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**University of North Carolina Wilmington to Hold Public Forums  
on the Future of Educational Assessment**

*Free and open to the public*

**Wilmington, NC-** Parents, educators and students who are interested in the future of educational assessment are invited to participate and share their thoughts during two public forums featuring members of the Gordon Commission on the future of assessment in education including Dr. Edmund W. Gordon, chair of the Commission. The commission was established by the Educational Testing Service (ETS), as an independent commission, to investigate and advise on the nature and use of educational testing in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Educators: From your unique perspective, what do educators need from assessment, and how can testing be used to improve teaching and learning?

Parents: What do parents want and need from assessment in education?

Students: What do you seek from educational assessment and testing? What troubles you about contemporary testing practices?

**What:** Gordon Commission Forums at the University of North Carolina Wilmington

**Where:** The Watson College of Education  
Education Building Room 162  
University of North Carolina Wilmington  
601 South College Road  
Wilmington, NC 28403  
Free event parking will be available in Lot I, which is adjacent to the Education building. See campus map <http://www.uncw.edu/map/>.

**When:** **Wednesday, September 26 and Thursday, September 27, 2012**  
**6:00 – 9:00 pm**

Participants who choose to present a brief to the Gordon Commission are asked to submit their statements. Statements received in advance and in writing will be given priority. Participants who choose to speak without prior submission are invited to register at the hearing and present briefs in writing immediately following their three minutes presentation. Time may be arranged for long statements upon request but no statement will be provided with more than six minutes for oral presentation.

**The Gordon Commission has a three-fold mission:**

- Study the best of current educational assessment policies, practices and technologies.
- Consider how education will change in the future and what it will need from

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- educational measurement during the 21st century.
  - Generate recommendations for the design of models for educational assessment that support the demands of anticipated educational needs through the next quarter century and beyond.

For more information about the work of the Gordon Commission visit [www.gordoncommission.org](http://www.gordoncommission.org). For additional information about the forums, please call William Davis at (910) 962-2654 or email: [davisw@uncw.edu](mailto:davisw@uncw.edu)

### **Commission Members**

The Commission members are outstanding leaders from the fields of education sciences, psychometrics and public policy. They have joined together to produce a vision for fair and beneficial educational assessment for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

[www.gordoncommission.org/who\\_we\\_are.html](http://www.gordoncommission.org/who_we_are.html)

### **Dr. Edmund W. Gordon**

John M. Musser Professor of Psychology-Emeritus, Yale University, the Richard March Hoe Professor of Psychology and Education-Emeritus, Teachers College, Columbia University and the founding director of the Institute of Urban and Minority Education (IUME) at Teachers College, Columbia University. Dr. Gordon has authored 18 books and over 200 articles, was influential in the establishment of Head Start and the compensatory and supplemental education movements. He is a leading African American psychologist and one of America's most prolific and thoughtful scholars, recognized as a preeminent member of his discipline and profession. An elected Fellow of the American Psychological Association, the American Psychological Society, the American Association for Orthopsychiatry, Fellow and Life Member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and an elected member of the National Academy of Education.

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