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History of the UNC Department of Epidemiology

This document is an evolving set of notes and narrative about the history of the department.

Example title: *Building the Scientific Basis for Public Health in North Carolina and Beyond*

Sections:

[Include in sidebars or elsewhere – student #’s, notable students/alumni, faculty and staff #’s and notables]

Timeline: 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, 2010s

## Epidemiology at the UNC School of Public Health before the Department of Epidemiology

Courses taught by Milton Rosenau and others (source: Dreaming of A Time)

Dean McGavran reports distributed by Carl Shy

Who were the faculty and students (and staff?) then

## Creating the Department of Epidemiology

McGavran recruits Sidney Kark for one year

Sidney Kark brings John Cassel

## About John Cassel

Work in South Africa / Pholela / with Sidney Kark

John Hatch anecdote about visit to Mound Bayou

Sherman James interview anecdote

Quote from John Cassel’s lectures / early articles

Sources include memorial article by Michel, Bert, et al. (AJE)

## Expansion and distinctive directions

Recruitment of Al Tyroler and early studies in NC (mobility and CHD)

Ralph Patrick / Ponape studies

Epid 160 course begins – all faculty teach in it

Cecil Slome

Evans County Study

Bert Kaplan, David Jenkins, Steve Zyzanski, Jo Heiss

Barbara Hulka, Michel Ibrahim, Carl Shy, Abdel Omran

[get dates and sequence]

Debate about federal funding to grow – EPID, BIOS, ENVR vs. HEED, MHCH, ?

Studies: Fort Wayne?, …

Birth of CVD Training Program

John Cassel’s “valedictory” in AJE on “The social environment and host resistance”

Informants: Marilyn Knowles, Sue Wolf, Phyllis Johnson,

Gerardo Heiss, Sherman James, Ed Wagner

Michel becomes chair

Oak Ridge study, Institute of Environmental Studies, FPG trailers

LRC study, NCNB offices

Edgecombe County Study

Harvey Checkoway, Suzanne Haynes

Themes:

**Department leadership** since John Cassel: Michel Ibrahim, Barbara Hulka, Carl Shy, David Savitz, Dana Loomis, Andy Olshan

**Faculty** - early, wave 2, etc.

**Major research projects**:  Evans County, LRC, ARIC, Oak Ridge, PIN, AdHealth?, AIDSCSG, STEP, LI Breast Cancer, Head & Neck Cancer, GHC/NCM?, MCCRP?, RAPP??, RHP (AND MORE)

**Methodology development and teaching**: KKM, Charlie Poole, Rachel Royce, Stephen Cole (and more!).

**Graduate Studies directors** - Sherman James?, Gerardo Heiss, Stephen Cole, Steve Meshnick

**Student services**:  Joyce Allen (any predecessor?), Nancy Colvin, Carmen Woody

**Department/Business managers**:  Carol Parrow, Violet Krall, Gail King, Vicki Moore

**HR managers**: Lesa McPherson (predecessor??), Sharon Sullivan

**IT enablers**:  Jim Fletcher (predecessor?), Terry Hudgins, Spencer Gee, Bob Goetz (and more!)

**Research staff**:  Sue Wolf, Marilyn Knowles, …

**Locations**:  the Trailers, the Bank building, Rosenau, McGavran-Greenberg, Hooker

**Major partners/collaborations**:  Sheps Center, LCCC, Division of Infectious Diseases, NUTR/MHCH,HB

**Celebrations and recreation** - the skits, music fests

**SOURCES to consult (besides those listed above):**

http://www.hsl.unc.edu/specialcollections/exhibits/gillings/resources.cfm

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Korstad, Robert Rodgers *Dreaming Of A Time; The School of Public Health, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1939-1989*, UNC School of Public Health, 1990, https://archive.org/details/dreamingoftimesc00kors  
(Location on Vic's drive: K:\VicsStableFiles\HistoryOfUNCandSPHandRelated  - [**See Vic's notes/excerpts**](https://sakai.unc.edu/x/vVsSFQ)

Old annual reports

Bert Kaplan interview

John Hatch interview

Sherman James interview

Interview Michel, Barbara, Carl, Gerardo, Steve Zyzanski, Joyce Allen, Phyllis Johnson, Carol Parrow, Terry Hudgins, Jim Fletcher, Robert Middour?, Allen Wilcox, Bill Jenkins, Ray Greenberg, …

Vic’s VAXmail and paper files