

**The State of Things**  
**Monday – Friday, 12 – 1pm**  
**Lines For Quarter 3 of 2019**

**September 30, 2019**

**CATEGORY: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**Hate, Harassment And The Right To Report:**

The internet has a hate problem. Trolls, white supremacists, and other hate groups spew vitriol and harass users on social media. The First Amendment protects hate speech, but the internet further blurred the line between speech and crime. To unravel the web of rules and laws concerning hate speech, The State of Things partnered with the UNC Hussman School of Journalism and Media for a special broadcast recorded in front of a live audience at The Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill. Stasio starts the conversation with Mary-Rose Papandrea and Rachel Glickhouse who explain how a criminal act must be committed for vitriolic speech to be treated as a crime. Papandrea is a professor of constitutional law and associate dean of academic affairs at the UNC School of Law and Glickhouse is a journalist and the partner manager for ProPublica's Documenting Hate project.

They continue the conversation by homing in on the experience of female journalists and journalists of color and the kind of harassment they experience online. Allen Johnson and Elisa Lees Muñoz analyze the shifting job of journalism and how online hate and harassment presents new challenges. Johnson is the executive editorial page editor of the Greensboro News & Record and the Winston-Salem Journal, and Muñoz is the executive director of the International Women's Media Foundation. Plus, Wendy Scott joins the conversation to talk about how speech is regulated differently in private and public venues. Scott is an associate dean for academic success and a professor at Elon Law. Host Frank Stasio talks with the panel to understand the limits of the law when it comes to hate speech and how that speech affects those on the receiving end of hate.

**September 27, 2019**

**Category: Politics**

**Will North Carolina Fight Climate Change?**

Politicians worldwide felt the heat on climate policy this week after a reported four million protesters took to the streets. The leader of the Global Climate Strike, Greta Thunberg, told world leaders that they had “stolen her dreams.” The call to arms was substantiated Wednesday by the release of a United Nations’ report on the Earth’s changing oceans. Scientists and other representatives from all 195 member states jointly audited recent marine research to provide definitive trends for policy decisions. This year’s report confirmed that sea level rise, acidifying waters and more extreme weather are all in the forecast. Meanwhile in North Carolina, Gov. Roy Cooper officially declared this week Clean Energy Week. It concludes today with the presentation of the NC Clean Energy Plan. Host Frank Stasio is joined by state climatologist Kathie Dello and Lisa Sorg, an environmental reporter at NC Policy Watch, a project from the left-leaning North Carolina Justice Center to discuss whether protests and a comprehensive report will be enough to sway North Carolina’s leaders.

**Category: Arts**

**Irene Kelley Celebrates Tradition And Family In Her Latest Album:**

Irene Kelley has been a force on Nashville's Music Row for decades. She spent 20 years writing or co-writing hit songs for country artists like Ricky Skaggs and Loretta Lynn. But at the same time she was quietly working on her career as a performer. Earlier this year Kelley released "Benny's TV Repair," a record full of personal songs that recall simpler times. The album is the namesake of her father Benny, a hard-working man who had a big influence on her musical tastes. She joins host Frank Stasio at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences in downtown Raleigh to perform music from the album and to talk about her career. Her daughter Justyna Kelley performs with her in studio. Kelley is in Raleigh for the seventh annual World of Bluegrass festival in Raleigh. Kelley performs at the World of Bluegrass Street Fest on Hargett Street in downtown Raleigh on Friday, Sept. 27 at 4 p.m.

**Category: Arts**

**Traditional But Original: Carolina Blue Puts Their Own Spin On Bluegrass:**

Bluegrass band Carolina Blue formed out of necessity. Founding members Bobby Powell and Timmy Jones got together in 2007 to make a record of original music with no intention of starting a new group. But when radio stations started playing their album, Powell and Jones were fast tracked on a new path. They started getting frequent getting phone calls inviting them to play gigs and quickly realized they needed to put together some musicians. Twelve years later Carolina Blue was nominated for three International Bluegrass Music Association Awards. Host Frank Stasio talks to the band about their music and gets a preview of their latest album, "I Hear Bluegrass Calling Me." The Brevard-based Carolina Blue are Jones on vocals and mandolin; Powell on vocals and guitar; Reese Combs on vocals and bass, James McDowell on vocals and banjo and Aynsley Porchak on the fiddle. The band will perform on Friday, Sept. 27 at 8 p.m. on the Wide Open Bluegrass Davie Street Stage in downtown Raleigh. They will also be at Mountain Heritage Day in Cullowhee on Saturday, Sept. 28.

**September 26,2019**

**Crime/Law Enforcement**

**NC Staff Prison Shortages Mirror Nationwide Crisis:**

North Carolina has been in the midst of a prison staffing crisis for years. In 2017, shortages at the Pasquotank Correctional Institution in Elizabeth City contributed to a violent escape attempt that left four prison workers dead. Now, three state minimum-security correctional facilities have announced they will temporarily close to strengthen staffing at other facilities. More than 20% of correctional officer positions in the state's 55 prisons are vacant. WUNC's Capitol Bureau Chief Jeff Tiberii joins host Frank Stasio to discuss the closures. Joseph Neff, a staff writer with The Marshall Project, puts North Carolina's staffing issues in a national context and shares his reporting on a Mississippi prison where a warden relied on gang leaders rather than staff to keep the peace.

**CATEGORY: ARTS**

**Raleigh Little Theatre Takes On The Story Of Jena 6**

A Louisiana high school became the subject of national debate and controversy in 2007 after six black students were accused of attempted murder after a high school fight. The fight was

prompted by rising tensions after students discovered nooses hanging from a tree on campus. Playwright Dominique Morriseau takes on the complexities and tensions of the Jena Six case in her play "Blood at the Root," now on stage at Raleigh Little Theatre. It tells the story of a student named Raylnn who one day decides to sit under a tree typically reserved for white students. Someone responds by hanging three nooses from the tree, and this sets up a chain of events that leads to her brother and other black students being charged with the attempted murder of a white classmate. Host Frank Stasio previews the production with director Lormarev Jones and cast members Aysia Slade and Carl Staub. The play is on stage at Raleigh Little Theater from Friday, Sept. 27 through Sunday, Oct. 13.

#### **CATEGORY: ARTS**

#### **Cooler By The Year: Art of Cool Festival Celebrates 6 Years**

Durham's Art of Cool music festival is the brainchild of jazz lover Cicely Mitchell and trumpeter Al Strong. The two envisioned a weekend in which the old school sounds of jazz would mix and mingle with neo-soul, rap and hip-hop. Over the past six years the festival has exploded in popularity, featuring artists including jazz composer Roy Ayers, neo-soul singer/songwriter Anthony Hamilton, multi-platinum rapper Nas and Erykah Badu. In 2018, the festival was sold to the DOME Group and featured the unexpected reunion of Durham's own Little Brother. Joining host Frank Stasio to talk about the evolution of the festival and preview this year's lineup are national jazz recording artist Yolanda Rabun and Zoocru band member Alan Thompson. Rabun will open the main stage Friday, Sept. 27 at Durham Bulls Athletic Park and Zoocru perform that same night at Motorco in Durham. This year's headlining acts are Jill Scott and Run DMC.

**September 25, 2019**

#### **Category: Agriculture**

#### **Lower Wages And Housing Deregulation In Proposed Rules For Guest-Farm Labor**

New proposed rules from the U.S. Department of Labor could impact tens of thousands of temporary immigrant farm workers who come to North Carolina each year. North Carolina hosts the largest number of H-2A workers of any state, and the program provides farm labor for about 30% of North Carolina agricultural employers, according to the North Carolina Growers Association. The new rules would allow employers to lower H-2A wages and no longer requires a full refund of workers' transportation costs from their place of origin to the U.S. farm. The proposal would also relax inspections of workers' housing, allowing owners to self-report the conditions of migrant living quarters. The Department of Labor proposed the changes after expanding the program this year in response to farmers' consistent complaints of seasonal labor shortages. Host Frank Stasio talks with Jorge Valencia, senior field correspondent for KJZZ's bureau in Mexico City, and Nathan Dollar, chair of the governing board for the North Carolina Farmworker Health Program, about how the move to deregulate migrant labor could affect North Carolina's agricultural economy and farm worker safety.

#### **Category: Arts**

#### **There Is No Other Like Rhiannon Giddens**

Grammy Award-winning artist Rhiannon Giddens is a North Carolina gem. Though she splits her time between the U.S and Ireland, her commitment to the music, culture, and stories of the South is still the driving force behind her work. Her recent artistic endeavors also highlight her passion for preserving and reframing the history of African Americans and their contributions to the music landscape. With support from her 2017 MacArthur "Genius" Fellowship, she is creating a musical about the 1898 coup d'etat in Wilmington, during which the Ku Klux Klan started a race riot and overthrew the local government. Giddens tells the stories of African American history in her collaboration with folk singers Amythyst Kiah, Leyla McCalla, and Allison

Russell on the 2019 album “Songs of Our Native Daughters.” She returns to the State of Things to talk with host Frank Stasio about her recent body of work and her latest album “There Is No Other,” a collaboration with Italian jazz musician Francesco Turrisi. Turrisi, an acclaimed pianist and percussionist, joins the show to talk about how they met, collaborated and challenged the boundaries of traditional folk music. The two perform at the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

**Category: Art**

**Do Or Die: Using Art To Resist Stereotypes Of Black Masculinity:**

Artist Fahamu Pecou has been wrestling with stereotypes of black masculinity for his entire life. No matter how many degrees he earned or what job he had, he had the sense that he was only seen as a black body. He has always used art as a way to push back, but for a long time he did not touch one particularly charged topic: police-involved shootings of black men. That changed in 2015, after a police officer shot and killed Walter Scott, a black man in Charleston. Pecou started work on a series called "Do or Die: Affect, Ritual, Resistance." It debuted in 2016, and since then it has traveled around the country. Pecou incorporates the rituals of the West African Yoruba religion of Ifa into his work, like the ancestor honoring ceremony known as the egungun tradition. Host Frank Stasio talks to Pecou about his inspiration, creative process and how audiences have reacted to the exhibition. “DO or DIE: Affect, Ritual, Resistance” is on display at The Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History at UNC-Chapel Hill until Nov. 21.

**September 24, 2019**

**Category: Art**

**#BackChannel: The 1619 Project, Comedy From Chappelle, And New Music From NC’s Own Rhapsody**

Billy Porter made Emmy history Sunday when he became the first openly gay black man to win lead actor in a drama category for his role in the FX series “Pose.” Actor Jharrel Jerome also made history as the first Afro-Latino to take home an acting Emmy. Jerome won for his portrayal of Korey Wise in Ava DuVernay’s Netflix series “When They See Us.” Only three major Emmy awards went to people of color this year, so what do these wins mean in a context in which Hollywood’s award ceremonies are still #sowhite? Popular culture experts Mark Anthony Neal and Natalie Bullock Brown share their analysis of the 2019 Emmy Awards with host Frank Stasio in the latest installment of #BackChannel, The State of Things’ recurring series connecting culture and context.

They also reflect on The New York Times’ 1619 Project, a collection of writing and photography that marks the 400th anniversary of the arrival of African slaves to Virginia. Plus, why did Jemele Hill’s inaugural article for The Atlantic cause such a stir? Brown and Neal recap the controversy around the piece “It’s Time for Black Athletes to Leave White Colleges.” They also review the provocative Dave Chappelle Netflix special “Sticks and Stones” and consider what audiences want from today’s comics. And they review new music from Missy Elliott and North Carolina’s Rhapsody. Elliott’s EP “Iconology” is her first release in close to 15 years, while Rhapsody’s 16-track album “Eve” is a tribute to her heroes, including Nina Simone, Oprah Winfrey and Sojourner Truth. Natalie Bullock Brown is a filmmaker and teaching assistant professor at North Carolina State University, and Mark Anthony Neal is the James B. Duke professor and chair of the department of African and African American studies at Duke University in Durham.

**September 23, 2019**

**Category: Art**

**She’s Got Showbiz In Her Veins: Meet Musician And Music Promoter Rebecca Newton:**

As a kid Rebecca Newton loved performing for her family. Around the piano, she discovered her skill for harmonizing and found that showcasing her musical talents was a way to keep the peace in a tumultuous and sometimes violent household. These early performances were the foundation for her future musical career. For 30 years, Newton led the Durham swing band Rebecca & the Hi-Tones. This year, she stepped out on her own with her first solo Americana folk-rock album "Blue Shirt." Newton speaks with host Frank Stasio about her challenging upbringing, her work in the tech world — including her job at the then-burgeoning AOL — and her dedication to making the internet a safer space for kids. Today, Newton is the president and CEO of The Carolina Theatre, a nearly-100-year-old arts space in downtown Durham.

**September 20, 2019**

**Category: Politics**

**The Political Junkie Celebrates Cokie Roberts And Reviews The Week's Biggest Stories:**

The journalism community is in mourning over the loss of veteran broadcaster Cokie Roberts. Considered one of the founding mothers of NPR, Roberts blazed trails for women in journalism while helping to set the tone and standard for the emerging field of public radio. Political Junkie Ken Rudin credits Roberts with his long-time position at NPR as a political editor. He joins host Frank Stasio to share stories about her life and legacy. Rudin also recaps the biggest stories of the week including Saudi Arabia's assertion that wreckage proves that Iran "unquestionably sponsored" the attack on its oil facilities which cut oil production in half. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo calls it an "act of war" while Trump tweeted a threat to increase sanctions against Iran. This will likely be the first crisis to be handled by Robert O'Brien, the newly appointed national security adviser. The Political Junkie will also tackle the race for 2020. A new poll released by NBC and the Wall Street Journal finds presidential hopeful Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren closing in on former Vice President Joe Biden while California Sen. Kamala Harris loses the most steam among candidates. Ken Rudin and Frank Stasio take on these topics and more.

**Category: Education**

**Federal Government Threatens To Remove Funding From UNC-Duke Middle East Studies Consortium:**

The U.S. Department of Education sent a letter to the Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies accusing them of misusing federal funds in their programming. Government officials gave the consortium a Sept. 22 deadline to revise the schedule of activities funded by the federal dollars to remain eligible for future grants. The investigation into this program began with a complaint from U.S. Rep. George Holding (R-Raleigh). He wrote a letter to U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos asking her to investigate the conference "Conflict Over Gaza: People, Politics, And Possibilities" hosted by the consortium in March. Host Frank Stasio talks to reporter Brian Murphy about the specific complaints and how they fit into a broader conversation about academic freedom. Murphy covers North Carolina's congressional delegation and state issues from Washington, D.C., for The News & Observer, The Charlotte Observer and The Herald-Sun.

**Category: Art**

**A Trio Of Women Sharing Roots Music And Stories Across Generations:**

Artists Alice Gerrard, Allison de Groot and Tatiana Hargreaves each has a rich musical career in her own right. But when they come together as a trio, the musicians open up space to exchange songs and stories across generations. They first teamed up on stage this summer when bluegrass legend Alice Gerrard was invited to play at the Newport Folk Festival. Gerrard recruited the two younger performers as her festival band. The trio will recreate that magic in the

Triangle at an upcoming concert. Hargreaves and de Goot will also join Gerrard on stage on Saturday, Sept. 28 at the International Bluegrass Music Association's World of Bluegrass in Raleigh for an Alice and Hazel tribute. De Groot and Hargreaves speak with host Frank Stasio about their longtime love of Gerrard's music and their rendition of "Beaufort County Jail" which was included in a March list of Rolling Stone Country's "10 Best Country and Americana Songs to Hear Now." Gerrard performs live in studio on guitar and vocals; de Groot joins on banjo and vocals; and Hargreaves on fiddle and vocals. The three perform Saturday, Sept. 21 at 8 p.m. at the ArtsCenter in Carrboro.

**September 19, 2019**

**Category: Health**

**Embodied Series: Breaking The Burnout Cycle:**

The World Health Organization now officially lists workplace burnout as an occupational syndrome in its International Classification of Diseases manual. A report from Harvard and Massachusetts medical organizations calls physician burnout a public health crisis. And a 2018 Gallup study determined 23% of full-time employees said they feel burned out at work very often or always, with an additional 44% who said they sometimes feel burned out. So what exactly is burnout, and what can be done about it? Host Anita Rao talks with a range of experts and guests about the condition and their experiences with it. Rajvinder Samra shares the history of burnout and talks about how it has been studied in the healthcare profession. She is a lecturer in the School of Health, Wellbeing and Social Care at The Open University based in the United Kingdom. Amelia Nagoski shares what she learned from co-writing "Burnout: The Secret to Unlocking the Stress Cycle" (Ballantine Books/2019). Nagoski is an associate professor and music coordinator at Western New England University. She talks about how the stress cycle works, and provides tips on how to handle the stressors and systems that contribute to burnout. Kayla Blado joins the conversation to explain why she says unionizing — not self-care — is the answer to burnout. Blado is the president of the Nonprofit Professional Employees Union and director of media relations for the Economic Policy Institute. And Emilio Vicente shares his experience of burnout as an activist who is working to change policies that directly affect him as an undocumented person. He is the communications manager for Familia: Trans Queer Liberation Movement.

**September 18, 2019**

**Category: Arts and Culture**

**"I'm Walkin' Here" And Other Notable Quotables On Movies On The Radio:** People constantly quote and misquote cinema — sometimes without ever having seen the referenced film. Think about lines like "You had me at hello"; "Hasta la vista, baby"; or "Play it again, Sam." Sometimes the words many of us repeat are never spoken in the movie, and other times they are phrases that actors made up on the spot. Whether it's from Monty Python, Whoopi Goldberg, or a Spielberg flick, movie quotes are the way we map our cultural common ground. In this edition of "Movies On The Radio," film experts Marsha Gordon and Laura Boyes dissect listener's most memorable Hollywood lines. Gordon and Boyes join host Frank Stasio to discuss why particular phrases stick in our heads and become part of the common lexicon. Gordon is a film professor at North Carolina State University. Boyes is the film curator at the North Carolina Museum of Art and the curator of the MovieDiva series at the Carolina Theatre. Boyes is screening "That Night in Rio" starring Carmen Miranda at the Carolina Theatre on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. She will also screen "The Killers" at the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh on Sunday, Sept. 22 at 2 p.m.

**September 17, 2019**

**Category: Politics**

### **Dividing The State Along New Lines:**

North Carolina will soon have new legislative maps. The previous maps were tossed out after a three-judge panel unanimously declared them unconstitutional partisan gerrymanders. As House and Senate representatives attempt to carve out new legislative districts that pass legal muster, the map-making process itself has been on full display at the North Carolina General Assembly, including a moment in which the Senate used a state lottery machine to get their process started. The North Carolina House voted along party lines to approve its new legislative maps on Friday. The state Senate approved its redrawn maps on Monday night, with Democrats split in their support. Host Frank Stasio speaks with WUNC politics reporter Rusty Jacobs about the tight Wednesday deadline for the new maps and for a look behind the scenes at the process.

**Category: Science**

### **Youth Strike Against Climate Change**

Ninth-grader Greta Thunberg sat outside the Swedish legislature in 2018 and declared her commitment to strike each Friday to demand that her government undertake a radical response to climate change. At that moment she became the face and voice of a generation of youth anxious and motivated to do something about climate change. Thunberg launched Fridays For Future, and youth around the world followed. Mary Ellis Stevens is a freshman at Myers Park High School in Charlotte and the director of Earth Uprising Charlotte and Vice President of North Carolina Climate Strike. Inspired by Thunberg, Stevens is on her 24th week striking. For most of those Fridays, instead of attending school, she sat in front of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center talking to lawmakers entering and exiting the building. She joins host Frank Stasio to talk about the progress these efforts have made in Charlotte. Global Climate Strike week begins this Friday, Sept. 20 and includes numerous strikes, rallies and demonstrations around the world. Hallie Turner, a senior at Enloe High School in Raleigh, has never taken place in the student climate strike, but she will this Friday. Her efforts to make a change for the future includes joining a national lawsuit against the government spearheaded by Our Children's Trust, a non-profit group supporting youth's right to a stable climate and healthy atmosphere. Turner joins the conversation to talk about her push to have a voice and decision to strike. And although the strike is driven by youth, adult activists are also involved. Bobby Jones is the organizer and president of the Down East Coal Ash Environmental and Social Justice Coalition. For the past five years, he has been educating the community of Western Goldsboro and fighting Duke Energy over coal ash pollution in his community. He joins the show to share his story and his role as a speaker during the one of the statewide rallies. There are numerous scheduled events around the state compiled in this map.

**Category: Science**

### **XKCD Creator Visits Raleigh With New Book Of Science-Based Life Hacks**

XKCD is a stick-figure webcomic. While the drawings might be simple, the ideas explore universal concepts like romance, sarcasm, math, and language. The exchanges between stick figures can capture the imagination and attention span of a child while wading into complex astrophysics and existential dilemmas. Randall Munroe, the artist behind the webcomic, just released his newest book and is heading to the Hunt Library on Thursday for a sold-out ticketed discussion with North Carolina State University astrophysicist Katie Mack. His book is called "How To: Absurd Scientific Advice for Common Real-World Problems" (Riverhead Books/ 2019) In it, Randall uses science to solve everyday predicaments like how to knock a drone out of the air using sports equipment. Host Frank Stasio talks to Munroe about how to engage with a distractible student through imaginative science.

**September 16, 2019**

**CATEGORY: ARTS AND CULTURE**

**Meet Mir.I.am: CEO Of A Local Music Empire For Carolina's Waviest Artists**

How do local artists make it big these days? In the age of recommendation algorithms and music streaming, can a radio DJ spin an indie artist into fame? Miriam Tolbert is trying to do just that by slowly turning the attention of a commercial station back to the local scene. Known as Mir.I.am on Carolina Waves, her North Carolina-only hip-hop show from noon to one on Sundays on K97.5, she is kindling talent that otherwise would lose steam by the 12th open mic.

Tolbert first immersed herself in NC music as a DJ at WKNC, North Carolina State University's student-run station. Her R&B show blended oldies with songs from upcoming local artists and garnered a huge fan base. But when Tolbert brought that energy to a commercial station, she found little love for the Triangle's underground artists. Instead, management sought out agreeable songs by proven producers on labels with the money to nationally advertise their own music. It didn't take long for Tolbert to rebel. She revived K97.5's weekly local show, rebranded it as Carolina Waves, and began raising her empire. Her weekly radio show is just one rung on the ladder she's building for local hip hop artists. Tolbert scouts Facebook groups, hosts open mics, curates showcases across the state and puts on massive award shows. Tolbert challenges Host Frank Stasio to think about the role of public media in fostering a diverse local music scene. The two hosts discuss how radio broadcasting and live performances can continue shaping the sound of North Carolina.

**September 13, 2019**

**CATEGORY: POLITICS**

**NC Politics Review: Stealth Voting, A Bellwether Election & Remembering A Judge Who Fought For The Innocent**

Former North Carolina State Supreme Court Chief Justice I. Beverly Lake Jr. died Thursday at age 85. Known as a law and order conservative who sometimes wore his pistol in court, Lake spearheaded the Actual Innocence Commission which gave birth to North Carolina's Innocence Inquiry Commission and helped make the state a leader in overturning wrongful convictions. WUNC Capitol Bureau Chief Jeff Tiberii joins host Frank Stasio to talk about Lake's legacy. Political scientist Michael Bitzer joins the conversation to share analysis of Lake's impact on the state's criminal justice system. Bitzer is a professor of politics and history at Catawba College.

They also share their analysis of a tumultuous week North Carolina politics. Tasked with completely redrawing state legislative maps in two weeks, legislators reportedly used a lottery machine to decide which maps to work from, and the spectacle was live streamed. But things got even stranger on Wednesday when House Republicans held a stealth and unexpected vote to override Gov. Roy Cooper's budget veto. Democrats were told there would be no morning voting, so many were at 9/11 commemoration events. This trickery has prompted an outcry by Democrats with one national news outlet declaring democracy dead in North Carolina. The state also wrapped up special elections in the 3rd and 9th Congressional Districts resulting in two new Republican legislators. Tiberii and Bitzer break down these stories and analyze voter turnout.

**Category: Economics**

**How Predatory Housing Contracts Stripped Black Chicagoans Of Billions:**

One of the few paths to homeownership for Chicago's black community in the 1950s and '60 was home sale contracts. African American buyers would make payments toward the purchase of a home, but the seller held the deed until the home was paid off in full. Buyers had the illusion of a mortgage without the protection of a mortgage. In a study from Duke's Samuel DuBois Cook Center on Social Equity, researchers estimate that the black community in Chicago lost up to \$4 billion through these predatory housing practices (adjusted to 2019 values). In addition to the study, the Cook Center also explores how home sale contracts compounded black wealth loss over generations. That story is told in the documentary "The Color Tax: Origins of the Modern Day Racial Wealth Gap." It's part of the bigger series "The Shame of Chicago." Host Frank Stasio speaks with Bruce Orenstein, co-director of the study, creator of the documentary and artist in residence with the Samuel DuBois Cook Center on Social Equity at Duke University. They are also joined by Clinton Boyd Jr., a postdoctoral associate at the Samuel DuBois Cook Center. Orenstein will screen "The Color Tax" on Saturday, Sept. 14 at 2 p.m. at the International Civil Rights Center & Museum in Greensboro.

**Category: Music**

**Honey Magpie On Making It As Independent Musicians In The 21st Century**

Singer-songwriter Rachael Hurwitz struggled to make it as a musician in New York City. She eventually decided to head south in search of a more encouraging culture. On her way down to North Carolina, Hurwitz put out an ask for bandmates on Craigslist, an online haven for eager musicians. Pippa Hoover quickly responded to the post, and soon after Honey Magpie had their first rehearsal in Hurwitz's laundry room. The folk group released their second album in July, supported by crowdfunding. Rachael Hurwitz and Pippa Hoover perform live and talk with host Frank Stasio about new ways for independent musicians to seek out and redefine success in the age of social media. The group plays a benefit concert for the Bahamas at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14 at Cat's Cradle in Carrboro. They open for the Paperhand Puppet Intervention at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 15 at the Forest Theater in Chapel Hill.

**September 12, 2019**

**Category: environment**

**Ocracoke Tries To Pick Up The Pieces After Dorian**

The Outer Banks is bracing for a long recovery after Hurricane Dorian. Dare County estimates damages are close to \$15 million, and Ocracoke Island in Hyde County was hit even harder. The region suffered from a historic storm surge last Friday that reached seven feet in two hours. It left much of the region without power, flooded businesses and homes, destroyed vehicles, and buckled portions of Highway 12. Reporter Kirk Ross has been covering the storm for Carolina Public Press and The Washington Post. He joins host Frank Stasio with an update on the damage, the island's problem with transportation and evacuation and the need for disaster resilience. Rex O'Neal is a lifelong resident of Ocracoke and owner of Ocracoke Golf Cart Rentals. He shares the realities of Dorian and how it was the worst storm he has seen in his six decades on the island.

**Category: Gender**

**Trans Athlete Risks It All To Live Authentically**

Schuyler Bailar was swimming solo before his first birthday. He learned a love for swimming at Mommy and Me classes, competed in his first swim meet at age 7 and qualified for national competitions before he got to high school. His career could have been derailed in 2012 when he broke his back in a bicycle accident, but he returned quickly to the water and competed at the NCSA Jr. National Championships the very next year. He caught the eye of many Ivy League swim programs, yet despite his outward success, he was struggling privately with body image issues, an eating disorder and his gender identity. He got recruited by Harvard to swim on the

women's team but postponed his enrollment, took a gap year and transitioned from female to male. Harvard's swim team embraced his new identity, and Bailar became the first transgender athlete to compete on an NCAA Division I men's team. Bailar graduated from Harvard in May and embarked on a national speaking tour. Host Frank Stasio talks to Bailar about his personal story his reflections on state and national policies for trans athletes, and what it has been like to be so public with his story. Bailar will speak at UNC-Greensboro on Monday, Sept. 16 at 7p.m.

**Category: Health**

### **Autism Fathers Rise To The Occasion**

Dwayne Ballen spent the early years of his childrens' lives jetting between the East and West Coasts. He worked as a sportscaster in Los Angeles, but his family lived in the Triangle. When his eldest son Julian was diagnosed with autism, everything changed. Ballen had a hard time coming to terms with his son's diagnosis. He points to male hubris and hyper-masculinity as the main reasons for his struggle, but grief also played a part. At the time Ballen did not know many other fathers of children with autism, and this experience of isolation is one of many reflections he hopes to share this weekend at the first-ever UNC Autism Fathers Conference. The event aims to support fathers of kids with autism through community and honest conversation, changing the tide of decades of research and cultural focus on the relationship between children with autism and their mothers. Host Frank Stasio talks to Ballen about his story, documented in the book "Journey with Julian" (Strebor Books/2013). Also joining the conversation is Peter Bell, the CEO and president of Ascendigo, a nonprofit dedicated to helping people on the spectrum through recreation. His son Tyler was diagnosed with autism when he was 3, and Bell has spent the past 15 years advocating for the ASD community. Bell will deliver the keynote at the UNC Autism Research Center's conference on Saturday, Sept. 17.

**September 11, 2019**

**Category: Politics**

**Special Election Analysis Plus House Republicans Pull Surprise Veto Override:** Results are in for special congressional elections in North Carolina's 3rd and 9th Districts. In the closely-watched 9th District race, Republican Dan Bishop slipped past Democrat Dan McCready with a 2-point lead. Is his razor thin margin a cause for concern for GOP leaders? WUNC Political reporter Rusty Jacobs shares results and analysis with host Frank Stasio. Plus, Republican physician Greg Murphy beat out four competitors to win the election in the 3rd Congressional District. Murphy fills a seat vacated by the late former Republican Rep. Walter B. Jones Jr. And in a surprise move this morning, the North Carolina House's Republican leadership pushed through an override of Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper's budget veto. Jacobs shares the latest news from the North Carolina legislature.

**Category: Race/Minorities**

### **The Daily Record Project Digs Into Wilmington's Buried History:**

Wilmington is the setting for some of North Carolina's oldest history — including the only coup d'etat to ever take place in the United States. In 1898 a mob of armed, white supremacists torched the offices of the local black newspaper, killed many African American residents and overthrew the elected government. The publication at the center of this riot was the Wilmington Daily Record, the only African American paper in town. A few months before the coup d'etat the paper's editor Alex Manly published an editorial objecting to a speech given by a woman advocating for the lynching of black men to protect white women. The controversial piece asserted that it was unfair to portray black men as violent brutes. While there has been a lot of reporting on several aspects of the coup d'etat, not much is known about The Daily Record itself. The Daily Record Project, launched by John Jeremiah Sullivan, aims to better document the paper's history and what it can tell us about 1898. Sullivan is a contributing writer to the New York Magazine who worked with middle schoolers in Wilmington to uncover seven copies of the

newspaper and compile a new edition. Host Frank Stasio talks to Sullivan about the project and what kind of material they discovered. Sullivan is also the co-founder of Third Person Project, a nonprofit research collective based in Wilmington. Cash Michaels joins the conversation to talk about the black press and how The Daily Record fits into the larger context of African American newspapers in North Carolina. Michaels is a journalist who writes for publications across the state.

**Category: Science**

**The Dung Beetle Gets Its Due At BugFest:** The work of dung beetles is not sexy, but it has a monumental impact on our ecosystem. They break down feces, recycle nutrients and help control the spread of disease. North Carolina is home to 30 species of dung beetle whose diverse behaviors are celebrated at this year's BugFest at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences. Host Frank Stasio speaks with Clyde Sorenson, an entomologist at NC State, who shares the economic and ecological importance of the dung beetle and his recent discovery about synchronous fireflies that glow in unison. Kelly Oten of the North Carolina Forest Service joins the conversation to talk about a species of beetle that's causing some ecological problems: the emerald ash borer. It's a beetle variety that is ravaging ash trees across the state. The museum's 24th annual BugFest takes place Saturday, Sept. 21 in downtown Raleigh.

**September 10, 2019**

**Category: Economy**

**Greensboro Non-Profit Helps 212 Families Become Homeowners**

The city of Greensboro has helped more than 200 renters become homeowners this year. The idea was born after an April 2018 tornado tore through eastern Greensboro, damaging an area in which many were paying rent on substandard housing. The city partnered with the non-profit Housing Consultants Group with the initial aim to convert 100 renters in the area to homeowners. They have now exceeded their goal twice, with 212 homes purchased as of early August 2019. The program helps renters transition into homeownership through financial literacy courses that serve as a prerequisite for a down payment assistance loan from the city. Many of the new homeowners accessed mortgages at rates more affordable than rent while improving their housing situation and securing long-term stability. Host Frank Stasio talks with Robin Morgan, director of operations at Housing Consultants Group, about the potential for expanding the program in Greensboro.

**Category: Arts and Culture**

**"Negro Terror" Film Justifies Black Anger in Hardcore Punk**

Soon after moving to Mississippi, documentary filmmaker John Rash was looking for a way to fill his evenings. A lifelong member of the punk community, he had his eye out for concert billings. One name grabbed his attention: Negro Terror. Once he heard the band's anti-fascist and black power politics combined seamlessly in their lyrics and followers, he knew there was a story to be explored. Nearly a year later, Rash let the punk musicians provide sophisticated justifications for their ideology in a feature-length film, now streaming on Vimeo and Amazon. And it turns out he captured the band's voice just in time. While touring the documentary this April, the band's lead singer Omar Higgins passed away unexpectedly. Higgins had delayed seeking medical care because, like many other freelance musicians, he had no health insurance. Host Frank Stasio previews the film and talks about the band's political impact with Rash, a western North Carolina native and instructional assistant professor at the University of Mississippi, and Ra'id Omar, the band's drummer. The film will be shown on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 8 p.m. as part of the Black Communities Conference at the Carolina Theatre in Durham.

**Category: Arts**

**The Media and The Madness:** For almost 15 years, fans of The Real Housewives franchise have reveled in the explosive verbal and physical brawls that take place on screen. Pair that with the constant barrage of political rants on Twitter and viral violent YouTube videos, and one might wonder how much our hearts and minds are being altered by the images and language around us. It is a question that Emily Edwards tackles in her new book “Graphic Violence: Illustrated Theories about Violence, Popular Media, and Our Social Lives” (Routledge/2019). The book is part scholarship, part graphic novel. Edwards explores the causes and effects of violence in the media and how both media producers and consumers can learn to interact more critically with violent visual content. Edwards, a professor in the department of media studies at the University of North Carolina Greensboro, joins host Frank Stasio at the Triad Stage to talk about how fake news, social media and entertainment lend themselves to social unrest and how media, disgust and violence have played in to the creation of public policy in North Carolina.

**Category: Arts**

### **Paying Their Dues Through Rhythm and Blues**

For almost a decade House of Dues has been part of the Triad music scene. But they got their start playing at a Mardi Gras party. Led by guitarist and vocalist David Bolton, the group counts BB King, The Neville's and Herbie Hancock as the inspiration behind their blues, funk, and R&B blend. House of Dues plays at Fishers Grille in Greensboro on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m.

**September 9, 2019**

**Category: Religion**

### **Combining Church & Entrepreneurship In A Vision For World Change: Meet Pastor**

**Lawrence Yoo:** Pastor Lawrence Yoo's vision for changing the world combines community service and entrepreneurship, and he has used this model in his own life. Yoo is the lead pastor of a Baptist church in the Triangle and the co-owner of a pan-Asian restaurant that provides living-wage jobs to refugees. Yoo is the son of Korean immigrants who owned a number of different businesses during his childhood, and that experience helped pave the way for his own entrepreneurial ambitions. His parents were also regular church-goers, but it took Yoo awhile to feel comfortable in that space and develop his own faith. He now leads Waypoint Church, a congregation that focuses on bringing together diverse communities. Host Frank Stasio talks to Yoo about his life story, founding a new church, and his vision for how his congregation can apply their entrepreneurial ambition to community service.

**September 6, 2019**

**Category: Environment**

### **Flash Flooding On Ocracoke Prompts Emergency Rescues:**

Hurricane Dorian continues to move up the Atlantic coast, and while many areas were spared, it has created dangerous flooding conditions on North Carolina's barrier islands. Flash flooding sent quickly rising waters into homes on Ocracoke Island this morning and hundreds of people may still be trapped. Gov. Roy Cooper said this morning in a briefing that communication is limited and rescuers will have a difficult time reaching the island. Host Frank Stasio speaks with Theresa Ray, a commercial fisherman and Ocracoke volunteer firefighter. She was forced to evacuate this morning after 3 to 4 feet of water surged into her home. Since then, she has helped others evacuate their own homes and supported elderly residents sheltering at the island's fire station.

**Category: Politics**

**The Political Junkie: Dan Versus Dan, New Legislative Maps And Another Dem Debate:**

Two long-awaited special elections in North Carolina are just days away. On Tuesday, Sept. 10 voters will cast ballots in the 3rd and 9th Congressional Districts. The battle of two Dans in the fraud-tainted 9th district has garnered plenty of national attention. President Donald Trump has been vocal in his support for Republican candidate Dan Bishop through Tweets and robocalls, while Democrat Dan McCready has raised far more money. The Political Junkie Ken Rudin shares his analysis of the race with host Frank Stasio. Rudin also weighs in on the decision by North Carolina's Republican legislative leaders not to appeal a recent court decision that deems the state's legislative maps illegal partisan gerrymanders. What kind of precedent does the three-judge panel's decision set for other states in the fight against partisan gerrymandering? Plus 10 candidates will squeeze on stage for the next Democratic showdown. How are the presidential hopefuls looking heading into the debate on Sept. 12? Rudin shares his rundown.

### **Category: Health**

#### **How NC Is Revolutionizing Healthcare:**

North Carolina did not expand the number of adults eligible for Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, but the state is pursuing other avenues of healthcare reform. The state Department of Health and Human Services and Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina have teamed up to work on a program to shift how healthcare is paid for. The new plan moves from a traditional fee-for-service model to payments based on health outcomes. The change has support from health systems and medical providers across the state. Officials are also working on initiatives that partner healthcare providers with community organizations to address factors that lead to higher healthcare costs, including access to healthy food, housing and transportation issues. Host Frank Stasio digs into these initiatives with Dr. Mark McClellan, the founding director of the Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy at Duke University. He is also a physician and a professor of business, medicine and health policy. Agencies in Greensboro have put one of these initiatives to the test in their Asthma Partnership Demonstration Project. Cone Health, the Greensboro Housing Coalition and researchers at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro collaborated on the project, which addressed asthma triggers for 41 families. Kathy Colville, the healthy communities director at Cone Health, shares the project and talks about how the hospital group hopes to implement it on a larger scale.

### **Category: Art&Culture**

**'Bleeder' Pours Story And Soul Into Music:** Shelby Smoak was born a bleeder. As a child with hemophilia, he spent a lot of time on crutches, using a cane or limping, but he has long refused to let fear control his life. He studied creative writing in college, and his book "Bleeder: A Memoir" (Michigan State University Press/2013) won a PEN American Center award. The story is set in North Carolina in the '90s and opens with his discovery that tainted blood has given him HIV. Fans of the book were hoping for a sequel to "Bleeder," and Smoak delivers, but not in the way readers expected. A long time guitarist, Smoak found a new use for his creative writing. In 2017, he released his debut album by the same name: "Bleeder." Smoak returns to his old stomping ground for a performance in Raleigh at Hopscotch Music Festival and is performing in Chapel Hill at The Cave on Saturday, Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. He joins host Frank Stasio in studio for conversation and performance alongside his bandmates Jan Paul Jakubowski on bass and Abner Jara on cajon.

**September 5, 2019**

### **Category: Environment**

**Tracking Dorian: The Storm's Impact On North Carolinians:**

As Hurricane Dorian churns up the U.S. Atlantic coast, North Carolinians are experiencing strong winds and rain. The storm could cause more than 700,000 power outages in the Carolinas, according to Duke Energy predictions. At a press conference Thursday morning, Gov. Roy Cooper warned about the risk of tornadoes, flash floods and intense winds as Dorian rolls along North Carolina's coast. Earlier this week, Cooper also ordered a mandatory evacuation for all residents of the state's barrier islands. Host Frank Stasio checks in with WHQR reporter Vince Winkel about how Wilmington and other coastal communities are readying for Dorian. WUNC daily news producer Will Michaels provides the latest updates on shelters and weather updates.

**Category: Politics**

### **How Natural Disasters Affect Spanish-Only Speakers Differently**

A year after Florence, Dorian restarts the cycle of disaster preparedness, damage control, and recovery. Florence's toll was especially harsh on North Carolina's Spanish-only speakers, who were not included in many state and local outreach efforts before and after the storm. Relief workers struggled to address migrant farmworkers without a fixed address and other transient people who are not part of local networks. Where government outreach falls short, grassroots organizations step in. Communicating through text messaging, social media, and word-of-mouth, these organizations connect Spanish-only speakers with healthcare providers, resources on preparedness and legal advice. Host Frank Stasio talks with Justin Flores, vice president of the Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC), and Lariza Garzon, executive director of Episcopal Farmworker Ministry, about lessons learned from Florence and plans for Dorian. Also joining the conversation is Jessica Whitehead from the N.C. Office of Recovery and Resiliency, who explains the ways state government is planning for the long-term to create better infrastructure for inclusive disaster preparedness and recovery.

**Category: race/minorities**

### **Hillsborough Says No To Hate**

Hundreds showed up for "A March Against White Supremacy" in Hillsborough over the weekend in response to a Klan rally held in the town the week before. On Saturday, Aug. 24 members of the Ku Klux Klan gathered in front of the Orange County Courthouse. Some dressed in Klan robes while others held up Confederate flags. LaTandra Strong is a Hillsborough resident and co-founder of Hate-Free Schools Coalition. She recalls seeing the spectacle, and instead of retreating, she faced the Klan head-on and streamed the interaction live on Facebook. Steven Petrow is a long-time resident of Hillsborough who wrote about the events for The Washington Post. He documented the recent political history in Hillsborough, including the removal of the words "Confederate monument" from the Orange County Historical Museum in 2015, which led to a protest by those who wanted to protect Confederate culture. Since then, it has not been uncommon to see people with Confederate flags standing in front of the courthouse or walking the streets of downtown. Strong and Petrow join host Frank Stasio to about the recent civil unrest in Hillsborough from the perspectives of an activist, a journalist and long-time residents who witnessed the events first hand.

**September 4, 2019**

**Category: Politics**

**What's Next For NC's Unconstitutional Legislative Maps?:** On Tuesday, a three-judge panel in Raleigh ruled that North Carolina's legislative maps are unconstitutional partisan gerrymanders that favor Republicans. The court ordered state legislators to draw up new maps within two weeks, ahead of the primaries for the 2020 election. Republican Senate leader Phil Berger announced that he will not appeal the decision, despite many earlier pledges to do so from Republican lawmakers and staff. Host Frank Stasio speaks with WUNC Capitol Bureau Chief Jeff Tiberii along with Jonathan Mattingly, an expert witness in the gerrymandering trial and a professor of mathematics and statistical science at Duke University. They review the

consequences of the court's determination for North Carolina and other states with contested legislative borders based on potential partisan gerrymanders.

**Category: Sports/Recreation**

**How Roller Derby Is Challenging The Gender Binary:**

The fast-skating, hard-hitting sport of roller derby was incredibly popular in the United States from the 1940s to the 1970s. The sport fell out of favor and into dormancy for several years — until a few punk-rock women in the early 2000s decided to pick it back up again. Today the sport is an international phenomenon with 460 women's flat track roller derby leagues spread out on six continents. Suzanne Becker has explored the way contemporary roller derby pushes back against traditional definitions of sport, gender and sexuality. She joins host Frank Stasio to share her research and to talk about how modern roller derby evolved from its roots as a marathon skating sport. Becker is a lecturer in gender and sociology at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Erica Vanstone, the executive director of the Women's Flat Track Derby Association (WFTDA), joins the conversation to talk about how trans athletes are included in the sport. WFTDA is the international governing body of women's roller derby. And Kelsey Hausler shares her experience as a skater for Greensboro Roller Derby. Hausler is the president of that league, which is hosting one of the 2019 International Women's Flat Track Derby Association Playoffs. The tournament is a ticketed event from Friday, Sept. 6 to Sunday, Sept. 8 at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds Annex in Winston-Salem. It includes 12 teams from around the globe, including teams from Argentina, Finland and Germany.

**Category: Arts**

**'1971': How Faces In The Trees Trace NC Women's Fight For Voting Rights**

It took North Carolina more than 50 years to ratify the 19th Amendment, which gave American women the right to vote. The new art installation "1971" commemorates three North Carolina women who contributed to expanding voting rights in the state: Mary Jones Phillips, Mae McLendon and Diane Robertson. Their names are not well known, and this is precisely why they were chosen to be featured. Celebrated Australian projection artist Craig Walsh honors these quiet heroes with large-scale projections on view in Chapel Hill this month. Host Frank Stasio talks with Phillips, who was involved in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro chapter of the NAACP and active with her sorority Delta Sigma Theta, but never thought to fight for voting rights until North Carolina's voter ID laws changed in 2013. She shares her story of how she helped mobilize youth and women to vote. Gloria Thomas, director of the Carolina Women's Center, joins the conversation to talk about the collaboration between her organization and the Chapel Hill Public Library and Southern Oral History Program to choose the subjects and curate their stories for the project. "1971" is on view at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Polk Place through Sept. 17 and the Chapel Hill Public Library from Sept. 19 to Sept. 29.

**September 3, 2019**

**Category: Politics**

**Voters Head To Polls In Eastern Band Of Cherokee Elections:**

Voters will cast their ballots this week in elections for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians tribal government. Blue Ridge Public Radio's Western North Carolina reporter Lilly Knoepp sat down with the two candidates running for principal chief of the Eastern Band: current Chief Richard Sneed and longtime tribal council member Teresa McCoy. They shared details about their platforms and issues affecting the tribal community, including the pressing concern of how to diversify income for the tribe, especially as the South Carolina-based Catawba tribe lobbies for a new casino outside of Charlotte. Twelve tribal council seats and three school board seats

are also up for reelection. Host Frank Stasio speaks with Knoepp in advance of the vote on Wednesday, Sept. 5. Knoepp also previews “Exploring Southern Appalachia,” a new series from Blue Ridge Public Radio that delves into the persistence of stereotypes about the region’s residents and how the film “Deliverance” played a lasting role.

**Category: Arts and Culture**

**Dragons, Fiddles, Guns, And Liquor: Uncovering Southern Surrealist Furniture**

Furniture maker Tilden Stone crafted a steam boat 200 miles from the sea. Despite the portholes, pointed bow and stacks, he meant for this structure to be his home, and he lived in it until his death in 1952. At his nephew’s house — also in Lincolnton, North Carolina — he constructed a giant shoe in the front yard. Solitary and consumed by his work, Stone was an eccentric man who baffled his neighbors. His extended family simply thought him peculiar. In North Carolina, Stone knew no other artists. But in his travels working aboard a steamship, he likely met woodworkers across the Pacific. Stone’s imaginative woodworking includes a cuckoo clock portmanteau of Chinese dragons meshed with Southern fauna, instrumentation and firearms. But practicality was not lost in Stone’s flair for the unusual. Many pieces subverted Prohibition enforcement through secret liquor compartments. The Gregg Museum of Art & Design at North Carolina State University hosts “Southern Surreal,” the first-ever exhibition of the Tilden J. Stone’s work which is on view through Sept. 8, 2019. Host Frank Stasio talks with museum director Roger Manley about first discovering Stone and tracking down over 250 pieces of his furniture.

**Category: Agriculture**

**Freedom Farmers: Agriculture As A Means of Resilience:** It is difficult to disentangle agriculture from oppression in African American history. From slavery to sharecropping, farming for black Americans has frequently manifested in some form of abuse. But scholar Monica White aims to reframe the history of black agriculture as repeated demonstrations of resilience. In her book “Freedom Farmers: Agricultural Resistance and the Black Freedom Movement” (UNC Press/2018), White traces black landownership through American history, exploring Fannie Lou Hamer’s Freedom Farm Cooperative at the Mississippi Delta in the 1960s and ‘70s and community gardens in Detroit today. She pushes back against the term food desert for not identifying structural racism as the cause of inequitable food availability and instead proposes the use of terms like food insecurity or food apartheid. Host Frank Stasio talks with Monica White about her book and food justice for black Americans. White is an associate professor of environmental justice within the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies and the department of Community and Environmental Sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is speaking at the ticketed Farm to Fork Annual Sustainable Agriculture Lecture at Lavender Oaks Farm in Chapel Hill on Thursday, Sept. 5.

**September 2, 2019**

**Category: Art**

**Finding Purpose in Tragedy: Meet Sonny Kelly:** North Carolina playwright, actor and teacher Sonny Kelly has made it his mission in life to inspire others. He aims to use performance and ministry to connect with people, especially marginalized kids. As a young man in the U.S. Air Force, Kelly felt like he had no real purpose or direction in his life. But when he was 26, a family tragedy catalyzed change, and he found his calling. His older brother Brent, who was also in the Air Force and had struggled with his mental health, committed suicide. After his brother’s death, Kelly dedicated himself to a new personal mission: encourage and inspire others, like he wished he could have done for Brent. He has had many jobs, from church youth pastor to

pharmaceutical salesman. Today Kelly is a doctoral candidate in communication at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is also the creator of “The Talk,” a one-man, interactive play inspired by a conversation he had with his young son about race after the Freddie Gray riots in Baltimore. Host Frank Stasio talks to Kelly about his many careers, his current pursuit of performance studies and his work to fulfill his new life mission born from tragedy. This segment originally broadcast May 20, 2019.

**August 30, 2019**

**Category: Economy/Gov**

### **NC Liquor Laws Move Into The 21st Century With Some Resistance**

The ABC Store is a tradition that has ruled North Carolina since the end of prohibition. Alcohol was a divisive political issue after prohibition ended, and North Carolina took a firm stance. The state was one of the last to ratify the 21st Amendment. Liquor may have become legal in the 1930s, but the state did not begin to embrace liquor-by-the-drink until 1978. North Carolina is one of 17 states that still control liquor sales, and until recently the state has virtually stood still on updating its laws. Now there are several new laws being passed and proposed that will change how liquor is sold around the state. Will Doran, political reporter for The News and Observer, joins host Frank Stasio to talk about two new alcohol laws: one that allows beer and wine sales at campus sporting events throughout the UNC system and the ABC Regulatory Reform Act which will help local distillery companies compete with the craft beer and wine industries. Author and historian Chuck McShane joins the conversation to detail North Carolina’s history from prohibition to today. McShane authored articles about the topic for Charlotte Magazine and the North Carolina Historical Review about the state’s liquor history. And North Carolina House Majority Whip Rep. Jon Hardister (R-Guilford) shares his support for House Bill 971 which seeks to end ABC stores completely. Walter Harris, chair of Chatham County ABC Board, voices opposition to that bill which he says will increase the cost of liquor in the state and cause many North Carolinians to lose their jobs. Vienna Barger co-owns Southern Distilling Company in Statesville and joins the conversation to share how the changes in North Carolina’s liquor laws affect her business.

**Category: Arts**

### **NC’s Own Mipso On Their Shifting Sound And Perpetual Motion:**

The North Carolina-based band Mipso is always on the move. The group is just finishing up a 20-stop summer tour of the U.S. and Canada, and this fall the group will venture back out to a slew of European countries including France, Germany, Austria and Sweden. And nearly wherever they travel, their loyal fans await — partly because the indie quartet is prolific. The group has put out an album almost every two years, and their sound carries the warmth and history of their North Carolina roots. Three members of Mipso join host Frank Stasio for conversation and a live performance of songs from their recent albums, including their latest record “Edges Run.” Joseph Terrell joins on guitar and vocals; Wood Robinson on bass and vocals; and Libby Rodenbough on fiddle and vocals. The group’s fourth member is Jacob Sharp. Mipso performs Saturday, Aug. 31 at 8 p.m. at the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh.

**August 29, 2019**

**Category: Health**

### **NC Attorney General Targets Vape Companies In New Lawsuits**

North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein announced lawsuits against eight electronic cigarette companies earlier this week. He alleges that their marketing practices and flavor selection specifically target kids and teens. The effect of vaping on public health is largely unknown, though it is generally accepted that vaping is not healthy. In North Carolina, at least

three people have been hospitalized since July for potentially vape-related illnesses. The nicotine content in some e-cigarettes, like Juul, exceeds that of tobacco cigarettes, and other chemical compounds found in vape may cause health complications. Attorney General Stein is quick to point out that the goal of the lawsuits is not to end vaping in North Carolina but to end the marketing to minors. WUNC reporter Jason deBruyn joins host Frank Stasio to talk about the lawsuits and the tobacco and vape industries in North Carolina.

**Category: Science/Technology**

### **What's Happening On The International Space Station?**

A North Carolinian is slated to set a new record on the International Space Station. Astronaut Christina Koch is in the midst of 328 day mission, which if completed, will be the longest single spaceflight by a woman. The ISS is a giant, multinational research facility that has been manned and in orbit continuously since November of 2000. It travels at a speed of five miles per second and orbits the Earth every 90 minutes. Host Frank Stasio talks about the research being conducted on the space station with Katie Mack, an astrophysicist and an assistant professor in the department of physics at North Carolina State University. Mack also talks about how the human understanding of the universe has evolved since the ISS was put into orbit. She will be giving a keynote address "From the Lab to the Universe: Studying Physics to Explore the Cosmos" this Friday, Aug. 30 in the State Ballroom on the North Carolina State University campus in Raleigh. The event will also feature a conversation with Christina Koch live streamed from space.

**Category: Arts and Culture**

### **Why Joining A Cult of Sustainability Merits Both Warning And Admiration**

In her debut novel "The Ash Family" (Simon & Schuster/ 2019) Durham native Molly Dektar draws on her personal fascination with cult psychology and devout sustainability. The protagonist, Berie, leaves her hometown of Durham to go to college, but she never arrives on campus. The young woman, yearning for "a more essential life," instead chooses to join an isolated farming community of direct-action environmentalists living near Asheville. Berie's daily tasks include shepherding, dumpster-diving and bomb-making. Adherents abandon selfhood by dropping "fake world" names and histories in favor of the chosen family's fervent communion. The novel follows Berie's slow plunge into a culture of patriarchal coercion, however Dektar quietly maintains a level of respect for the community's applied ideals. Host Frank Stasio talks with Dektar about her own experiences with intentional communities and a zeitgeist of environmental desperation.

**August 28, 2019**

**Category: Arts**

### **Movies On The Radio Honors The Legacy Of American Classic 'The Wizard Of Oz':**

Follow the yellow brick road to The State of Things' celebration of the 80th anniversary of the film adaptation of "The Wizard of Oz." The 1939 film's mesmerizing visuals, hit musical numbers and heartwarming characters are still revered by audiences today. The journey of young Dorothy Gale through the magical land of Oz launched Judy Garland's career. What makes this movie an American cultural touchstone? Host Frank Stasio along with film experts Marsha Gordon and Laura Boyes commemorate the film on the latest edition of Movies on the Radio. Stasio also talks to literary scholar Michael Patrick Hearn about the book from 1900 that inspired the film and the life of its author, L. Frank Baum. Hearn specializes in children's literature and is the author of "The Annotated Wizard of Oz" (WW Norton Co/2000). Gordon is a professor of film studies at North Carolina State University and a fellow at the National Humanities Center. Boyes is the film curator for the North Carolina Museum of Art. She is also

the curator of the MovieDiva series. Boyes will be screening a new restoration of “Some Like It Hot” at the Carolina Theatre in Durham on Wednesday, Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. She is also screening a new restoration of “The Killers” at the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh on Sunday, Sept. 22 at 2 p.m.

**August 27, 2019**

**Category: Politics**

**NC Board of Elections Votes Not To Mandate Hand-Marked Paper Ballots:**

The North Carolina Board of Elections will not force counties to use hand-marked paper ballots in upcoming elections. The new board chair Damon Circosta split from his fellow Democrats in a vote Friday to side with two Republicans on the board. Circosta is the executive director of the A.J. Fletcher Foundation and had a previous stint on the NC Board of Elections as an unaffiliated voter. He is now a registered Democrat. Election security advocates say electronic-only voting systems leave the state vulnerable to potential hacking. Host Frank Stasio speaks with WRAL statehouse reporter Travis Fain about the board’s vote and about a bill to tighten the rules around absentee ballots in North Carolina in an effort to prevent election fraud. Note: WUNC receives grant money from the A.J. Fletcher foundation.

**Category: Arts/Culture**

**VHStival Returns To Raleigh With Swaps, Screenings, And Over 75,000 Selections:**

In 1971, the Video Home System (VHS) was just a dream in the minds of Yuma Shiraishi and Shizuo Takano at the Victor Company of Japan. Yet the engineers were already considering the impact home entertainment could have in forging what they called “the information society.” This week, Alamo Drafthouse in Raleigh celebrates the transformative technology and the culture it bore with VHStival. At the four-day video party, attendees can flip through more than 75,000 VHS tapes, bring in their own for trading, and enjoy a deep cut of VHS with screenings ranging from classics like “Pee-wee’s Big Adventure” to the stranger fringes of film like “Linnea Quigley’s Horror Workout.” Host Frank Stasio is joined by Skip Elsheimer and Josh Schafer of the Alamo Drafthouse in a discussion about VHS rental culture, technology’s role in fostering independent film, and why people can just not get enough of home videos. VHStival runs Thursday, Aug. 29 through Sunday, Sept. 1.

**Category: Arts/Culture**

**Moments Before Extinction: The Desperation Of Caring For A Disappearing Species**

In the award-winning documentary “Kifaru,” director and North Carolina State University alumnus David Hambridge follows two young Kenyan caretakers charged with protecting Sudan, the last male northern white rhinoceros in the world. Since birth, Sudan ran the gauntlet. He was constantly under threat from poachers, trophy hunters, civil war, resource extraction and habitat loss. The documentary shadows the keepers as they tenderly care for Sudan until his death in 2018. While Sudan’s impending tragedy looms large in the film, Hambridge keeps the focus on the rhino keepers’ struggle with the ways their livelihoods are bound to Sudan’s fate. It also traces the unprecedented efforts to clone his DNA to help preserve the species. Host Frank Stasio speaks with David Hambridge about filming Sudan and his keepers over the last five years of the rhino’s life. Also featured is the voice of James Mwenda, one of Sudan’s keepers, who has since become a global ambassador against extinction. Hambridge will host a free public showing of his documentary Tuesday, Aug. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Witherspoon Student Center on NC State’s Campus followed by a Q&A session with Marsha Gordon, film professor at North Carolina State University and a regular contributor to The State of Things’ Movies On The Radio series.

**August 26, 2019**

### **Category: Arts/Culture**

**Architect Vandana Dake Designs Buildings And Scales Mountains:** Architect Vandana Dake was recently listed in Durham Magazine as one of 20 incredible women making an impact locally and globally. Born in India, Dake landed in Durham almost by accident. After a friend posted her resume on the American Institute of Architects website, Dake began getting calls from firms in Colorado, Virginia and New York offering her interviews. She was on vacation in California at the time, so she figured: Why not explore the possibilities?

She was scared off by Colorado's snow; the Washington metro area's traffic was too overwhelming; and she did not feel safe living in early-90s Manhattan. But when Triangle-based firm Alliance Architecture called, she visited and fell in love with their vision and the lush landscape of the area. Dake is part of the team that helped rebuild Durham, and she says they did so by rehabbing one abandoned location at a time. Vandana Dake joins host Frank Stasio to share her journey from India to Durham, her passion for architecture and her newfound hobby: hiking. Dake climbed Kilimanjaro in 2017 and has her sights set on Machu Picchu.

**August 23, 2019**

### **Category: Politics**

**The Political Junkie: Dems Dropping Out Of 2020, Trump Miffed He Can't Buy Greenland, And More:** President Donald Trump accused Jewish Americans of being disloyal if they vote for Democrats. The comments evoke the anti-Semitic idea of "dual loyalty" and that Jewish citizens are more loyal to Israel than to their own countries. What kind of impact will this have on the 2020 election? And so far, four Democratic candidates have dropped out of the race: Massachusetts Rep. Seth Moulton, California Rep. Eric Swalwell, former Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper and Washington Gov. Jay Inslee. Who else might abandon the race, given the higher bar to get into the next round of Democratic debates in September? Host Frank Stasio talks to the Political Junkie Ken Rudin about these stories and more, including Trump's flip-flop on tougher background checks for gun sales and the fact that Greenland is not for sale.

### **Category: Crime/Law Enforcement**

#### **Addressing Racial Bias In North Carolina's Judicial System:**

A University of Michigan study of North Carolina death penalty trials from 2012 showed that prosecutors on average struck black jurors at 2.5 times the rate of white jurors. Even though the U.S. Supreme Court forbid prosecutors from using the basis of race alone to reject jurors, racial bias is alive and well in North Carolina's justice system. Democratic State Sen. Floyd McKissick Jr., who represents Durham, sponsored the Racial Justice Act that was passed into law in 2009. The Racial Justice Act sought to address racial bias in capital cases in the state, for those on death row at the time, and for cases in the future. A superior court judge converted the sentences of four death row inmates to life in prison without parole. But the Racial Justice Act was repealed in 2013, and those four inmates were put back on death row. Now the North Carolina Supreme Court is reconsidering the decision to revert those sentences — and considering two other capital cases where racial bias may have played a role. Host Frank Stasio talks to Sen. McKissick about the history of the Racial Justice Act and what he thinks needs to change to address prejudice in the state's judicial system.

### **Category: Arts/Culture**

#### **'Lez Dance': Loamlands' Sophomore Album Is A Tribute To Southern Queerness**

Durham-based, local legend Kym Register, who performs as Loamlands, returns this summer with their sophomore album "Lez Dance." Register's band Loamlands became a solo act after Will Hackney left the project, which made room for Register to take total creative control. The

album delves into themes of identity and personal relationships under the umbrella of queer Southern folk. Register is gender nonbinary and uses “Lez Dance” to confront internalized homophobia. They channel artists like Soni Wolf and k.d. lang to honor the queer musicians who came before them. Minimal instrumentation on the album puts Register’s voice at the center of every track. Host Frank Stasio talks to Register about the creative process behind producing their first solo work. Loamlands will join Lee Baines III and The Glory Fires on tour in October starting at Register’s bar The Pinhook in downtown Durham on October 17. They will also be performing at Durham pride on September 28.

**August 22, 2019**

**Category: Health**

**Embodied: The Science And Art Of Your Gut:**

Hippocrates, the Greek father of medicine, wrote “all diseases begin in the gut.” He continued the line with the famous advice: “let medicine be thy food and food thy medicine.” New research confirms Hippocrates’ thinking, showing the human gut does much more than just process food. The gut’s dense network of neural tissue serves as a conduit for communication between other microbial species and our own brains. Microbes in our gut help regulate serotonin, affecting anxiety levels and prompting that deep sense of satisfaction after eating your favorite meal. But the gut-brain connection is also a two-way road — stressful emotional events may increase the chances of Irritable bowel syndrome. Guest host Anita Rao talks with Ian Carroll, assistant professor of nutrition at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Dr. Lin Chang of the School of Medicine and vice-chief of the Vatche and Tamar Manoukian Division of Digestive Diseases at the University of California, Los Angeles about how the gut and brain communicate with one another and methods for treating abnormal communication, including fecal transplants. Also joining the conversation is Lydia Greene, a postdoctoral fellow at the Duke Lemur Center, who shares lessons learned about nutrition and health from studying the gut microbiome of our primate cousins. Finally, Anna Dumitriu reaches for the sublime in her creative interpretations of gastrointestinal infections. Dumitriu is an artist in residence with the Modernising Medical Microbiology Project at the University of Oxford and at the National Collection of Type Cultures at Public Health England. She is a visiting research fellow at the Brighton and Sussex Medical School. This conversation is part of The State of Things’ new series “Embodied: Sex, Relationships and Your Health.”

**August 21, 2019**

**Category: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**Restorative Justice Deal For Former Asheville Officer In Felony Assault Case:** Earlier this month former Asheville police officer Christopher Hickman pled guilty to felony assault in the 2017 case involving black pedestrian Johnny Rush. Hickman was charged in March 2018 after footage of him choking and violently beating Rush was leaked to the media. Now, Hickman could see his charges dismissed after one year if he follows through on a first-of-its-kind restorative justice program. With permission from Rush, Hickman negotiated a deal with the Buncombe County district attorney’s office that includes community service and the completion of a restorative justice program, a process that has already started with an in-person meeting between Rush and Hickman. Some African American Asheville officials and residents have spoken out against the plea deal saying a jail-less punishment is an example of systemic bias in favor of the white officer. Host Frank Stasio speaks with Asheville Citizen-Times reporter Joel Burgess about his extensive reporting on the case.

**Category: Health**

**How Planned Parenthood’s Refusal Of Federal Funding Restrictions Affects Low-Income And Young Patients In NC:** Planned Parenthood pulled out of the Title X program Monday after the Department of Health and Human Services ruled that clinics receiving Title X funding

may not refer patients to abortion providers. After months of threats, Planned Parenthood refused to abide by the ruling and opted to give up federal money in favor of maintaining abortion services. In North Carolina, Planned Parenthood affiliates were stripped of federal funding in May. The state health department gave those dollars solely to clinics that do not refer to abortion providers. Title X ensures that low-income and young patients have access to basic, preventive reproductive care. The program subsidizes the costs of STI testing and contraceptives, among other reproductive care options. Without federal subsidies, Planned Parenthood patients are turning to local health departments and religiously-affiliated clinics that abide by the rules. Host Frank Stasio talks with Dr. Katherine Farris, medical director of Planned Parenthood South Atlantic, Elizabeth Finley, director of strategic communications at SHIFT NC, and Richara Krajewski, board member of the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia about how the change in federal funding will alter the healthcare landscape of North Carolina.

**Category: Environment**

**A Peek Into North Carolina's Clean Energy Future:** The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality recently released a plan to significantly reduce greenhouse gases from electricity production over the next decade. The goal is to get to zero emissions by 2050, starting with a 60 to 70% reduction from 2005 levels by 2030. The new proposal is part of Gov. Roy Cooper's executive order from last fall that commits North Carolina to comply with the goals of the Paris Agreement — even though President Donald Trump has said he will pull the U.S. out of that treaty as soon as possible. Host Frank Stasio talks to Billy Pizer about this plan and where the state stands on clean energy production. Pizer is a professor in the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University. He discusses the economic and political implications of climate change policy in North Carolina and in the United States.

**August 20, 2019**

**Category: Politics**

**The Toppling Of Silent Sam: One Year Later:**

The future of Silent Sam still remains uncertain. The Confederate statue has been stored in a secret location since its toppling last fall, and the UNC System Board of Governors has indefinitely postponed making a decision about its future. The one-year anniversary of the toppling coincides with the first day of classes for University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's fall semester, and some returning students have planned on-campus gatherings and celebrations. WUNC Daily News Producer Will Michaels joins host Frank Stasio live from the campus of UNC-Chapel Hill to put the anniversary protests in context and share updates on the fate of Silent Sam.

**Category: Race/Crime**

**Revisiting The Case Of The Tarboro Three:** In the summer of 1973, three black men from Tarboro were sentenced to die in North Carolina's gas chamber after being tried and convicted of raping a white woman. The story made national news, and Tarboro became the center of a larger conversation about race, civil rights and criminal justice. The men maintained their innocence and refused plea deals that may have lightened their sentences, but it was not until The Southern Poverty Law Center stepped in did they receive a new trial and a new chance at life. Author Brian Lampkin lived in Tarboro for a time and noticed how this dark piece of history was kept buried, even though many of the people involved still lived in the small town. In his book "The Tarboro Three: Rape, Race, and Secrecy" (Scuppernon Editions/2019), Lampkin weaves his story into a fresh portrayal of the Tarboro Three and exposes how this historical incident still impacts the small town today. Brian Lampkin is co-owner of Scuppernon Books in Greensboro and joins host Frank Stasio live at the Triad Stage to talk about his book. Lampkin has upcoming readings at R. A. Fountain General Store in Fountain on Saturday, Oct. 12 and the Country Bookshop in Southern Pines on Tuesday, Oct. 15.

**Category: Health**

**A Greensboro Nurse Fights African American Health Disparities:**

When Stephanie Pickett was a nurse at Duke University Medical Center, more than 90% of the patients she saw with kidney failure were black. This shocking racial health disparity both bewildered her and inspired her to take action. She went back to school to become a nurse practitioner, continued on to get her doctorate and focused her research on addressing the high rates of diabetes and hypertension in African Americans. Pickett's recent work has investigated the relationship between the beliefs people have about their weight and their eating habits. For example, African American women who think their weight is caused by circumstances and factors out of their control are more likely to be obese. Her mission is to develop effective health interventions for African American patients. Today she is an assistant professor of nursing at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Host Frank Stasio talks to Pickett about her research and what she is digging into next.

**Category: Arts**

**A Prolific Songwriter Who's Finally Getting Some Recognition:**

Singer and guitarist Dave Ray Cecil began writing music when he was six years old. As a child, he strung notes together on the piano and secretly used his brother's guitar to write songs. Since then, he has not stopped making music and makes time to write whenever he feels moved to do so. When he was a real estate agent, he scribbled down bits of new songs in his car in between showing people homes. In the past few years, Cecil has been recognized for his soulful songwriting and was a finalist in two major songwriting competitions: the NewSong Music Competition and Kerrville New Folk Competition. Critics have described his music as having a spiritual and ethereal quality. Cecil shares some of his songs with host Frank Stasio and performs live at the Triad Stage in downtown Greensboro.

**August 19, 2019**

**Category: Arts**

**The Formidable Laura Ballance: Superchunk Bassist And Merge Co-founder On Punk And The Paranormal:**

As a kid, Laura Ballance was most comfortable slipping into the background. Her introverted nature gave her plenty of space to think and create on her own. As a teenager, she found punk through a music video of Adam and the Ants, and the "otherness" they expressed spoke directly to her. Ballance went on to explore the punk scene in Atlanta and later embedded herself in North Carolina's music community. She took up bass as one of the founding members of what would soon become a scene-shaping and genre-defining group: Superchunk. Along with bandmate Mac McCaughan, Ballance established a record label to release music created by the band and their friends. That label, Merge Records, turned 30 this year, and is responsible for signing scores of acclaimed artists, including Arcade Fire, The Mountain Goats, Hiss Golden Messenger. Host Frank Stasio speaks with Ballance about her musical career, the secret to the longevity of Merge, and about a childhood that was steeped in the paranormal.

**August 16, 2019**

**Category: Military**

**Atomic Veterans Offered Certificates For Their Sacrifice:**

More than 500,000 American veterans were exposed to nuclear weapons tests from the 1940s to the early 1990s. These so-called "atomic veterans" were not permitted to speak about their participation in the tests until 1996 when the Nuclear Radiation and Secrecy Agreements Laws were repealed. Now the veterans who were exposed to the radiation from the weapons program will be offered a certificate marking their contribution. Some say a piece of paper is not enough, especially considering the health problems they have faced in the years since the exposure — problems like cancer, infertility and nerve diseases. Host Frank Stasio speaks with American

Homefront Project reporter Stephanie Colombini about her story on the Pentagon's offer of certificates for atomic veterans.

**Category: Health**

### **Religion In The Examining Room: Crisis Pregnancy Centers In NC**

In their budget, Republican state lawmakers proposed \$2.6 million in funding for crisis pregnancy centers and anti-abortion organizations. This funding would quadruple the amount given to one particular nonprofit, despite a report from the state Department of Health and Human Services that does not recommend expanding the program. Crisis pregnancy centers may offer pregnancy tests, counseling and assistance in signing up for Medicaid. Their stated aim is to assist women experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. They offer some free services and others that require attending specific religious classes. Host Frank Stasio talks about crisis pregnancy centers in North Carolina and around the country with Dawn Baumgartner Vaughan, a reporter at the News & Observer who has followed the funding; journalist and documentary filmmaker Lindsay Beyerstein who recently completed a project on CPCs; and Kimberly Kelly, an associate professor of sociology and director of the gender studies department at Mississippi State University. Kelly has studied crisis pregnancy centers for the past 15 years, and her research indicates that today's CPCs are almost always run by Evangelical Christians who underscore their services with conservative Christian values.

**Category: Music**

### **Soul And Hip Hop Synchronize In Sonny Miles' Newest EP**

Artist Sonny Miles is on a journey back to himself. After a year spent refining mixtape collaborations, he is dropping a new EP: "Gamma." It is a return to his roots in acoustic soul and pays homage to the last three years he spent learning beat making and hip-hop performance. Miles considers his music part of a lineage of musicians steeped in gospel, from Prince to Funkadelic and Tyler, the Creator. Like his predecessors, he uses those sensibilities to bend and blend genres. Miles joins host Frank Stasio in studio for conversation and live performance. He is joined by bandmates Noland Vannoy on electric guitar and Daniel Maxwell on bass. Sonny Miles performs Friday, Aug. 16 at 9 p.m. at Pantana Bob's in Chapel Hill. He also performs with his other project Dotwav Media in Raleigh on Monday, Aug. 19 at 6 p.m. for WKNC's Concert on the Lawn on the campus of North Carolina State University.

**August 15, 2019**

**Category: Art**

### **#BackChannel: Trump's Racist Attacks, Remembering Toni Morrison, And Race & Representation In 'Pose':**

Last month, President Donald Trump called Baltimore a "rat and rodent-infested mess" and told four Democratic Congresswomen of color to "go back and help fix the totally broken and crime infested places from which they came." These are just the latest examples of a repeated tactic: the president denigrates women and people of color who oppose him and his policies. What power do his words have and how do they affect the people and the cities he attacks? Popular culture experts Mark Anthony Neal and Natalie Bullock Brown take on that topic with host Frank Stasio in the latest installment of #BackChannel, The State of Things' recurring series connecting culture and context. They also discuss the profound legacy of writer Toni Morrison who died last week at the age of 88. Morrison was the first African American woman to win the Nobel Prize in Literature, and her 11 novels, including "The Bluest Eye" and "Beloved," fundamentally changed the landscape of American literature. Brown and Neal also discuss how a group of foundations banded together to purchase an archive of four million historic photographs from Ebony and Jet magazines for \$30 million to ensure the collection is accessible to the public. And they review two new television shows: the Netflix sitcom "Family Reunion," created by a team of all-black writers starring Tia Mowry-Hardrict and Loretta Devine,

and “Pose,” a new period drama series on FX that explores life inside New York City’s African American and Latino drag ballroom culture in the 1980s. Natalie Bullock Brown is a filmmaker and teaching assistant professor at North Carolina State University, and Mark Anthony Neal is the James B. Duke professor and chair of the department of African and African American studies at Duke University in Durham.

**August 14, 2019**

**Category: Health**

**What 76 Billion Prescription Pain Pills Illuminate About The Opioid Epidemic:** The opioid epidemic has taken the lives of hundreds of thousands of Americans in the past few decades. A newly-released Drug Enforcement Administration database provides insight into how and why this might be happening. The database tracks 76 billion oxycodone and hydrocodone pills distributed from 2006 through 2012, and new analysis from The Washington Post draws connections between the number of pills shipped to a particular area and opioid overdose deaths. The expose reveals that Walgreens, Walmart, CVS and two other companies are responsible for distributing 75 percent of prescription opioids during this period, and 88 percent of the opioids were manufactured by just three companies. The reporting also reveals a virtual “opioid belt” that encompasses more than 90 counties in West Virginia, Virginia and Kentucky. Though North Carolina is not included, the reporting does identify hotspots in the state, including a pharmacy in the small Moore County town of Vass that received about 6.7 million pills in the seven year period. Host Frank Stasio is joined by two reporters to talk about the database and what it illuminates about the opioid epidemic in North Carolina: Steven Rich is the database editor for investigations for The Washington Post and Jordan Hensley is a reporter with the Hickory Daily Record. Rich shares the fight to make this information public and Hensley provides insight into why Hickory is a hotspot for prescription opioid shipments.

**Category: Environment**

**The Coming Floods: How Sea Level Rise Affects All Of Us:** Orrin Pilkey was sounding the alarm about climate change and sea level rise long before the topics were part of public consciousness. As an early whistleblower, his work was not always well received, but he pressed on and has authored and edited dozens of books about the environment in the past few decades. His latest book, co-authored with his son Keith, takes a look at some of the unexpected ways climate-related sea level rise will affect the lives and livelihoods of people across the United States. In “Sea Level Rise: A Slow Tsunami on America's Shores” (Duke Press/ 2019), the Duke professor emeritus of earth sciences pinpoints how coastal landscapes and infrastructure are already seeing the scars of a rising ocean. His book includes the latest research as well as a practical guide about how to talk to family members who live on beach-front properties. Pilkey joins host Frank Stasio to ponder why he believes humans are resistant to scientifically-rigorous warnings about rising oceans and share his opinion that many people living along the coast need to plan their retreat before it may be too late. Pilkey will speak about his book at The Regulator Bookshop in Durham on Thursday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m.

**Category: Arts & Culture**

**Why Harper Lee Never Finished Writing Her True-Crime Book:**

What lessons can the now-deceased Harper Lee teach a modern-day investigative journalist? Writer Casey Cep retraced Lee’s footsteps to a small town in Alabama to find out. She reopened a 1970s murder case that Lee had once obsessively followed: a rural preacher named Reverend Willie Maxwell who was accused of killing five of his family members for insurance money. Cep implanted herself in Coosa County and set out to retrace Maxwell’s trial. Like Lee, Cep interviewed townspeople about the case, but she also sought out anecdotes about Harper Lee herself. Who was the brilliant and private woman behind “To Kill A Mockingbird,” and what

were her personal politics and literary ideals? Host Frank Stasio talks with Casey Cep about her book "Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and The Last Trial of Harper Lee" (Knopf/ 2019) which contextualizes Maxwell's trial with modern sensibilities and brings to light new information about Harper Lee and her miserable perfectionism. Cep will speak at The Country Bookshop in Southern Pines at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14 and at Flyleaf Books in Chapel Hill Thursday, Aug. 15 at 7 p.m.

**August 13, 2019**

**Category: Politics**

**Thou Shall Not Pass: The North Carolina Budget Stalemate:** More than 40 days have gone by since the North Carolina budget was supposed to be enacted. Since the start of the new fiscal year on July 1, negotiations between Republican legislative leaders and Gov. Roy Cooper have barely budged. Cooper vetoed the latest Republican House budget citing low pay increases for teachers and the absence of Medicaid expansion. House Republicans want to see a budget that includes more corporate tax cuts, and GOP leaders, led by Senate leader Phil Berger, say Cooper has hijacked the budget with his call for expanded Medicaid. Host Frank Stasio speaks with WUNC Capitol Bureau Chief Jeff Tiberii about the budget stalemate and what it will take to see progress in spending plan negotiations. Tiberii also provides a look-ahead to upcoming special elections in the 3rd and 9th Congressional Districts. Both elections are slated for Tuesday, Sept. 10.

**Category: Arts**

**The 'High Priestess Of Soul' Nina Simone Comes To Life In One-Woman Show:** The musical legacy of Nina Simone is celebrated throughout the world, but to North Carolina she is a special treasure. Simone was born in the town of Tryon, where efforts are underway to turn her childhood home into a space that reflects her dynamic, complex legacy. Last year the National Trust for Historic Preservation officially designated it a "National Treasure." Many other efforts are underway in the state to creatively document her story and music, including a new one-woman show from playwright Howard L. Craft. Craft was first commissioned to write a short play about Simone in 2012, and the project has since evolved into the full-length production "No Fear and Blues Long Gone: Nina Simone," starring songstress and storyteller Yolanda Rabun. A limited five-day run of the production with Playmakers Repertory Company begins Wednesday, Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Elizabeth Price Kenan Theatre in Chapel Hill. The North Carolina Museum of Art and the North Carolina Arts Council will also host a number of events in celebration of Nina Simone this weekend, including a concert and conversation with her daughter Lisa Simone.

**Category: SCIENCE/TECH**

**NC Teens Grow Food, Faith And Focus On Cedar Grove Farm:**

Sankofa Farms was originally supposed to be a school garden in which middle school students could get away from the pressures of the classroom and get their hands dirty in the soil. After the proposal was rejected by the school's principal, middle-school science teacher Kamal Bell made a much bigger investment in the idea. Bell borrowed money from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and purchased 12 acres of land in Cedar Grove, North Carolina. In 2016 Sankofa Farms and Sankofa Farms Agricultural Academy were born. For Bell, this farm presents an opportunity to tackle many of the challenges faced by inner-city youth. Bell experienced some of these first hand as a child growing up in a food desert in Durham, and he hopes to use Sankofa to provide young teens life skills and the ability to grow their own healthy, nutritious food. Kamal Bell joins host Frank Stasio to talk about his mission for the farm and the obstacles he has faced so far. 16-year-old Kamoni King, a rising junior at Hillside High School in Durham, joins the conversation to share his experience with Bell and what he has learned from life on the farm.

**August 12, 2019**

**Category: Agriculture**

**Franklin County's Farming Matriarch Paves The Way For Women-Led Agriculture: Meet**

**Martha Mobley:** Martha Mobley just cannot stay away from the farm. She grew up on a 1,000 acre livestock operation in Franklin County started by her grandfather in the early 1900s. Some of her earliest memories are of joining her father to deliver sows in a building behind their house. Even when she went away to college at North Carolina State University, she traveled back home every weekend to tend to the livestock. Since her husband passed away in 2013, she has been managing the Meadow Lane Farm operation by herself. Mobley is grateful for an upbringing full of hands-on training, but — thanks to the precedent her mother set as a farmer, teacher, and pilot — she knows that it is not enough to focus on just her own farm's success. She is on the board for the Durham Farmers' Market and is Franklin County's livestock and beekeeping extension agent. Each year, she also hosts Dinner in the Meadow, a farm-to-table gala on her family's farm to fundraise for small farmers. Carrying on her mother's dedication to women's education, Mobley also teaches and brings together women farmers across the state. The most recent outgrowth of the Women in Agriculture program is a forest stewardship called ForestHer. There is a sense of urgency to Mobley's inexhaustible enterprising. While she draws hope from the local food movement, Mobley feels that small farmers are always on the brink and that political and economic changes can quickly lead to abandoned farms. Host Frank Stasio talks with Mobley about women's role in shaping a promising future for North Carolina agriculture.

**August 9, 2019**

**Category: Politics**

**Political Junkie: Nation Still On High Alert After Mass Shootings. Will Legislation Follow?**

With the nation still in shock and mourning over back-to-back mass shootings in Texas and Ohio last weekend, political leaders are being forced to address gun control. President Donald Trump spent the week speaking out against hate and visiting the impacted areas while also attacking any naysayers on Twitter. Political Junkie Ken Rudin joins host Frank Stasio to talk about Trump's press conference on Monday where he condemned racism and bigotry and blamed the violence on mental illness and video games. His trip to Dayton ended with rants on Twitter and protesters in El Paso greeted him with a large white sheet that read, "Racist, go home." Rudin looks at the shift in Republican position since the Parkland shooting. Plus, the September debates are approaching and the rules to qualify are strict. The Political Junkie gives us a history lesson in how debate qualification worked in the past.

**Category: Health**

**Recruiting The Dalai Lama To Bring Compassion Back Into Medicine:**

Ralph Snyderman is known as "The Father of Personalized Medicine." He used to oversee the selection of medical students at Duke University in his role as chancellor for health affairs at Duke University and Dean of the Duke School of Medicine. He focused on admitting students who showed a clear desire for empathy and to serve the needs of others. But he realized compassionate care is difficult to achieve in the current health system in the United States because of a variety of factors. Snyderman now directs the Duke Center for Personalized Health Care. His mission is to create more personalized and compassionate ways of delivering medicine. Earlier this year he published a conversation he had with the 14th Dalai Lama about how to foster that change. Host Frank Stasio talks to Snyderman about the importance of empathy in medicine, what the Dalai Lama had to say on the subject and what changes he hopes to see in medical care.

**Category: Art**

### **Duplin County's Southern Rock Legend Keeps Finding Silver Stages:**

Harvey Dalton Arnold found fame on Southern stages, rocking out in bell-bottoms topped with big buckles. But before he opened for Lynyrd Skynyrd touring the country with The Outlaws, Arnold was helping his dad sell Ford tractors and raise chickens in Duplin County. He grew up on the wrong side of the tracks in Rose Hill, a town of just over 1,500 that breaks out the world's largest frying pan for its yearly Poultry Jubilee. At that jubilee, Arnold caught the music bug from a performance by former North Carolina State Senator Charlie Albertson and his Swingmasters. Since then, Arnold has backed dozens of rock and blues musicians, including legendary Piedmont blues musician John Dee Holeman.

Now 65 years young, Arnold's blues are steeped with the grit of a cancer survivor and the wisdom of a father who raised the first college graduate in his family. Host Frank Stasio talks with Harvey Dalton Arnold about his musical evolution and an upcoming performance with Big Ron Hunter (a fellow Music Maker Relief Foundation artist) at the Hops and Blues Festival on August 17th in Durham.

**August 8, 2019**

**Category: Politics**

### **NC Could Lose Out On \$92M Volkswagen Settlement Because Of A Power Struggle:**

A disagreement over who should control settlement money from Volkswagen could cost North Carolinians \$92 million. Volkswagen agreed to pay the state that money for selling cars that cheated on emissions tests, but both Governor Roy Cooper and the Republican-led legislature are claiming the right to dole out the funds. Republicans have included language in the budgets for 2017 and 2018 to ensure their control of the money, and Governor Cooper sued the legislature, calling it a constitutional overreach. Cooper lost that suit in 2018, but he has since appealed the decision. Some pundits say this fight could invalidate the Volkswagen settlement agreement and cost the state the \$92 million. Host Frank Stasio talks to Elizabeth Ouzts, a reporter for Southeast Energy News, about the roots of this power struggle.

**Category: Health**

### **Navigating Isolation At The Remote Ocracoke Health Center:**

Ocracoke Health Center CEO Cheryl Ballance estimates that anywhere from 8,000-10,000 people visit Ocracoke Island on any given summer weekend. Many visitors catch a ferry back to Cape Hatteras after less than a day, but hundreds of vacation rentals and hotel rooms are consistently filled from late spring to early fall. During those months, the staff of the tiny clinic are stretched to their limits. The surge produces an unusual degree of egalitarianism at the clinic: a physician will administer shots, a nurse will sweep the floor, and anyone will fix a broken toilet. In the offseason, however, Ocracoke falls quiet. Once the tourists leave, the less than 1,000 year-round residents have few options to earn an income, and some choose to eschew the hours-long trip to the nearest hospital to address more serious medical concerns. Despite the drop in patients, the clinic must keep itself running year-round. And according to Ballance, it barely scrapes by. Host Frank Stasio speaks with Ballance about the unique hurdles faced by her team at the Ocracoke Health Center. Ballance is joined by Rose Hoban, the founder and editor of North Carolina Health News, who originally reported the story of the Ocracoke Health Center in conjunction with the Ocracoke Observer.

**Category: Art**

### **Youth Reporters Tackle Hard Issues Through Personal Stories:**

WUNC's Youth Reporting Institute wraps up its summer program this week and the offerings from this year's cohort reflect many of the complex problems our nation has been grappling with — immigration, LGBTQ rights and mass shootings. 16-year-old Amanda Tsuetaki joins host Frank Stasio to share the story of her grandmother who spent much of her life silent about the fact that she had been in a Japanese internment camp. Kayla Beckett's story celebrates the

LGBTQ pride she experienced when attending her first drag show, while also lamenting the loss of the spiritual community that she believed would not accept her. Emma Pollard spent much of her childhood trying to recover from the Sandy Hook school shooting and was re-traumatized by the Parkland shooting. Her work shares the long road to recovery. Youth Reporting Institute Director Kamaya Truitt-Martin joins host Frank Stasio to talk about the students, their stories and the program's objectives. The institute hosts a listening party tonight at 7 p.m. at Motorco in Durham. The free event is open to the public and features the stories produced by this year's team of reporters.

**August 7, 2019**

**Category: Politics**

### **Trump Backs 'Red Flag' Gun Laws, Will NC House Republicans Budge?**

After two mass shootings this past weekend, Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) and President Donald Trump joined in support of states passing "red flag" laws. These laws allow a judge to order a temporary removal of firearms from a person threatening violence against themselves or others. 17 states have implemented red flag laws so far. State Rep. Marcia Morey (D-Durham) proposed red flag legislation nearly six months ago as part of the Gun Violence Prevention Act, but the omnibus legislation stalled in committee. Democrats are now trying to garner support for a stand-alone red flag law. Will the recent mass shootings push Republicans to sign on and pass the state's first major gun legislation since 2015? Host Frank Stasio talks with Adhiti Bandlamudi, WUNC's Guns & America reporter, about the effectiveness of temporary gun removals and the politics behind red flag laws in North Carolina. Plus, Bandlamudi debunks persistent myths about gun violence.

**Category: Environment**

### **Can Nature Writing Inspire Activism In The Era Of Climate Change?:**

Many Americans spend more time looking at screens than they spend outside — or even looking out a window. This increased disconnect between humans and nature comes at a time when scientists warn that the environment is especially vulnerable: the recent National Climate Estimate estimates that annual average temperatures in the U.S. are expected to rise by about 2.5°F in the next few decades. A new collection of nature writing from Appalachia aims to bring readers closer to nature through stories about both the splendor of the mountain region and clear examples of how humans are changing the planet. "Mountains Piled Upon Mountains: Appalachian Nature Writing in the Anthropocene" (West Virginia University Press/2019) features place-based fiction, literary nonfiction and poetry from authors spanning the region from northern Georgia to upstate New York. Host Frank Stasio talks to the collection's editor, Jessica Cory, about the themes that emerged in the collection and the role nature writing can play in addressing climate change. Cory teaches in the English department at Western Carolina University. Gene Hyde, a contributor to the collection, also joins the conversation. He is the head of special collections and university archives at the University of North Carolina at Asheville. Cory will be at a reading at Blue Ridge Books in Waynesville on Saturday, Aug. 10 at 3 p.m.; City Lights in Sylva on Saturday, Aug. 24 at 3 p.m.; and Malaprop's Bookstore in Asheville on Thursday, Sept. 5 at 6 p.m.

**Category: Race/Minorities**

### **Capturing The Oral Histories Of NC's Black Farmers And Fishermen:**

The number of black farmers in the United States has dropped exponentially since the beginning of the 20th century. 2017 data from the Department of Agriculture shows African Americans make up less than 2 percent of the country's 3.4 million farmers. That year, there were just over 2,000 black farmers in North Carolina. Melody Hunter-Pillion wants to capture the life histories of black farmers before their stories disappear. Hunter-Pillion is a Ph.D. student in

public history at North Carolina State University. She profiled farmers and a shrimper in Brunswick County and wove together those experiences in an audio documentary project. The doc highlights the importance of passing on knowledge and stories, the push to protect farmland from development, and the many ways climate change is affecting the livelihood of those who fish and harvest the state's food. Host Frank Stasio hears from Hunter-Pillion about her project and about her own family's history as sharecroppers in Scotland County. Hunter-Pillion will share her work at the Black Communities Conference, at The Carolina Theatre in Durham from Sept. 9-11.

**August 6, 2019**

**Category: Politics**

**NC Candidates Weigh In On Gun Reform & Board Of Elections Tied Up Over Voting**

**Machines:** The response to mass shootings in Texas and Ohio this weekend illuminated stark differences in state and national political candidates' stances on gun reform. Among those were Dan McCready and Dan Bishop, two men running in a special election in North Carolina's 9th Congressional District. While McCready, a Democrat, tweeted his condolences, Republican opponent Dan Bishop launched a string of tweets and retweets attacking Democrats who have been critical of Donald Trump. WUNC Political reporter Rusty Jacobs received statements from both camps on the recent tragedies and will talk with host Frank Stasio about the candidates' positions on guns. He will also share his reporting on the new indictments handed up in the 9th District related to ballot fraud. Plus, Jacobs talks about the latest issues with the North Carolina State Board of Elections, which is tied 2-2 on whether voting machines should require a physical printout confirming how a person voted. The board was in the process of reviewing three new voting systems and preparing for a vote when the board chairman Bob Cordle resigned. Cordle stepped down after opening a statewide conference with a sexist joke. The controversy is taking place as the state is under pressure to upgrade its voting system after the Senate Intelligence Committee's report on Russian election interference revealed the vulnerabilities of old equipment with no paper records.

**Category: Arts**

**The Hidden Histories Buried In Your Family's Photo Album:**

Family pictures often illustrate everyday milestones — like birthday parties, weddings or family reunions. But they can also illuminate deep and complex stories about communities, values and identity. The new three-part PBS documentary series "Family Pictures USA" follows people from southwest Florida, Detroit and North Carolina as they search to discover what surprising things they can learn from stashed-away images. The North Carolina episode features the family photos and stories of several communities in the state, including farmers, Native Americans, black entrepreneurs and North Carolina Poet Laureate Jaki Shelton Green. Host Frank Stasio talks with the show's creator, executive producer and host Thomas Allen Harris about the power of photo albums passed from one generation to the next. Allen Harris is an artist, filmmaker and a senior lecturer at Yale University in African American Studies and Film and Media. "Family Pictures USA" premieres on UNC-TV on Monday, Aug. 12 at 9 p.m.

**Category: Arts**

**How James Baldwin's Intersectional Politics Inform Today's Social Movements**

More than thirty years after his death, James Baldwin is recapturing the American imagination in politics and popular culture. Black Lives Matter, "Moonlight," "Between the World and Me," and Raoul Peck's Oscar-nominated documentary "I Am Not Your Negro" all resurrect Baldwin's voice. The major themes of his writing are also evident throughout today's headlines: police malfeasance, expansive sexuality, class struggle, and the marginalization of black Americans. Baldwin drew on his struggle of overlapping marginalization in his writing — in one interview he described being born poor, black, and gay as "hitting the jackpot" for sourcing material. But his intersectional politics made it hard for the author to find a home with the political movements of

the '60s and '70s. Baldwin was an exile who remained intensely realistic, patient and hopeful about his country's transformation. Marc Dudley, a professor of English at North Carolina State University, contextualizes Baldwin's works in his recently published book, "Understanding James Baldwin" (University of South Carolina Press/2019). Host Frank Stasio talks with Dudley about what modern readers can learn from Baldwin's pragmatic hope.

**August 5, 2019**

**Category: Health**

**First Man To Lead The American Nurses Association Doesn't Want To Be Called A 'Male Nurse':** As a boy Ernest Grant was enchanted by the nurses who attended his church in Swannanoa, a small area in western North Carolina. He often overheard them talking about their work at a local tuberculosis sanitarium and vividly remembers their stories of caring for patients. Grant also had a deep admiration for the two country doctors in his community. He wanted to become a doctor, and he had the grades to get into medical school, but he did not have the money. His guidance counselor advised him to become a nurse first and then to work his way through medical school. But once Grant got to nursing school, he realized he had found his passion. Host Frank Stasio talks to Grant about his decades-long career at the UNC School of Medicine's North Carolina Jaycee Burn Center; his experience helping treating patients in New York City after 9/11; and his goals as the first male president of the American Nurses Association. *Note: This program originally aired April 29, 2019.*

**August 2, 2019**

**Category: Health**

**Federal Government Awards Unlicensed NC Company Grant To House Migrant Children:** The federal government has awarded billions of dollars to nonprofits and businesses across the nation to house the overflow of migrant children coming into the country. Data reporting from the investigative news publication Sludge revealed the only company in North Carolina that received one of these grants is New Horizon Group Home LLC. WRAL partnered with Reveal from The Center for Investigative Reporting to learn more about New Horizon and the \$3.9 million grant they got from Washington. The investigation uncovered a troubled past, including allegations of serious abuse and neglect. Reporters also learned that New Horizon did not currently have a license to house children — and did not apply for one until two weeks after reporters started asking questions. WRAL investigative reporter Tyler Dukes shares the latest on this story with guest host Anita Rao.

**Category: Agriculture**

**Small Farms In North Carolina Welcome Tourists To Stay Afloat:**

In the summer, roadside stands full of seasonal produce and signs pointing to "pick-your-own berry" fields line North Carolina country roads. Hayrides and pumpkin patches are a fall staple. These farm activities make for a fun Saturday with the family or a bucolic addition to an Instagram grid. For many farmers however, they are the legs they stand on. Agriculture is a big industry in North Carolina, yet an increasing number of small farms cannot afford to engage in only crop or livestock farming. With agritourism, small farms diversify their business models and protect themselves from unforeseen problems. The term "agritourism" blankets a variety of experiences that farms offer the public. Agritourism includes farmers markets, tours, pick-your-own experiences, festivals, event hosting and farm stays. Annie Baggett is the agritourism marketing specialist for the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. She says that small-scale agriculture is about anticipating the next big thing, but a varied income allows farmers to stay out of the red if something fails.

Charity Moretz runs a historical family farm with her husband in Ashe County. When they first started five years ago, they anticipated that agritourism would comprise a small percentage of their business model. Now it is the centerpiece. They listed rooms in their farmhouse on Airbnb and host large farm suppers. They raise livestock too, but cannot afford to raise the animals to market. Moretz says that because of government subsidies driving down the cost of meat, they have to sell their livestock to confinement farms.

Travis Birdsell is a faculty member at NC State and the county extension director and extension agent of agriculture for Ashe County. He helps small farms stay out of the red. While agritourism stabilizes finances, he also says it opens farms to liabilities. Fully-operational farms can have dangerous equipment and animals for the inexperienced farm tourist. Start-up costs prevent some farms from engaging in agritourism at all. Birdsell says agritourism now supports small farms in North Carolina just as much as the farming itself. Guest host Anita Rao talks with Baggett, Moretz and Birdsell about agritourism in North Carolina and its role for small farms and the public.

**Category: Music**

**Wilkesboro Native Shay Martin Lovette Plays Traveling Songs:** Shay Martin Lovette grew up paddling and playing soccer in Wilkesboro with his brother Chad. Every spring, Lovette watched musicians and their followers flood his little mountain town for Merlefest, the popular roots music festival. More and more came each year as the festival grew. Lovette took notes from legends like Doc Watson and young arrivals like the Avett Brothers. He also listened to his father strum, and decided to pick up a guitar himself.

In 2010, he placed second in Merlefest's Chris Austin Songwriting Contest, giving him the greenlight to pursue music more seriously. A few years later, he recorded an EP with his brother months before Chad died of brain cancer in 2016. Two years afterward, Lovette released his first full album. "Swift Drifter" is a collection of travellers' tunes floating between the pain of separation and the thrill of discovery. When playing with his band, the surrounding instruments don't hesitate to slowly dislocate and trickle around Lovette's lyrics. He paints haunting scenery populated with risk-taking mountain folk. Lovette joins guest host Anita Rao to play some of his music and discuss his upcoming album that he is producing in Chapel Hill with Joseph Terrell of Mipso. Shay Martin Lovette performs tomorrow at 2:00 at Reevestock Music Festival in Elkin, Aug. 10 at Isis Music Hall in Asheville, Aug. 24 at High Country Beer Fest in Boone, and Sept. 7 at the Wake Forest Listening Room. His music is available on all streaming platforms and for purchase on Bandcamp.

**August 1, 2019**

**Category: Aging**

**Intimacy Through The Ages: How Getting Older Shifts Dating And Relationships:** The myths and realities of aging have created an industry rich with people offering a fix to stop or slow down the inevitable. Inevitably, the body changes and so too do relationships. On this episode of the series "Embodied: Sex, Relationships and Your Health," The State of Things guest host Anita Rao explores the impact aging has on intimacy, and offers a decade by decade look at shifts in bodies, relationships and attitudes. Omisade Burney-Scott is a woman currently negotiating menopause. Her 50-plus years have made her self-aware, but the changes in her physical body and emotional state have also made her self-conscious. Burney-Scott recognized there were not enough African American women sharing their stories of menopause, so she

created the podcast, “Black Girls’ Guide to Surviving Menopause.” She shares her stories of how “the change” is changing her. Dr. Karen Clark is a Chapel Hill-based obstetrician-gynecologist and a North American Menopause Society Certified Menopause Practitioner. She breaks down what menopause is and debunks the myths about estrogen therapy. Ellen Ashley found herself newly divorced at 60. She spent years holding on to a marriage that had lost its spark out of fear that there was nothing better out there and no one would want a woman of her age. Ashley joins the show to talk about online dating and the 35 internet dates that led her to a new man. For J.R. Dreyer and Jonathon Cutler their interest was strictly sexual until their chemistry turned into an 18-year relationship and recent marriage. Dreyer and Cutler share the evolution of their relationship and the power of supportive parents. Acclaimed sociologist and sexologist Pepper Schwartz gives an overview of sexuality as we age. Plus, Linda Waite has been studying the behavior of older couples since 2005. She shares her research and discoveries about intimacy as people age. Waite is the Lucy Flower Professor in urban sociology and chair of the Department of Sociology at the University of Chicago.

**July 31, 2019**

**Category: Science**

**Paradoxical Pets And The Future Of Human-Animal Relations:**

A self-driving car hurtles toward an individual and their dog. The car’s brake-lines are cut and [the machine must decide](#) — kill the person or the pet. What would you do? What if the dog were yours and the person were a stranger? Western Carolina University professor Hal Herzog uses personal anecdotes and philosophy to think about pets on his blog “Animals and Us” for Psychology Today. He highlights scientific publications and asks readers tough questions like, “If my cat is family, should I imprison it indoors?” and “Is a cloned dog less natural than a purebred?” Herzog joins guest host Anita Rao to explore what pets reveal about our paradoxical views on animals. Hal Herzog is the author of “Some We Love, Some We Hate, Some We Eat: Why It’s So Hard To Think Straight about Animals.”

**Category: Science**

**What Kids Can Learn From Four-Legged Laboratories:** Humans have associated dogs with death for millennia. Ancient Persians believed a dog’s stare drove the demon Nasu out of a corpse. Some Mayan traditions say a black dog carries the newly deceased to the land of the dead. Cat Warren brings that heritage into the present with Solo, a bouncy cadaver-sniffing German shepherd. Host Anita Rao talks with Warren Solo’s story featured in her upcoming young readers edition of her New York Times best-selling book, “What the Dog Knows: Scent, Science, and the Amazing Ways Dogs Perceive the World” (Simon & Schuster/ 2013). Warren refreshed the adult version with new material, clever quips for kids and illustrations from Patricia Lynn. The book tells of her adventures in training Solo and lessons learned working alongside a scenting dog. With a different depth of senses, dogs are truly an in-house laboratory for kids to get excited about citizen science. Warren weaves canine history and science into an endearing tale of her and Solo’s evolving trust.

**Category: Science**

**Bombs, Beavers And Butterfly Biologists: What Fort Bragg Teaches Us About Saving A Species:** Of all federal agencies, the Department of Defense manages the highest density of threatened and endangered species, more than even the National Park Service. The special relationship between the Pentagon and environmentalist organizations originates at Fort Bragg. There, biologists and military officials work together to save the St. Francis Satyr — one of the world’s rarest butterflies — by starting fires and flooding the landscape. Disturbance is necessary to create habitat for the thumbnail-sized butterflies. In fact, the butterfly thrives on the artillery range. To learn more about how artillery specialists take part in conservation, guest host Anita Rao talks with Nick Haddad, a butterfly expert and longtime collaborator with the base,

about his book “The Last Butterflies: A Scientist’s Quest to Save a Rare and Vanishing Creature” (Princeton University Press 2019) Haddad is joined by Brian Ball, Fort Bragg’s St. Francis Satyr program manager, and Fort Bragg Range Operations Training Lands Coordinator Jon Garrow.

**July 30, 2019**

**Category: Politics**

**State Treasurer’s Health Plan Blockaded By NC Hospitals:**

State Treasurer Dale Folwell wants to move the State Health Plan to a government-priced model he calls the Clear Pricing Project. As the debate around changes to the plan escalates, the more than 720,000 North Carolinians on the State Health Plan face uncertain healthcare coverage and costs in the new year. Anita Rao talks with WUNC data reporter Jason deBruyn about the treasurer’s plan to lower the State’s reimbursement expenses. Folwell’s plan would pull back the curtain on pricing information that is currently a trade secret between insurance companies and providers. Hospitals are refusing to sign onto Folwell’s plan, arguing lower disclosed reimbursement rates would hurt their ability to provide quality care. The providers’ association is lobbying for House Bill 184, a bill that temporarily maintains the current private system and requests further study. HB 184 passed the House and is now under Senate review. The debate is splitting the legislature along unfamiliar, non-party lines and Governor Cooper remains undecided as teachers, nurses, and pensioners are left in the dark.

**Category: Health**

**Examining Mental Health In NC’s Rural Communities — Before And After Major**

**Hurricanes:** It’s been nearly a year since Hurricane Florence slammed into North Carolina’s coast. After a major storm, the focus is often on the material needs of communities: food, shelter and clothing. But what about how these communities are grieving and coping with natural disasters? Loni Crumb and Janeé Avent Harris conduct research on how Eastern North Carolina responded to Hurricane Florence and other devastating storms, from a mental health perspective. Crumb is a licensed professional counselor and Avent Harris is a licensed professional counselor associate. They are both assistant professors in the Department of Interdisciplinary Professions in the College of Education at East Carolina University. Crumb and Avent Harris join guest host Anita Rao in studio to share what their research shows. They also talk about how rural communities can build on the assets they have to support those with mental health issues.

**Category: Race & Minorities**

**A Historically Black Beach Community Uses Jazz To Rally Support:** Ocean City Beach sits along a one-mile stretch of land on Topsail Island. A coalition of interracial business owners founded the community in 1949 as a vacation spot for black North Carolinians. Its establishment created the first beachfront town where people of color could purchase or build property in North Carolina. Seventy years later, first and second-generation Ocean City locals feel the historical significance of the community may be lost to commercial property development and the effects of climate change. To preserve their community, Ocean City residents launched the annual Ocean City Jazz Festival in 2009. Jazz musicians from all over the country come to perform on the beach for residents and tourists. Proceeds from the festival benefit the upkeep of historical sites, like the Ocean City Community Center. As property in the town changes hands, longtime residents hope Ocean City will remain a family beach whose residents appreciate its significance to the black community in North Carolina. Guest host Anita Rao talks with Angela Thorpe and Carla Torrey about Ocean City’s history and future. Thorpe is director of the North Carolina African American Heritage Commission. Torrey grew up going to Ocean City Beach

every summer and inherited the family beach home. She also serves on the Ocean City Beach Citizens Council and on the host committee for the jazz festival.

**July 29, 2019**

**Category: Science/Technology**

**Sharing The Wonders Of Nature With The World: Meet Eleanor Spicer Rice:**

Eleanor Spicer Rice spent her childhood fascinated by ants, flies, maggots, bones and other natural curiosities. Her family encouraged that inquisitiveness — her father would take her on walks in the swamps near their Goldsboro home, and her parents never told her the bugs that enchanted her were gross. Spicer Rice loved insects, but she did not realize they could be a career until she started college at North Carolina State University. She majored in zoology and came back to NCSU to get her doctorate in entomology. Today she is a senior science writer at Verdant Word, the company she founded with a childhood friend. She is also involved with the Recluse or Not project, and she is the author of “Dr. Eleanor’s Book of Common Ants” (University of Chicago Press/2017) and “Dr. Eleanor’s Book of Common Spiders” (University of Chicago Press/2018). Guest host Anita Rao talks to Spicer Rice about how her childhood wonder became her career and about her work’s mission today.

**July 26, 2019**

**Category: Politics**

**The Political Junkie On Mueller’s Testimony, Upcoming Democratic Debates And More:**

What is the impact of former Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s testimony in Congress this week? Since the seven hours of testimony on Wednesday, five more Democratic U.S. representatives endorsed the idea of impeachment: including Reps. Katherine Clark of Massachusetts, Andre Carson of Indiana, Lori Trahan of Massachusetts, Peter DeFazio of Oregon and Lisa Blunt Rochester of Delaware. Political Junkie Ken Rudin shares his analysis of the testimony and its potential impact on impeachment with guest host Anita Rao. He also previews the next round of Democratic presidential debates, scheduled for next Tuesday and Wednesday in Detroit. And he discusses how North Carolina Republicans are responding to President Donald Trump’s rally on ECU’s campus last week — and the crowd’s chant of “send her back!”

**Category: Arts**

**New Documentary ‘Stuffed’ Strips Away Misconceptions About Taxidermy**

Taxidermists can have a hard time finding a date. Stereotypes and disgust surround the practice, however Asheville film director Erin Derham doesn’t think those preconceptions are deserved. She was initially repulsed when a colleague pitched the idea of a documentary about taxidermy (Derham is vegetarian), but her reaction soon transformed into a deep respect for the field and its practitioners. Her journey led her down the rabbit hole to animal rescues and safaris where she discovered the significance of taxidermy in conservation efforts. Chemistry and biology are the foundations of taxidermy, but art enlivens the field. In the Victorian era, stuffed animals were anthropomorphized into comical tableaux set in classrooms or kitchens. Contemporary artists are pushing traditional restrictions through fashion, photography, as well as anatomical remixing, called rogue taxidermy. While pointing out some of these more extraordinary approaches, Derham keeps the spotlight on the innovation and subtle artistry of the traditional practice. The featured cast of taxidermists spans the globe from Zimbabwe to

Ohio. They reflect on breaking the stereotypes of their work while collectively reveling in the obsession of evoking life from death.

**Category: Arts**

### **Dissimilar South Scripts A Soundtrack For Change**

The Carrboro-based band Dissimilar South is focused on transitions right now. Their recent debut EP, "Treehouse," tracks the bittersweet flavors of change as a relationship ends. It contrasts the desire for nostalgia with dreams of the future. All of the band members have recently graduated from college at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where they met and began the band. The group is a foursome featuring Carter Hodge on guitar, banjo and vocals; Blake Dodge on banjo, guitar and vocals; Maddie Fisher on mandolin, guitar and vocals; and Rebecca Chaisson on drums and vocals. Guest host Anita Rao talks to the group about the EP and the stories behind the songs. MK Rodenbough joins the group on bass for their in-studio performance. Dissimilar South will be at Local 506 in Chapel Hill on Thursday, Aug. 8.

**July 25, 2019**

**Category: Health**

**The Science Of Sex (And What We Get Wrong):** Many people learn the basics in sex education classes — how men and women procreate and how to avoid contracting sexually transmitted infections. However, the science of sex goes well beyond basic textbook diagrams. In recent decades, researchers have developed a deeper understanding of the interplay between our brains and our bodies and about the mechanics of sexual desire. Emily Nagoski is a sex educator, the author of the New York Times bestseller, "Come As You Are: The Surprising New Science That Will Transform Your Sex Life" (Simon & Schuster/2015) and the co-author of "Burnout: The Secret to Unlocking the Stress Cycle" (Ballantine Books/2019). She joins guest host Anita Rao to examine common misconceptions around sexuality and to explore the latest studies into sex and desire. The conversation is part the series "Embodied: Sex, Relationships and Your Health." Biologist and science communicator Carin Bondar takes a step back and talks about how humans fit into the bigger picture of animal mating. Bondar is the author of "Wild Sex: The Science Behind Mating In The Animal Kingdom" (Pegasus Books/2016). She shares stories about the weird and wonderful ways animals have sex to mate, and even to foster social bonds. Plus, Rao speaks with two sex therapists who hear stories every day about the breakdown in the understanding of what is considered normal when it comes to sexuality and bodies. Laurie Watson and Tia Evans talk about how porn and technology affect our relationships. They also share their expertise on how to develop healthy ideas around sex and to find compromise in sexual relationships. Watson is a Raleigh- and Greensboro-based licensed marriage family therapist and a certified sex therapist, and Evans is a Hickory-based certified sex therapist and licensed clinical social worker.

**July 24, 2019**

**Note: This program is a rebroadcast.**

**Eat Your Feelings: How Hunger Becomes 'Hanger':** Plenty of people blame feeling angry on being hungry and this year the Oxford English Dictionary added the word "hangry" as a colloquial blend of the two. The term reflects a common experience, but one that had not been well understood. Jennifer MacCormack is a doctoral student in psychology and neuroscience at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill whose research explores [how hunger is conceptualized as emotion](#). She led studies that found "hanger" is not as simple as a drop in

blood sugar, but rather a complicated emotional response that we can control with increased body awareness. Guest host Anita Rao talks with MacCormack about why we get hangry and how we can prevent it even when there's no sandwich in sight.

**category: Science/Tech**

**The Psychology Behind Making Healthier Choices:** Summer is filled with temptation. We know that fresh fruit is a healthier choice than ice cream. A ripe watermelon can be just as sweet, but often times we pass it by for a double scoop in a waffle cone. The barrage of pool parties and cookouts combined with summer vacation may leave many struggling to make and keep health commitments. Dan Ariely, the James B. Duke Professor of Psychology and Behavioral Economics at Duke University, says the process of losing 20 pounds can take as long as a year and many find it discouraging. He is working to uncover the psychology behind healthy choices and provide solutions using technology, apps and social media. Of the technology being used, Ariely recently unveiled a numberless scale called Shapa. The scale comes with an app that encourages small, manageable steps, and rewards users based on behavioral changes with less emphasis on weight loss. Success is determined on personal progress over a three week period not the number on the scale. He believes people know what is good and bad for them, but it is the execution of these rules that cause people to go awry. Ariely shares the discoveries he has made about the psychology and behavioral economics behind weight loss and how to overcome the struggle to manage health.

**The Great Rivalries Behind The Great Masterpieces:** It can be as difficult to explain why an artist is driven to paint or sculpt as it is to define what makes great art. But for some of the highest-achieving artists the motivation to create is clear: competition. Some of the biggest names in art have attempted to one-up each other in matchups that shaped their creations and their legacies. Jennifer Dasal, Associate Curator of Contemporary Art at the North Carolina Museum of Art, hosts a podcast called ArtCurious and has delved into the competitions behind the canvases. Guest host Anita Rao talks with Dasal about some of the most interesting ones, including the rivalry between Renaissance artists Michelangelo and Raphael, and abstract painters Jackson Pollock and Willem de Kooning and their lesser-known artist-wives, Lee Krasner and Elaine de Kooning.

**July 23, 2019**

**Category: Crime/Law**

**Exonerated: The Case of Charles Ray Finch:**

In the winter of 1976, Richard Hollomon was gunned down while closing up his gas station just outside of Wilson, North Carolina. Lester Floyd Jones witnessed as three black men robbed the store and engaged in a shootout with his boss Hollomon. Jones testified that Hollomon was shot from two feet away with a shotgun. Hollomon died from gunshot wounds. The quest for justice lead to another black man, Charles Ray Finch, spending more than four decades in prison for a murder he did not commit. Finch lived near the gas station and was spotted there on the day of the murder, officers reported finding a shotgun shell in his Cadillac, and he was wearing a coat. These elements were the primary evidence against Finch and were enough to sentence him to death, later commuted to life in prison. This past May, an 81-year-old Finch was released after the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that no jury would have convicted him based on both old and new evidence. Finch's lead attorney James E. Coleman of Duke Law School's Wrongful Convictions Clinic joins guest host Anita Rao to talk about the 15 years he devoted to this case and the facts that led to Finch's freedom. Buncombe County District Attorney Todd M. Williams joins the discussion to give an inside look at the role of prosecutors, public defenders and how and why cases go wrong. Williams, a former public defender and capital defender, has worked

to exonerate the wrongly convicted and shares his vision as a progressive prosecutor who believes in addressing the whole person not just the crime committed. Seth Kotch is author of "Lethal State: A History of the Death Penalty in North Carolina" (UNC Press/ 2019) and an expert in the social history of criminal justice at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He joins the show to discuss the complicated history of the justice system.

**Category: Art**

**A Traveling Art Project Connects Displaced Kids:**

A giant, globe-trotting mural is linking displaced children from two different continents, across vastly different cultures, languages and experiences. "Same Difference: The Mural" is a 36-foot canvas with four different panels spearheaded by art educator Sarah Cornette. Four groups of children, from Chapel Hill; Thessaloniki and Samos, Greece; and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, put paintbrush to canvas and depicted stories from their own experiences of travel and trauma. Cornette was a teacher at Scroggs Elementary School in Chapel Hill when she was awarded a Fulbright Distinguished Teaching Award, which funded her journey to Greece in spring of 2019. Her project asks several questions: Can collaborative art heal trauma and divisiveness? And, is there a process to collaboratively create community and art in a way that could be multicultural? She focused on Greece because of parallels between the cultural climate there and in the United States when it comes to refugees. She decided to bring the mural to the U.S.-Mexico border this summer to include the voices of refugees on the American continent. Cornette joins guest host Anita Rao to share her experiences in these different communities using art to bridge divides.

**July 22, 2019**

**Note: This show is a rebroadcast**

**Category: Environment**

**Meet Surf Philosopher And Educator Maia Dery:** For Maia Dery, sitting still has never been much of an option. Her teacher had her sit out in the halls to not disturb other students, and as soon as she had her precious drivers license, Dery routinely skipped school to escape to Duke Forest. As Dery says, she never did well in boxes. Her awe for the natural world led her to a career as a photographer and later as a award-winning professor at Guilford College where she subverted the education system by forcing students to learn outside – sometimes in wind, rain, or snow. She developed the Cape Fear River Basin Studies Program at Guilford College, a curriculum that helped students understand how North Carolina waterways are inextricably linked to race, class, and broader economic systems. At 40, Dery's life started anew when she took on a lifelong dream. She hopped on a surfboard, paddled out, and with her first waves discovered a new kind of connection to nature. Today, Dery's love of water and her unrelenting commitment to connect education to tactile natural spaces drove her to found "Waves to Wisdom," a program that combines surfing with deeper critical and philosophical thought. Dery speaks with host Frank Stasio about her upbringing, her podcast that captures probing conversations about surf culture, and about the transformative effects of plunging your feet in the water.

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**July 19, 2019**

**Category: Race & Minorities**

**ICE Reports No Mass Arrests Thus Far In Nationwide Immigration Raids, Undocumented Immigrants Still On Guard:** The coordinated immigration raids slated for this week did not take

place at the scale announced by top administration officials. The raids, which were scheduled to begin on Sunday, were expected to target 2,000 recently arrived undocumented immigrants in at least nine major cities. President Trump's claimed on Monday that the campaign had seen success. But the extensive media attention given to the raids – prompted partially by the Trump administration's announcement of the operation last week – provided undocumented communities an opportunity to organize methods of thwarting ICE operations. Authorities revised their strategies and launched a series of smaller-scale raids to take place over the course of the week. Thus far, ICE has not reported any abnormal surge in arrests, although reports indicate that officers conducted a number of routine operations in a number of target cities. Meanwhile, undocumented immigrants across the country remain on edge in anticipation of future raids. Though there were no reports of raids in North Carolina, local activists held protests and organized networks to report and monitor ICE activity. Guest host Anita Rao speaks with USA Today reporter Alan Gomez for national context, plus local immigration activist Emilio Vicente, communications manager for Familia: Trans Queer Liberation Movement, provides his perspective on local organizing efforts and the experiences of undocumented immigrants living under the threat of future raids.

**Category: Arts**

### **Comedian Nicole Byer Is Her Own Biggest Fan**

If you're an aspiring culinary artist, there are plenty of shows to watch for inspiration — “Chopped,” “Master Chef” and “The Great British Bake Off” let viewers watch kitchen magic unfold. But Nicole Byer's Emmy-nominated series “Nailed It” is gaining traction for turning the premise of cooking competitions on its head. Instead of dishing up exquisite treats, its inexperienced competitors fail spectacularly.

Byer's standup routines are confident and provocative. Nearly half of her Netflix standup special is about being fat, but she says that humor comes from a place of self-assuredness. Meanwhile, in her podcast “Why Won't You Date Me?” she opens up about her romantic failings. In the podcast, she invites feedback from friends and former dates about why she's still single. Byer performs five standup comedy shows Friday through Sunday at Raleigh Improv in Cary.

**Category: Arts & Culture**

**High School Band Student Health Fights For Young Music Makers:** Beyond playing in the family garage and or playing at school, it can be hard for high school bands to find a foothold in the music world. The indie band Student Health are on that quest to get their music heard by a broader audience. The quartet met at New Horizon Church and after a few jam sessions decided they should get serious. And their first step was not a house party or a low profile event. They decided to enter the IB Battle of the Bands hosted by Cedar Ridge High School. This was nothing like playing at church. After performing four original songs and a cover by Keane, Student Health won second place. Not bad considering it was their first performance as a group. The next year, they would go on to win the competition. Since then, Student Health is on a mission to garner respect as young artists and to encourage other musicians their age. They talk about the challenge of dealing with venues that tell them they are too young, and bullying from older bands. Student Health drummer CJ Sierra is co-founder of 85 Split, a record label being developed for young local musicians. Student Health will join guest host Anita Rao to talk about their debut self-titled EP, recent tour and the ups and downs of being a teenage band. Student Health will perform at the Pinhook in Durham on July 25 at 7 p.m.

**July 18, 2019**

**Category: Health**

### **Fertile Ground: The Silent Struggle Of Infertility:**

Infertility is a disease that affects millions of people in the United States but is rarely discussed openly. Twelve percent of married women between the ages of 15 and 44 experienced infertility, along with just over nine percent of men in that age group, according to a 2013 report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Those numbers translate to about one in eight couples who have trouble getting or staying pregnant. There are a variety of treatments for infertility, but they can be costly and are not accessible to everyone. On this episode of Embodied, a series about sex, relationships and your health, we talk about the issues surrounding infertility in American culture. Dr. Steven L. Young joins Rao to talk about who is affected by infertility, what causes it and what treatments are available. He is a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and a physician at UNC Fertility. Nichelle Sublett and Belle Boggs share their personal journeys with infertility. Sublett had five miscarriages over five years. She is a fertility advocate and Mrs. North Carolina 2018. She discusses the emotional and psychological impacts of pregnancy loss and what it is like to be a woman of color dealing with infertility. Boggs is an associate professor in the department of English and director of the Master of Fine Arts program in creative writing at North Carolina State University. She struggled with fertility for five years, and during that time wrote the memoir and cultural history "The Art of Waiting: On Fertility, Medicine and Motherhood" (Graywolf Press/2016). Dr. Desireé McCarthy-Keith explores the reasons why black women are more likely to experience problems with fertility and why they are less likely to seek treatment. Dr. McCarthy-Keith is a board-certified reproductive endocrinologist and infertility specialist at Shady Grove Fertility Atlanta. Medical sociologist and ethnographer Liberty Barnes digs into how cultural stereotypes play into who receives fertility treatment. She also discusses the financial barriers to fertility treatment, LGBTQ couples and her book, "Conceiving Masculinity: Male Infertility, Medicine, and Identity" (Temple University Press/2014).

**July 17, 2019**

**Note: This program is a rebroadcast**

**Movies On The Radio: Cult Films:** Tommy Wiseau's film "The Room" is a textbook example of a cult movie. It made less than \$2000 when it first opened in Los Angeles in 2003, got terrible reviews, and is dubbed by some the "Citizen Kane of bad movies." Yet years later it became a huge hit. To this day there are midnight screenings of "The Room" in theatres all over the world. It even inspired James Franco to create "The Disaster Artist," a 2017-movie about Wiseau. In this episode of "Movies On The Radio," host Frank Stasio talks about listeners' favorite cult films with Marsha Gordon and Laura Boyes. Gordon is a film professor at North Carolina State University. Boyes is a film curator for the North Carolina Museum of Art. They discuss movies ranging from "Pink Flamingos" to "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

**July 16, 2019**

**Category: Race/Minorities**

### **Land Speculators Are Legally Forcing Black Southerners Off Family Land:**

For generations, black landowners in the South relied on informal agreements, instead of wills, to keep property in the family. In a new article from investigative news outlet ProPublica, reporter Lizzie Press explores how African Americans lost about 90% of their farmland between 1910 and 1997 and how that loss is connected to distrust of the legal system. In Carteret County, North Carolina, a speculator bought the land out from under two brothers. They spent eight years in jail for refusing to leave the land their great-grandfather had bought in the early 1900s. Mitchell Reels, the Reels brothers' grandfather, grew up in the Jim Crow South and didn't trust local courts, so he left no will to his family. His family's 65 acres became heirs'

property, meaning his descendants inherited the land as an interest, like stock in a company. Speculators and developers can exploit this shared ownership with cooperation from descendant shareholders who do not even live on the property (one of whom was the Reelses' uncle, who suffers from dementia). Heirs' property constitutes more than a third of Southern black-owned land—an estimated 3.5 million acres, worth more than \$28 billion. Host Anita Rao talks with Lizzie Presser about the political, economic and emotional cost of black landholders losing their family property.

**Category: Economy**

**'This Is Uncomfortable' Embraces The Awkward Conversations Around Money:** Do you follow up with friends about money they owe you, or do you let it slide? Would you pay your romantic partner to do the dishes? How about asking your coworker how much they make? The subject of money is ever-present yet it's often one of the toughest conversations to broach with friends, family and colleagues. A new podcast from Marketplace aptly called "This Is Uncomfortable" explores the many unexpected ways cash and income affects those relationships and even our identities. Guest host Anita Rao talks with "This Is Uncomfortable" host and former WUNC Fletcher Education Fellow Reema Khrais about the new program and her own relationship with friends and finances.

**Category: Arts**

**'Something Like Gravity' Celebrates The Healing Power Of Love:**

In the new young adult novel "Something Like Gravity" (Margaret K. McElderry Books/2019), author Amber Smith approaches the classic theme of first love, through a dark lens. Her central characters Maia and Chris come together through their experiences of grief and loss. Maia is trying to navigate the world and her shifting identity after the death of her older sister. And Chris, a transgender teen boy, is still processing an assault he survived the year before. Can these two teens push through their own traumas and find a true, lasting love with one another? Smith talks to guest host Anita Rao about her inspiration for Chris and Maia, and about using her experience as a queer woman to write a transgender character. Smith will be at Malaprop's Bookstore in Asheville on Wednesday, July 24 at 6 p.m. and at Heck YA! Book Fest in Davidson on Saturday, July 27 at 2 p.m.

**July 15, 2019**

**Category: Religion**

**When A White Southerner Finds Islam: Meet Imam Shane Atkinson**

One of Shane Atkinson's first face-to-face interactions with Islam took place while he was working at a tannery in Sturgis, Mississippi. He had made himself a leather necklace bearing the face of Malcolm X – an unusual hero for a working-class white Southerner. While wandering the aisles of a local Walmart, Atkinson bumped into a Muslim family, and his necklace sparked a conversation that ended in an invitation to attend the family's Eid celebration. Years later, Atkinson converted to Islam. Not long after his conversion, he remembers walking into a Mississippi steak house wearing a turban. He soon realized he was using Islam as a way to distance himself from the culture he was raised in and he set about on a search for a version of Southern white identity that was compatible with his new faith. That quest led him to start a Facebook group entitled "The Society of Islamic Rednecks," which he envisioned as a space for Southern white Muslims to swap recipes, discuss the merits of Lynyrd Skynyrd and work to excise the influence of white supremacy and misogyny from their culture. The idea of an Islamic, anti-racist re-envisioning of Southern white culture attracted the attention and support of historically-black mosques, many of which had undertaken a project of cultural reinvention decades earlier. Filmmakers Jennifer Taylor and Mustafa Davis profiled Atkinson in a 2018 short documentary entitled "Redneck Muslim." He currently serves as the Muslim chaplain at Elon University and as the assistant Imam at two historically black mosques in the Triangle: Ar-

Razzaq Islamic Center in Durham and As-Salaam Islamic Center in Raleigh. Guest Host Anita Rao talks to Atkinson about his working-class white upbringing, brief rap career, experiences with chaplaincy, and the complexities of white Muslim identity.

**July 12, 2019**

**Category: Politics**

**Acosta Resigns, Another Billionaire Bid For President: The Political Junkie:** The investigation into President Donald Trump continues as the House Judiciary Committee authorized subpoenas for several current and former Trump officials including son-in-law and senior adviser Jared Kushner. The Democrats are in search of proof of obstruction of justice. Meanwhile, Trump was expected to announce an executive order to add a citizenship question to the 2020 census form, but now he is retreating from that plan, instead looking to government agencies to provide records that could give a citizenship tally. Plus, the Democrats lost and gained a presidential candidate this week. California Rep. Eric Swalwell dropped out and billionaire environmental activist Tom Steyer dropped in, announcing his late start. But does America really want another billionaire in office? And Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta resigns after defending the 2008 plea deal that gave financier Jeffrey Epstein a 13-month sentence for sex-trafficking underage girls. The Political Junkie joins guest host Anita Rao to talk about these stories along with the national impact of North Carolina's race for the 3rd Congressional District and the legacy of Texas billionaire Ross Perot.

**Category: Arts**

**North Carolina Author Assembles Tales From Graceland Pilgrims In New Collection Of Short Stories:** A hairdresser, a secretary, a preacher and a wrestler stand in the sun in a line of fellow pilgrims. They come from small towns in every nook and cranny of the South, their home-cooked lunches in hand, to seek the counsel and blessings of their patron saint, St. Elvis of Tupelo. While they gather together at the gates of Graceland, the pilgrims swap stories – some poignant, some silly, and only a few related to Elvis – to pass the time. These tales are recounted in "Going To Graceland" (St. Andrews University Press/2018), a new collection of short stories by beloved North Carolina author Ruth Moose. Moose drew the inspiration for these glimpses into the lives of small-town Southerners from local newspaper clippings and her memories of the characters she encountered in her hometown of Abermarle, North Carolina. Guest host Anita Rao talks with Moose about rekindling her love of short story writing and her mission to portray working-class Southern characters with empathy and nuance. Moose will read from her new collection at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 13 at Flyleaf Books in Chapel Hill.

**Category: Arts**

**Caique Vidal Ignites Afro-Brasilian Traditions In Durham:**

Caique Vidal's voice is robust and unequivocal over a driving percussion and horn sections. In harmony with his band Batuque, the sound is rambunctious yet precise. The melodies spiral until you smile, and dancing feels required. Vidal's music draws on the energy of his hometown of Salvador in Bahia, Brazil, where social justice and music are intertwined. Vidal and Batuque are relentless on their 2018 EP "T.Y.S.M (Thank You So Much)". The samba-reggae he performs is grounded in the city's Black Pride movement. The origins of samba are humble – Vidal tells how vendors beat out rhythms on wooden crates while the market was closing and women carrying goods on their heads would dance along. It wasn't hard for Carnival drum groups in the 1970s and '80s to replicate these pulsating beats and blend them with Caribbean reggae. Vidal brought that tradition with him to Durham, away from the religious and cultural context of Salvador. At times, it is a struggle to perform samba-reggae with integrity – most of his audience members are white. So he honors the tradition through education. Vidal teaches private classes and shows his audience how to properly dance along to the music. Learning a

tradition does not signal ownership, Vidal is careful to note in his classes. He simultaneously encourages his students' growth while making it clear they have no claim to a tradition rooted in the black identity. Making samba-reggae in Durham is a political balancing act, but Vidal walks the path with ease, ensuring his music remains a public celebration.

**July 11, 2019**

**Category: Health**

**'The Talk:' The Fight Over Sex Ed In North Carolina**

What do North Carolina students learn in school about the birds and the bees and what should they learn? At local school board meetings and at the state Capitol, parents, government officials and advocacy groups all vie for control over curriculum and funding.

The Healthy Youth Act, enacted in the state in 2009, promised students more sexual education than "no sex until marriage." So why did abstinence-only curriculums remain the status quo at many schools? Julia Considine, an Asheville-based health consultant, investigated sex education programs across the state and found confused middle school principals as well as gym teachers afraid to ask for help. Host Anita Rao talks with a range of experts, teachers and advocates about the place of sexual education in the classroom. The conversation is the first in The State of Things' new series "Embodied: Sex, Relationships and Your Health."

Jamika Lynch, a health educator in Columbus County, understands that most parents weren't offered adequate instruction when they were in school. Mitchell shares stories about the struggles and successes of teaching about sexuality in rural Southern Baptist churches and schools. The conversation also includes Elizabeth Finley, director of strategic communications at SHIFT NC, who dissects recent house bills.

Plus, theater is used in sex ed classes across North Carolina and the topic makes good fodder for the stage. Playwright Linsey Watkins explores the humor and dangers of a stunted sex education in her new play, "Oh Righteous God And Sinful Me." Set in an all-girls Catholic boarding school, a group of young women explore their own bodies and desires with alternating bouts of fervor and guilt. The play is onstage Saturday, July 13 at 10 p.m. as part of the Women's Theatre Festival in Raleigh featuring actors Autumn Hemmelgarn and Hailey White.

Alexandra Lightfoot, an assistant professor at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health, teaches college courses that train students to lead interactive performances about boundaries and biology. Lightfoot and Watkins speak with Rao about moving outside the limits of a traditional classroom to teach young people about their bodies. Although, Lightfoot ponders, maybe parents need the lesson most.

**July 10, 2019**

**Category: Arts & Culture**

**Famed Architect Phil Freelon Leaves A Legacy in Durham And Beyond:**

Renowned architect Phil Freelon has died after a three year battle with ALS. The Freelon family made the announcement yesterday on the NorthStar Church of the Arts Facebook page, an arts center spearheaded by Freelon and his wife Grammy award-nominated jazz singer Nnenna Freelon. Phil Freelon is best remembered as the lead architect for the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. A long-time member of the Durham community, Freelon has left his footprint across North Carolina with credits that include design for the Durham Bulls Athletic Park and four buildings at North Carolina Central University. Freelon is survived by his wife, his sons Deen and Pierce and daughter Maya. WUNC Race and Southern Culture reporter Leoneda Inge joins guest host Anita Rao to share Freelon's achievements and contributions.

### Category: Politics

#### **3rd District Picks A Republican, Plus Budget Blues and Gerrymandering Challenge:**

Republican voters in the 3rd Congressional District chose urologist Greg Murphy of Greenville over pediatrician Joan Perry in the runoff election prompted after the death of longtime North Carolina Rep. Walter B. Jones Jr. Though both candidates have similar platforms, the media has pitched this as a battle of the sexes and perhaps a battle for change in the Republican party. Murphy already has a track record as a representative for District 9. Though Perry has no experience in Washington, her race has seen support from major players in the party including garnering robocalls from Sarah Palin and Newt Gingrich. This local race has received an influx of money and attention from the Republican party. WUNC Capitol Bureau Chief Jeff Tiberii goes over the results of the race and addresses the larger issue and changes within the party. Plus, he will round up the most pressing issues in state politics including Gov. Cooper's stalemate with Republicans on the budget.

### Category: Health

#### **Raising Awareness About Mental Illness In Minority Communities:**

One in five adults in the United States experience a mental illness, regardless of culture, race or gender. But there are cultural differences when it comes to seeking treatment: African Americans use mental health services at about one-half the rate of white Americans. Asian Americans seek treatment at about one-third of the rate of white Americans. What are the barriers to seeking help? Guest host Anita Rao talks to two guests who are working to raise awareness about mental illness in minority communities. Pooja Mehta is a minority mental health advocate and a three-time suicide survivor. She is working to raise awareness about mental illness in the South Asian community. Rwenshaun Miller is a therapist, speaker and licensed professional counselor who started a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising mental health awareness in black and brown communities. Mehta and Miller share their personal experiences with mental illness and talk about barriers to seeking help in minority communities and potential solutions.

### Category: Sports

#### **How The US Women's Soccer Team Propelled A Conversation Around Pay And Politics:**

The U.S. Women's National Team took home the cup on Sunday in the FIFA final showdown against the Netherlands. Megan Rapinoe earned the Golden Boot trophy and the team racked up their fourth FIFA World Cup Champion win. Throughout the tournament, the U.S. players battled for dominance on the pitch, but also for a greater goal: equal pay. Guest host Anita Rao speaks with Lindsay Gibbs and Brenda Elsey, two of the hosts of the "Burn It All Down" feminist sports podcast, about the FIFA Women's World Cup and how viewership, jersey sales and more provide an economic foundation in the fight for equal pay. Gibbs is a Greensboro native and sports reporter with ThinkProgress. Brenda Elsey is an associate professor of history at Hofstra University. The pair also explore the changing conversation around queerness on the soccer field and about how colonialism is interwoven into the structure of the sport.

**July 9, 2019**

### Category: Religion

**Where Do North Carolina Methodists Fall In Church's Growing Schism?:** Every year, members of the United Methodist Church gather for their annual Western North Carolina conference at Lake Junaluska in Haywood County. Top of mind at this year's meeting was the Traditional Plan, a ruling enacted at the general conference in late February that enshrines punitive measures to reinforce the church's ban on gay clergy and prohibition against gay

weddings. The Traditional Plan has emphasized a growing divide between conservative and progressive camps within the United Methodist Church.

At the annual conference in June, Western North Carolina Methodists made a statement by electing 40 delegates to head to the general conference – all progressive. The vote stemmed from a local movement to recruit progressives to run as potential delegates. The 40 representatives will join next year's general conference where the debate over the Traditional Plan will continue. Blue Ridge Public Radio's Western North Carolina reporter Lilly Knoepp attended the annual conference in Haywood County. She joins guest host Anita Rao to talk about the state of the United Methodist Church and the growing schism between progressive and traditional Methodists. Plus, the three federally recognized Cherokee tribes have declared a state of emergency for their language. Last week they agreed to work together to preserve the language with at this time is only fluently spoken by 2500 people worldwide. Knoepp gives an update on this declaration and plans to save their native language.

**Category: Environment**

### **What You Can Do To Support NC's Sea Turtle Population:**

Hundreds of sea turtles climb onto North Carolina's shores to lay eggs each year. The state has about 330 miles of ocean-facing beach that is potential nesting habitat for sea turtles. Four different species commonly nest in North Carolina: the loggerhead, green turtle, Kemp's ridley and leatherbacks. All seven of the global species of sea turtles are listed as endangered or threatened. These turtles face many predators in the wild — and humans also pose a great threat. Guest host Anita Rao learns about North Carolina's sea turtles from Michele Lamping, an aquarist and the sea turtle specialist at the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. She is also the Atlantic Beach Sea Turtle Volunteer Coordinator. Lamping shares her volunteer work to help protect nests and to protect hatchlings from human intervention as they head toward the surf. She also talks about what it takes to rehabilitate sea turtles and explains what beachgoers can do to make sure their summer fun doesn't interfere with turtle nests.

**Category: Arts**

### **NC Author Takes On Addiction, Class And Identity In New Young Adult Novel:**

North Carolina native and author Sarah Dessen reads the obituaries in *The News & Observer* every day. Over the last few years she noticed more young people showing up in those pages with no explanations about the cause of death. She realized these were the hidden stories about the opioid epidemic — and they became the inspiration for her latest young adult novel, "The Rest of the Story" (Balzer + Bray/2019). The protagonist, Emma Saylor, was 11 when her mother died of an opioid overdose. Now, she is a teenager spending the summer with her mother's family and learning about a new side of her family — and herself. Guest host Anita Rao talks to Dessen about her latest novel, how the young adult genre has changed over the last two decades and about Emma Saylor's crisis of identity.

**July 8, 2019**

**Note: This program is a rebroadcast.**

**Category: Science/Technology**

### **A Scientist Who Found Her Faith In Physics: Meet Katie Mack, AKA AstroKatie**

Many kids take things apart to figure out how they work. They stare up at the stars and wonder how the universe functions. As a young child, Katie Mack did that too. But she eventually took that curiosity to the next level, and her childhood fascination led to a career in astrophysics. Mack met Stephen Hawking, who inspired her to become a cosmologist. She also followed in the footsteps of her own grandfather, who had worked on the Apollo 11 mission and attended Caltech. But Mack also sought answers to life's biggest questions through religious practice. She spent time in theology school and always hoped to find faith but eventually realized that

route was not quite the one for her. Mack continued on with her study of science, and now is a professor in the physics department at North Carolina State University, where she focuses on understanding the universe from beginning to end. She is currently writing a book exploring theories about how the universe may end. Host Frank Stasio talks with Katie Mack, well-known on Twitter as @AstroKatie, about black holes, dark matter and whether aliens exist.

**July 5, 2019:**

**Note: This program is a rebroadcast**

**Note: Race/Minorities**

**Is America Getting Angrier?: How Anger Affects Our Politics, Psyche And Culture**

Rampant mass shootings and tirades on Twitter give the impression that Americans are angry. And a quick flick through the news provides ample examples of leaders spouting angry rhetoric and encouraging violence. So, are Americans getting angrier? Joining host Frank Stasio to examine the topic is David Schanzer, a professor of the practice at the Sanford School of Public Policy and director of the Triangle Center on Terrorism and Homeland Security at Duke University. Schanzer's research indicates that the biggest threat of political violence to the U.S. is not radicalized Muslims but anti-government violent extremists. He analyzes the recent acts of domestic terrorism and the role President Donald Trump plays. Fayetteville-based clinical psychologist Thomas Harbin joins the conversation to talk about men and anger. He authored "Beyond Anger: A Guide for Men: How to Free Yourself from the Grip of Anger and Get More Out of Life" (2018/Da Capo Press). In the revised edition of his 2000 guide, he shares some new contributors to male rage: porn and video games. He examines how technology is not only fueling male anger, but social media provides silos in which like-minded men commune. Plus, in line with the recent #MeToo and #TimesUp movements, author Soraya Chemaly says it is time for women to stop repressing their anger. She joins the conversation to talk about her new book "Rage Becomes Her: The Power of Women's Anger" (2018/Simon & Schuster). Chemaly breaks down gendered and racialized stereotypes about anger and explores the physical and emotional impact of repressing one's rage. Chemaly is the director of the Women's Media Center Speech project, which aims to curb online abuse and expand women's freedom of expression.

**Category: Arts**

**Becoming Transparent: Heather McEntire's 'Lionheart':**

Heather McEntire is best known as the lead singer and songwriter for the group Mount Moriah. After 10 years with the band, with three albums under their belt, the group took a hiatus, and McEntire tried her hand at a solo album. In "Lionheart," McEntire seeks to be transparent and vulnerable. Her sound harkens back to her childhood days playing the Beach Boys, Randy Travis, and Bruce Springsteen on a boombox. The harmonies and arrangements of the Beach Boys not only made her happy, but they planted seeds for what would come. She joins host Frank Stasio to play songs from "Lionheart" and share the stories that inspired them. H.C McEntire will perform at Motorco Music Hall in Durham Oct. 24 at 8 p.m.

**July 4, 2019**

**Note: This program is a rebroadcast**

**Category: Science/Technology**

**New Archeological Findings Raise Questions About Centuries-Old NC Town:**

Brunswick Town was once a thriving British port before the Revolutionary War. It was one of the first successful European settlements in the Cape Fear region until the British burned it down in 1776. Archeologists have been exploring the ruins for decades with the help of a map created in

1769, but recent findings are raising new questions about the town's history. Students and archeologists from ECU uncovered what appears to be the remains of an 18th century tavern that does not appear on any known map. Host Frank Stasio talks to Charles Ewen, the leader of the student dig, about the legacy of Brunswick Town. Ewen shares what archaeologists know about its history and what they have learned from the new finding. He is a professor in the department of anthropology at ECU.

**Category: Arts**

### **A Photographer Finds The Stories In Things Left Behind Along The Border**

Susan Harbage Page has been a border crosser since childhood. From traveling around Europe with her family in a Volkswagen bus to working in Palestine in the 90s, she has long wondered about the lines that divide us. Why do people on one side enjoy great wealth while those on the other side have less. She saw at a young age how borders control access, and for more than a decade Susan has been grappling with these questions through a photography project along the U-S/Mexico border. She does not take photos of people, or focus on the active drama of separation, but instead looks at the objects that border crossers have left behind. Behind every toothbrush, wallet or shoe along the border there is a story and a person. Harbage Page's current exhibit "Borderlands - Evidence from the Rio Grande" is a collection of photos and objects. It's on view at the Gregg Museum of Art & Design at North Carolina State University through July 28, 2019. *Note: This program originally aired March 13, 2019.*

**Category: Arts**

### **Uncovering The Secrets Of Palestinian-American Women:**

Etaf Rum was on "the right path" according to many of her family members. She was married with children and had several degrees and a teaching job. She was doing everything right, but she felt stuck. Despite her education, Rum was living out the same pattern as her mother and many of the women of Palestinian descent that came before her. Though Rum was born in Brooklyn, her parents were born refugee camps in Palestine where they were raised by parents who spent their lives in refugee camps. Attempting to leave the trauma behind, Rum's parents came to America, but they did not leave tradition far behind. In Rum's household, men were still favored, and the best a woman could hope for was to marry and bear her husband a son. As Rum sorted out the complexities of her life as an adult, she realized something: she had never seen her story reflected on the printed page. She began to wonder: Why are the experiences of Arab-American women not often the subject of novels? Rum had never written before, but this newfound knowledge set her off, and she began to write with passion and purpose. Her debut novel, "A Woman Is No Man" (Harper/2019) tackles arranged marriages, domestic violence, and the strict culture and shame of womanhood experienced by some Arab-American women. Rum joins host Frank Stasio to share the journey of writing this story, the backlash, and how she broke the pattern to find freedom.

*Note: This program originally aired April 25, 2019.*

**July 3, 2019**

**Category: Arts**

**Movies On The Radio: How Films About Nature Educate And Enchant:** Man versus wild is an enduring theme in film that continues to draw movie-goers to the box office. From the 1998 IMAX epic "Everest" to the solo-survival story in "Cast Away," movies about nature probe how experiences in nature shape human's understanding of their own capabilities. But as our relationship with the planet changes, so too does the way it is cast on screen. Documentaries like "Before the Flood" narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio and the "Our Planet" Netflix series with David Attenborough explore how human activity is also decimating the earth's natural beauty. On this edition of Movies on the Radio, film experts Marsha Gordon and Laura Boyes discuss listener's favorite movies about nature and the environment. Gordon is a film professor at North Carolina State University. Boyes is the film curator at the North Carolina Museum of Art and the

curator of the MovieDiva series. Gordon will lead a Q&A session after the screening of the film “KIFARU” on Tuesday, Aug. 27 at North Carolina State University. The film follows the lives of two young Kenyan rhino caretakers and is directed by NC State alumnus David Hambridge. Boyes will screen Howard Hawks’ “Ball of Fire” at The Carolina Theatre in Durham on Wednesday, July 10 at 7 p.m. and “A League of Their Own” at The Carolina Theatre on Thursday, July 11 at 7 p.m.

**July 2, 2019**

**Category: Economy**

**WFDD Investigative Collaboration ‘On The MargiCate Tackles The Triad’s Housing Crisis:**

As of 2016, Greensboro and Winston-Salem had the highest rates of evictions in all of North Carolina. A yearlong collaborative reporting project dove into the topic: exploring how evictions create a ripple effect in people’s lives, the role the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem plays in evictions there and a look at one redlined community in Greensboro. The team included reporters from public radio station WFDD, the Carolina Data Desk at UNC’s School of Media and Journalism and Wake Forest University’s journalism students. Reporters from WFDD took a two-day data journalism workshop and got extra training and mentorship from independent journalist and former News and Observer investigative reporter Mandy Locke. The result is “On The Margins,” a one-hour audio documentary including three investigations into the Triad’s housing problems. Host Frank Stasio learns about this project and the reporting it produced from Locke; WFDD reporter, producer and audio engineer Eddie Garcia; and WFDD reporter and producer Bethany Chafin. “On The Margins” and its related investigative pieces can be found on the WFDD website.

**Category: Arts**

**Bringing NC’s Dorothy Cotton Out From Behind MLK’s Shadow**

Recently-released FBI files on Martin Luther King Jr. put his extramarital affairs back into the limelight. But a woman named Dorothy Cotton, who many only know as King’s “second wife,” deserves much more than the label of mistress, according to scholar Jason Miller. Cotton was King’s long-time paramour and confidante, but she was also a distinguished civil rights leader in her own right. She’s a native of Goldsboro, North Carolina whose commitment to grassroots organizing led her from serving as a housekeeper to becoming the only female director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Two years before her death in 2018, Cotton sat down for an extended interview with Jason Miller, professor of English at North Carolina State University. During two days of conversations, Cotton revealed the depth of her relationship with MLK and asserted herself as a central figure in an overlooked effort of the Civil Rights Movement: The Citizenship Education Program (CEP). This branch of the SCLC worked behind the scenes to create a network of activists reaching into rural communities across the South. As director of the CEP, Cotton trained thousands of community organizers who, in turn, disseminated the music and knowledge of the program into their own communities. According to Cotton, student organizers at Shaw University began closing meetings with a song they learned at a CEP training. As North Carolina became a hub for Southern organizing, the song spread, and soon after “We Shall Overcome” became an anthem for the movement. Dorothy Cotton’s life is celebrated in Ithaca, New York by the Dorothy Cotton Institute and the Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers.

**July 1, 2019**

**Category: Arts & Culture**

**From Corporate Climber To Reverent Farmer: The Evolution Of Bruce Nelson :**

Long before he was CEO of Office Depot, Bruce Nelson was a young kid who had to work to earn his keep. The boy who delivered newspapers and swept factory floors grew into a man who had the foresight to recognize changes in the office supply business and helped spearhead the merger between Office Depot and mail order office supply company Viking Direct. But his rise to corporate success came at a price for his family. His marriage withstood several major moves and plenty of international travel, but when his children reminisce about their childhood, very few of their memories include their father. Now, thanks to his daughter's entrepreneurial dreams, Nelson has the chance to build new memories with his children. Nelson lent his daughter money to purchase an old farmhouse on 10 acres of land in North Carolina, and now the family works side-by-side in the business enterprise Reverence Farms and Cafe. They maintain a family farm in Alamance County that boasts of passionately pastured animals where even the earthworms are revered. Nelson joins host Frank Stasio to share his journey and newfound passion to grow and distribute healthy, whole food.