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The deadline for nominations for the Charles Duncan McIver and Holderness/Weaver Awards is Oct. 20. Details are on p. 5. Visit [www.uncg.edu/publicservice](http://www.uncg.edu/publicservice).

## More Than Just Coffee Talk

It's high noon on a bright autumn day. Two dozen students along with several faculty and staff members are chowing down on plates of nachos, pasta salad, sandwiches and cookies washed down with pots of coffee. They need the calories in order to keep up with the high-octane discussion that follows.

Every Wednesday at noon, Lloyd International Honors College hosts a free coffee open to students, faculty and staff, usually at the Faculty Center. The topics and guest speakers vary but one thing remains constant – the coffees bring together the campus community to engage in the art of civil discourse.

The coffees give students a chance to meet faculty and staff outside of the classroom, says Dr. Sarah Krive, program associate and faculty member at the honors college. "Outside the constraints of the classroom students can talk without feeling like they are being graded," says Krive. "And professors get to meet students from around the campus and learn what their interests are."

On this day, Deetra Thompson, a digital projects assistant with the university libraries, and head music librarian Sarah Dorsey, members of the faculty/staff sustainability committee, engage the audience in a lively discussion about how to make communities greener places. Students, many of them from Interlink, which provides international students and professionals intensive English instruction, cultural orientation and academic preparation, offer American students their perspectives.

By 1 p.m. the discussion has ranged from how to change consumer habits away from driving big cars, to why French students read more newspapers and are more politically active than their American counterparts.



The coffee's over, but the discussion continues. Three leaders in sustainability on campus, Sarah Dorsey (University Libraries), Deetra Thompson (University Libraries) and student Tom Patterson (l-r) gather afterward.

"The life of the mind should be fun," says the director of the college, Dr. Dennis Leyton. "College is not just about getting a job. It's also about learning to see the world from different perspectives and learning to live with people who are different from ourselves. And key to that is enjoyment."

Beyond coffee, the honors college hosts a full schedule of symposia, guest lectures, performances and other programs. One of the most popular events is the Raft Debate, an academic version of the TV show "Survivor" that aims to resolve the age-old question: which area in academia is the most important – the natural sciences, social sciences, or arts and humanities.

A representative from each of these three academic areas uses their intellectual wiles to vie for a spot on an imaginary raft that holds only one person. Another faculty member plays the "devil's advocate." The faculty member who most persuasively argues for their field is the winner.

This year's Raft Debate will be held on Friday, Oct. 26, at 4 p.m. in Weatherspoon Auditorium.

Coffees continue throughout the year. To see future speakers and topics – and for a full schedule of events sponsored by Lloyd International Honors College – visit [www.uncg.edu/hss](http://www.uncg.edu/hss).

## Lunch of the Irish

A chef from Ireland will visit students and faculty on campus as part of the 13th Annual International Guest Chef Exchange, a program designed to honor the finest chefs through a multinational culinary exchange.

Chef Adrian Spelman will create a special meal for dinner at The Caf on Monday, Oct. 8, to showcase the flavors of his home. He will also be available during lunch at Spencer's on Tuesday, Oct. 9, to meet with faculty, staff and students.

Spelman studied classic French cuisine in Paris, and has won medals in Chicago, Berlin, London and Dubai.

## Keys to Home Ownership

The workshop "Home Ownership – How to Achieve the American Dream" will be held Tuesday, Oct. 9, at 6 p.m. in the EUC Auditorium.

Participants will learn how to better get finances in line, what to look for in an agent and how to insure the house.

The talk is sponsored by Alumni Relations.

For details and to register, visit [www.uncg.edu/ala/calendar](http://www.uncg.edu/ala/calendar).

## campus weekly

Deadline for news and attachments is noon the Wednesday before publication.

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## Chancellor's Appeal for SECC

*"Please participate."*

That was Chancellor Patricia A. Sullivan's core message to those attending the State Employees Combined Campaign kickoff on Sept. 19. The SECC is the official workplace giving campaign for state employees.

"This is thrilling, to see so many turn out," she told the hundreds in attendance in Cone Ballroom.

She noted the campus received an award for highest-per-capita giving in the UNC system last year, and praised the campus' "illustrious history in being a leader in giving."

The SECC is a way to give back to the community, she said. "We look around, and see so many, many in need.

"What's important about this campaign is that you participate," she said, "that you show your neighbors that you really care about the wider world beyond the university. That you contribute to your passion – the things you care about ... Maybe it's children, maybe it's the environment, maybe it's health care, psychological counseling, adoptive children, drug dependency, orphans ..."

"Please participate ... Please turn the cards in. Remember that you can choose freely, that you can give to the things you are most passionate about."

When filling out your form, you may designate particular charities to support. There are more than 900 choices. You may turn in sealed, completed forms to your departmental solicitor.

See next week's issue for a campaign update.



## NC Flex Enrollment

The 2008 annual enrollment session for NC Flex benefits will continue through Nov. 2. All eligible employees should have received the 2008 NC Flex enrollment guide which includes details on the following plans: Dental, Vision, Cancer Insurance, Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance, Group Term Life, Health Care Flexible Spending Account and Dependent Day Care Flexible Spending Account. Additional copies are available at Human Resource Services. All changes and/or new enrollments made during the annual enrollment session will become effective on Jan. 1, 2008.

All changes will be made online at [www.ncflexonline.org](http://www.ncflexonline.org). HRS will conduct Q&A sessions to assist employees with the online process and answer any additional questions regarding information in the enrollment guide. Sessions have a maximum capacity of 25 each. Visit the TLC Calendar of Workshops web page to reserve a space in a session, or contact Jason Morris at 4-5009 in HRS to confirm space availability.

### NC Flex Q&A sessions

Date	Time	Place
Wednesday, Oct. 3	9-11 a.m.	Computer Lab (Room 338), HHP Building
Wednesday, Oct. 10	1-3 p.m.	Computer Lab (Room 338), HHP Building
Tuesday, Oct. 16	9-11 a.m.	Computer Lab (Room 338), HHP Building
Thursday, Oct. 25	1-3 p.m.	Computer Lab (Room 338), HHP Building
Friday, Nov. 2	9-11 a.m.	Computer Lab (Room 338), HHP Building

If an employee does not want to make any changes to their existing NC Flex benefits, no action is required and all current NC Flex insurance plans will continue during 2008. However, all employees wanting to continue their Health Care Flexible Spending Account and/or their Dependant Day Care Spending Account must renew those options each year (per IRS regulations) by completing the online enrollment process.

Contact the benefits office in HRS at 4-9900, for further information.

## Scholars at Risk

*UNCG one of two N.C. universities to join network*

It's all too easy to forget that the rights Americans enjoy – including rights to free speech and academic freedom – don't always exist in other nations.

UNCG is lending support to the cause of academic freedom worldwide by joining Scholars at Risk, an international network that provides a safe haven for intellectuals fleeing oppression in their homelands.

"I see academic freedom as a basic human right," said Dr. Jerry Pubantz, professor of political science, who suggested the university join SAR. "If you can't exercise it, that's a real loss, and a real violation of rights."

SAR, based at New York University, arranges speaking engagements and visiting professorships for endangered scholars, and helps to inform students, faculty and the public about academic rights violations. Many of the scholars helped through SAR face all-too-real threats to their lives and the lives of members.

UNCG and Duke University are the only North Carolina universities to join SAR so far. Pubantz is working with university administrators and fellow faculty to build an organizational framework for the program. He foresees starting with a speaker series featuring SAR scholars that would eventually grow into visiting professorships.

Pubantz expects to encounter scholars primarily from sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and Asia. "Not probably since the 1940s and '50s have academic scholars in such numbers had to flee their countries, or not been able to do their work or enjoy academic freedom," he said. "It would be great for our students to learn from these scholars."

## MPA Program Reaccredited

The Master of Public Affairs program has received full reaccreditation from the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration.

The MPA program is housed in the Department of Political Science.

# looking ahead

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3

- Noon – Honors Coffee, Faculty Center, open to all.
- 3 p.m. – Faculty Senate meeting, Alexander Room, EUC.
- 4 p.m. – BELL Forum, Entrepreneurship in the Arts, Room 130, Moore Nursing Building. Free. See p. 5.
- 7 p.m. – Theatre, "Sweeney Todd," Taylor Theatre. Tickets, 4-4849.
- 7 p.m. – Men's soccer vs. Furman.
- 7:30 p.m. – Music, Wind Ensemble, Cone Ballroom, EUC. Tickets, 4-4849.

### THURSDAY, OCT. 4

- 7 p.m. – Lecture, Dr. William C. Harris, on President Lincoln, Kirkland Room, EUC.
- 7 p.m. – Premiere Screening, "Paradox," part of PBS' Art:21 (Art in the Twenty-First Century) series. Free.
- 7 p.m. – Theatre, "Sweeney Todd," Taylor Theatre. Tickets, 4-4849.
- 7:30 p.m. – Music, Symphonic Band and University Band, Cone Ballroom, EUC. Tickets, 4-4849.
- 8 p.m. – Lecture, Dr. Cynthia Sherlmerdine, "New Light on Mycenaean States," Room 101, New Science Building.

### FRIDAY, OCT. 5

- 10 a.m. – Oral examination in defense of dissertation, "Fidelity of Test Development Process Within a National Science Grant," Teresa E. Brumfield, Room 231, Curry Building.
- 1:30 p.m. – Founders Day celebration, McIver statue.
- 2 p.m. – ISA Friday Fest (Spain), Phillips-Hawkins Residence Hall.
- 7:30 – Indian music, guest artists Pandit Satish Vyas, santoor, and Shri Mukund Deo, tabla, Recital Hall, Music Building. Tickets, 4-4849.
- 8 p.m. – Theatre, "Sweeney Todd," Taylor Theatre. Tickets, 4-4849.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 6

- Exhibition Opening, All UNC Undergraduate Student Juried Exhibition, Gallery at the Gatewood. Free.
- 11 a.m. – WUAG CD/Record Fair, Two Art Chicks, 609 S. Elm St. Free.
- 2 p.m. – Volleyball vs. Appalachian State.
- 2 p.m. – Theatre, "Sweeney Todd," Taylor Theatre. Tickets, 4-4849.
- 8 p.m. – Theatre, "Sweeney Todd," Taylor Theatre. Tickets, 4-4849.

### SUNDAY, OCT. 7

- Noon – Volleyball vs. Davidson.
- 2 p.m. – Exhibition Opening, Department of Art Faculty Biennial, Reception to follow, Weatherspoon. Free.
- 2 p.m. – Women's soccer vs. Georgia Southern.
- 2 p.m. – Theatre, "Sweeney Todd," Taylor Theatre. Tickets, 4-4849.
- 3 p.m. – Conversations in Faith, EUC Auditorium
- 5:30 p.m. – Music, Chamber Singers, Recital Hall, Music Building. Tickets, 4-4849.

### MONDAY, OCT. 8

- 4 p.m. – Conversation on contemporary Brazilian cinema, Luis Nascimento and Leandro Firmino, screening of two episodes of "City of God" and more, Room 225, Curry Building.

### TUESDAY, OCT. 9

- 11:30 a.m. – Music, Espresso Brazil, in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, EUC Food Court.
- Noon – Art tour, Noon @ the 'Spoon, LeWitt x 2. Free.
- 7 p.m. – Theatre, "Sweeney Todd," Taylor Theatre. Tickets, 4-4849.
- 7 p.m. – Men's soccer vs. Davidson.
- 7:30 p.m. – Music, Jose Feghali, piano, Recital Hall, Music Building. Tickets, 4-4849.

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10

- 7 p.m. – Theatre, "Sweeney Todd," Taylor Theatre. Tickets, 4-4849.
- 7:30 p.m. – Music, Jazz Band and Jazz Ensemble, Recital Hall, Music Building. Tickets, 4-4849.

### THURSDAY, OCT. 11

- 6 p.m. – Movie, "Motorcycle Diaries," discussion led by Dr. Nolo Martinez, Multicultural Resource Center, EUC.
- 6:30 p.m. – Lecture, "What's 'Modern' About Modernism?" Part of Lecture Series by Dr. Will South. Pre-registration is required. Seating is limited. Dillard Room, Weatherspoon. Details, 4-5770.
- 7:30 p.m. – Music, Blue Mountain Ensemble, Faculty & Guest Artist Recital, Organ Hall, Music Building. Tickets, 4-4849.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 13

- 7 p.m. – Men's soccer vs. College of Charleston.

# news&notes

## Teaching Excellence Lecture

On international human rights in classroom

Dr. Alexandra Schultheis, assistant professor of postcolonial literatures and theory and the recipient of the 2006-07 College of Arts and Sciences Teaching Excellence Award, will be honored on Wednesday, Oct. 10. She will present a lecture titled "International Human Rights in the Classroom" at 3:30 p.m. in Room 201 of the new Science Building. A reception will follow. Everyone is welcome.

Schultheis teaches courses in postcolonial literatures and theory, contemporary British literature and culture, and critical theory. Her current research project, Transnational Human Rights Narratives of Contemporary Tibet, grows out of her combined interests in international human rights and contemporary postcolonial studies.

## Conversations in Faith

To promote a better understanding and tolerance of different faiths in our community, "Conversations in Faith" will be held Sunday, Oct. 7, at 3 p.m. in the EUC Auditorium.

The event is sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies and The Piedmont Interfaith Council.

The event will feature short presentations, a panel discussion and artifacts.

Buddhism, Hinduism, Jainism and Sikhism will be among the faiths discussed.

Contact Prashant Palvia at 4-4818 or Pat Bowden at 4-5762 for more details.

## Psychology Presents Colloquium Oct. 12

Kermit A. Crawford, director of the Center for Multicultural Mental Health at Boston University School of Medicine, will speak Friday, Oct. 12.

Sponsored by the Department of Psychology, the colloquium, "The Evidence-base for Behavioral Health Response to Disaster," will be held at 2:30 p.m. in Room 201 of the Science Building.

## "From Vines to Voices"

A fundraiser at Gateway University Research Park's north campus Oct. 20 from 4:30 to 9 p.m. will benefit patients of the Speech and Hearing Program.

"From Vines to Voices" will feature wine tasting, live jazz and a silent auction of art items from local artists. All proceeds will be put into a trust fund for patients who cannot afford their necessary prosthetic devices or services, namely laryngectomy patients.

The cost will be \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.

The program is looking for donations of artwork by local artists.

For questions or for tickets, call 217-5120.

## Meet, Eat

Spencer's is available for office meetings. Discounts are available for groups with more than 10 people.

For table reservations, call 4-4453. To view menus, visit [www.UNCG.CampusDish.com](http://www.UNCG.CampusDish.com).

Spencer's is located on the second floor of the Dining Hall.

It is open Monday through Thursday, 10:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. On Friday it is open from 10:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

## Lilly Conference Registration

In February, UNCG will host the Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching at Greensboro, one of the premier events related to teaching and learning. The conference will be held Feb. 8-10, 2008, at the Koury Convention Center.

Last year, 256 individuals attended the conference representing 60 different institutions.

In their 27th year, Lilly Conferences are retreats that combine workshops, discussion sessions and major addresses, with opportunities for informal discussion about excellence in college and university teaching.

The 2008 Lilly Conferences will highlight the selection of teaching strategies and the design and creation of environments and experiences that will enable students to learn.

Complete information is available at [www.uncg.edu/tlc/lillysouth](http://www.uncg.edu/tlc/lillysouth). UNCG faculty will be able to apply for a TLC mini-grant to assist with conference registration fee. More details are at [www.uncg.edu/tlc/lillysouth/registration.html](http://www.uncg.edu/tlc/lillysouth/registration.html).

The deadline for submitting proposals for the conference is Nov. 16. Proposals may be submitted at [utlc.uncg.edu/conference/lillysouth](http://utlc.uncg.edu/conference/lillysouth).

## Human Rights Film Series

The interdisciplinary film festival "Human Rights Films As External Memory" continues through November.

All films start at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by facilitated discussion on the film and related topics. Films will be shown in Room 28, McIver Building.

For more information, visit [www.uncg.edu/~sjsills/ci\\_filmfestival](http://www.uncg.edu/~sjsills/ci_filmfestival).

Date	Film	Topics
Oct. 9	"Dying to Get In"	Undocumented Immigration, Human Smuggling, Border Enforcement
Oct. 22	"Dirty Pretty Things"	Migration, Global Crime, Stratification
Nov. 5	"In This World"	Refugees, Human Smuggling, Afghanistan
Nov. 12	"Life and Debt"	Globalization, Neoliberal Reform, Tourism
Nov. 20	"Invisible Children"	Uganda, Civil War, Child Soldiers
Nov. 28	"Night and Fog (Nuit et brouillard)"	Holocaust, Concentration Camps



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## McIver and Holderness/ Weaver Awards

To further the campus' tradition of honoring North Carolinians with exemplary public service records, UNCG seeks assistance in identifying the 2007-08 nominees for the Charles Duncan McIver Award and the Holderness/Weaver Award.

The most prestigious public service honors given by the university, these awards demonstrate UNCG's value of civic engagement.

Careful consideration and nomination of a devoted, inspirational citizen will be extremely helpful. Information can be found at [www.uncg.edu/ure/publicservice](http://www.uncg.edu/ure/publicservice). Nominations can be submitted there.

The deadline for nominations is Oct. 20.

## Statistics Users

International Conference on  
Advances in Interdisciplinary Statistics  
and Combinatorics

The first international conference of the North Carolina Chapter of the American Statistical Association will be held at EUC Oct. 12-14.

C.R. Rao, who is Eberly Professor Emeritus of Statistics at The Pennsylvania State University and considered one of the greatest living statisticians, will deliver the R.A. Fisher Public Lecture in the EUC Auditorium at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13.

Dr. Pranab K. Sen, professor of biostatistics at UNC Chapel Hill, will be the keynote speaker. His address will be at 2 p.m. on Oct. 13 in the EUC Auditorium.

The public is invited to these two events.

“The main goal of the conference is to create research networks among statistics users in North Carolina,” said Dr. Sat Gupta, statistics professor and conference chair.

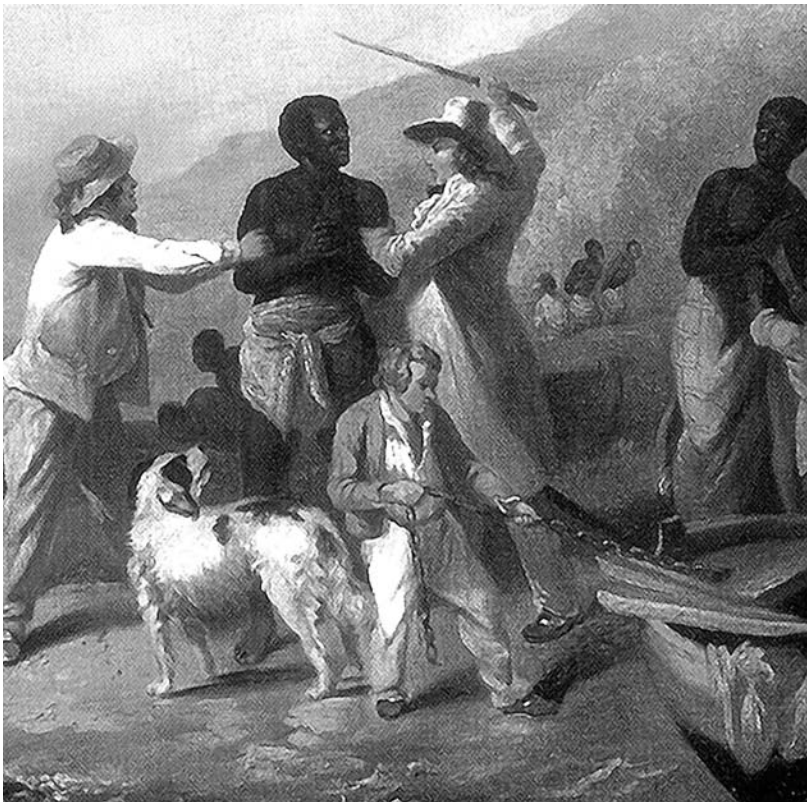
The conference has received a grant from the National Science Foundation and is also supported by the American Statistical Association and several other agencies.

For information, contact Gupta at [sngupta@uncg.edu](mailto:sngupta@uncg.edu) or visit the conference web site [www.uncg.edu/mat/aisc](http://www.uncg.edu/mat/aisc).

## by the numbers

# 6,215

That is the total number of parking spaces at UNCG. Almost 38 percent are in parking decks. The remainder are surface spaces. The total figure includes the 73 spaces at the Northridge lot and also the 1,081 spaces at the Lee Street Park & Ride lot. More details can be found at [parking.uncg.edu](http://parking.uncg.edu).



## American Liberty, British Antislavery

BY CHRISTOPHER BROWN

October 11, 2007, 7:30 p.m.

Curry Building, Room 225 on the  
UNCG campus

**Christopher Leslie Brown** is Visiting Professor of History at Columbia University, where he teaches British history, British imperial history, and the comparative history of slavery and abolition. He is the author of *Moral Capital: Foundations of British Abolitionism* (University of North Carolina Press, 2006), which received from the American Historical Association the 2006 James A. Rawley Prize for the best book in Atlantic History and the 2006 Morris D. Forkosch Prize for the best book in British History. He received his D. Phil. in Modern History from Balliol College, Oxford, which he attended as a Rhodes Scholar.

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