

## Statement on Silent Sam by the Chairs of the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health

August 30, 2018

We, the department chairs of the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health fully endorse the statement of the UNC College of Arts and Sciences department chairs adopted on August 27, 2018, that reads as follows:

“We ... strongly oppose the return of the Confederate memorial known as Silent Sam to its original location in McCorkle Place.

Returning the statue to any prominent location would reaffirm the values of white supremacy that motivated its original installation. Moreover, to do so would undermine the moral and physical security of all members of our community.

The values that the statue represents are inherently opposed to the principles of light and liberty that guide the educational mission of UNC Chapel Hill.”

In alphabetical order, all UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health Department Chairs:

*Carolyn Halpern, Chair of the Department of Maternal and Child Health*

*Michael Kosorok, Chair of the Department of Biostatistics*

*Beth Mayer-Davis, Chair of the Department of Nutrition*

*Kurt Ribisl, Chair of the Department of Health Behavior*

*Anna Schenck, Director of the Public Health Leadership Program*

*Til Stürmer, Chair of the Department of Epidemiology*

*Barbara Turpin, Chair of the Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering*

*Morris Weinberger, Chair of the Department of Health Policy and Management*