

Meet the researchers striving to make Charlotte more equitable



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[New Gambrell Faculty Fellows cohort will focus on different aspects of equity](#)

By Ely Portillo

As the Charlotte region reckons with both the immediate aftermath of COVID-19 and longstanding challenges such as segregation and educational inequities, the Gambrell Faculty Fellows program has named a new cohort of scholars to help illuminate the way to a more equitable community.

The fourth cohort of Fellows will investigate a wide range of challenges, from difficulties facing students with disabilities at UNC Charlotte to how Black women business owners have coped with the stresses of the pandemic.



[Hear about hip-hop architecture in Charlotte](#)

Future Charlotte Podcast

Sekou Cooke is the Director of the Master of Urban Design Program at UNC Charlotte, and the author of "Hip-Hop Architecture," a book published in 2021. He joins Future Charlotte to talk about what hip-hop architecture is, what it isn't, and why we need to change the way we build things.



Save the date: Schul Forum returns Nov. 17

Few things are more fundamental to whether we have a chance to climb the economic ladder than housing and transportation. Where we live and whether we have access to employment opportunities, good schools and necessities like healthy food and medical care has a profound impact on the course of our lives and the health of our cities.

That's why this year's Marianne M. & Norman W. Schul Urban Institute Forum will focus on the nexus between transportation, housing, gentrification and displacement. Stay tuned for more details and registration information.



Survey sheds light on the future of Charlotte's creative community

By Ely Portillo

When it comes to the creative scene, Charlotte isn't often mentioned in the same breath with peer cities like Austin or Nashville. After all, the city's unofficial tagline is "Banktown," not something like "Music City" or "Keep Austin Weird."

But Charlotte has a thriving creative community. And a new survey by the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute provides more details about Charlotte's creative community, as well as its assets, challenges and what we can do to provide more support.

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