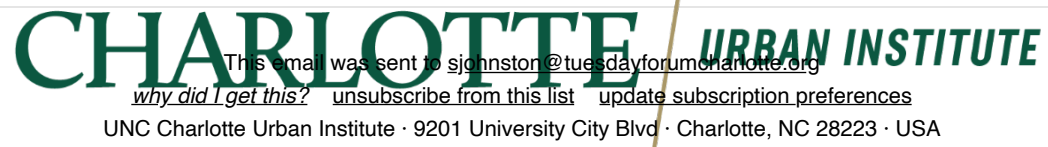


## Asha Ellison joins the Charlotte Urban Institute



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### Meet the new Director of Research Translation & Engagement for the Charlotte Urban Institute

Asha Ellison has been named director of research translation and engagement for the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute, part of urbanCORE, a unit within the Division of Academic Affairs.

In this role, she will amplify the work of the Institute's leaders, researchers, faculty and students on a local and national level, and will translate important data for consumption across various audiences for the benefit and use of the public and key community changemakers.

"The work the researchers and leaders do at the Urban Institute is impressive and I look forward to building meaningful connections with the team and the communities we serve," said Ellison.



### Join the Oct. 26 virtual Schul Conversation - Our Connecting Spaces

## Connecting Spaces

What builds community in place-based initiatives and mixed-income housing? What creates authentic relationships? What prevents them and why does it matter? On **Oct. 26 at noon**, we'll begin to unpack these questions in the first of our fall Schul Conversations, a part of the [Schul Forum Series](#).

This conversation kicks off the 2023-24 Schul Forum Series, which will explore the spaces where we connect in the Charlotte region, specifically asking how those spaces build community and facilitate relationships or create barriers to economic connectedness. The Conversations and the [Chancellor's Speaker Series](#) will lead to the in-person Schul Forum event on Feb. 1, 2024.

**Register Here**



## A Road Running Southward

by **Ruth Ann Grissom**

Before John Muir became known for his ramblings in Yosemite and the Sierra Nevada, he trekked through the South from Kentucky to Florida. In 1867, at the age of 28, Muir suffered a workplace accident he feared would leave him permanently blind. Within a few months, he had fully recovered, but his experience prompted him to embark on a long deferred trip to explore the natural areas of the South. His notes from that adventure were published as *A Thousand-Mile Walk to the Gulf*.

More than 150 years later, Atlanta-based journalist Dan Chapman decided to revisit Muir's route through the South and take stock of how the natural world had fared. The result is his lively, thought-provoking – and dare I say sprawling? – book [A Road Running Southward: Following John Muir's Journey through an Endangered Land](#). Instead of walking, he sets out in his trusty Subaru for a series of enlightening trips. Chapman uses each one to highlight an issue central to the state of the environment in the South.

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