



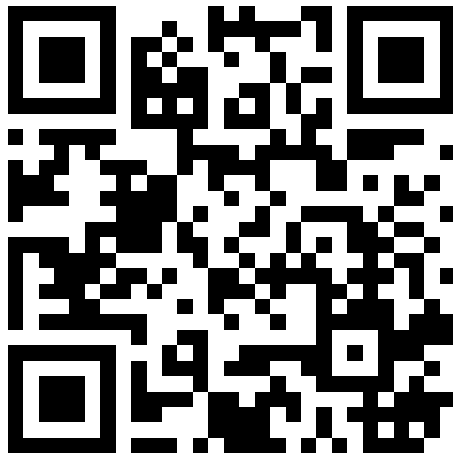
POST-HELENE

REMEMBERING • REBUILDING • REIMAGINING

Sept. 24-26, 2025 | UNC Asheville Campus

Website

Scan the following QR code to visit our website and view a digital version of the symposium schedule, speaker biographies, parking information, and more.



www.posthelenesymposium.com

Mission



September 27 marks the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Helene.

This symposium will unite UNC Asheville faculty, staff, and students, and residents of Asheville City / Buncombe County, as they share histories, stories, science, art, and impact studies through the lenses of “Remembering, Rebuilding, and Reimagining.”



The symposium aims to contribute to post-disaster research while honoring community resilience in the wake of tragedy.



Sept. 24: Remembering

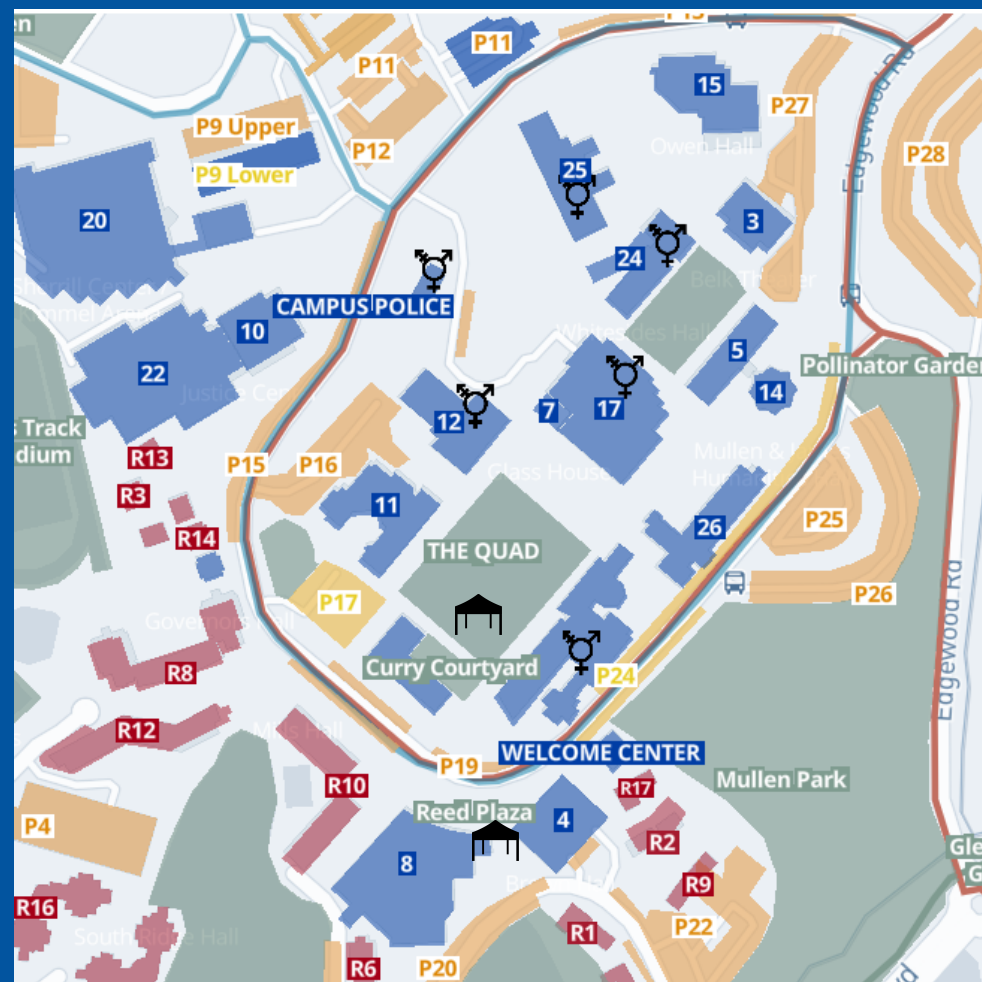
	Mullen & James Humanities Hall	Blue Ridge Room, Highsmith 202/3	Other Locations	
8:30 AM			Commemoration Through Contemplation	
9:00 AM	The Role of Technology in the Aftermath of Hurricane Helene	Life Lessons From Helene: UNCA Faculty & Staff Reflections		
9:30 AM				
10:00 AM	Destructive Weather and Critical Infrastructure in the Western North Carolina Mountains: Lessons from Hurricane Helene	When Helene Hit: Sharing Stories Behind the Campus Response	Writing to Remember: Windows / Ventanas on Helene	
10:30 AM				
11:00 AM				
11:30 AM	Historic Preservation and Natural Disasters: Preservation Society of Asheville and Buncombe County and Buncombe County Special Collections	Local Environmental Response to Tropical Storm Helene	Commemoration Through Contemplation	
12:00 PM				
12:30 PM				
1:00 PM		Neighborhood to Regional Responses After Helene	Rain Fell on Earth: Memories of Helene FYS 178 Oral History Interviews Storytelling Invitation: Escaping Helene	
1:30 PM				
2:00 PM				
2:30 PM				
3:00 PM			North Carolina's Flood Resiliency Blueprint	
3:30 PM				
4:00 PM				
4:30 PM	Tuned In: How Local Radio Served as a Lifeline Through Helene		Art After the Storm Workshop	
5:00 PM				
5:30 PM	The Heart of the Mountains: Stories from a Year of Courage, Kindness, and Community after Hurricane Helene		Flooded Studios: Artist Experiences at the Crossroads of Loss and Creation	
6:00 PM				
6:30 PM				
7:00 PM				
7:30 PM				
8:00 PM			Reception at Ginger's Revenge	

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Campus Map





Sept. 26: Reimagining

	Mullen & James Humanities Hall	Blue Ridge Room, Highsmith 202/3	Other Locations
8:30 AM			Commemoration Through Contemplation
9:00 AM			
9:30 AM	Faith-Based Responses to Helene		
10:00 AM			
10:30 AM			
11:00 AM	Rising Together: Mutual Aid in Helene's Wake	Uplifting, Revitalizing, and Sustaining the Arts in Asheville	Marshall 3024/5 Soundwalk
11:30 AM			
12:00 PM			Commemoration Through Contemplation
12:30 PM	Post-Helene Political Considerations		Hands-On Workshops: Community Lumber Project
1:00 PM			
1:30 PM			
2:00 PM	Impacts of Helene on Local Business: Alumni Perspectives	Telling the Storm: Local Media and the Legacy of Hurricane Helene	Reimagining, Envisioning, and Applying Solutions: How UNC Asheville Integrates Learning, Research, and Community Action
2:30 PM			
3:00 PM			
3:30 PM	Feminine Capital and Entrepreneurial Community Action in Response to Helene	Carried Away by the Flood: Keeping Bees in (and after) a Hurricane	
4:00 PM			Mending Together, Laughing Together
4:30 PM			
5:00 PM		Disability and Navigating Helene's Aftermath	Friends of the Department of Business Reception
5:30 PM			
6:00 PM			
6:30 PM			
7:00 PM			
7:30 PM			
8:00 PM			After the Storm: a Night of Resilience and Renewal

Continuous Events

- **Fall 2025 (Library Hours): The Great Floods: The Past Collides with the Present**
 - **2nd Floor Ramsey Library**
- **Sept. 8 - Oct. 5: Looking Back to Move Forward**
 - **S. Tucker Cooke Gallery**
- **Sept. 8 - Oct. 1: Connection: Finding Ourselves and Each Other**
 - **Various Locations**
- **September Residency: Mending Quilt**
 - **Various Locations**
- **Sept. 24 - Oct. 5 (10am - 5pm): If These Trees Could Talk**
 - **3rd Floor Owen Hall**
- **Sept. 25 - 26: Undergraduate Research Poster Exhibit**



Legend



Informational Booth

Assistance available

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Highsmith Student Union

Contains the Blue Ridge Room and Mountain Suites

14

Mullen & James Hall

11

Karpen Hall

Contains the Laurel Forum

22

Sherrill Center

25

Owen Hall

Food Trucks

Food trucks will be available from 11am-3pm on Sept. 24 & 26 with meals and snacks available for purchase.



Sept. 25: Rebuilding

	Mullen & James Humanities Hall	Mountain Suites, Highsmith 225/6	Other Locations
8:30 AM			Commemoration Through Contemplation
9:00 AM			
9:30 AM	Community Engaged Learning and Support Between Spanish-speaking Students and Community	Why Do We Forget the Last Disaster? Lessons Learned and Lessons Lost from Rapid City, New Orleans, and Asheville	
10:00 AM			
10:30 AM	Confronting the Gap: Examining Hardships and Assistance for the Latino Community in Times of Crisis in Buncombe County	Panel Discussion on Impacts of Helene on the Outdoor Recreation Industry	Rebuilding Careers After Helene: UNC Asheville's Fall Career and Internship Fair
11:00 AM			
11:30 AM			
12:00 PM	Frontline Barriers: Henderson County Nonprofits Respond to Latino Community Needs After Helene	Resilience Through EV's and Renewable Energy	Commemoration Through Contemplation
12:30 PM			Rebuilding Careers After Helene: UNC Asheville's Fall Career and Internship Fair
1:00 PM			
1:30 PM			
2:00 PM	Understanding Probability and Peril	First Responder Mental Health	Forest Visit to Discuss Impacts of Helene and Foray for Fungi EV/Microgrid Display
2:30 PM			
3:00 PM			
3:30 PM	Small Town Mountain Strong Documentary	Asheville Rising, PTSD, Growth, Resilience	
4:00 PM			
4:30 PM			
5:00 PM	Coalition Building, Community Care, and Mobilizing Aid	Post-Helene Economics and Finance: Rebuilding Businesses and Strengthening Regional Resilience	
5:30 PM			
6:00 PM			
6:30 PM	Beyond the Classroom: K-12 Post-Helene		
7:00 PM			
7:30 PM			Hard Times, No More Music Faculty Showcase Concert
8:00 PM			