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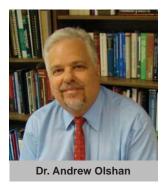


# EPISODE

Years in Review: 2013 – 2015



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It is my pleasure to share the latest edition of *Episode*, the Department of Epidemiology's newsletter for alumni. This edition is a short update, focused on the accomplishments of faculty and staff members and students over the past two years.

The Department of Epidemiology continues to expand and attract top faculty and students. Our faculty is world-class. Through their research, we are expanding knowledge about disease and health, both locally and globally.

The department's strength is apparent in our advancement of knowledge across a spectrum of focus areas: cancer, cardiovascular disease, infectious disease, environmental and occupational issues and injury, pharmacological, reproductive/pediatric, genetic and social epidemiology. Our faculty and student research appears in the most respected journals and in the media.

We train and mentor students to apply their epidemiology research to a variety of health problems here in North Carolina and around the world. We welcome top students to our doctoral program every year. Other programs, including the MSCR, VET-MPH and the field epidemiology certificate, are going strong.

As you read this issue, I am sure you will appreciate the growth and vibrancy of the department.

- Our faculty members have been productive, especially in research, teaching and service. Their dedication
  and accomplishments are demonstrated in their advancement through the academic ranks, and we are very
  proud of their achievements! The diversity of research interests and impact is also noteworthy.
- I am proud to announce our faculty awards. Dr. Steve Wing and Dr. Jennifer Smith brought home the Gillings School's prestigious John E. Larsh Jr. Award for Mentorship in 2014 and 2015, and Dr. Marilie Gammon received the 2014 UNC Graduate School's Faculty Award for Excellence in Doctoral Mentoring.
- I am always struck by UNC's high profile at the annual meeting of the Society of Epidemiologic Research. This year was especially successful. Seventy-nine epidemiology professionals associated with our department attended the 48th annual meeting in Denver in June 2015. Among those attending were 57 alumni. Several persons associated with the department received awards.
- Our students are highly successful in attracting departmental, school, university and external awards. We truly believe we have the best epidemiology students anywhere!

- Two important departmental staff known to many of our alumni, Nancy Colvin and Carmen Woody, who have been the core of our student services office, retired in the past year. Their impact on students' experiences in the department and their professional success has been remarkable. Whenever I passed by Nancy's door, I saw pictures of students, alumni and even their children. This display illustrated for me the esteem in which our students and alumni always have held Nancy and Carmen.
- We are fortunate to have Valerie Hudock and Jennifer Moore in the student services office now. They will help the next generation of students by bringing their own ideas and strengths to the strong foundation built by Nancy and Carmen.

Alumni careers are the real proof that the department is meeting its mission and that our training programs work. We look forward to hearing from you about your life and career.



Students enjoy an epidemiology methods seminar.

In closing, I extend my thanks to all our alumni for your loyalty and support to the Department of Epidemiology. I would be most happy to hear from you.

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Andrew Olshan, PhD, Chair and Barbara Sorenson Hulka Distinguished Professor in Cancer Epidemiology

# Letter from alumni co-presidents

Fellow Alumni,

We look forward to representing the Department of Epidemiology on the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health Alumni Association governing board again this year.

During the past year, leaders in the School's Alumni Association have revamped services to better connect alumni to each other, current students and the association.

**WellConnected**, the Alumni Association's online directory, which launched in July, allows alumni to update contact information and add social media, class notes, photos, job postings or classifieds. The website's career network feature allows users to search for alumni professionals willing to be contacted for career advice on industries, organizations or locations.



Co-president Elizabeth Hodgson (right) presents the Tyroler Distinguished Award to Dr. Kathryn Magruder.

Please check out the alumni pages on the School's website to see what's new and review the benefits and services available. This is a great way to stay connected to the School and to make yourself known to current students who might share your interests. Everybody wins!

We truly have enjoyed working with you on events over the past year. In the spring, the Epidemiology Student Organization (ESO) joined us as co-sponsors in organizing a career panel for students nearing graduation. Alumni panelists from public and private sectors representing government, pharmaceutical, academic and contract research organizations from a range of disciplines participated. The panelists enjoyed reflecting upon their career paths and offering career advice. Students and alumni panelists appreciated the opportunity to make personal connections with fellow epidemiologists.

The ESO also joined us to co-sponsor a picnic honoring Nancy Colvin, the department's long-time student services manager, on her retirement. For many of us, it was the end of an era and a chance to thank a fabulous person for the many contributions she made during her twenty years of service. Nancy and Carmen Woody – the student services specialist who retired the previous year – always went the extra mile to help students make their way through the program. Together, they've left quite a legacy.

As we write, we are in the process of selecting the recipient of the H.A.Tyroler Distinguished Alumni Award. This award recognizes an epidemiology graduate who has had a lasting influence on the epidemiology profession and the field of public health. The award will be presented during the Department of Epidemiology's annual seminar series in the spring. We hope you will be able to join us for that.

As we have for many years, we also will sponsor the Kaplan Student Publication Award, given to the student determined to have had the best publication during the year.

As always, we're eager to hear suggestions for any projects in which you are interested. We welcome your feedback.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Hodgson

Elizabeth Hodgson (MSPH, 2000; PhD, 2009)

Thao Vo

Thao Vo (MSPH 2002; PhD, 2007)

## Millikan Symposium

On the weekend of March 20–22, 2015, the Gillings School of Global Public Health community and many others honored the life and legacy of Dr. Robert Millikan with a special symposium. The presentations about breast cancer advocacy and the symphony, composed in his memory by his sister, Ann Millikan, made the weekend's events memorable for participants.

As an exceptional researcher and cancer epidemiologist, Dr. Millikan paved the way for many in the medical field to understand breast cancer more thoroughly and to provide better treatment. Millikan's work was valuable, particularly in understanding the disease in young African-American women. Through the Carolina Breast Cancer Study, which Dr. Millikan led, researchers have gained insight into the health disparities in breast cancer by exploring the biological, environmental and epidemiologic basis for differences in cancer incidence and mortality. Dr. Millikan's life and work had a major impact upon so many, but his former students and colleagues carry forward his essential and impressive research and advocacy.



Photo: Composer Ann Millikan, sister of the late Dr. Robert Millikan, speaks with Dr. Victor Schoenbach.

# Faculty news

## New faculty appointments

Adaora Adimora, MPH, professor Patricia Basta, PhD, clinical assistant professor Mariaelisa Graff, PhD, research assistant professor James Bradley Layton, PhD, research assistant professor Jessie Edwards, PhD, research assistant professor Rachael Graham, PhD, research assistant professor Timothy Sheahan, PhD, research assistant professor Kristin Young, PhD, research assistant professor

## Faculty promotions



Dr. Alan **Brookhart** 

### M. Alan Brookhart, PhD, professor

Brookhart's research focuses on the development and application of epidemiological methods for observational studies of medications, using large health care databases. He is interested particularly in understanding the determinants of physician prescribing and patient adherence.

### Sonia Napravnik, PhD, research associate professor

Napravnik's most recent research publications focused upon validation of Medicaid claims-based diagnosis of myocardial infarction, impact of age upon retention in care and viral suppression. and incident user design in the HIV population.



Dr. Sonia Napravnik



Dr. Lawrence Engel

### Lawrence Engel, PhD, associate professor with tenure

Engel's current research is focused primarily upon cancer and other health outcomes among persons exposed to oil spills, persistent organic pollutants and risk of cancer, and pesticides and risk of breast cancer and other chronic diseases.

### Kari North, PHD, professor

North leads the UNC Department of Epidemiology's CVD Genetic Epidemiology Computational Laboratory, a collaborative assembly of faculty members, pre- and postdoctoral fellows, and staff members from across campus with expertise in family- and populationbased genetic epidemiological research.



Dr. Kari North



Dr. Nora Franceschini

### Nora Franceschini, PhD, research associate professor

Franceschini's research focuses upon environmental and genetic determinants of hypertension, kidney and cardiovascular diseases in diverse and underrepresented U.S. minority populations who carry a high burden of chronic health conditions.

### Brian Pence, PhD, associate professor with tenure

Pence's research examines the links between mental health and HIV-related behaviors and health outcomes in the Southeastern U.S. and in Africa. He leads several NIH-funded grants.



Dr. Brian Pence

## Michele Jonsson-Funk, PhD, research associate professor

Jonsson-Funk evaluates the application of doubly robust estimators to comparative effectiveness research in observational data and develops methods to estimate gender differences in the safety and effectiveness of cardiovascular drugs.

### Annelies Van Rie, PhD, professor

Van Rie's research activities include epidemiology and molecular epidemiology of tuberculosis, patient impact of novel diagnostics of tuberculosis (including drug-resistant TB), pediatric care and community-based interventions for TB and HIV Control.



# Faculty news

## Faculty awards



#### **USAID's Grand Pioneer Prize**

Sharon Weir, PhD, research assistant professor, was awarded the United States Agency for International Development's (USAID's) Grand Science and Technology Prize for 2014 for her work in developing the PLACE Method. PLACE (Priorities for Local AIDS Control Efforts) is a system that analyzes data to identify areas with high levels of HIV and sexually transmitted infections. The method assesses efforts to prevent the spread of these diseases using low-cost global positioning systems (GPS) and Google Earth software to generate coverage maps. These maps allow planners to focus prevention programs more effectively. PLACE has been deployed in 28 countries and has been used to map more than 100 target areas.



### John E. Larsh Jr. Award for Mentorship

The Gillings School presents the Larsh Award annually to a faculty member who exemplifies mentorship and commitment to students. This prestigious award was given to two faculty members of the Department of Epidemiology: Jennifer Smith, PhD, research associate professor (2015 winner) and Steve Wing, PhD, associate professor (2014 winner).





Faculty Award for Excellence in Doctoral Mentoring

The UNC-Chapel Hill Graduate School, in recognition of the importance of mentoring to the University's academic mission, presents this award each year. In giving the award, the School honors a faculty member who has encouraged each of his or her graduate students to establish a record of scholarly activity, provided a supportive environment that brings forth the very best from students, and achieved a successful record of degree completion among advisees. The Department of Epidemiology's Marilie Gammon, PhD, professor of epidemiology (2014 winner) was given this prestigious award.



Dr. Gerardo Heiss

#### **American Heart Association awards**

Gerardo Heiss, MD, PhD, Kenan Distinguished Professor of epidemiology, was recognized in 2015 for exceptional individual mentoring and advocacy for cardiovascular epidemiology researchers.

Christy Avery, PhD, assistant professor of epidemiology, received the 2015 Sandra A. Daugherty Award for Excellence in Cardiovascular Disease or Hypertension. Epidemiology.



Dr. Christy Avery

## Student awards



Jessica Rinsky receives her scholarship award from Dr. Andrew Olshan.

## Departmental awards

H. Michael and Barbara Arrighi Endowed Scholarship **Jessica Rinsky, 2014** 

Rebecca James Baker Scholarship Xuezheng "Amy" Sun, 2013 Alan Kinlaw, 2014

Joan Cornoni-Huntley Scholarship Catherine Lesko, 2013 Elizabeth Rogawski, 2014

Nancy A. Dreyer Endowed Scholarship in Epidemiology Elizabeth Cromwell, 2013 Marissa Seamans, 2014

Harry A. Guess/Merck Scholarship in Pharmacoepidemiology Richard Wyss, 2013 Xiaojuan Li, 2014

Barbara Sorenson Hulka Dissertation Award Leah Schinasi, 2013 Nabarun Dasgupta, 2014

Berton H. Kaplan Student Publication Award Jessie Edwards, 2013 Jin-Liern Hong, 2014

Sidney Kark Award for Distinguished Teaching Assistant Jessie Edwards, 2013 Alan Kinlaw, 2014

Marilyn and Al Tyroler Endowed Scholarship in Epidemiology

Alex Keil, 2013 Jessie Buckley, 2014

## Gillings School awards

Class of 2013 Annual Scholarship Shabbar Ranapurwala, 2013

Robert and Kristen Greczyn Scholarship Joseph Engeda, 2014

Sandra Winn Green Scholarship Elizabeth Rogawski, 2013

Greenberg Award for Excellence in Doctoral Research
Catheryne Clouse, 2013
Jeanette Stingone, 2014

Harry A. Guess Scholarship Kevin Houck, 2014

James Irving Public Health Service Scholarship
Matthew Ryan, 2014

Curtis Glenn Southard Award
Kathryn Lancaster, 2014

UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health's Annual Fund Scholarship

Elizabeth Garry, 2013 Erline Miller, 2013 Jessica Islam, 2014 Sara Levintow, 2014

Anne Cynthia Price Endowed Fund for Student Travel Award Rushina Cholera, 2013

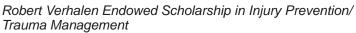


Xiaojuan Li receives her award from Dr. Andrew

## Student awards

Koch Travel Award

Nadya Belenky, 2013
Catherine Donovan, 2013
Marie-Josephe Horner, 2013
Alan Kinlaw, 2013
Diana Sanchez, 2013
Heidi Soeters, 2013
Nadja Vielot, 2013
Apostolos Alexandridis, 2014
Ricky Camplain, 2014
Pawinee Doung-Ngern, 2014
Lindsay Fernandez-Rhodes, 2014
Elizabeth Garry, 2014
Diana Sanchez, 2014
Jennifer Yourkavitch, 2014



Shabbar Ranapurwala, 2013

Susanne Moulton and Thomas Wong Scholarship Elizabeth Garry, 2013

Matthew Ryan, 2014

UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health Gillings Merit Scholarship

> Erline Miller, 2013 Elizabeth Suarez, 2014

## **Graduate School Awards**

Dissertation Completion Fellowship Chantel Martin, 2013 Anisha Gandhi, 2013

Graduate Education Advancement Board Impact Award
Zachary Kerr, 2013
Cynthia Lin, 2013
Kim Gaetz, 2014

Graduate Student Transportation Grant Anne Butler, 2013 Lydia Feinstein, 2013 Katherine Tumlinson, 2013 Monita Patel, 2013 Shannon Grabich, 2014



## Jessie Buckley receives her award from Dr. Andrew Olshan.

## Other UNC Awards

University Cancer Research Fund Scholarship Eboneé Butler, 2013 Jessica Islam, 2014

## **External Awards**

Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE)/CDC Student Fellow in Unintentional Injury/Violence
Shabbar Ranapurwala, 2013

2nd Prize Winner, poster Session 2, 46th Annual SER meeting in Boston

Lydia Feinstein, 2013

International Chapter P.E.O. Sisterhood Scholar Award Elizabeth Rogawski, 2014

Steven N. Blair Award for Excellence in Physical Activity Research

Katelyn Holliday, 2014

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Finalist for the Jeremiah and Rose Stamler Research Award for New Investigators (American Heart Association)

Shakia Hardy, 2014

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## Staff news

## New employees 2014-2015

Jennifer Joyce Moore, student services specialist
Sarah Smith, accounting technician
Stephanie Marcet, research specialist
Kathryn Lackey, accounting technician
Chin-Hua Wang, applications specialist
Stephanie Doctor, esearch technician
Michelle Snyder, postdoctoral research associate
Angela Bengtson, postdoctoral research associate
Adam Cockrell, postdoctoral research associate
Anne Justice, postdoctoral research associate
Jin-Liern Hong, postdoctoral research associate
Alison Singer, postdoctoral research trainee
Heather Highland, postdoctoral research trainee
Raul Mendez Giraldez, postdoctoral research associate

Anne Butler, postdoctoral research associate
Jessie Buckley, postdoctoral research associate
Ann Gottert, postdoctoral research associate
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Alexander Keil, postdoctoral research trainee
Lydia Feinstein, postdoctoral research associate
Yujie Wang, biostatistician
John Easterbrook, project manager
Aimee Julien Suarez, research associate
Valerie Hudock, assistant to chair for academic programs
Christian Douglas, biostatistician
Douglas Widman, research associate
Diane Reams, research associate

## Staff service milestones

#### Five years

Allan J. Rene De Cotret Patricia Leonard Elyssa Trani Mamie A. Turner

### **Ten Years**

Patricia Basta Hendrik Dejong Michael Garrison Amy Lowman

### Fifteen Years

**Lisa Lindesmith Jennifer Moore** 

#### **Twenty Years**

Chyrise Bradley Sharon Sullivan Alison Woomert Boyd Yount Jr.

## Retired, but not forgotten...

Nancy Colvin, assistant to the chair for academic programs, retired June 1, 2015. She is shown here with her grandson, admiring the cake at her retirement party.



Carmen Woody, student services specialist, retired June 1, 2014. She and her husband are pictured here, at a department event honoring her service.



## Staff news

### Star Heel Award



### **Courtney Andrews**

Her nominators said Ms. Andrews is always personable, prompt and empathetic. Colleagues go to her with a wide variety of questions. They can be confident that she will be able to answer most of their questions and to advise them on the best way to find answers to the ones that she cannot answer. "Courtney always goes the extra mile," her co-workers said.

#### **Sharon Sullivan**

Ms. Sullivan is the "HR Facilitator Extraordinaire." Her door is always wide open, and she is always able to answer our tough questions. Sharon finds creative ways to resolve HR issues. She has the spirit of volunteerism and gets involved in the State Employees' Combined Campaign, Spring Fling and many other volunteer functions.



**Sharon Sullivan** 

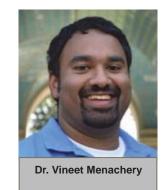


### **Brenda Clark**

Ms. Clark is one staff member who is always eager to learn. As a problem solver, she often thinks outside the box to come up with new ways to address problems. We count on her because she follows through to make sure problems are resolved. She is an excellent communicator and is determined to resolve any issues that may arise.

## Postdoctoral award

Vineet Menachery, PhD, postdoctoral fellow Dr. Menachery was selected for a Pathway to Independence Award from the National Institute on Aging. The five-year award provides career transition support for highly motivated, advanced postdoctoral research scientists.





## Staff Excellence Award

### **Nancy Colvin**

Since becoming the student services manager in the Department of Epidemiology in1995, Ms. Colvin has been recognized as a tireless advocate for the students and a great problem solver. She is the lynchpin in the Department's admissions process, graduate studies, qualifying exams, financial assistance, and student personnel activities. She enables all of these activities to function smoothly.

Nancy provides consultation to other departments at UNC Gillings and to the Office of Student Affairs. Dean Rimer and others have expressed their appreciation for Nancy's outstanding work and collegial interactions. She is an extraordinary asset to us, and an outstanding example of efficiency, compassion and leadership. We thank her for her tremendous contributions to the Department of Epidemiology.

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