



Welcome back to campus (almost)! Another academic year starts soon. There are lots of moving parts and activities that have been going on all summer, but I won't try and summarize everything yet. Enjoy the rest of your summer and I'll see you soon!

Best regards,

Doug



New Resources for DataCamp & the SDS Bootcamps

Based on faculty feedback the current Python and R bootcamps are scheduled

to be discontinued at the Summer 2023 session. After a review of the available resources in [DataCamp](#), the conclusion was that the modules available through the platform were superior. We are now excited to announce the availability of two custom tracks, SDS R Bootcamp and SDS Python Bootcamp, on DataCamp. Upon completion of each boot camp, students receive a statement of accomplishment to demonstrate their readiness for your courses. We encourage you to consider integrating these boot camps into your curriculum as course requirements or recommended resources to ensure students possess foundational programming skills. For further information, please contact Sonali Choudhary at schoudh5@charlotte.edu. The SDS team is also in the process of updating resources for students and faculty on the respective program websites ([HIA](#), [DSBA](#), [BSDS](#)). This is an ongoing project over the summer, and your feedback is welcome. Please email [Joshua Hertel](#) to share questions or comments.

Call for Spring Courses: DSBA, HCIP, DTSC

The schedule build for spring SDS courses is underway. Several faculty have reached out over the last several months to propose special course offerings for the undergraduate and graduate program in Data Science and Health Informatics and Analytics. Please reach out to Joshua Hertel (jhertel@charlotte.edu) if you have a course proposal for a DTSC, DSBA, or HCIP class.

Updating Biographies- SDS Faculty Website

The SDS is in the process of reviewing and updating the [faculty website](#). If you have not reviewed your entry lately, please do. We welcome updated information- SDS classes taught, changes in assignments, updated headshots. Please send any revisions to Lindsay Lennon (lindsay.lennon@charlotte.edu) SDS Communications and Events Manager.



The Career Consultant Training Program: UNC Career Center

Wednesday, October 25th | 12:00 - 4:00 PM | Career Center Classroom
(Atkins 150)

The Career Consultant Training Program provides faculty and staff with the key strategies and techniques to work with UNC Charlotte students on their career development and management in a consulting role. Learn about common approaches, techniques, and strategies used by career development professionals at UNC Charlotte and across the nation from experts in the field. This program is intended to also provide campus colleagues with professional development to add to their careers and additional training updates to continue their skill development in assisting students. Lunch is provided; space is limited to 35 participants.

- Log into the Learning & Development Portal with your NinerNet credentials
- Click on "Events Calendar"
- Go to October 25th and click on Career Consultant Training Program
- Register Here

**REGISTER
HERE**

Important Dates

Find the full [SDS Calendar of Events](#) on the program website

- **August 8, 2023:** Last Day of Classes- Summer Session
- **August 9, 2023:** Payment Due Date/Cancellation for non-payment* [Payment Information](#)
- **August 21, 2023:** First Day of Classes- Fall Semester
- **August 25, 2023:** SDS Kickoff Event
- **August 26, 2023:** Saturday classes begin
- **August 28, 2023:** Last day to add, drop a course with no grade* @ 11:59 pm [Payment](#)



**HIMSS NC Annual Conference: "Healthy Living:
The Intersection of Technology and Wellness"**

October 2-3, 2023 in Raleigh

The **keynote speakers and agenda** have been released for the upcoming HIMSS NC Annual Conference! **Register** by September 12th for reduced pricing! Book your room ahead of time at the **Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley**.



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Data Science Central- Website and Newsletter

Data Science Central is an online resource for data practitioners. From Statistics and Analytics to Machine Learning and AI, Data Science Central provides a community experience that includes a rich editorial platform, social interaction, forum-based support, and the latest information on technology, tools, trends, and careers. Follow us on Twitter and LinkedIn to stay up to date on trending topics and events.

North Carolina Technology Association (NC TECH)- IT Job Trends

NCTECH is a North Carolina-based group that tracks employment trends, across the state. They sponsor [Job Fairs](#), host a [Job Board](#), and published a monthly [Job Report\(June 2023\)](#), and a regular [NCTECH Newsletter](#).

New NSF Predictive Intelligence for Pandemic Prevention (PIPP) Phase II Centers Program Launched

Will support fundamental R&D that transforms ability to forecast pandemic-scale events, detect outbreaks early, and respond efficiently.

[Learn More About PIPP Phase II Program](#)

Student
RESOURCES

New Graduate Student Welcome Reception

Hosted by the Center for Graduate Life on **Saturday, August 19th from 12:30 - 2:30 at the Houser Alumni Pavilion**. The perfect introduction for newcomers and a fantastic opportunity for everyone to explore the wealth of resources available around campus! Come meet new grad students from every department as well as grad school staff and other campus partners who are here to support you. Plus there will be food, drinks, lawn games, free giveaways, and music! All new grad students are welcome (including part-time and distance education). Please, [Register here](#).

Fall Orientation & Town Hall for all DSBA & HIAN (On Campus)

School of Data Science will host an in-person Orientation for new and continuing graduate students on Saturday, August 19, 2023, from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm. It will be held on the main campus in the Student Union building room 200. Please save the date and plan to attend.

[RSVP](#)

HIA ONLINE/DE Certificate Orientation

The SDS will also host a *virtual orientation* for our fully online / distance education students in the Health Informatics Certificate program on Friday, August 18, 2023, from 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm.

[RSVP](#)

SDS Kickoff Event

Join your classmates on August 25th as we celebrate the start of a new semester! Games and food will be provided while you catch up with new and old friends and classmates. Both undergraduate and graduate students are welcome!



SCHOOL OF DATA SCIENCE KICK-OFF EVENT

WHEN: AUGUST 25TH
WHERE: NORTH MAIN QUAD
TIME: 11 AM-2 PM

Come join the School of Data Science on August 25th to celebrate the start of the school year! Free food and games will be provided. Let's start this year out right!

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media: @cltdatascience

Research UPDATES

Professor Damien Williams Featured in American Scientist

Dr. Damien Williams, Assistant Professor of Data Science, explains in his *American Scientist* article "Bias Optimizers" how ChatGPT provides biased outputs resulting from being trained on biased source material. If you don't have a subscription to *American Scientist*, you can find the article using the University EBSCO account from the library. [Read more](#)



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