Mission
The University of North Carolina Press advances the research, teaching, and public service missions of a great public university by publishing excellent work from leading scholars, writers, and intellectuals and by presenting that work to both academic audiences and general readers.

Vision
To be recognized as the nation’s premier public university press while remaining a progressive force in the state and region.

About the Press
The University of North Carolina Press, a nonprofit publisher of both scholarly and general-interest books and journals, operates simultaneously in a business environment and in the world of scholarship and ideas. The Press advances the university’s triple mission of teaching, research, and public service by publishing first-rate books and journals for students, scholars, and general readers. The Press has earned a distinguished reputation by publishing excellent work from the nation’s leading scholars, writers, and intellectuals and by presenting that work effectively to wide-ranging audiences.

Established in 1922, UNC Press was the first university press in the South and one of the first in the nation. Our regional publishing program—aimed at general readers and offering engaging, authoritative work on all aspects of the region’s history and culture, its natural and built environment, and its music, food, literature, geography, and plant and animal life—has been widely adopted in other parts of the country. Over the years, Press books have won hundreds of prestigious awards including the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award, and those of many national scholarly societies. Today, the imprint of UNC Press is recognized worldwide as a mark of publishing excellence—both for what we publish and for how we publish. Because of our respected authors who rely on the Press to connect readers with important ideas, the name of the university is carried on Press books and journals across the country and around the globe, in both print and digital formats.

There is a full history of the Press on its website at www.uncpress.org/about.

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{From Our Original Charter}
To promote generally, by publishing deserving books, the advancement of the arts and sciences, and the development of literature. . . . The stimulus to the intellectual life of the university and of the entire South is, in itself, sufficient argument for undertaking the project.
Why an Annual Report?

In its more than nine and a half decades of existence, the University of North Carolina Press has never created a comprehensive annual report. We have steadily published seasonal catalogs and more recently, a donor report recognizing their invaluable support for the Press. These records have created a collective archive of our publishing outputs. So why do we need something more now?

The scope of what we do today is broader than it’s ever been. In addition to the publication of more than 100 new books and 11 journals in 2017, there’s a remarkably diverse set of publishing activities under way here. At the Press, we’ve dramatically expanded the definition of what it means to be a university-based press in the twenty-first century. This report is an attempt to capture that richness and share it with you.

I want to introduce the report by offering a summary of how I see things from the director’s desk. Despite persistent challenges in the publishing and academic landscapes, the Press is being truly opportunistic and ambitious. After several years of volatility, our sales patterns are stabilizing and improving, which is allowing us to better forecast results and plan investments. Our list of books remains as strong as ever. But at the same time, we’re expanding our publishing activities to broaden impact and to diversify our revenue models. We’re collaborating with other presses to leverage the economies of scale that are so essential in modern publishing. And we’re focused on new digital workflows and formats to help our authors find their readers.

Books Published and Promoted in 2017

Under the UNC Press imprint, we published 118 new books in 2017 (see page 12), the highest annual total in our history. We received more than fifty awards (see page 24), which means that more than half of our new academic books are winning awards. Most prestigiously, the Press won its third Bancroft Prize in eleven years—a feat unmatched by any other public university press. These awards are a testament to the cutting-edge quality of our books, as well as to the extraordinary care the Press takes to copyedit, design, and market them.

As part of an ongoing effort to improve the ways in which we connect writers with readers, the marketing department revamped our website this past year.

The department has also undertaken a number of initiatives such as using social sharing, the creation of online forums to host conversations with our authors, more investments in the digital discoverability of our books, and an expansion of our reach and impact with traditional book review and media platforms.

Office of Scholarly Publishing in Third Year

Now in its third year, the Press’s Office of Scholarly Publishing Services (see page 28) is thriving. Developed explicitly to support campus-based publishing activity throughout the seventeen-campus UNC system, OSPS has collaborated with more than thirteen campuses to date.

Longleaf Expands Services and Partners

Our wholly owned affiliate, Longleaf Services (see page 27), is a collaborative back-end platform created to provide scaled publishing services for UNC and other university presses. With the aid of a $998,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, we have been able to triple the number of presses we work with, allowing us to dramatically increase the number of services we offer while driving down costs.
Importance of Friends of the Press

Underlying the continued strength of our list and expanding publishing activities is the invaluable support of our friends (see page 30). Private support through our endowments, special initiatives, and Press Club covers close to 14% of our operating expenses. We could not undertake our ambitious plans without these investments.

A Fond Farewell

One of the more bittersweet occurrences in the past year was the retirements of our rights director, Vicky Wells, and our sales director, Michael Donatelli. During their careers, both of these individuals received the prestigious Constituency Award from our trade group, the Association of University Presses. They exemplified the dignity and dedication so common among our staff. We also bid farewell to Teresa Thomas after more than two decades of service to the Press and Longleaf Services.

The Future

Looking forward, we expect continued growth at the Office of Scholarly Publishing Services and Longleaf Services. We’re beginning to focus on the upcoming 100th anniversary of the Press in 2022 with the launch of our Second Century Campaign. We hope to extend our work with the Mellon Foundation to design and implement an open-access monograph pilot.

But most important, we will continue to be one of the country’s best presses—acquiring excellent work and publishing it with a singular focus on quality. In an environment where facts are questioned and distractions are abundant, we intend to be a trusted authority and a source of pride for the people of the state of North Carolina.

John Sherer
Spangler Family Director of UNC Press

UNC Press FY17 Sources of Income

- Net Book Sales: $4,597,532 (72%)
- Subsidiary Rights Income: $190,977 (3%)
- Journals Program Contribution: $152,803 (2%)
- Endowment Draw: $800,000 (13%)
- Press Club Gifts: $115,188 (2%)
- State/University Support: $518,500 (8%)

Total Income: $5,856,500
The Board of Governors of the UNC Press is a body of nineteen members, fifteen of whom are elected by the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina and four of whom serve ex officio, charged with the responsibility of directing the affairs of the Press. This includes establishing and monitoring all policies and programs for the maintenance, operation, and improvement of the Press, including its publishing policies and projects and its budget and financial policies.

An elected member of the Board of Governors serves for a term of five years and may be reelected for up to two additional five-year terms. A member’s responsibilities include attending bimonthly board meetings at the Press’s offices in Chapel Hill; reviewing and voting on approval of monographs, series, and other publishing projects of the Press; consulting with and advising the director of the Press on matters of financial and publishing policy and strategy; and serving as needed on ad hoc or standing committees.

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As editorial director, Mark oversees the strategic direction and day-to-day work of the acquisitions editorial team. He also commissions and acquires a diverse list of general-interest and scholarly books. In seeking new work for the Press’s regional trade list, he is particularly interested in broadly conceived books about North Carolina and southern history, arts, and culture; nature and outdoors guidebooks; and cultural heritage tourism guides. He has recently focused new attention on the Press’s list of books about the history and culture of American music. He also acquires trade, crossover, and scholarly books in fields including American studies, Native American and Indigenous studies, gender and sexuality, and the history of the Civil War era. He joined the UNC Press staff in 1998 and has been editorial director since 2011. Mark holds graduate degrees in English and American studies from UNC–Chapel Hill. He previously earned a B.A. in English and Political Science from Gustavus Adolphus College.

Chuck Grench, Executive Editor

Chuck joined the Press staff in 2000 after twenty-five years at Yale University Press. He acquires books for general readers, scholars, and students of American history. He is especially keen on well-written and innovative work in African American studies, the history of borderlands, Cold War history, cultural history, diplomatic and political history, early American studies, southern history, and the history of the American West. He also sponsors our highly selective European history and Greek and Roman history lists. He earned his B.A. in English from DePauw University and a master’s degree in creative writing from Boston University.

Elaine Maisner, Executive Editor

Elaine joined the Press in 1994 after working previously at Yale University Press and Tokyo University Press. She focuses on publishing books that promise to influence conversations within and beyond the academy in the fields of religious studies and Latin American and Caribbean studies. She also acquires general-interest books about North Carolina and the South; her specialties include cookbooks, foodways, gardening, and natural history, as well as books about pressing contemporary concerns in southern life. Before beginning her career in publishing, she studied English at Oberlin College.
Brandon Proia, Senior Editor

Brandon joined the Press acquisitions staff in 2013 after working previously at Cabinet magazine, Basic Books, Basic Civitas, and Public Affairs. He seeks to publish broadly accessible works of history that make a serious argument while appealing to an audience beyond the academy. He is particularly interested in histories of race, environment, politics, social movements, capitalism, empire, and ideas. Topics of special interest include policing and prison; the flows of ideas, organisms, and commodities across borders; and the social forces, cultural currents, and political economy that shaped the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Brandon graduated from UNC–Chapel Hill with a B.A. in English and creative writing.

Lucas Church, Editor

Lucas acquires books for the Press's regional trade list, and he is especially interested in books that bring to life the South's rich musical, artistic, architectural, and literary legacies. He also acquires scholarly and crossover books in the fields of literary studies, sociology, and social medicine. Lucas earned a B.A. in English from Appalachian State University and a M.F.A. in creative writing, concentrating in fiction, from North Carolina State University.

Jessica Newman, Associate Editor

Jessica worked previously as an acquisitions editor at Carolina Academic Press before joining the UNC Press staff in 2015. Her acquisitions focus is on the interdisciplinary field of gender and sexuality studies. She also collaborates closely with Mark Simpson-Vos in his areas of acquisition, including American studies, Native American and Indigenous studies, Civil War history, and southern studies. She earned a B.A. in journalism from the University of Florida.

Cate Hodorowicz, Acquisitions Assistant

Working with the entire acquisitions editorial team, Cate manages and facilitates the publishing process, particularly at the key stages of contracting, final manuscript preparation, and transmittal into copyediting and production. She also aids authors and the Press's editors with developmental editing. Cate earned an M.F.A. in poetry from the University of Pittsburgh, as well as an M.F.A. in nonfiction from the Rainier Writing Workshop. Her essays and reviews can be found in The Georgia Review, The Gettysburg Review, Fourth Genre, River Teeth, Arts & Letters, and The Rumpus.

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