

The Division of Public Health Sciences

Director's Message



Dear Colleagues:

Well, it's almost here! After nearly one year of planning, we will officially celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Public Health Sciences on September 19. The theme of our celebration is GREAT PEOPLE and GREAT SCIENCE. If you have been here for 30 years or only one year, you know that this theme is a wonderful description of Public Health Sciences. This is an all-day event planned in YOUR HONOR! Yes, every single person in Public Health Sciences is the guest of honor at this party. If you are not there, you will be missed! So please plan to attend, along with your special guest, your team and your friends from PHS.

An RSVP is required for the evening celebration – <https://school.wakehealth.edu/PHS30>

The day is comprised of a scientific symposium from 10 to 4 and a party beginning at 6 PM. We will begin with a series of rapid fire scientific presentations (5 minutes each) in the morning, followed by a catered lunch and the opportunity to interact with colleagues at a poster presentation. Next up will be four guest speakers who represent the breadth of research that we conduct in Public Health Sciences. This will be a panel discussion where our accomplishments will be described from the perspective of nationally-recognized scientists, followed by comments regarding what lies ahead. All of this will take place in Biotech Place. The evening event at the Millennium Center is a big party! There will be food, drinks of all varieties, music and dancing. Dress code is whatever you like, although party attire is encouraged!

Please join me in celebrating great people and great science!

Lynne



GREAT PEOPLE. GREAT SCIENCE.

30th Anniversary Celebration
Thursday, September 19, 2019

Scientific Symposium 10 am–4 pm, Biotech Place
Celebration 6 pm–9 pm, The Millennium Center

****RSVP is required for the evening event***

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PHS Updates

PHS Email Distribution Lists

In an attempt to cut down on the amount of email traffic, the PHS email distribution lists are now restricted. Please contact your Business Administrator if you have an announcement that should go out to the entire Division.



SAVE THE DATE! PHS SOUPS & STEWS

PHS Annual Soups & Stews and 2019 Service Award Presentation will be held on November 14, 2019.
Room 5203/5205, 5th flr, BGCME 11:30 am



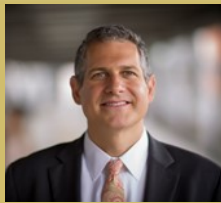
Marriage Announcements

Congratulations to Kate Hayden and Kevin Farmer

June 21, 2019

Congratulations to Julia Robertson and Ben Spell

June 22, 2019



Ethan Basch, MD

FY20 Public Health Sciences Distinguished Speaker Lecture Series

October 16, 2019 Rm 4001 3:00 pm Reception to follow

Ethan Basch, MD, MSc, Professor, Director, Cancer Outcomes Research Program
UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center

All are invited to attend



Christopher Schaich, PhD, successfully defended his thesis in the Clinical & Population Translational Sciences Program on May 13, 2019 titled "Heart Rate Variability as a Predictor of Cognitive Performance in the Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis".
Chris is an Instructor in the Hypertension and Vascular Research Center, and also is a T32 Fellow in the Cardiovascular Research Fellowship Program of the Section on Cardiovascular Medicine within the Department of Internal Medicine. His Thesis Advisor is Dr. Timothy Hughes. Other committee members included Dr. David Herrington and Dr. Haiying Chen. Dr. Kathleen Hayden served as Examination Chair. Dr. Schaich is expected to graduate in



Jamy Ard, MD, Professor, Epidemiology & Prevention was selected to serve as a member of the North Carolina Institute of Medicine (NCIOM). This is an independent, quasi-state agency that was chartered by the North Carolina General Assembly in 1983 to provide balanced, nonpartisan information on issues of relevance to the health of North Carolina's population. The NCIOM convenes working groups of knowledgeable individuals to study complex health issues facing the state in order to develop workable solutions to address these issues. Dr. Ard will be joining a prestigious group of over 150 North Carolinians who serve our state as health care providers, academics, policymakers, and business leaders.

Kathleen Hayden, PhD, Associate Professor, Social Sciences & Health Policy has been appointed to the Neurological, Aging and Musculoskeletal Epidemiology Study Section, Center for Scientific Review, for the term beginning July 01, 2019 and ending June 30, 2023.



Janet Tooze, PhD, MPH, Professor, Biostatistics and Data Science received the 2019 Women in Medicine and Science (WIMS) Mentor of the Year Award. This prestigious award was established in 2006 to recognize the contributions of a mentor to professional development of women faculty and presented at the Women's Achievement Social on June 18, 2019.

Janet has also been selected as the Chair Elect of Women in Medicine and Science Committee.

The Adolf G. Kammer Merit in Authorship Award was presented at the annual meeting of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Disneyland, California, April 28, 2019 to **Haiying Chen, Sara Quandt and Jennifer Talton**. This award recognizes the group for innovative and rigorous research that sheds new light on occupational health problems and solutions.



Wake Forest School of Medicine RESEARCH AWARDS DAY

Congratulations to the following faculty who will be presented a research award on October 18, 2019.

The Research Awards Day Banquet is scheduled from 12:00pm–1:00pm in the Commons Conference Rooms.

All are welcome to attend.



Mentoring Award

Kristie Foley, PhD Professor and Chair
Implementation Science



Established Investigator, Clinical Science Award

Michael Miller, PhD, Professor
Biostatistics and Data Science

Mid-Career Investigator, Clinical Science Award

Kathleen Hayden, PhD, Associate Professor
Social Sciences & Health Policy



Established Team Award SEARCH for Diabetes in Youth

Study Team: Ralph D'Agostino, Jr., PhD, Elizabeth Jensen, PhD, Lynne Wagenknecht, DrPH, Jasmin Divers, PhD, Andrew South, MD, Beth Reboussin, PhD, Brian Wells, MD, PhD, Ramon Casanova, PhD, Leora Henkin, Carrie Williams, Maureen Goldstein, Jeannette Stafford, Scott Isom, Cindy Suerken, James Lovato, Kristin Lenoir, Jerry Barnes, Ken Wilson, John Hepler, June Pierce, Danielle Cunio, Julia (Robertson) Spell, Cheryl Bentley, Rhonda Blaine

New Team Award OaSiS Trial

Implementation of Smoking Cessation Services within NCI NCORP Community Sites with Organized Lung Cancer Screening Programs (The OaSiS Trial)

Study Team: Kristie Foley, PhD, Caroline Chiles, MD, Christina Bellinger, MD, David Miller, Jr., MD, MS, Emily Dressler, PhD, Kathryn Weaver, PhD, John Spangler, MD, MPH, Erin Sutfin, PhD, W. Jeffrey Petty, MD, Whitney Davis, Donna Lawler

Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA)

Wake Forest School of Medicine has received a five-year, \$25.4 million award from National Institutes of Health (NIH). This represents a renewal of the first CTSA grant award in 2015.

Faculty in PHS who have roles within the CTSI

CTSI Leadership

Lynne Wagenknecht, DrPH, Associate Director

Biostatistics Core Support Services

Walter Ambrosius, PhD, Program Leader
Haiying Chen, PhD, MD Associate Program Leader
Elizabeth Jensen, PhD, Associate Program Leader
Lynne Wagner, PhD
Eddie Ip, PhD
Michael Miller, PhD
Sean Simpson, PhD

Informatics Program

Brian Wells, MD, PhD, Associate Program Leader

Translation Workforce Development Program

Kathryn Weaver, PhD, Program Leader

Regulatory Knowledge and Support

Nancy King, JD, Co-Program Leader

Translational Pilot Program

Sabina Gesell, PhD, Program Leader

Evaluation and Continuous Improvement Program

Douglas Easterling, PhD, MA, Program Leader
Sabina Gesell, PhD, Associate Program Leader

Integrating Special Populations Program (ISP)

Goldie Byrd, PhD, Program Leader

Participant and Clinical Interactions

Jamy Ard, MD, Program Leader

Program in Community Engagement

Scott Rhodes, PhD, MPH, Program Leader

TL1 Program

Kristie Foley, PhD, Core Faculty
Douglas Easterling, PhD, MA, Core Faculty
Janet Tooze, PhD, Core Faculty
Nancy King, JD, Core Faculty

KL2 Mentored Career Development

Michael Miller, PhD, Core Faculty
Kate Weaver, PhD, Core Faculty



Team Spotlight

The **Action for Health in Diabetes (Look AHEAD) Study** is a randomized trial of 5,145 participants comparing the effects of Intensive Lifestyle Intervention (ILI) focused on weight loss achieved through healthy eating and increased physical activity versus a control condition of Diabetes Support and Education (DSE) in overweight and obese individuals with type 2 diabetes. The intervention phase of the trial ended in 2012 at which time it was determined that the intervention had no effect on the primary outcome of heart disease. We are now in the 20th year of the study which is referred to as the Look AHEAD Extension (LA-E). The goal of LA-E is to examine whether ILI, provided for 10 years during mid-life, has enduring benefits that persist beyond the period of the intervention for older individuals with diabetes.



LA-E focuses on the clinical outcomes most relevant to healthy aging and resilience and will provide the long-term data needed to frame guidelines related to lifestyle intervention in the care of older overweight or obese individuals with type 2 diabetes. Outcomes in LA-E include mortality, health care costs, frailty, microvascular complications of diabetes (eye, kidney and nerve), and quality of life.

Wake Forest/Public Health Sciences serves as the Data Coordinating Center. An important strength of the study is our spirit of collaboration. Within our Institution, collaborating departments over the years have included Cardiology, Neurology, Geriatrics, and Health & Exercise Science on the Reynolda Campus.

Led by Mark Espeland and Lynne Wagenknecht, the WFSM study team includes: Andrea Anderson, Judy Bahnson, Michael Bancks, Jerry Barnes, Mary Barr, Patricia Beatty, Tara Beckner, Peter Brubaker, Haiying Chen, Delilah Cook, Katelyn Garcia, Sarah Gaussoin, Kate Hayden, Lea Harvin, Denise Houston, Rebecca Neiberg, Nick Pajewski, June Pierce, David Reboussin, Jack Rejeski, Debbie Steinberg, Michael Walkup, Christopher Webb, and Carrie Williams.

Call For Public Health Sciences Faculty and Staff Applicants: Population Health Research Methodologies Team



PHS is establishing a research team to address population health priorities of the Wake Forest Baptist Health System. Team members will collaborate closely with clinical colleagues and with members of the newly established PHS Population Health Working Group on high priority health system implementation and evaluation projects. Faculty and staff who are selected for the team will be eligible for salary support (%FTE) to work on active projects.

Interested? Contact Alain Bertoni, MD, MPH, PHS Associate Director for Population Health,
 (abertoni@wakehealth.edu)

Recent Grant Awards

Glenn Lesser, MD, Internal Medicine, Oncology, Kathryn Weaver, PhD, Associate Professor, Social Sciences & Health Policy
 Wake Forest NCORP Research Base

Originating sponsor: NIH/NCI

Elsayed Soliman, MD, MSc, MS, Professor, Epidemiology & Prevention

RURAL: Risk Underlying Rural Areas Longitudinal Cohort Study

Originating sponsor: NIH/NHLBI

Walter Ambrosius, PhD, Professor and Chair, Biostatistics and Data Science

2/2 PROMote Weight Loss in Obese PAD Patients to preVENT Mobility Loss: The PROVE Trial--DCC

Originating sponsor: NIH/NHLBI

John Salsman, PhD, Associate Professor, Social Sciences & Health Policy

Systematic Review and Analysis of US Federal Investments in Research on Religion and Health

Originating sponsor: John Templeton Foundation

PHS New Employees

Social Sciences & Health Policy

DeNina Tate – Finance Coordinator II – May 1
Scarlett Hutchens - Clinical Studies RN, IV – June 1
Jordan Pipkin – Data Collector – July 1

Epidemiology & Prevention

Dakota Greenwalt—Data Collector—June 10
Stephanie Boothe—Data Collector—July 15
Shaunessy Lofton—Research Data Abstractor - June 3

Biostatistics and Data Science

Jon Loer—Finance Coordinator II—June 3rd



Job Openings

Social Sciences and Health Policy

 Contact LeeAnn Gleiser, lgleiser@wakehealth.edu, 3-5267

Project Manager II	Project Manager I	Associate Project Manager
Fellow	Student Intern temporary	Student Employee-Grad Med/temporary
Research Associate	Research Study Interviewer/temporary	

Epidemiology & Prevention

 Contact Ha Sprinkle, hsprink@wakehealth.edu , 6-4520

Student Intern/temporary

Biostatistics and Data Science

 Contact Margie Troxler, mtroxler@wakehealth.edu, 6-7108

Programmer/Analyst III	Programmer/Analyst II	Web Developer
Project Manager I	Data Collector/temporary	