

[HHS Faculty] Updates from the HHS Office of Research

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Dear Colleagues,

The following topics are addressed in this email:

1. Unveiling the new HHS Impact Through Innovation Hub (**info session next Monday, 2 to 3 PM, NIB 124**)
2. 2023 HHS Research Award Winners Announced this morning at Spring Assembly
3. HHS OOR Faculty Fellow Positions: Community Engaged Research Fellow and Summer Qualitative Research Fellow
4. IRB Updates
5. Upcoming events

I wish you all a pleasant summer. Please note, my administrative appointment is 12 months, so please don't hesitate to reach out over the summer if I can be of service.

Best,

Esther

1. Unveiling the new HHS Impact Through Innovation Hub (info session next Monday, 2 to 3 PM, NIB 124)

The HHS Impact Through Innovation Hub will be a 3-year pilot program with possible renewal to build HHS capacity to apply an entrepreneurial approach to facilitate our ability to impact our community, our students and our science to our maximum potential. Supported by funding secured through LaunchUNCG (soon to be InnovateUNCG) and Dean Mattacola, the HUB will be modeled after a successful approach taken in the School of Education (SOE). The long-term goal is to have an Impact Through Innovation Hub in every unit on campus, and we have been selected for this initial investment. The program will likely provide funding for a faculty fellow who will take a leadership role in the direction of the HHS HUB, administrative support, and seed funding for specific projects. Although we have a strong model from the SOE our version will be driven by the needs of and input from our faculty—so please attend the information session, speak up, and/or reach out.

Please come to an information session, Monday May 1 from 2 to 3 PM in NIB 124 to learn more about this exciting initiative.

During the session you will hear more about the vision from Dean Mattacola and David Wyrick, and learn more about the approach taken in SOE from Dr. Scott Young who leads that HUB. I am so impressed by what they have accomplished including generating revenue for departments, disseminating applied programs, creating national research networks, etc.; [see this site for more information](#).

[Please RSVP here](#) to attend in person or via zoom or note your request to receive the video recording of the session.

I challenge each HHS Department to send at least one faculty member to learn more.

2. 2023 HHS Research Award Winners Announced this morning at Spring Assembly

For those who were unable to attend the Spring Assembly, I am delighted to announce the recipients of the 3 HHS Research Awards.

Junior Research Excellence: Dr. Maryanne Perrin, Associate Professor of Nutrition.

Dr. Perrin's research focuses on creating standards to enhance the nutritional quality of human donor milk which has tremendous implications for the health and well-being of premature infants. This line of research has been funded by the Allen Foundation and NIH. Based on her expertise in this area, the World Health Organization appointed Dr. Perrin to co-chair a group charged with creating guidelines for breast milk donation and quality. Many of Dr. Perrin's publications and presentations involve students. Dr. Perrin's research has the potential to enhance the lives of our most vulnerable babies.

Senior Research Excellence: Dr. Ben Dyson, Professor of Kinesiology.

Dr. Dyson's research focuses on embedding cooperative and social emotional learning within physical education settings. His work is reliant on strong partnerships with schools and teachers, and most recently that has involved working closely with the Moss Street Partnership School. Dr. Dyson's methodologically savvy qualitative research has been especially influential in highlighting the unique challenges facing students in rural settings. Dr. Dyson has published over 70 empirical articles, 3 books, and 18 chapters to date. He is an internationally recognized scholar frequently invited to deliver keynote talks about his work. His nominators praised Dr. Dyson's commitment to enhancing meaningful professional development opportunities for teachers that will benefit student outcomes.

Community Engaged Scholar: Dr. Jocelyn Smith Lee, Assistant Professor of HDF5

Dr. Smith Lee's programmatic area of research centers around uplifting and centering the voices of Black boys and men who have experienced grief, trauma, and marginalization. This work began in Baltimore with her dissertation that focused on interviews with young Black men who had lost one or more loved ones to gun violence. Over a decade later, she remains in touch with these men and the community agency in which she met them: The Historic East Baltimore Community Action Coalition. Together, they have partnered to disrupt or counteract the negative narrative and stereotypes about Black men and boys that persist in the public. With funding from the Gates Foundation and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, they created a community engaged visual storytelling campaign called [IN ALL WAYS HUMAN](#). If you have not done so yet, I encourage you to view the powerful stories and images of these men and boys. Large images from the work have been strategically placed near the community center, Johns Hopkins, and other locations. This work has had a profound impact on the men, their families and friends, and the neighborhoods in which they reside. Other organizations and cities are interested in adopting or adapting this approach to combat racism in their own communities. The larger body of Dr. Smith Lee's work has results also in numerous scholarly outputs, a good deal of media attention, and importantly in 2018 a report she authored about the impact of gun violence on Black families was circulated to every member of Congress. The important and emotional work Dr. Smith Lee and her collaborators have undertaken is a shining example of the power of community engaged research.

Please join me in congratulating each award winner!

3. HHS OOR Faculty Fellow Positions: Community Engaged Research Fellow and Summer Qualitative Research Fellow

I am delighted to announce that Dr. Sharon Morrison (PHE) will continue in her role as HHS OOR Faculty Fellow for Community Engaged Research next academic year. She has created many useful resources this year, like the CER Dispatch, and we are eager to work together this summer and next AY to build on the current momentum.

I am also delighted to announce that Dr. Tamar Goldenberg, PHE, has been named our Summer Faculty Fellow for Qualitative Research. The key deliverables for her summer work will be: (1) generating one or more sample NIH Data Sharing and Management Plan(s) appropriate for qualitative research; (2) providing information on appropriate repositories and ethical considerations for sharing qualitative research; and (3) generating resources related to pre-registering qualitative research.

4. IRB Updates

I know faculty and students often engage in research over the summer. I just want to remind you that the new Director of the IRB is Melissa (Mel) Skillings. If you have questions about existing protocols, the review process, etc, you may email her directly. The company providing assistance with IRB is under contract through June to continue to assist with the backlog of submissions. The backlog has been substantially reduced, but the number of new and modification submissions remains at a record high. Projects with high time sensitivity are prioritized; this includes student submissions tied to timely graduation. Please allow 8 or more weeks for the review of new submissions. In other words, be sure to submit well before data collection needs to begin.

5. Upcoming events

May 3, 4-6:30

The last Be Here Club of the semester that is being co-sponsored by the School of Health and Human Sciences and ICEE! Dr. Sharon Morrison and Erica Wrencher want to invite you out to celebrate the wonderful accomplishments of our CE faculty, staff, and students next Wednesday, May 3 from 4-6:30 at Oden Brewing Company located at 802 West Gate City Boulevard.

May 9 - 10: Community Engaged Writing Retreat

- A two-day working retreat to kick off the summer! Join other CE faculty, staff and community partners to begin (or continue) moving your community-engaged scholarship forward.

Location: Nursing Instructional Building Room 124

Daily Agenda for the Retreat:

- 8:00 – 8:30: Morning goals sharing
- 8:30 – 11:30: Work Time
- 11:30 – 12:30: Lunch Break or continue working
- 12:30 – 1:00: Sharing wins and Afternoon goals sharing
- 1:00 – 4: 30: Work Time
- 4:30 – 5:00: Sharing wins

Contact Erica Wrencher if you have any questions: ejwrench@uncg.edu

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