OUR PEOPLE

Faculty and Staff Meeting

Friday, December 2
IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Steven Bennett Wing, activist for environmental justice and advocate for human rights, mentor and friend to many, died peacefully Nov. 9 in the company of his family in Chapel Hill, N.C., after a valiant battle with cancer.
NEW FACULTY AND STAFF
NEW FACULTY

Dorothy Cilenti, DrPH
Clinical Associate Professor, MCH

Bharathi Zvara, PhD
Research Assistant Professor, MCH
NEW FACULTY

Shabbar Ranapurwala  Research Assistant Professor, EPID
Emily Gower          Nominated Associate Professor, EPID
NEW STAFF

Christopher Sheldahl
Computer Programmer, BIOS

Matt Cain
Director of Development, Advancement
NEW STAFF

John Holbrook  Social/Clinical Research Assistant, BIOS-C SCC

Kyra Catabay  Social/Clinical Research Assistant, BIOS-CSRL

MaryKate Cunningham  Project Assistant, BIOS-CSRL

Adam Cockrell  Research Associate, EPID
NEW STAFF

Stacie Jones  Accounting Technician, HPM
Valerie Hooker  Administrative Support Specialist, HPM
Janet Suttie  Project Director, NCIPH
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Julie Daniels, PhD
Professor, EPID & MCH
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Suzanne Maman, PhD
Professor, HB
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Anna Hoffmeyer  Social/Clinical Research Manager

Callie Cox  Project Coordinator, NUTR
AWARDS AND RECOGNITION
The UNC Water Institute partners with World Vision.

The six-year grant by World Vision will improve clean water access in 10 African nations.
Gregory Characklis, PhD
Philip C. Singer Distinguished Professor, ESE

Dr. Characklis will lead a nearly $3M NSF-funded study to investigate the sustainability of CA’s rising agricultural productivity despite years of drought. He was also named the first Philip C. Singer Distinguished Professor of ESE.
Stephanie Wheeler, PhD
Associate Professor, HPM

Invited to Vice President Biden’s release of the Cancer Moonshot Task Force report at the White House.
FACULTY AWARDS

Peggye Dilworth-Anderson, PhD
Professor, HPM

Recipient of the 2016 Minority Task Force Mentor Award from the Gerontological Society of America.
Michael R. Kosorok, PhD
W.R. Kenan, Jr. Distinguished Professor, BIOS

Named a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the world’s largest general scientific society and publisher of the journal Science.
Byron Powell, PhD
Assistant Professor, HPM

Recipient of the Early Career Award from the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (ABCT) Dissemination and Implementation Science Special Interest Group.
The CSCC has been awarded NIH funding to serve as the coordinating center for the Adolescent Medicine Trials Network for HIV/AIDS Interventions (ATN). The ATN Coordinating Center is led by co-principal investigators Myra A. Carpenter, PhD, senior investigator at the CSCC, and Michael Hudgens, PhD, professor of biostatistics.
Victor Schoenbach, PhD
Associate Professor, EPID

Recipient of the APHA Abraham Lilienfeld Award that recognizes excellence in the teaching of epidemiology over the course of a career.
FACULTY AWARDS

Ilene Speizer, PhD
Research Professor, MCH

Dr. Speizer will lead a two-year, $1.7 million project funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, examining sustainability of family planning program activities in urban Nigeria.
Herbert Peterson, MD
W.R. Kenan Jr. Distinguished Professor, MCH

WHO Collaborating Center, led by Dr. Peterson, has been awarded a multimillion-dollar grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for implementation science.
Geni Eng, DrPH
Professor, HB

Received the Edward Kidder Graham Faculty Service Award, which recognizes a faculty member’s outstanding service to the University, state and nation.
FACULTY AWARDS

Deborah Tate, PhD
Professor, NUTR & HB

Presented with the 2016 Pioneer Award for Excellence in the Field, which recognizes excellence in advancing technologies, obesity research, prevention and treatment.
Dianne Stanton Ward, EdD
Professor, NUTR

Received the 2016 Oded Bar-Or Award, which recognizes contributions to pediatric obesity research and advances in the scientific understanding of etiology, prevention and treatment of obesity.
Rebecca Fry, PhD
Associate Professor, ESE

Dr. Fry is the co-principal investigator on the UNC ECHO grant, a high-profile NIH grant to investigate environmental influences on child health.
FACULTY AWARDS

Cass Miller, PhD
Okun Distinguished Professor, ESE

Dr. Miller is a co-investigator of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) grant that awards 115 million core hours of use on Titan, currently the world’s third-fastest supercomputer.
Andrew Ochs, instructional web developer in IIS, Angelica Figueroa, executive assistant to the dean, and Cindy Reilly, student services manager for the Public Health Leadership Program, received the Gillings School’s 2016 Staff Excellence Award.
POSTDOCTORAL AWARDS

Vineet Menachery, PhD
Postdoctoral Scholar

Dr. Menachery received the Seymour and Vivian Milstein Young Investigator Award for notable contributions to cytokine research, presented by the International Cytokine and Interferon Society.
STUDENT AWARDS

HPM students Yamira Maldonado, Mark Travis and Emily Tierney and won 3rd place at the National Association of Health Services Executives (NAHSE) 2016 Case Competition.
Cristina Leos, MSPH
Doctoral Student, Health Behavior

Received an Outstanding Student Paper Award from the Latino Caucus of the American Public Health Association (APHA).
Rebeccah Bartlett, a recent alumna, and second-year MCH graduate students Zainab Alidina and Hannah Rackers developed an app called “mAdapt” that links refugees with reproductive health services.
STUDENT AWARDS

Thirteen Gillings School undergraduate students inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s oldest and most honored college honorary society.
Camille McGirt
Master’s Student, Health Behavior

Camille was featured on “The Dr. Oz Show” and described her wellness-related work with underserved adolescents.
ALUMNI AWARDS

Paula Brown Stafford, MPH
Former President of Clinical Development, Quintiles

Named one of five University Distinguished Alumni at the University Day Ceremony.
ANNOUNCEMENTS
2017 Gillings Innovation Labs

- Up to 4 awards of up to $150,000 each
- Open to all faculty with primary appointment at Gillings
- Select applicants will be invited to submit Full Proposals in March 2017.
- Round 6 Emphasis: Seeking cross-department, interdisciplinary implementation science proposals that position the School for national and global leadership.

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