2015 North Carolina Honors Association Conference, tentative program and schedule

*Conference location:* UNC Asheville, Asheville, NC

*Conference theme:* Creativity and Honors

*Keynote speaker:* Bethany Davidson, Western Carolina University

We will begin the conference a few hours earlier in the day on Friday than is traditionally done, in order to offer more concurrent talks without running too many simultaneously, and providing more incentive for people to arrive Friday. In this schedule (laid out below), three rounds of concurrent talks (with 15-minute breaks in between each) will precede the banquet dinner and keynote speaker. Following this participants will have the option of taking part in one of a few different organized social events.

On Saturday there will be more concurrent sessions, as well as a World Café-style conversation among faculty on issues related to honors programming and pedagogy and a “real-time honors project” for students. Following these, the traditional gathering will be replaced by a “show and tell” period during which all have a chance to share the ideas generated in the collaborative sessions immediately previous.

Locations for all events are TBD.

**Friday, September 11th, 2015**

12:00 – 5:00: Registration (to remain open until the banquet dinner)
2:00 – 2:10: Welcome address
2:15 – 2:45: Concurrent Session 1
3:00 – 3:30: Concurrent Session 2
3:45 – 4:15: Concurrent Session 3
4:15 – 5:00: Break
5:00 – 6:30: Banquet dinner, with keynote speaker
6:30 – 6:45: Farewell for the evening and charge for the next day
7:00 – ???: Optional social activities (River Arts District walking tour, drum circle, etc.; see the conference website for more options)

**Saturday, September 12th, 2015.**

8:00 – 9:00: Breakfast, registration, and socializing
9:00 – 9:30: Concurrent Session 4
9:45 – 10:15: Concurrent Session 5
10:30 – 11:00: Concurrent Session 6 and time to view posters
11:15 – 12:00: Boxed lunch
12:15 – 1:30: World Café for faculty and Real-Time Honors Project for students
1:45 – 2:30: Show and Tell
2:30 – 3:00: Conclusion and farewell