Mission
We envision a world where adults and children, of all gender identities and expressions, are able to live safe, healthy, productive and meaningful lives at home, school, work, and in their communities. We are particularly interested in advancing the health, wellness and quality of life of girls, women and LGBTQIA* individuals.

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CENTER FOR WOMEN’S HEALTH AND WELLNESS
Housed within the School of Health and Human Sciences, the Center for Women’s Health and Wellness is composed of initiatives that seek to advance several crucial topics that impact the health, wellness and quality of life of girls, women and LGBTQIA* individuals. The center’s work is organized to provide interdisciplinary, community-informed solutions to specific social issues that build on the strengths and expertise of our university, faculty, students and our partners in the community, and it provides opportunities for students to develop knowledge, expertise and professional skills while working to ensure safe, healthy, productive and meaningful lives for all. [*Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Ally]

Initiatives
- The Program to Advance Breastfeeding and Reproductive Health advances the health, wellness and quality of life of breastfeeding mothers and reproductive-age women through research, dissemination and community engagement.
- The Program to Advance Community Responses to Violence Against Women promotes the community’s capacity to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls through research, educational activities, and community partnerships.
- The Program for the Advancement of Girls and Women in Sport and Physical Activity (PAGWSPA) promotes gender equity, ethical practices and safety in sport and physical activity through scholarship, community engagement and service.
- LEARN: LGBTQI Education and Research Network is a university-wide network that seeks to advance the health, wellness and quality of life of the LGBTQI individuals through research, education and community engagement.

Conferences
- 10th Breastfeeding and Feminism International Conference (BFIC), co-sponsored with the Carolina Global Breastfeeding Institute at UNC CH, will be held in Chapel Hill, NC March 19-20, 2015 and celebrates a Decade of Change! This year’s conference theme is “Breastfeeding, Social Justice and Equity: Reflecting, and Reclaiming and Re-visioning”. See our website (breastfeedingandfeminism.org) and like us on Facebook!
- The 3rd Innovations in Domestic and Sexual Violence Research and Practice Conference (Innovations) co-sponsored with the NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence and NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault, will be held March 5-6, 2015 at UNCG. The theme is “Effecting Change Through Evidence-Based Practice and Engaged Scholarship.”
- The 3rd National Girls and Women in Sport Conference will be held in 2015 and will focus on female athletes and violence.

Community Engagement and Research Highlights
- Published the first Women in Sport and Physical Activity Journal (WSPAJ) in June of 2014 with the help of our publishing partner, Human Kinetics. The journal included eight scientific articles from scholars across the country, as well as a tribute to founder Marlene Adrian. Donna Duffy is the Managing Editor and Diane Gill, Professor in Kinesiology, is the Editor. Hosted a successful launch party to celebrate.
• PAGWSPA is the new research arm for the Independent Women’s Football League (IWFL) and the Women’s Football Foundation (WFF), a full tackle women’s football league comprised of 31 teams across North America. We have created an interdisciplinary team of UNCG faculty to begin a study on the scarcely explored issue of concussions in female athletes in collision sports. We are also planning a survey with all 2000 IWFL players to identify their ideas for important research.
• Coordinating the Violence Prevention Network to bring together professionals in Guilford County who work to prevent all forms of violence.
• Developing an evaluation plan for Violence Against Women Act for the US Office of Violence Against Women.
• Spearheading a research and service project to help Congolese refugee women, resettled in Greensboro, heal from the trauma of violence; we are partnering with Church World Service and faculty from UNCG and UNC Chapel Hill.
• Collaborating with the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action on a study with experts around the world to conceptualize mother-baby-breastfeeding-friendly community.
• Partnering with the NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence to train domestic violence service providers in how to respond to same-sex domestic and sexual intimate partner violence.
• Partnering with the NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault and the State Sexual Violence Prevention Team on a project to advance strategies to create safer campuses for LGBTQI college students.
• Hosted a successful LEARN launch with over 50 staff, faculty, students from across campus, as well as representatives from NC agencies, who collaborated to identify the goals and actions of the new network.

Student Engagement
• Sponsor a team of students with UNCG’s Middle College "Pathways” program to expose these students to health and wellness research and service activities.
  • Stephanie Barrett (Kinesiology), PAGWSPA graduate assistant, supervised the middle college students and is helping plan the 2015 Innovations Conference.
  • Brittany Chambers (Public Health Education) is team leader on an evaluation of a reproductive life planning workbook in partnership with Women’s Resource Center and Greensboro YWCA.
  • Barbara Hormenoo (Public Health Education), the 2014-5 Loretta M. Williams Undergraduate Research Assistant, is studying changes in public opinion about breastfeeding between 1999-2013.
  • Quint Kellam (Communications) is helping plan the 2015 Innovations Conference.
  • Melanie Pringle (Women’s and Gender Studies) continued as the CWHW and LEARN graduate assistant and is helping plan the 2015 BFIC.
  • Hannah Revis (Kinesiology) is a PAGWSPA undergraduate assistant.
  • Leigh-Ann Royster (Public Health Education) is team leader on our studies to advance community and campus responses to LGBTQI victims of intimate partner and sexual violence.
  • Holly Sienkiewicz (PostDoc Researcher) is working to help develop the evaluation plan for Violence Against Women Act.
  • Katelyn Todd (Kinesiology) is a PAGWSPA undergraduate assistant.
  • Morgan Wynn (Communications) is helping plan the 2015 Innovations Conference.