re-appointed faculty who joined or re-committed to Honors Faculty governance this year. Appointments are five year renewable terms.

New Honors Faculty

CLAS	Pilar Blitvich	Professor	English
CLAS	Christopher Cameron	Associate Professor	History
CLAS	David Dalton	Assistant Professor	Languages and Culture Studies
CLAS	Didier Dreau	Associate Professor	Biological Sciences
CLAS	Nate Fried	Professor	Physics and Optical Science
CLAS	Sara Gagne	Associate Professor	Geography and Earth Sciences
COED	Cindy Gilson	Assistant Professor	Special Education
CLAS	Bill Graves	Associate Professor	Geography and Earth Sciences
CHHS	Andrew Harver	Professor	Public Health Sciences
CLAS	Lydia Light	Lecturer	Anthropology
CHHS	Juliana Marino	Lecturer	Kinesiology
CHHS	Annelise Mennicke	Assistant Professor	Social Work
COED	Maryann Mraz	Professor	Reading and Elementary Education
CLAS	Jennifer Munroe	Associate Professor	English
CLAS	Adriana Ocejo Monge	Assistant Professor	Mathematics
CLAS	Valerie Reynolds	Lecturer	Geography and Earth Sciences
CHHS	Sonyia Richardson	Lecturer	Social Work
CHHS	Diana Rowan	Associate Professor	Social Work
CLAS	Matthew Rowney	Assistant Professor	English
CHHS	Monika Sawhney	Associate Professor	Public Health Sciences
CLAS	Jacob Scheff	Assistant Professor	Geography and Earth Sciences
CCI	Jessica Schlueter	Associate Professor	Bioinformatics
CLAS	Elizabeth Stearns	Professor	Sociology
CLAS	James Tabor	Professor	Religious Studies
CLAS	David Vinson	Assistant Professor	Geography and Earth Sciences

Faculty Updates

Re-Appointed Honors Faculty

COB	Ted Amato	Professor	Business Honors Program / Economics
CHHS	Susan Arthur	Associate Professor	Kinesiology
COAA	Jeff Balmer	Associate Professor	Architecture
CLAS	Jose Batista	Associate Professor	Languages and Culture Studies
CLAS	Andy Bobyarchick	Associate Professor	Geography and Earth Sciences
COE	Harish Cherukuri	Professor	Mechanical Engineering
COB	Tamara Cohen	Lecturer	Marketing
COAA	Jae Emerling	Associate Professor	Art and Art History
CLAS	Concepcion Godev	Associate Professor	Languages and Culture Studies
COED	Misty Hathcock	Clinical Professor	Reading and Elementary Education
CLAS	Robin James	Associate Professor	Philosophy
CLAS	Oscar Lanser	Teaching Professor	History
COED	Adriana Medina	Associate Professor	Reading and Elementary Education
COAA	Mark Pizzato	Professor	Theatre
CLAS	Heather Smith	Professor	Geography and Earth Sciences
CLAS	Eddy Souffrant	Associate Professor	Philosophy
CCI	Kalpathi R. Subramanian	Associate Professor	Computer Science
CLAS	John Szmer	Associate Professor	Political Science
COAA	James Vesce	Associate Professor	Theatre
CLAS	Lisa Walker	Professor	Sociology



Welcome to the Honors College!

Faculty Spotlight



Ashli Stokes, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor in Communication Studies as well as the Director of the Center for the Study of the New South at UNC Charlotte. Outside the classroom, Dr. Stokes has been quite involved in a very interesting topic: food! She has turned her interest in food into a many projects, including a book and an Honors College course.

Dr. Stokes studies social movements, activism, and public relations, but over time she developed an increasing interest in food and how to eat healthier. Dr. Stokes became aware of the Slow Food Movement (a world-wide social movement focused on eating clean and healthy), which inspired her first project, analyzing the communication strategies of the Slow Food Movement.

Following this, she questioned if there was a Slow Food Movement around southern food and found that the Southern Foodways Alliance was doing the same as the Slow Food Movement in the South. As her interest in southern food increased, so did her desire to write a book. Dr. Stokes and her co-author, Wendy Atkins-Sayre, were awarded a book contract, so for a year and a half the two explored and analyzed over 100 places such as restaurants and farmer's markets. When their book, *Consuming Identity: The Role of Food in Redefining the South*, was released in 2016, it received a number of positive responses, both in journals and by the Southern Foodways Alliance.

Dr. Stokes wanted to share her passion of food with students and knew that in the Honors College topics are explored beyond what is taught in most classrooms. In her course (HONR 3700 Consuming Southern Foodways), she wants students to learn how to understand persuasion/rhetoric, and how to think more critically about food.

In spring of 2019, Dr. Stokes plans to hold a cooking exercise to see if food will act as a unifier by motivating people of different backgrounds to talk to one another. Dr. Stokes is also working on a paper that addresses “fancy” southern food versus “causal” southern food, which will hopefully lay the groundwork for her next book. We look forward to seeing where Dr. Stokes goes next in her foodways research!

Honors Council

The Honors Council is a standing committee of Honors Faculty that serves as the advisory body to the Executive Director of the Honors College, and reports to the Office of the Provost. The Council also serves to review and evaluate the honors curriculum, program proposals and revisions, and the Executive Director of the Honors College.

The Honors Council is comprised of eleven members, each member having an elected alternate:

- One (1) elected Honors Faculty representative from each of UNC Charlotte's Colleges
- Two (2) elected Honors Faculty representatives from the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- Two (2) elected At-Large Honors Faculty representatives (one for UHP)
- One (1) appointed undergraduate honors student representative

2018-2019 Honors Council Members

- At-Large: Christopher Cameron (Alternate: Mary McKenzie)
- At-Large, University Honors Program: Murray Webster (Alternate: Jeanette Bennett)
- College of Arts + Architecture: Mark Pizzato (Alternate: Maja Godlewska)
- College of Business: Karen Ford-Eickhoff (Alternate: Carol Swartz)
- College of Computing and Informatics: KR Subramanian (Alternate: Mohamed Shehab)
- College of Education: Amy Good (Alternate: Erik Byker)
- College of Engineering: Milind Khire (Alternate: Harish Cherukuri)
- College of Health and Human Services: Cynthia Toth (Alternate: Joseph Marino)
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences: Akin Ogundiran & Jordan Polar
(Alternates: Daniela Dal Pra & Didier Dreau)
- Undergraduate Honors Student Representative: Misty Morin
- Ex-officio, non-voting member: Executive Director: Malin Pereira

Honors Faculty Fellows

A faculty fellow is a member of the University faculty or academic support staff who serves in a role as a mentor and advisor. The UNC Charlotte Honors College has four (4) Faculty Fellows.



Shanna Benjamin, Ph.D.

Dr. Benjamin is an adjunct faculty member in the Honors College and works with University Honors Program seniors on their capstone portfolio projects. She comes to UNC Charlotte from Grinnell College in Iowa, where she taught African American literature, served as associate dean, and directed the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program. Before joining the Grinnell College faculty, Dr. Benjamin directed the Honors College at Johnson C. Smith University.

Christopher "Chris" Cameron, Ph.D.

Dr. Cameron joined the Honors College in 2018 as the Faculty Fellow overseeing course proposals and faculty development. He is an Associate Professor of History and the Director of the History Honors program. Dr. Cameron also serves as the new At- Large member on the Honors Council, and has supervised numerous honors thesis projects.



Reuben Howden, Ph.D.

Faculty Fellow for Crown Scholar students, Dr. Howden is an Associate Professor in the Department of Kinesiology, where he has been a faculty member since 2008. He is Director of the Laboratory of Systems Physiology and Group Leader of a busy research team investigating cardiovascular health. Dr. Howden serves on the Kinesiology Honors program committee, as well as supervising research projects of honors and merit scholar students.

Jeffrey Leak, Ph.D.

Dr. Leak joined the Honors College as the Martin Scholars Program Faculty Fellow in 2017. A Professor of English and African American Literature, he joined the UNC Charlotte faculty in 1998. He is the former director of the Center for the Study of the New South in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, and most recently served as UNC Charlotte's Faculty President (2015-2016). He values the opportunity to engage with a range of students and enjoys working with them as they enter the Martin Scholars Program.



Welcome, Coordinator of Programming!



On Monday, October 15th, the Honors College welcomed the newest member of the team: Denise Lynch, Coordinator of Programming. She will organize and facilitate all honors programming for the Honors College, including (but not limited to) enrichment events, socials, and community service activities. Ms. Lynch will also advise and mentor the students of the University Honors Program coaching them through their college experience, as well as teach first and second year honors students.

Ms. Lynch earned a Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communication from UNC-Chapel Hill, and later obtained a Master of Arts in Education and Human Development from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.. In addition to her degrees, Ms. Lynch is also a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in the state of North Carolina and a nationally board-certified counselor (NCC).

Prior to joining UNC Charlotte, Ms. Lynch worked as the first Internship Coordinator at The Art Institute of Charlotte, where she discovered her passion for helping young adults find their path. With the knowledge and skills she gained from this role, in addition to her many volunteer positions, she felt that the Coordinator of Programming position would be a perfect match for her.

Ms. Lynch feels the listening skills she developed as a mental health counselor will be beneficial to her position in the Honors College. She encourages all of the students to get involved in the Honors College programming, even if it is simply offering ideas. Ms. Lynch is excited to play a part in helping the Honors College reach its full potential!

Stop by and say hello...
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Admins on the Go

This year two of our staff members, Shannon Zurell-Carey and Gretchen Bagley, attended the 26th Annual Administrative Professionals Conference (APC) in Kissimmee, Florida. More than 2,000 administrative professionals represented all 50 states and 17 countries. At APC, participants learned how to increase their productivity, become better communicators, upgrade their technology skills, develop new skills, and position themselves to become superior performers. Attendees appreciated the training component of the conference, as well as enjoyed the opportunity to network with fellow colleagues.

Each year, APC invites dynamic and engaging keynote speakers to present to all the attendees. This year's speakers included Janine Driver (international trainer, TEDx presenter and award-winning speaker), Christine Cashen (an authority on sparking innovative ideas, handling conflict, reducing stress and energizing employees), Gloria Mayfield Banks (renowned motivational success strategist and sales trainer), and Chris Bashinelli (TV host of "Bridge the Gap," airing on PBS and NatGeo). According to Mrs. Zurell-Carey and Mrs. Bagley, all the speakers were "very inspirational and down to earth," and they liked that all of the presenters started out as administrators in their field.

Between Mrs. Zurell-Carey and Mrs. Bagley, they attended 12 different sessions while at the conference, including "Prioritizing for Increased Productivity and Balance," "The Four Temperaments: Use Them to Get in Step with Those Around You," and "How to Influence Others Even When You Aren't in Charge." We can't wait for Mrs. Zurell-Carey and Mrs. Bagley to start implementing all the knowledge they gained at the conference.



Student Interns



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Brianna Smith
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The Honors College Student Interns hope you have enjoyed this year's edition of the Communiqué! Additional copies can be found in our office in Levine Hall. If you have any questions related to honors, please call our main line at 704-687-7197.

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