CWHW has a new 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. Housed within the School of Health and Human Sciences CWHW is composed of initiatives that 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, while also providing opportunities for students to develop knowledge, expertise and professional skills.

Initiatives
- **Breastfeeding and Feminism International** supports the annual Breastfeeding and Feminism International Conference and related publications, research and education.
- **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.
- **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.
- **LEARN: LGBTQ Education and Research Network** advances the health, wellness and quality of life of the LGBTQI population through research, education and community engagement.

Conferences
- **10th Breastfeeding and Feminism International Conference**, co-sponsored with the Carolina Global Breastfeeding Institute, UNC-Chapel Hill was held in Chapel Hill, NC March 19-20, 2015. The theme of our “decade conference” was “Breastfeeding Social Justice and Equity: Reflecting, Reclaiming and Re-Visioning.” We had record attendance and a global participation; represented was the US, Canada, UK, Japan, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, and India. See our website breastfeedingandfeminism.org and like us on Facebook!
- **The 3rd 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 March 5-6 on the UNCG campus. The theme was “Effecting Change Through Evidence-Based Practice and Engaged Scholarship.” Despite the threat of snow the conference was a great success.
- **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
- We have now published 3 issues of *Women in Sport and Physical Activity Journal (WSPAJ)*. Donna Duffy is the Managing Editor and Diane Gill, Professor in Kinesiology, is the Editor. Check out the website: http://journals.humankinetics.com/wspaj
- Collaborated with a multidisciplinary team at UNCG and other universities around the country to advance the ability of campuses to prevent and respond to sexual violence on campus.
- Partnered with the NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault and the State Sexual Violence Prevention Team on a statewide study to learn more about the how campuses are responding the needs of LGBTQ survivors of sexual violence and strategies for prevention.
- Partnered with the NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence on a study to learn more about...
how we can better prepare domestic violence programs across the state to meet the needs of LGBTQ individuals who experience partner violence.

- 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 from across North America. We have created an interdisciplinary team of UNCG faculty to begin a study on the scarcely explored issue of concussion 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.

- Partnered with Greensboro’s Church World Service and faculty from UNCG, NC A&T, and UNC-CH to respond to the needs of refugee women traumatized by sexual violence

- PAGWSPA hosted a visiting scholar: Rita Liberti from California State Univ, East Bay, spent a week exploring UNCG and Bennett College archives to advance her scholarship on the history of black women in college athletics.

- Furthered the development of a framework that can be use to evaluate projects funded nationwide by the Violence Against Women Act, by the US Office of Violence Against Women. Post-Doc Researcher Holly Sienkiewicz helped to develop the evaluations.

### Student Engagement

- Sponsored 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 middle college students; helped plan the Innovations Conference, Violence and Sport Conference.

- **Brittany Chambers** (Public Health Education) collaborated to evaluate reproductive life planning educational materials in partnership with Women’s Resource Center and Greensboro YWCA.

- **Nedra Cox** (Public Health Education) advanced our evaluation of a pre-natal breastfeeding education program for adolescent mothers for her MPH internship.


- **Barbara Hormenoo** (Public Health Education), recipient of the Loretta Williams Undergraduate Research Assistantship, investigated changes in public attitudes about breastfeeding 1999 to 2014.

- **Quint Kellam** (Communications) helped plan the 2015 Innovations Conference.

- **Melanie Pringle** (Women’s and Gender Studies) continued to be the “eyes and ears” of CWHW in her role a CWHW Graduate Assistant. Nothing happens without her support!

- **Hannah Revis** (Kinesiology) was a PAGWSPA undergraduate assistant.

- **Eliana Ribarsch** (Public Health Education) investigated what PHE undergraduates know and believe about breastfeeding and about the role of public health educators in providing breastfeeding education and support

- **Leigh-Ann Royster** (Public Health Education) was team leader on our studies to advance community and campus responses to LGBTQI victims of intimate partner and sexual violence

- **Katelyn Todd** (Kinesiology) was a PAGWSPA undergraduate assistant.

- **Leah Washington** (Kinesiology) was a PAGWSPA Graduate Research Assistant and coordinated the Female Football Concussion research project.

- **Morgan Wynn** (Communications) helped plan the 2015 Innovations Conference.