It is our pleasure to announce that Kristie Long Foley, PhD, has accepted appointment as Chair of the Department of Implementation Science, Division of Public Health Sciences (PHS), effective January 1, 2019.

Recognized for her outstanding leadership, research and mentorship, Kristie has served as Professor and Interim Chair of Implementation Science since July 2017 when Implementation Science was created as a fourth PHS department alongside Biostatistics and Data Science, Epidemiology and Prevention, and Social Sciences and Health Policy, at Wake Forest School of Medicine.

Kristie received her undergraduate degree in psychology (1992), her Masters of Science in rehabilitation psychology and counseling (1994), and her PhD in health behavior (2000), all from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She was a postdoctoral fellow in the Cancer Prevention and Control Program of the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center (2001).

She is currently Associate Director of Population Sciences and Program Leader for Cancer Prevention and Control, in our Comprehensive Cancer Center. Kristie also serves as an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Health Behavior at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health and as Adjunct Professor at the University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Târgu Mures, Romania.

Her honors include a National Research Service Award from the National Institute of Aging (1997), a Minority Health Scholar Award from the National Institutes of Health (2002), a Fulbright Scholar Award in Hungary (2006) and a Fulbright Specialist Award in Romania (2016).

Kristie serves as principle or co-investigator on numerous National Institutes of Health and institutional grants, including a National Cancer Institute-sponsored national cluster randomized trial to improve the effectiveness and implementation of evidence-based tobacco cessation strategies during routine lung screening. Her research has focused on advancing science that leads to health care delivery systems changes, specifically in the prevention and early detection of cancer. Her research and teaching interests include:

- Implementation science strategies to reduce cancer disparities
- Translation of scientific evidence to practice and policy
- Building capacity among scientists and practitioners for rigorous and locally relevant research
Kristie has more than 15 years of mentoring experience with clinical and non-clinical faculty to support the next generation of cancer prevention and control scientists. She has also led projects to advance research on tobacco control, a formal training and mentoring program for physician and non-physician scientists, and research projects to promote best practices to reduce tobacco-induced disease in Central and Eastern Europe.

The Department of Implementation Science is a catalyst for research on the adoption, integration and sustainability of evidence-based practice into clinical care. The Implementation Science faculty and staff work closely with the Center for Health Care Innovation, whose mission is to bridge the research and clinical enterprises to ensure that patient care is driven by quality performance and efficiency.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Foley as the first Chair of the Department of Implementation Science.

Additional information:

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