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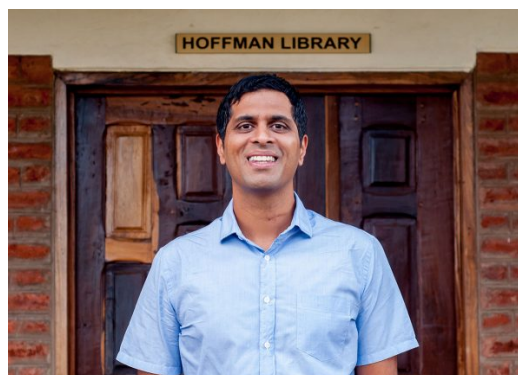
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

*A note from the chair*



Dear Colleagues,

Carolina's mid-year commencement ceremony will be held on **Sunday, December 17, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. at the Dean E. Smith Center**. Faculty members are strongly encouraged to join the processional with or without regalia.



Following Carolina's tradition of highlighting outstanding faculty, Chancellor Carol Folt, in consultation with the Commencement Speaker Selection Committee, invited Dr. Satish Gopal to be this year's featured speaker. He is an innovative researcher working on the forefront of cancer treatment in Malawi, Africa. Dr. Gopal, joined the UNC-CH faculty in 2012. He is currently an associate professor holding a joint appointment in the Divisions of Hematology-Oncology and Infectious Diseases.

If you wish to participate, please assemble at **1:30 p.m. in the Press Room** of the Smith Center. Use Entry D and take the elevator down to the court level.

**Faculty parking will be in the top tier of the Manning Lot. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Stacey Warner at [staceywarner@unc.edu](mailto:staceywarner@unc.edu) so your name can be added to the parking list.**

To access the top tier of the Manning Lot, enter via Skipper Bowles Drive by the Ernie Williamson Athletic Center. The Manning Lot top tier is located beside the Smith Center. [See the map here.](#)

More information on [winter commencement is available here.](#)

Sincerely,

*Leslie V. Parise*

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Chair of the Faculty  
Department Chair of Biophysics and Biochemistry

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