

Religious Studies Newsletter

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Special Announcements

NinerScholars Portal is Now Open

- The NinerScholars Portal is now open for students to begin applying for scholarships that will be awarded for the 2022-23 academic year.
- Please go to the University Scholarship Office website (scholarships.charlotte.edu) or more specifically (scholarships.charlotte.edu/apply/how-apply). These pages provide students with valuable information about the scholarship application, award process, and timeline, as well as guidance on accessing and navigating NinerScholars.

Apply for Internships in RELS

- RELS 3400 - Internships is being offered to Religious Studies majors/minors for Spring 2022.
- Internships in the Department of Religious Studies provide an opportunity for majors and minors to transfer the skills and knowledge they have learned in the classroom to professional settings.
- In order to receive academic credit for your internship, you must complete an ePortfolio that compiles information about the organization, your responsibilities (amounting to 120 hours), evaluations, and a reflection on the work you completed.
- You will need to contact the organization's supervisor, arrange an interview, and secure your placement **before you can register for RELS 3400.**

- **The Department of Religious Studies has placements available for internships**, such as Pierre Law, International House, and SHARE.
- Contact Celia Sinclair (cbsincla@uncc.edu) or Saad Jalisi (sjalisi@uncc.edu) with questions.

Declaring the Major

How to Declare the Major in Religious Studies

- To declare the undergraduate major in Religious Studies, just fill out [this form](#).
- The major in Religious Studies requires 30 credit hours.
- The minor in Religious Studies only requires 15 credit hours. With a few more classes, you could acquire a Bachelor's degree in Religious Studies.

M.A. in Religious Studies

How to Apply for the M.A. in Religious Studies

- The M.A. in Religious Studies program approaches the academic study of religion and religions from a variety of critical and interdisciplinary perspectives, with an emphasis placed on the global and multicultural aspects of religion.
- The M.A. application is completely electronic via the [Charlotte Graduate School website](#).
- Exceptional undergraduate students at Charlotte may apply for the Early Entry Program and begin work toward the graduate degree before completion of the Bachelor's degree.
 - Check out our promotional [video](#) to understand the Early Entry Program!
- For more information regarding admission requirements or other aspects of the program please contact: Dr. Kent Brintnall - kent.brintnall@uncc.edu.

Programming



FULBRIGHT
U.S. Student Program

Group Presentation Session

U.S. Student Fulbright Program Information Session

DATE/TIME
Monday
November 15, 2021
2:00-3:00 p.m. EST

FULBRIGHT PROGRAM ADVISER(S)
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ABOUT THE EVENT
Please join us for an interactive Group Presentation Session (GPS) to learn about opportunities for U.S. citizens to pursue graduate or professional study, conduct research, or teach English abroad. During the session, you will find out about the types of Fulbright awards, application components, tips, and get your questions answered. Following the program overview, attendees will enter a breakout room with their Fulbright Program Adviser (FPA) to learn more about applying through their institution.

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS
EDUCATION ABROAD

Click to Register Online

Learn more about funded opportunities to pursue graduate or professional study, conduct advanced research, or teach English in over 140 countries.

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program is the United States government's flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and administered by the Institute of International Education.

U.S. Fulbright Information Session

- Are you interested in pursuing graduate or professional study, conducting research, or teaching English Abroad with the Fulbright Institute?
- Attend the Student Fulbright Program Information Session!
- **Monday, November 15, 2021 2:00-3:00pm**
- [Click Here to Register for the virtual information session.](#)
- Email Brad Sekulich at sekulich@uncc.edu with any questions.

Join the Best Buddies at UNC Charlotte Chapter today!



Best Buddies International is a Nonprofit organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, leadership development, and inclusive living for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

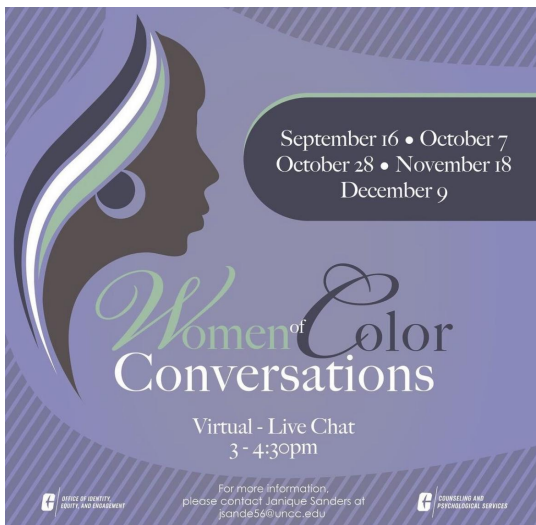
Best Buddies at UNC Charlotte fosters one-to-one friendships between students with and without IDD. In this time of heightened social and emotional development that can be difficult even for young adults without IDD, the Best Buddies at UNC Charlotte program helps break through social barriers at an important time in someone's life.

Check out the [Best Buddies International](#) and the Best Buddies at [North Carolina](#) websites for more information!

Fill out [this application](#) prior to November 19th at 11:59pm to become a member!

Best Buddies at UNC Charlotte

- Applications for membership to Best Buddies are now open!
- Best Buddies is an international nonprofit organization that seeks to enhance the lives of people with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) through inclusion, friendship, and advocacy.
- Best Buddies “friendship club” matches students in a one-to-one friendship (Buddy Pair) between a student with and a student without an IDD. Members make a commitment to contact their buddy at least once a week and hang out with their buddy twice per month.
- If you are interested in applying, please fill out [this form](#) prior to November 19th, 11:59pm.
- For more information, please check out the [Best Buddies in North Carolina](#) website, or email Angel Padilla at apadill7@uncc.edu.



Women of Color Conversations

- The Office of Identity, Equity, and Engagement is hosting Women of Color Conversations.
- These virtual chats will engage with meaning dialogue around the intersections of womanhood and being a person of color.
- These conversations will be held on **November 18th and December 9th from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM.**
- Register [here](#).



Race and Social Equity Fall Forum

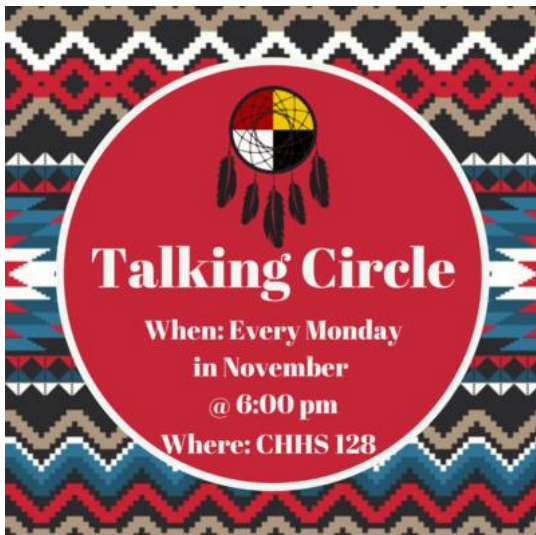
- This forum addresses racial and social equity issues as it relates to being unhoused.
- Attendees will hear directly from an alum who experienced being houseless as a student, barriers faced and endured, and tentative solutions.
- A panel discussion will feature local leaders who will share innovative strategies to eliminate the number of people being unhoused.
- This free virtual event will take place on **November 17, 2021 from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM.**
- Click [here](#) for registration (required).

Helpful Resources



Center for Counseling and Psychological Services

- Let's Talk is a brief, drop-in and confidential problem-solving consultation with a CAPS team member. Visits are first come, first serve. No appointment necessary and the wait time is usually brief.
- Services Offered by CAPS:
 - Individual Counseling
 - Group Counseling
 - Relationship Therapy
 - Crisis Assistance
 - Self Help Resources- [Click here for more information](#)
- **Call 704-687-0311** during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for appointments or questions
- **If you are in crisis, [CLICK HERE](#)** for resources



Native American Student Association: Talking Circles

- The Native American Student Association will be celebrating Native American Heritage Month all November long by holding weekly Talking Circles!
- The Talking Circles will occur every Monday evening in November at 6:00 PM.
- Meeting location: College of Health & Human Services (CHHS), Room 128.

Department Events



Jamil Niner Student Pantry Donations

- The Department of Religious Studies is participating in a canned-food drive for the Jamil Niner Student Pantry.
- The Religious Studies Graduate Organization will earn 1 volunteer hour for every 10 cans donated.
- The volunteer hours will be used towards credit for the Graduate & Professional Student Government (GPSG).
- **There is a bin in the Religious Studies front office for your donations!**



Religious Studies Reading/Writing Group

- David Flaherty, a graduate MA student in Religious Studies, is hosting a reading and writing group.
- Open to undergraduate and graduate students.
- This is a space to help each other edit papers, understand texts, work silently, collaborate on research, and foster a community!
- If you are interested, **the group meets on Mondays from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM via Zoom:**
<https://uncc.zoom.us/j/93149205675?pwd=UEFob3J2L2lveWR3WkNjQ0lkVitCUT09>.
- If you have any questions, you can contact David at dflahe1@uncc.edu.

News about department events will be emailed to you as well as posted on the [department website](#) and on our [Facebook page](#), [Twitter feed](#), and [Instagram](#). We will host the Loy H. Witherspoon Annual Lecture as well as the Tate Lecture in Judaic Studies this year, both virtually.