**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 programs that seek to advance several crucial topics that impact the health and wellness of women and girls. 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 women and girls everywhere.

**Programs**

- **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** engages in research, educational activities, and community partnerships to advance the community’s capacity to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls.

- **The Program for the Advancement of Girls and Women in Sport and Physical Activity (PAGWSPA)** conducts collaborative and interdisciplinary, evidence-based scholarship to inform our educational programming and community based service in issues related to gender and girls and women in sport and physical activity.

**Transitions**

- We welcome Dr. Jacquelyn White, UNCG Emerita Professor of Psychology, as a Senior Research Scholar. Jackie White and Postdoc Holly Sienkiewicz have been selected to lead the development of a national five- to ten-year multi-level, long-term comprehensive plan to evaluate Office of Violence against Women-administered grant programs and/or interventions supported by VAWA funds. Their goal is to identify evidence of the impact of programs on violence against women and consider additional or redefined program measurement data that can be linked to best practices.

- We welcome Dr. Loreen Olson, Dept. of Communication Studies, as the new director of the Program to Advance Community Responses to Violence Against Women. Loreen brings a strong background in research and practice with abused women, and she is already involved in NC as a member of the state’s task force focusing on preventing domestic violence.

- We want to thank Dr. Christine Murray, Dept. of Counseling, for her excellent work as the inaugural director of the Program to Advance Community Responses to Violence Against Women. Dr. Murray coordinated the first two Innovations in Domestic and Sexual Violence Research and Practice Conferences and helped establish a legacy that will continue. Thank you Christine!

**Conferences**

- **9th Breastfeeding and Feminism International Conference**, co-sponsored with the Carolina Global Breastfeeding Institute at UNC CH, held in Chapel Hill, NC March 20-21, 2014. This year’s conference, with the theme of “Forging Partnerships for a Better Tomorrow,” was attended by 115 from over 20 states and 8 countries. See our website
Vision and Mission
We envision a world where all women and girls live safe, healthy, productive and meaningful lives at home, school, work, and in their communities.

Our mission is to help bring about this world through community engagement, scholarship, and education.

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• The 2nd Innovations in Domestic and Sexual Violence Research and Practice Conference co-sponsored with the NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence and NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault, was held February 6-7, 2014 on the UNCG campus. The conference attracted over 175 researchers and practitioners, mostly from NC.

• The 2nd National Girls and Women in Sport Conference was held October 24-25, 2013 with a focus on female athletes and injury. The two day conference was hosted on the UNC Greensboro campus and over 100 professionals, scholars and practitioners attended.

Community Engagement and Research Highlights

• Purchased the Women in Sport and Physical Activity Journal (WSPAJ) in March of 2013. After a year of working out logistical details, PAGWPSA is ready to publish the first UNCG issue in June, with the help of our publishing partner, Human Kinetics. WSPAJ is the only journal in the world that focuses specifically on issues related to girls, women, sport and physical activity. Donna Duffy is the Managing Editor and Diane Gill, Professor in Kinesiology, is the Editor.

• Hosted, in partnership with the Guilford Co. Police Dept., a dating violence awareness event “No Hatin N Datin;” held a community resource fair at Glen Haven apartments focusing on resources for immigrants and refugees; and showed the film “Telling Amy’s Story with the NC A&T with about 150 guests in attendance (Violence Prevention Network for Guilford County).

• Collaborated with the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action on a study with experts around the world to conceptualize mother-baby-breastfeeding-friendly community.

• Continued evaluating Coaching Coaches, an educational program for high school coaches in N.C. that increases the positive role that these coaches play in stopping sexual violence. See http://hhs.uncg.edu/wordpress/pagwspa/

• Collaborated with faculty, students and community partners to develop a web-based gateway for same-sex domestic and sexual intimate partner violence education

• Partnered 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

Student Engagement

• Marli Bennett (Kinesiology) planned the National Girls and Women in Sport Day PAGWSPA student movie nights featuring films from Nine for IX ESPN Series

• Megan Correll, an area high school student, worked with Dr. Smith on her senior project.

• Brittany Chambers (Public Health Education) and Morgan Logan (PostBac Premed) collaborated to evaluate reproductive life planning educational materials in partnership with Women’s Resource Center and Greensboro YWCA

• Janet Msinda (Public Health Education) led a study on breastfeeding perspectives and experiences of Congolese immigrant mothers

• Melanie Pringle (Counseling) and Kiera Stewart (PostBac Premed) collaborated on: writing a white paper on adolescent sexuality and intimate partner violence; analyzing data from UNCG campus survey on attitudes about breastfeeding/pumping; analyzed data from the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Actions on-line “Gender Quiz”

• Erin Reifsteck (Kinesiology) served as Editorial Assistant for Women in Sport and Physical Activity Journal