

UNC public health faculty and staff members conduct prevention research respected around the world.

Pictured on the front cover (l-r) are:

Jamie Bartram, PhD, professor of environmental sciences and engineering and director of *The Water Institute at UNC*. Bartram focuses on connections between water (including sanitation and hygiene) and health, including ways to make drinking water safer and to cope with emerging issues such as water scarcity and climate change. In the photo, he holds a container of the sort many women in developing countries use to transport (not always pristine) water to their households.

Steven Marshall, PhD, professor of epidemiology and interim director of the *UNC Injury Prevention Center*. Marshall's interests in sports medicine, occupational injury and violence have led him to study baseball and anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injuries, deaths from violence, and prevention and management of concussions and occupational homicide. A New Zealander born, he's a Tar Heel at heart.

Alice Ammerman, DrPH, professor of nutrition and director of the *UNC Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention*. Ammerman explores how innovative clinical and community-based nutrition and physical activity intervention approaches reduce chronic disease risk, especially in low-income and minority populations. Her recent interests are school nutrition policy associated with childhood obesity and sustainable agriculture as it relates to improved nutrition. Kale, anyone?

Herbert Peterson, MD, *Kenan Distinguished Professor and chair of maternal and child health and professor of obstetrics and gynecology at UNC's medical school*. Through research, teaching and practice, Peterson bridges the gap between medicine and public health, working to prevent illness and improve the lives of mothers and children around the world, especially around reproductive issues.

On the back cover (l-r) are:

Sarah Strunk, MHA, director of *Active Living By Design (ALBD)* at the School's *N.C. Institute for Public Health* and clinical instructor in the *Department of Health Policy and Management*. Under Strunk's leadership, ALBD collaborates with neighborhoods around the country to prevent obesity by developing programs that increase physical activity and bring attention to the importance of good nutrition. She stays fit by training for and running in marathons.

Noel Brewer, PhD, associate professor of health behavior and health education and director of *Cervical Cancer-Free NC*. Brewer educates women about the importance of regular screening; vaccination to prevent HPV, the virus that causes cervical cancer; and prompt treatment to prevent cervical cancer deaths. The colorful letters, H-P-V, are in his office to remind him about the focus of his important work.

Kurt Ribisl, PhD, professor of health behavior and health education and director of the *UNC Coordinating Center in the Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network at UNC's Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention*. Ribisl aims to decrease tobacco-related cancer deaths through regulation of illegal sales of cigarettes to minors, especially online. He also has designed innovative applications of information technology to promote healthy behaviors and has developed community-based cancer prevention and control interventions. He holds one of the nine graphic labels approved by the U.S. Federal Drug Administration for use on cigarette packaging beginning September 2012.

Tom Fuldner photographed the panoramic cover.

