

# **Welcome, New Faculty and Staff Members!**

**Faculty and Staff Meeting  
September 16, 2010**



**UNC**  
GILLINGS SCHOOL OF  
GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH

# Biostatistics

## **Daniela Sotres-Alvarez, DrPH**

Biostatistics (UNC 2010)

Research Assistant Professor

### **Research interests**

- Global health
- Nutrition
- Obesity



# Environmental Sciences & Engineering

## **Orlando Coronell, PhD**

Civil & Environmental Engineering

(University of Illinois @

Urbana-Champaign 2009)

Assistant Professor

### **Research interests**

- Membrane technology for water purification
- Water-transport mechanisms and contaminants



# Environmental Sciences & Engineering

## **Ken Sexton, MSPH, PhD**

Atmospheric Chemistry (UNC 1984)

Research Assistant Professor

### **Research interests**

- Atmospheric chemistry transformation and exposure to air pollutants and resulting health effects



# Environmental Sciences & Engineering

## **Jason Surratt, PhD**

Chemistry (CalTech 2010)

Assistant Professor

### **Research interests**

- Atmospheric chemistry that leads to organic aerosol formation of hydrocarbons



# Epidemiology

## **Whitney Robinson, PhD**

Epidemiology (UNC 2008)

Assistant Professor

### **Research interests**

- Social and physiological factors influencing the regulation of energy balance
- Gender differences in obesity onset





# Health Policy & Management

## **Mark Holmes, PhD**

Economics (UNC 2000)

Assistant Professor

Director, NC Rural Health Research and  
Policy Analysis Center

### **Research interests**

- Rural healthcare
- Patient-centered outcomes research
- Policy development and implementation



# Health Policy & Management

## **Bryce Reeve, PhD**

Quantitative Psychology  
(UNC 2000)

Visiting Associate Professor

### **Research interests**

- Health-related quality of life
- Patient-reported outcomes
- Cancer outcomes





# Health Behavior & Health Education

## **Christine Rini, PhD**

Social Psychology (UCLA 2001)

Research Assistant Professor

### **Research interests**

- Interpersonal factors influencing decision making and psychological adjustment to cancer
- Using new technologies to deliver psychosocial and behavioral interventions



# Health Policy & Management

## **Stephanie B. Wheeler, PhD**

Health Policy & Management

(UNC 2010)

Assistant Professor

### **Research interests**

- Use of mathematical modeling and systems thinking to address health-services questions
- Comparative effectiveness research



# Nutrition

## **Xuesong Han, PhD**

Epidemiology (Yale 2010)

Research Assistant Professor

### **Research interests**

- Dietary factors on cancer etiology and survival
- Gene-environment interaction
- Obesity and cancer



# Nutrition

## **Meghan Slining, PhD**

Nutrition Epidemiology  
(UNC 2010)

Research Assistant Professor

### **Research interests**

- Determinants and consequences of childhood obesity
- Relationship between early life physical growth and adult outcomes



# New Staff and Staff Promotions

## **Biostatistics**

- Chris Anderson, Business Officer
- Nancy S. Cohn—promoted to Social/Clinical Research Manager
- Rachel Goolsby, Social/Clinical Research Assistant
- Matthew McGrievy—promoted to Systems Specialist
- Margaret Pomerantz, Social/Clinical Research Assistant
- Robert Tomsick, Applications Analyst

# New Staff and Staff Promotions

## **Environmental Sciences and Engineering**

- Jayne Boyer, Research Specialist
- Rebecca Gunn, Administrative Support Specialist
- Carolyn Holbert, Accounting Technician
- Jerry Howerton, Administrative Support Specialist
- Stephen Rider, Accounting Technician
- Christie Harris—promoted to Business Services Coordinator



# New Staff and Staff Promotions

## **Epidemiology**

- Bethany Corrigan, Project Coordinator
- Solita Jones, Applications Analyst
- Martha Kepner, Social/Clinical Research Assistant
- Shelly-Ann Meade, Applications Analyst
- Virginia Pate, Applications Analyst

# New Staff and Staff Promotions

## **Health Behavior & Health Education**

- Mu-Chieh Coufal, Research Associate
- Pamela Entzel, Project Manager

# New Staff and Staff Promotions

## **Nutrition**

- Rachael Cowherd, Social/Clinical Research Assistant
- Lan Ding, Research Associate
- Christelle Douillet, Research Associate
- Lei Li, Research Associate
- Callie Palma, Social/Clinical Research Assistant
- Jennifer Ruehl, Social/Clinical Research Specialist
- Aileen Sammon, Research Technician
- Chin-Hua Wang, Research Associate

# New Staff and Staff Promotions

## **NC Institute for Public Health**

- Christine Bevc, Research Associate

# New CAU Staff Members

## **Dean's Office**

- Ginny Turner (temp)—Administrative Assistant

## **External Affairs**

- Lauren Thie (temp)—Development Specialist

## **Office of Global Health**

- Rachele Bowman (temp)—Administrative Assistant