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## A new Weatherspoon gallery will be at Well•Spring



During the construction of Well•Spring: A Life Plan Community's new Resident Activity Center, a small empty space caught the eye of Lynn Wooten, vice president of marketing and public relations. Wooten had previously served as president of the Weatherspoon Museum Association Board, and he knew how to use this compact, high-traffic spot: he wanted to bring a little piece of UNCG's Weatherspoon Art Museum to Well•Spring.

Thanks to a generous gift from Woman's College (UNCG) alumna and current Well•Spring resident Jo Safrit, the Jo Safrit and Cathy Ennis Gallery will be established in this space as a remote Weatherspoon exhibition space. It's set to open early next year.

The new gallery may be small, but like Weatherspoon itself its size does nothing to belie the quality of the art and programs that will be hosted there. A rotating exhibition of art from Weatherspoon's permanent collection will be present at the gallery.

"Because they don't keep a permanent display, a lot of things of theirs only come out from time to time," Wooten says. "This will offer an opportunity to have some more exposure, to be seen by more people and to be enjoyed more often. I love the idea that our residents get to see great art on a daily basis."

The opening exhibition is planned to feature the work of Gregory Ivy, who founded the Weatherspoon and played a vital role in the development of the visual arts both at UNCG and in the wider Greensboro community.

In addition to the exhibitions, Well•Spring and Weatherspoon will collaboratively plan workshops and talks. One example? An annual Distinguished Visiting Artist Lecture, where a chosen artist will be invited to give a lecture at Well•Spring, highlighting the museum's focus

on contemporary art.

All of these exhibitions and educational opportunities are a natural next step in Weatherspoon and Well•Spring's long relationship. Well•Spring has been a frequent benefactor of the Weatherspoon Art Museum, and has sponsored events put on by both Weatherspoon and UNCG as a whole.

This kind of integration with the wider Greensboro community has been one of the primary goals of Weatherspoon director Nancy Doll since she took the position in 1998.

"We're not just UNCG's art museum," she says, "We're Greensboro's art museum too, and always have been."

This opportunity to further Weatherspoon's status as Greensboro's art museum by bringing world-class art into a new setting pairs nicely with Well•Spring's commitment to provide fulfilling opportunities for cultural engagement and continued learning to its residents.

"The arts are a vital part of our lives," Doll says. "A big part of our education is that it's in the looking and what you get back from the work of art, and it's different for every person. No two people see the work exactly alike, and no two people come away with the exact same impression."

This will be the Weatherspoon's second gallery beyond the walls of their Cone Arts Building home on the UNCG campus. Their gallery at Revolution Mill [opened in 2016](#).

The gallery at Well-Spring is planned to open in February 2019. Before that, Wooten will hang poster boards promoting some of the upcoming art, to start spreading awareness of the gallery before it opens.

"My experience [at the Weatherspoon] has really widened my view, not just of artwork, but how I see things," he says, "I mean, literally how I see things, and look at things, and pay attention to different visuals. I found that to be a really profound evolution in my understanding of things, and I attribute a lot of that to the Weatherspoon."

That's the value of art, which will be shared with the Well•Spring community when the gallery opens next year.

*By Avery Campbell*

*Photo courtesy of Well-Spring*

## Piney Lake Fall Festival this Saturday



Piney Lake is a beautiful and robust off-campus UNCG resource. On October 20, UNCG Recreation & Wellness will host the 1st Annual Piney Lake Fall Festival.

The event is a free opportunity to check out Piney Lake and have some fun outside. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be hayrides, paddleboats, kayaking, music, a bonfire with s'mores and more. Explore and relax in the beautiful premises of the park.

Piney Lake is normally only open to faculty and staff who either purchase a weekend pass or have a Kaplan Center Membership, so the festival is a great opportunity to experience everything the property has to offer.

The festival is free and open to all UNCG faculty, staff and students and up to four non-UNCG guests per person. Bring a friend, or have some fun with the whole family.

While the festival will be 11 a.m.-2 p.m., but the lake stays open until 6 p.m. If transportation is needed, shuttles will be running every half hour from the EUC circle, starting at 10:30 a.m.

## UNCG offers only graduate genetic counseling program in the state



The moment she stepped onto UNC Greensboro's campus, Lauren Loffredo '18 MS knew the [Master of Science in Genetic Counseling Program](#) would be the right fit.

"I don't think I would be where I am today without the family that is UNCG," said Loffredo, a

prenatal genetic counselor at the Winnie Palmer Hospital for Women & Babies, Center for Maternal Fetal Medicine in Orlando, Florida.

The New York native knew as an undergraduate at the University of Buffalo that the field of genetic counseling was the perfect intersection of her interests – applying the complex science of genetics in passionate, patient-centered settings. When it came to choosing a graduate program, UNC Greensboro, home to the only graduate genetic counseling program in the state of North Carolina, was at the top of her list.

Genetic counseling, basically taking the complexity of genetics and making it accessible to patients, is still relatively new in the scope of healthcare fields, said Lauren Doyle, director of the MS in genetic counseling program, but is one of the most rapidly growing healthcare professions in the country. One report she pointed to estimated 4,500 practicing genetic counselors in the U.S. with 400 graduates a year. The same report projected the field to grow by 30 percent through 2024.

“You can buy a genetic testing kit at Target next to the toothpaste,” Doyle said.

UNCG’s genetic counseling master’s program enrolled its first class in the fall of 2000 and collaborates with all major medical centers in the state.

In 21 months, students are prepared to help individuals navigate the healthcare system, address moral questions and make life-changing decisions in prenatal, pediatric and cancer treatment settings. They hold clinical positions, work in education, industry, laboratories or policy. They see patients in general clinics and can also specialize in neurology, cardiology, or metabolic disorders, among other subspecialties.

[See full story at UNCG Now.](#)

*By Elizabeth Harrison*

*Photograph by Jiyoung Park*

## **SECC reaches 300 donors, announces new drawing winners**

With 300 donors and more than \$60,000 in giving, the 2018 SECC has reached 30 percent of its goal for the year.

The SECC is the only workplace giving program for state employees. It is a direct way to help those in need; sustain local, national, and international health, educational, environmental and social service organizations; and make a meaningful contribution to your community.

To encourage continued participation, the UNCG SECC Committee is randomly selecting the names of supporters (online pledges only) each week to receive one of several prizes. This week's winners include:

- Helen Bradford (Facilities) – Wireless charging pad
- Robyn LeBlanc (Classical Studies) – Single cup coffee maker

Winners can contact Jana Walser Smith at [jfwalser@uncg.edu](mailto:jfwalser@uncg.edu) to collect their prize.

The SECC's next big event is the all-you-can-eat breakfast Nov. 1 from 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. in Moran Commons. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance [here](#) for \$6.

If you wish to contribute to the SECC, visit <http://secc.wp.uncg.edu/give-now>.

## Candidates for Dean of School of Health and Human Sciences open forums

The Dean of Health and Human Sciences Search Committee and Provost Dunn recently held confidential in-person interviews with semi-finalists for the position of HHS dean and selected four finalists to visit campus.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the interview process by attending the open forums and receptions. The finalists will provide a 15-20 minute presentation on challenges and opportunities facing Schools of Health and Human Sciences, *particularly* UNC Greensboro, followed by a question and answer session.

The open forums are scheduled as follows:

Candidate 1: Monday, October 22, 2:15-3:30 pm, EUC Alexander Room, reception to follow in EUC Claxton Room.

Candidate 2: Wednesday, November 7, 2:15-3:30 pm, Location to be determined

Candidate 3: Wednesday, November 14, 2:15-3:30 pm, Location to be determined

Candidate 4: Monday, November 19, 2:15-3:30 pm, Location to be determined

A brief reception will be held immediately after each open forum.

Finalists names and CVs will be made available four days before each visit. A video recording and survey will also be posted after each open forum. All information can be accessed

at <https://sites.google.com/a/uncg.edu/hhs-dean-search/>.

## Middle College at UNCG named one of the nation's best urban schools



Middle College at UNCG was named one of America's Best Urban Schools by the National Center for Urban School Transformation (NCUST) during the 2018 America's Best Urban Schools Symposium Oct. 9 and 10.

Of the 15 schools recognized, the Middle College at UNCG was **one of four** to win the Gold Award, as well as the only North Carolina school recognized. All finalists were measured against rigorous criteria, with a special focus on curricular rigor, instructional effectiveness, relational quality and continuous improvement efforts.

NCUST's mission is to help urban school districts and their partners transform urban schools into places where all students achieve academic proficiency, develop a love for learning and graduate prepared to succeed in post-secondary education, the workplace and their communities.

*By Victor Ayala*

*Archived photo of Principal Angela Polk-Jones with a student*

## Make nomination: UNCG Award for Excellence in Online Education

UNCG Online: The Division of Online Learning facilitates this annual award to honor a faculty or staff member who has demonstrated excellence in developing, supporting, and/or teaching of online courses and programs at UNCG.

The objective is to showcase outstanding teaching and to recognize development and

support efforts that create engaging online learning experiences. The ultimate goal of this recognition is to promote innovation and improve the quality of UNCG online courses and programs.

### **Criteria**

- Faculty and staff members can be nominated for online teaching, development, and support activities conducted in the 2018 calendar year. Self nominations are accepted.
- Faculty and staff can be nominated for exemplary work related to online learning, including but not limited to
  - Teaching online courses,
  - Development of online courses or programs,
  - Effort to enhance online student success,
  - Any combination of the above.

### **Nomination Process**

- Students, staff, faculty or administrators can submit a nomination.
- The UNCG Online Academy of Online Professors will constitute the Screening and Selection Committee.
- The nomination packet should include:
  - A letter of nomination detailing the qualifications of the nominee and a description of the online course and/or support service. (300 words)
  - A brief statement on impact or innovation of the nominees work. (100 words)
  - A letter of support from the nominee's department chair, Dean, or direct supervisor.
  - Student testimonials. Limit 3 testimonials. Must be from the last 3 years. (Please attach as Word files or PDF.)
  - Peer evaluations (maximum of 3) and course and instructor evaluations (maximum of 3). Please attach as a Word or PDF file.

### **Submitting Nominations**

Nominations should be submitted to Nichole McGill, [ntmcgill@uncg.edu](mailto:ntmcgill@uncg.edu), no later than November 10, 2018. The award winner will receive an honorarium of \$3,000.

Those with questions may contact contact Jim Eddy, Dean, The Division of Online Learning, [jmeddy@uncg.edu](mailto:jmeddy@uncg.edu).

## Spartan Recovery Program will receive Recovery Champions & Allies Award



The Spartan Recovery Program received recognition as an honoree of the Recovery Champions and Allies Award.

Nominations were submitted by peers and colleagues, both locally and nationally. The award is meant to highlight those who have dedicated their passion, time and energies into making a difference for those in mental health and addiction recovery. The award will be presented at Enlighten Recovery Mindful Recovery & Wellness 2018 Symposium on Friday, October 26, 2018, at the Statesville Civic Center in Statesville, North Carolina.

The Spartan Recovery Program is a program of Student Health Services, located in the Counseling Center. The program is available, free of charge, to UNCG students in all phases of recovery from addictions to alcohol and/or other drugs. The Spartan Recovery Program is not a treatment program; rather, it focuses on creating a network of recovery support services that promote the personal, academic and professional goals of students in recovery.

In additional news, the Spartan Recovery Program hosted the fourth annual Mid-Atlantic Collegiate Recovery Conference with student participants from Washington, DC, West Virginia, Virginia and North Carolina. Participants gathered at Kaplan Center and had the opportunity to be inspired by student speakers who shared how their Collegiate Recovery Communities (CRCs) have positively impacted their college experience and their recovery. Break-out sessions featured how to increase diversity within CRCs, collaboration with community colleges and Narcan training. The original student members of Spartan Recovery were honored, and they shared their experiences and insight that led to the solid foundation that SRP stands on today. Evening activities were held at Piney Lake. A good time was had by all and it was a great opportunity to showcase the Spartan Recovery Program and UNC Greensboro. To learn more visit <https://shs.uncg.edu/srp> or stop by The E.P.I.C. Lounge on the ground floor of The Anna M. Gove Student Health Center.

Want more information, contact Terri Spears, Coordinator, Spartan Recovery Program, at [t\\_spears@uncg.edu](mailto:t_spears@uncg.edu).

## **Auditions for Vagina Monologues tonight (Oct. 17)**

Auditions for the 2019 production of the Vagina Monologues will be held tonight (Wednesday, October 17) from 7 to 9 p.m. in EUC Kirkland Room

No appointment, preparation or acting experience necessary – just show up as you are at any point in the audition time frame. Audition materials will be provided for various roles, including cast and crew.

Students, faculty, staff, and community members are all welcome to participate! Upon arrival at auditions, simply select one monologue to read for the producers. Casting will be announced shortly after auditions are held. Questions? Contact Kelli Thomas (k\_thoma4@uncg.edu).

### **The performances**

The 7th Annual “Vagina Monologues” will be presented by Housing and Residence Life with support from Residence Hall Association, Elliot University Center, & Social Justice & Diversity Initiatives on February 8 and 9, 2019, at 7 p.m. in Elliott University Center Auditorium.

90 percent of the proceeds will go to the Clara House in Greensboro, a domestic abuse shelter for women and children, and the other 10% of the proceeds will go to the V-Day Campaign.

## **Gateway University Research Park Opens New Research Facility**

Gateway University Research Park celebrated the opening of its new \$12 million, 70,000-square-foot Research Facility Three with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Oct. 5. Numerous local and state officials attended and spoke at the event, including Greensboro Mayor Nancy Vaughan, UNC System President Margaret Spellings, UNCG Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr. and North Carolina A&T State University Chancellor Harold L. Martin.

At the event, Chancellor Gilliam spoke about the importance of collaboration, innovation and education as three key forces to drive future growth for the City of Greensboro, the region and the future. He lauded the University’s long-standing partnership with N.C. A&T and thanked local government and civic leaders, the UNC System and other stakeholders for their efforts in bringing Research Facility Three to fruition.

“Today we have seen that when we bring our best effort, our freshest ideas, a collaborative

spirit and a commitment to excellence, success happens,” Chancellor Gilliam said.

Research Facility Three will feature research labs, offices, manufacturing and distribution spaces, as well as a boardroom for tenant and community use. It will also be home to Core Technology Molding Company, an innovative company that provides injection molding for major manufacturers.

[See full story at UNCG Now.](#)

*By Victor Ayala*

## **Hear from UNCG LGBTQ students this evening**

New this fall is an event for faculty and staff as well as students.

Hosted by the UNCG student organization, [No Labels](#), Facul-Tea Time creates a space for students to share ways in which faculty and staff can make gender diverse students more comfortable in their classrooms. At the end, No Labels members will invite questions about identities faculty/staff might not fully understand, ways academic spaces can be more inclusive, the experiences of gender diverse students at UNCG, and more.

“Facul-Tea Time” will take place this evening (Wednesday, October 17) at 6 p.m. in the Intercultural Resource Center (EUC 062). No Labels is asking that you fill out this form if you plan to attend, allowing them to plan accordingly.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeITqOw1cwD8SxR9WaZi7Ro3eY30iwDSabXW-e8uDNR3wMqPw/viewform>

Questions? Contact Elliott R. Kimball, Assistant Director, Office of Intercultural Engagement, [erkimba2@uncg.edu](mailto:erkimba2@uncg.edu)

## **‘Vietnam, the Chemical War’**

The Department of History, the University Libraries, and the Human Rights Research Network present a special lecture and film called “Vietnam: The Chemical War” on October 18 at 6:30 p.m. in 120 School of Education Building.

The discussant is the environmental historian David Biggs from UC Riverside.

This talk examines the history of the chemical war in Vietnam in three stages, beginning with the “birth” of these chemicals in World War II, the rapid escalation of their use in Vietnam in

the 1960s, and a conclusion on their environmental and political “fates” since the end of the war. After the talk, they will have a screening of award-winning Trần Văn Thủy’s documentary “Story from the Corner of a Park” (1996), in which the filmmaker describes the lives of a Vietnamese couple whose children were born with massive deformities because of the various chemical toxins used on during the Vietnam War.

All are welcome. For more info, see [sites.google.com/uncg.edu/hrrn/](https://sites.google.com/uncg.edu/hrrn/)

This event is part of UNCG’s interdisciplinary series “The ‘60s: Exploring the Limits,” a curated lineup of performances, lectures, films and exhibits engaging members of the campus and the broader community throughout the year. For a complete listing of events, visit [sixties.uncg.edu](https://sixties.uncg.edu).

## **Talk on radiation exposure in healthcare**

Dr. Glen Rehtine will discuss how relatively indiscriminate testing can lead to unnecessary radiation exposure and risk. The program will provide up-to-date information on radiation risks and help patients and professionals make educated decisions regarding testing.

The program is the UNCG School of Nursing’s first entry in the annual Dean’s Lecture Series. It will be held November 7 at the Union Square Campus on Gate City Blvd and Elm, with a reception at 5:30 p.m. and the presentation at 6:30. The program is free admission and is open to the public.

Dr. Rehtine is a retired orthopedic surgeon. Over his forty-year career, he published over one hundred peer-reviewed articles focused on patient safety and complication avoidance. He currently holds an appointment as a professor at the Texas Medical Center at Houston. Dr. Rehtine and his wife Joann sponsor a scholarship for UNCG nursing students and live in Black Mountain, N.C.

## **Dr. Armondo Collins leads talk on class struggle and race**

The interaction of class struggle and race is a complex and important issue in contemporary America.

Wednesday, October 24, Dr. Armondo Collins, head of Jackson Library Digital Media Commons, will host a community dialog titled “Communicating America’s Racialized Inter- & Intra-Class Struggle.”

Using Zora Neal Hurston’s “Barracoon: The Story of the Last “Black Cargo” as a starting point, participants will discuss racialized inter- and intra-class struggle in modern America.

The conversation will be held in EUC Claxton at 6 p.m. This event is a part of the African American and African Diaspora Studies department's Conversations With the Community program, where faculty and students come together to converse about contemporary issues facing people of African descent. See the [AADS website](#) for more information and a full schedule of upcoming events.

## Campus storm debris is put to a very good use



UNCG Grounds always contributes a bunch of sticks and limbs for kindling for the annual Homecoming Bonfire. This year, the kindling came directly from last week's big storm.

UNCG Grounds was on the job at 5:30 a.m. Friday morning cleaning up the debris from Hurricane Michael. Before daybreak, they had accomplished a lot - and the work continued throughout the day, with blowers, chainsaws, rakes and muscle.

The campus had lost five trees to the storm, said Andy Currin, assistant director for Grounds. And there was plenty of debris to clean up.

By 11 a.m., I spotted Terry Goins pitching his load of storm debris from trees in North campus, into the large bonfire pit (visual, right).



Dozens of pallets would be placed on the firepit afterward.

I talked with Goins and also Eddie Taylor of UNCG Grounds, who had a truck of debris. They confirmed that the sticks and small limbs from the storm were part of the kindling for the evening's bonfire.

Sort of like taking life's lemons and making lemonade.



Some great news: All of the university's oldest trees remained standing. Two of these older trees, bearing markers, remain standing beside an uprooted white oak between the Quad and Kaplan Commons that fell in Thursday afternoon's high winds. (See visual, left). The campus' oldest tree, a [1837 pine near Peabody Park](#), also remained unharmed.

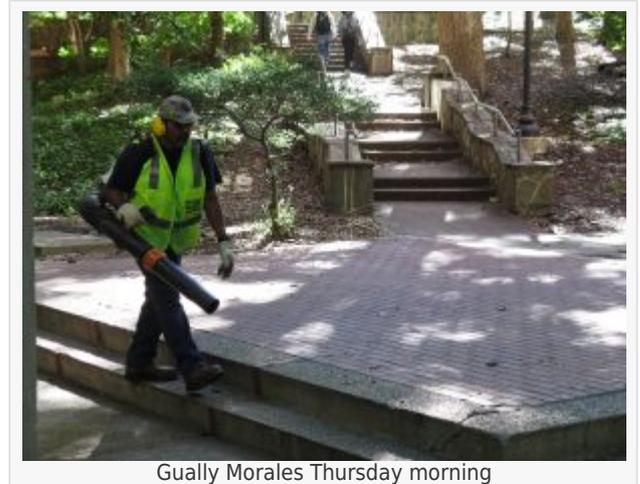
Some branches from oaks between Foust Park and Spring Garden had come down Thursday and had been dealt with Thursday once it was safe to do so, Ted Crawford told me, as he transported debris from the park area.

A crape myrtle was partially uprooted near the Vacc Belltower. Another tree was down near the McIver Parking deck. A few other ornamentals came down. And there was still some debris and leaves to be cleared from grass and other areas.

Just in time to be part of a bonfire.

*Photos and story by Mike Harris*

## 11 Spartans recognized at “Notable Latinos of the Triad” event



Gually Morales Thursday morning



UNC Greensboro students, faculty and staff were recognized at the 2018 Notable Latinos of the Triad event, the annual gala for the Latino Community Coalition of Guilford (LCCG), held Oct. 5.

The event honored both Latinos (Notable Latino recognition) and allies (Corazón Latino recognition) for their efforts to support and advocate for the Latino community in Guilford County.

The 11 recognized Spartans are:

- Jacqueline Anahi Sandoval, student
- Alejandro Ruty, associate professor of music composition
- Sara Rubio Correa, student
- Marisa Guerrero Gonzalez '16, university program associate
- Manuel Valdez Perez, student
- Isabel Del Angel-Romero, student
- Dr. Carmen T. Sotomayor, professor of Spanish
- Dr. Holly Sienkiewicz, director of the Center for New North Carolinians
- Dr. James “Rod” Wyatt, senior director of college completion initiatives
- Celeste Cervantes, student

- Melissa Pilar Aguirre Mora, student

Additionally, student Olga Diaz Rios was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

The mission of the LCCG is to strengthen and support the Latino community in Guilford County by promoting advocacy and education through a collaborative and empowered network. LCCG was officially established in 2011 under the leadership of Kathy Hinshaw, and currently operates under the fiscal sponsorship of UNCG's [Center for New North Carolinians](#).

To learn more, visit the [LCCG website](#).

*By Victor Ayala*

## **Make proposals for Green Fund**

The UNCG Green Fund Committee is pleased to invite proposals from UNCG students and employees for efforts that support sustainability initiatives at UNCG. Projects may be for campus infrastructure, sustainability education, research, or professional development that benefits students.

The Green Fund is a \$2.22 student semester fee that supports sustainability initiatives on campus. It is governed by students with assistance from faculty and staff experts. This fund invests in campus infrastructure to help meet the goals of the UNCG Climate Action Plan, while also offering education, research and professional development opportunities for students. Proposals are submitted to the Green Fund Committee and only the student committee members are allowed to vote on which proposals are funded.

Proposals may be submitted at any time during the academic year for amounts up to \$1,000 for projects that require no modifications to UNCG buildings or grounds. Proposals for amounts over \$1,000 or projects that require modifications to UNCG buildings or grounds are due at 5:00pm EST on November 1 and April 1.

Learn more and apply at: <https://sustainability.uncg.edu/green-fund/>

## **Fun with Archaeology this Saturday**

Explore the past through history and archaeology.

Saturday, Oct. 20, come to a family-friendly, hands-on event at the Greensboro History Museum LeBauer Park terrace. The event will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

See remote-sensing in action. Check out fossil casts. Enjoy lots of kid-friendly events.

Meet and talk with UNCG archeologists and city historians.

The event is free-admission. It will be held rain or shine.

It is sponsored by the UNCG Archaeology program, the Greensboro History Museum and the City of Greensboro.

## **Book study: “Sentipensante (Sensing/Thinking) Pedagogy”**

The Coalition for Diverse Language and Culture is hosting a book study of Laura Rendón’s book “Sentipensante (Sensing/Thinking) Pedagogy.” Over the fall semester, they are meeting monthly to discuss the book and prepare for Dr. Rendón’s visit May 3-4, 2019, as part of the second annual Diversity in Language and Culture Conference. The remaining meeting schedule for the book study is:

October 17 (chapters 2-3)

November 14 (chapters 4-5)

December 5 (chapters 6-7)

All meetings are on Wednesdays from 12:00-1:30 in School of Education Building, Room 401. If you are not able to join them during the semester, you are invited to come for the final meeting of the year on December 5 when they will enjoy a potluck and wrap up discussion of the book.

## **In memoriam: Don Wright**

Don Wright, a member of UNCG’s division of Information Technology Services for more than 30 years, died last weekend.

He received a BS in political science and economics from Western Carolina in 1976 and a Master of Public Affairs degree from UNCG in 1982. He began his career at UNCG in 1984.

“Those of you who knew Don well know that he was a gentle, sweet man, who extended his kindness to everyone,” Vice Chancellor Donna Heath said in a note to her ITS colleagues.

Arrangements are being coordinated via [Lambeth-Troxler Funeral Service](#). A celebration of life for Don Wright on will be held Monday, October 22, 2-4 p.m. in the Alumni House's Virginia Dare Room. If you have any pictures of Don, please email them to [Michelle Griffin](#).

## **Dr. Marianne LeGreco is named Rising Star at Women to Women event**



Dr. Marianne LeGreco (Communication Studies) was recognized as a Rising Star at the Women to Women luncheon on Monday at Koury Convention Center. The Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro created the annual award to celebrate women younger than 40 in Greater Greensboro who lead now and who will be a leader in the future.

LeGreco, associate professor in Communications Studies, focuses on food policy and food security in her research, as well as health and organizational communication, community engagement and discourse analysis. As the News and Record notes, she has made an impact in the community in numerous, tangible ways, such as:

- developing an urban garden in the Warnersville neighborhood
- helping start the Guilford County Food Council
- and playing a key role in launching the Mobile Oasis Farmers Market, which sells fresh produce in the city's food deserts.

On UNCG's faculty since 2007, she has also in recent years received the following honors:

- 2015 *Ten Women Who Make a Difference*, News & Record
- 2014 *40 Leaders Under Forty Award*, Triad's Business Journal
- 2013 Service Engagement Award, Organizational Communication Division of the National Communication Assoc.

See [News and Record article on LeGreco](#).

See [UNCG Research Magazine feature](#) on UNCG researchers, including LeGreco, working with food security in our city.

## Fran Pearson

Fran Pearson (Social Work) received new funding from Cone Health Foundation for the project “Congregational Social Work Education Initiative (CSWEI 2018-2019).” Dr. Jay Poole is co-principal investigator on the project.

According to the abstract, CSWEI’s creative, collaborative, community-based model has resulted in successfully developed and implemented programming to address the needs of vulnerable population groups that are often unable to secure necessary, ongoing coordinated health and behavioral care.

## Melissa Williams



Melissa Williams (SERVE Center) received new funding from Forsyth Technical Community College for the project “Forsyth Technical Community College Improving Student Achievement through Faculty Development (Title III) Evaluation.” Dr. Wendy McColskey is co-principal investigator on the project.

From the abstract:

SERVE’s evaluation work across the years of this Title III project has been formative and descriptive in purpose, collecting data from participants/users on experiences and summarizing existing data when available to assist in monitoring of project objectives. In this final year, SERVE Center proposes to develop a Final Evaluation Report that summarizes what has been learned from three sources:

- SERVE Center proposes to develop abstracts of the method and findings of each SERVE report completed over the life of the grant and organize them by year and grant goal/focus (professional development, technology/Starfish, etc.).
- SERVE will meet with the FT Title III Director to identify a list of Forsyth Tech reports over the last four years relevant to the goals/objectives of the Title III grant. The FT Director will then provide SERVE with the files/copies of the relevant reports. SERVE will then review the reports and draft an initial summary of findings of the reports relevant to key Title III goals/objectives. Feedback from the FT Title III Director will inform the final form of this summary section.
- The final section of the report will summarize key stakeholders’ perceptions of grant progress and impact.

## Dr. Stephen Sills



Dr. Stephen Sills (Center for Housing and Community Studies) received new funding from the Greensboro Housing Coalition for the project “Evaluation of the Collaborative Cottage Grove BUILD 2.0 Health Challenge Project.”

This project is supported by funds from the BUILD Health Challenge. UNCG’s Center for Housing and Community Studies will serve as the evaluator for the Greensboro Housing Coalition and the Collaborative Cottage Grove for their BUILD Health Challenge grant. The project will employ a contextually responsive, collaborative model of participatory research. The evaluators will work with the BUILD team and partners to ensure that evaluation is institutionalized throughout by developing data tracking and feedback mechanisms for accurate reporting. The evaluation design is responsive to the evolving project and that it provides data intended to: support program improvement, demonstrate initial outcomes, and reveal institutional changes resulting from the program.

The evaluation will be quasi-experimental, mixed-method, and include GIS mapping. Impact will be evaluated using multiple data sources. Residents will be asked at three separate time points to provide assessments of: (1) community activities (gardens, health fairs, trainings) (2) physical improvements that promote activity (bike lanes, parks, sidewalks), and (3) self-reported health status and nutrition. Residents will also provide assessment of their health at the time of their participation and 90 days following. This will provide a means to identify the “contribution” that participation in a particular activity had on perceptions of health and engagement in behaviors associated with positive health. Attendance counts at health fairs and other events will help to determine overall community engagement. Observational counts of bike riding, walking, playground use, other activities use will be made.

The project focuses on measuring impact at the (1) individual, (2) health issue, and (3) community level. At the individual level the focus will be on changes in perceptions of health promotion and reported levels of engagement. At the health issue level, the focus will be on improvements on health issues and their consequences (reduction in emergency department visits, living in homes without asthma triggers, healthy eating, reduction of diabetes symptoms, more physical active). At the community level, the impact on community dynamics (collaborations and communication, support for promoting healthy environment), community economics, improvement to housing, and development of public areas will be examined. To determine the relative impact of BUILD, residents of a nearby community with comparable socio-demographics will be surveyed at the same times. The communities will be compared on health indicators relating to diabetes, asthma, and general health.

## Dr. Merlyn Griffiths



Dr. Merlyn Griffiths (Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Hospitality and Tourism) received new funding from Duke University for the project “Exploring Reactions to Health Warnings on Waterpipe Tobacco Ads.”

According to the abstract, Griffiths will assist in all aspects of the project involving promotions and advertising, refining water pipe tobacco social allure ads and assessing reactions to them. She will also assist in creating, refining and selecting verbal graphic health warnings and product safety/harm reduction themes, as well as assist in assessing the consequences of the ads.

## Dr. Jennifer Park

Dr. Jennifer Park (English) will deliver a talk for the upcoming Triad Stage production. Her talk, “Magic and Monstrosity in Shakespeare’s Global Fairyland,” will immediately follow the 2 p.m. performance of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” Sunday, Nov. 4. [More information.](#)

Park is assistant professor of English, specializing in early modern drama. She received her Ph.D. in English from UNC Chapel Hill and her B.A. from Yale University. Her current work focuses on the intersections of gender, science, visual culture, and performance in early modern England.

## Dr. Paul Silvia



Dr. Paul Silvia (Psychology) has a new book, “Write It Up” (APA Books) set to be released in the coming weeks. Suitable for early career and seasoned scholars, the book offers strategies for producing compelling, high-impact journal articles and a host of tips for navigating the publication process. Silvia is also author of “How To Write A Lot” and “What Psychology Majors Could (and Should) Be Doing: An Informal Guide to Research Experience and Professional Skills,” co-authored with Dr. Peter Delaney and Dr. Stuart Marcovitch. An associate professor of Psychology, Silvia has spoken to international audiences about scholarly writing and his tips have driven the formation of academic writing support groups on and beyond the UNCG campus.

## Dr. Janet Boseovski



Dr. Janet Boseovski (Psychology) has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Jean Piaget Society (JPS). JPS has an international membership of scholars interested in understanding the developmental emergence of human knowledge. The society honors the Swiss developmentalist Jean Piaget, who made major theoretical and empirical contributions to our understanding of the origins and evolution of knowledge. The goal of the society is to provide an open forum (via symposia, books, the society flagship journal, and other publications) for the presentation and discussion of scholarly work on issues related to human knowledge and its development. The society further encourages the application of advances in the understanding of development to education and other domains. She will serve a 3-year term beginning in June 2019.

## Dr. Kenneth Gruber

Dr. Kenneth Gruber (Center for Youth, Family and Community Partnerships) received new funding from NC A&T State University for the project “Research and Technical Assistance for the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences – NC A&T State University.”

According to the abstract, the project will include the following:

- Special projects assistance relating to research proposals to the Associate Dean for Research of the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences (CAES)
- Assistance with CAES research annual report development
- Review of USDA/NIFA Capacity Building and Evans-Allen Project proposals
- Research proposal writing assistance to CAES research faculty
- Individual consultation with CAES research faculty relating to research proposal development
- Review of manuscripts/presentations developed by CAES research faculty

## Dr. Holly Sienkiewicz



**Dr. Holly Sienkiewicz (Center for New North Carolinians)** received new funding from United Way of Greater Greensboro (UWGG) for the projects “Greensboro Refugee Employment Advancement Team (GREAT)” and “Refugee and Immigrant Social Work Education (RISE) Program.”

According to the abstract, GREAT assists unemployed and underemployed immigrants and refugees attain and retain family-sustaining employment. Upon enrollment, all participants provide past employment history and complete an Employment Accessibility Plan (EAP).

Through this plan participants identify employment goals and are then referred to an appropriate track based on those goals. Participants also complete an English Language Assessment to ensure that the track matches their English Language level. Tracks include: Job Preparation, Career Advancement, and Vocational Training.

The RISE Program serves the most vulnerable immigrants and refugees, described below, in Greensboro by helping them access services and resources that contribute to breaking the cycle of poverty. The program utilizes social work student interns and AmeriCorps members (supervised by CNNC staff) to work with clients experiencing significant difficulties accessing and utilizing services.

Through RISE, participants will increase their self-sufficiency through information referral, training, and support. Specifically, clients learn and practice the following skills: communicating in a new language, making telephone calls, scheduling appointments, requesting language interpretation, utilizing public transportation, completing program registration paperwork, and identifying and accessing safety net and support services.

## **Dr. Jay Poole**

Dr. Jay Poole (Social Work) received new funding from Cone Health Foundation for the project “College Park Clinic.” The College Park Clinic will provide harm reduction services to those who are using opiates and will include screening, assessment, brief intervention, referral, syringe exchange, and education. These services represent a community-based collaborative effort between GCSTOP, The Congregational Nursing Program, and The Congregational Social Work Education Initiative, along with a network of providers in the community. The UNCG Department of Social Work, Cone Health Systems, and The Center for Housing and Community Studies at UNCG are administrative partners in this project.

## **Looking ahead: October 17, 2018**

Faculty Senate Open Forum: Gen Ed Revision  
Wednesday, October 17, 3 p.m., Alumni House, Virginia Dare Room

Talk, “The Continuing Challenge to Voting Rights”  
Mark Dorosin, Wednesday, October 17, 7:30 p.m., Sullivan Science, Mead Auditorium

Human Rights Research Network Film Series: “Story From the Corner of a Park”  
Thursday, October 18, 6:30 p.m., SOEB 120

Women’s soccer vs Chattanooga  
Friday, October 19, 7 p.m., UNCG Soccer Stadium

TubaBand Fall Concert

Monday, October 22, 7:30 p.m., Music Building Recital Hall

Meeting of the General Faculty

Wednesday, October 24, 3 p.m., Alumni House, Virginia Dare Room

Casella Sinfonietta Concert

Thursday, October 25, 7:30 p.m., Music Building Recital Hall