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FROM THE CAREER CENTER:

Welcome to the UNCW Career Center's newsletter, Academic Quarterly: Career & Employment Trends Updates. This newsletter is meant to serve as a one-stop shop for job market trends and related economic news, both regionally and nationally. We will also highlight an industry in each publication. This newsletter is published quarterly through the Career Center. If you have information you would like posted in this newsletter, please contact Thom Rakes, rakest, or Diane Reed, reedd, with that information. We hope you find this information helpful for you and your students.

DID YOU KNOW...

INTERVIEWSTREAM

The Career Center is using a new online interview program for students to practice job or grad school interviews. We encourage you to consider adding this activity to your class syllabus as a requirement or for extra credit as appropriate.

InterviewStream allows students with web cams to practice an interview 24/7. If they don't have a web cam, the program includes a calendar for reserving the practice interview room in the Career Center.

As a faculty member, you also can pre-select a set of ten questions for your students. Once a student completes their interview, they can email you a link to their recorded responses for your review or evaluation. Create your account at <http://uncw.interviewstream.com>

NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT NEWS & TRENDS:

Employment Projections: 2008-2018 Summary

The [United States Department of Labor](#) released this summary projecting total employment to increase by 15.3 million, or 10.1 percent, during this period. The projections show an aging and more racially and ethnically diverse labor force, and employment growth in service-providing industries. More than half of the new jobs will be in professional and related occupations and service occupations. In addition, occupations where a postsecondary degree or award is usually required are expected to account for one-third of total job openings during the projection period.

The Geography of a Recession (US Bureau of Labor Statistics):

There are more than 31 million people currently unemployed, including those working part-time. Click on this link, [Unemployment Rates by County](#), and watch the deteriorating transformation of the U.S. economy map from January 2007, just before the recession, to the most recent unemployment data available today.

Latest Economic News from CNN.com - An eyeblink glance at the economy – job losses slowing:

Each month, the government calculates how many people are on private and government payrolls across every sector to determine how many jobs the economy is creating or losing. The economy is still shedding jobs by the tens of thousands each month. Even though the number has decreased substantially from the recession's peak, and there was some positive job growth in November, economists say a true recovery cannot take place until a good number of jobs are created each month.

http://money.cnn.com/galleries/2009/news/0910/gallery.economic_recovery/2.html

10-plus business trends that are thriving even in this economy:

<http://www.entrepreneur.com/trends/index.html>

DID YOU KNOW...**Faculty SeaWork Account:**

There is a wealth of career and employment resources in SeaWork:

- Internship & Job Listings
- Listings from MonsterCollege
- Job Search Resource Library
- On Campus Employer Visits and Job Fair Details

If you would like access to SeaWork simply email your full name, campus email address and campus telephone number to rakest. You will receive a confirmation email with the login address, your Username and Password.

STATE / REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT NEWS & TRENDS:**NC Unemployment Rate Up Slightly in February:**

RALEIGH (AP) — North Carolina's unemployment rate nudged to a new high in February as more than 11,000 workers started searching for work even as thousands of jobs were cut, the state's Employment Security Commission reported Friday. North Carolina's unemployment rate rose to 11.2 percent last month, up a notch from 11.1 percent in January. February's jobless rate is the highest since states started their current calculation method in 1976. It's been 13 months since the state's unemployment rate first edged above its previous high. Florida, Nevada and Georgia also saw record jobless rates in February.

Nine states had unemployment problems that were worse than those in North Carolina, including South Carolina, which posted a 12.5 percent rate in February.

http://www.news-record.com/content/2010/03/26/article/nc_unemployment_rate_up_slightly_in_feb

Carolina Newswire: *Business North Carolina* magazine February Issue:

Eastern North Carolina: Things are starting to look better, but it'll take more than a recovery to rid the region of long-embedded rural poverty. So says James Kleckley, director of the Bureau of Business Research at East Carolina University. A major misconception? That the region's economy is rooted in its soil. "Agriculture still plays an important role but not the dominant one."

The Research Triangle: Its wealth of highly educated workers — one reason hard recent times weren't as hard as elsewhere — will keep the region competitive. But N.C. State University economist Michael Walden says, "The biggest myth about the Triangle is that we are recession-proof."

<http://carolinanewswire.com/news/News.cgi?database=000001news.db&command=viewone&id=681&op=t>

Report Shows Mixed Progress for Regional Economy:

The most recent report from the Atlanta Fed's Regional Economic Information Network (REIN) paints a mixed picture for the Southeast economy. Conditions in the construction and real estate sectors remained weak, according to the monthly report. From December to January, home sales fell from their recent highs in November 2009 but remained even or slightly above year-earlier levels.

Meanwhile, consumer spending, while still weak, provided cause for optimism in some areas. One area that saw modest improvement was sales tax revenues. Though still down from the previous year, all six District states saw an increase in sales tax revenues from December to January—a 6.8 percent increase overall—marking the first monthly improvement since the end of 2005.

For more sector-by-sector data and analysis in areas such as agriculture, financial services, and labor markets, see the full report at

<http://www.frbatlanta.org/rein/dataanalysis/>

INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT:

CAREER & EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES FOR GEOSCIENCES:

If you have economic information from your academic area you would like posted in the Academic Quarterly, please email it to Thom Rakes, [rakes](mailto:rakes@uncw.edu), or Diane Reed, [reed](mailto:reed@uncw.edu), by Friday, March 19, 2010.