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Chance W. Lewis is the Carol Grotnes Belk Distinguished Full Professor of Urban Education and Founding Director of The Urban Education Collaborative at UNC Charlotte. His research specialty is focused on increasing academic opportunities for students of color, particularly African American students in educational environments. Academic achievement and access to a high-quality, diverse teaching force for urban students are pillars of his work that have made him an internationally recognized scholar.

Dr. Lewis' group has sought to create global opportunities to improve economic, educational and the quality of life opportunities for our nation's urban students. Most notable, is the creation of the International Conference on Urban Education (ICUE), a biennial global initiative to improve opportunities for urban students. Also, a partnership with the Center for International Understanding at UNC Chapel Hill has launched a global experience for Charlotte teachers to educate globally engaged students.

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