All the news that's fit to print

New faculty!
PhD Program launches!
Student news!
Faculty achievements!
And much more!

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR
## CONTENTS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Page</th>
<th>Section Title</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>WELCOME BACK</td>
<td>Photos from Nav1Gat and Summer advising to start things off</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>WELCOME NEW JPSW FACULTY</td>
<td>3 new JMSW and JPhD faculty join the JPSW ranks</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>STARTING SOMETHING NEW</td>
<td>Welcoming the inaugural cohort of JPhD students</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>GROWING WHAT WE HAVE</td>
<td>Our BSW, JMSW, and GRO programs are expanding!</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>WE ARE</td>
<td>BSW students work with Professor Beth Webb in facilitating the we are literacy-based anti-racism summer camp</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS</td>
<td>Our faculty are busy! Here's some recent highlights.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>FOSTER CARE CHRONICLES</td>
<td>Photovoice edition flyer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>GCSTOP UPDATES</td>
<td>Staffing, interns, outcome information, and more!</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Welcome Back

1) Professor Michael Thull, Dr. Daniel Rhodes, Dr. Danielle Swick, Dr. Elise Eifert, and Professor Elizabeth Webb gather for a photo during Nav1Gate!

2) Social Work student organization (SWSO) at the 2019 UNCG Student Fair!

3) HHS Students at Nav1Gat!

4) Professor Michael Thull at a summer advising session - ensuring student success by stepping in!
WELCOME NEW FACULTY!

NEW HIRES BY NC A&T SU AND UNC GREENSBORO ADD TO THE JMSW AND JPHD PROGRAMS

Dr. Mathieu Despard

Mathieu Despard (Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), joins the Department of Social Work at UNCG as an Associate Professor. Dr. Despard is interested in the financial health of low- and moderate-income households, financial inclusion and technology, social welfare policy, social innovation, and nonprofit organization capacity. Follow him on Twitter: @DespardMat

Dr. Grace Gowdy

Grace Gowdy (Ph.D., Boston University), joins the Department of Social Work and Sociology at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Gowdy’s research interests include community and family influence on individual upward mobility, with a particular focus on the adolescent stage. Her dissertation was on informal mentors and their ability to promote economic upward mobility for low-income youth. Dr. Gowdy currently works on multiple studies examining formal and informal mentoring relationships, all surrounding how caring non-parental adults can influence young people’s chances of mobility. She has taught courses that include Human Behavior in the Social Environment and Research Methods & Data Analysis.

Dr. Michelle Vance

Michelle Vance (Ph.D., University of Central Florida), joins the Department of Social Work and Sociology at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University as an Assistant Professor. Her research interests include access to care for marginalized communities across mental health and criminal justice systems, intersectionality, collateral consequences and prison reentry, as well as program evaluation and community based participatory research.
With the new students came other exciting developments - including the hiring of Dr. Mathieu Despard to join the faculty and the establishment of a suite in the Ferguson Building to hold offices and communal spaces for the doctoral students.

We are also debuting our Joint Programs website: https://ncatuncgjpsw.org

On May 24th, 2018 the Board of Governors for the UNC System approved the establishment of a Joint PhD in Social Work between UNC Greensboro and North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University. This announcement was the culmination of over seven years of planning and development and the JPhD program becomes only the second PhD program in Social Work within the NC system (previously only UNC Chapel Hill offered the doctoral degree).

Since then, things have been busy! We’re delighted to report that it has paid off as we welcomed the initial cohort of 14 doctoral students that further our commitment to multicultural scholarship.

With the new students came other exciting developments - including the hiring of Dr. Mathieu Despard to join the faculty and the establishment of a suite in the Ferguson Building to hold offices and communal spaces for the doctoral students.

We are also debuting our Joint Programs website: https://ncatuncgjpsw.org

"The Department of Sociology and Social Work at NC A&T SU and the Department of Social Work at UNCG are very excited to welcome the 1st cohort of students to the Joint Doctorate in Social Work program!

Already, these eager students are engaged with faculty and making plans for great work!"

-Dr. Jay Poole

The inaugural JPhD cohort at orientation, August 13th, 2019
Dr. Daniel Rhodes, BSW Program Director, reports that we have close to 400 BSW students this year! Social Workers remain in demand and our program is well equipped to provide students with the foundation to move to graduate school or pursue careers related to community organization, advocacy, and more!

This growth is also accompanied by a need for new faculty and we are excited to announce that a search is underway for a new faculty member to increase the program's resources!

AND GROWING WHAT WE HAVE!

Dr. Elise Eifert, Coordinator of the Gerontology Graduate Program, is delighted to report that we currently have 56 students enrolled in Gerontology graduate programs! As our society ages, we are training students to meet the demands in research and advocacy related to seniors and aging.

This growth is also accompanied by a need for new faculty and we are excited to announce that a search is underway for a new faculty member to increase the program's resources!

500 Students
19 Faculty
= SWK STRONG!

Dr. Jeffrey Shears, JMSW Program Director, is delighted to announce we have 88 students enrolled between our Generalist and Specialist year students.

To accommodate growing need, NC A&T SU has hired Drs. Grace Gowdy and Michelle Vance for the JMSW program. We are excited about our new colleagues and our increasing impact with alumni going on to doctoral degrees, politics, social work, and more!
WE ARE

by Beth Webb (Social Work AP Assistant Professor)

This August, senior BSW students, Dynestie Robinson and Stacey Cleveland, spent a week with a team of educators facilitating the we are literacy-based anti-racism summer camp with rising 3th-5th graders here in Greensboro. This educational experience for the BSW students was provided through an Independent Study course with Social Work AP Assistant Professor, Beth Webb.

BSW seniors, Robinson and Cleveland, had the opportunity to interact with campers and engage in learning and discussion around topics of racial identity, race, racism, systemic racism, anti-racism, and becoming a co-conspirator.

The BSW students each led a small group of campers in researching a social justice movement which included voting rights, immigrant rights, indigenous rights, Black Lives Matter, and restorative practices to address the School to Prison pipeline.

Each day Robinson and Cleveland would journal their thoughts about the day and reflect on how their experience relates to social work practice. Both BSW students learned more about their selves and who they desire to be as social work professionals.

This hands-on experience, in collaboration with the team of educators and social work professor, became a valuable learning experience for Robinson and Cleveland.

““My experience [today] made me realize that I was not just there to help teach children about anti-racism, but they were also there to teach me.” Robinson shared that she had primarily been drawn to work with adults, however, now “found myself becoming more and more interested in each child’s individual story. I want to know what makes them and why they think the way they do. I found myself becoming more and more used to the idea of dealing with children as a career choice.”

-BSW Senior Stacey Cleveland
Faculty Highlights

**DR. YARNECCIA D. DYSON**
received funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF) through a subaward from Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) with her Mentor, Dr. Naomi Hall-Byers, for the study, “Excellence in Research: Attitudes, Motivations, and Justifications Surrounding Interpersonal Aggression”.

**DR. MEREDITH POWERS**
had an article published in "Ecosocial Work and Social Change in Community Practice", which she co-edited for the Journal of Community Practice. The full issues are due out by end of September. Additionally, the editor-in-chief has accepted her manuscript “Radical Self-care For Social Workers In The Global Climate Crisis” for an upcoming special issue of Social Work Journal (NASW Press).

**DR. MELISSA FLOYD-PICKARD**
received a continuation of funding from the Department of Health and Human Services – Health Resources and Services Administration for the project “FY 2017 BHWET Competition.”

**DR. DANIEL RHODES**
published an article in the Journal of Transdisciplinary Peace Praxis (https://jtpp.uk/current-issue-download/). Dr. Rhodes' article addresses the issue of forced migration and how this has impacted local communities, using Greensboro as case study.
Faculty Highlights

DR. TANYA COAKLEY
in addition to being appointed to the JPhD Faculty, will also serve as Associate Chair in Social Work for Research!

DR. TYREASA WASHINGTON
received a NIH grant that will fund her research on "Family’s Impact on the Development of African American Children in Kinship Care."

DR. DANIELLE SWICK
takes on a new role in addition to her teaching and research duties. She has been named Associate Chair in Social Work for Academic Affairs!

DR. ROBERT WINEBURG
Retired from the Department of Social Work August 1, 2019. We will miss our colleague and wish him well after many years of teaching, conversation, and advocacy!
Faculty Highlights

DR. REBECCA ADAMS
recently had her article "Friendship in Later Life: A Research Agenda" in the journal Innovation in Aging.

She was also featured in the August 19th issue of The Atlantic for her expertise on friendship.

PROFESSOR FRAN PEARSON
is delighted to announce a new collaborative with the Congregational Social Work Program that will assist immigrants and refugees!

GROUP EFFORTS!

In addition to the many individual achievements, Social Workers are collaborative.

Drs. Danielle Swick, Yarneccia D. Dyson, Melissa Floyd-Pickard, and Jay Poole are delighted to announce they've secured over 1.1 million dollars in a HRSA grant for Opioid Workforce Expansion Program (OWEP) Professionals.

Dr. Kelly Jay Poole, Prof. Fran Pearson, Dr. Tyreasa Washington, Dr. Yarneccia D. Dyson, Prof. Michael Thull, Dr. John Rife, and Dr. Wayne Moore, collaborated on a manuscript titled "Reflections on Teaching and Learning in Field Education: A Teacher-Scholar Model" which has been accepted for publication in the Fall 2019 edition of the Field Educator Journal in their Practice Digest section!
Foster Care Chronicles: PhotoVoice Edition

Ever want to have your say? Have a photo voice by participating in our 6 week research project this fall!

We’re recruiting youth in or who used to be in foster care ages 15-25 to take pictures of their world and share them.

We will meet at College Park Baptist Church (1601 Walker Ave) on Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 pm, with dinner provided.

Contact Alicia for more information: 336-334-4756 or abkaplan@uncg.edu

Version Date: August 14th, 2019
GCSTOP has several announcements at the start of the new academic year!

First, Guillermo Tremols accepted the job offer for Bridge Counselor with the Hep C project. He will officially begin his new duties Sept 1, 2019. We're thrilled and looking forward to seeing what he does in this new role.

Second, we had an amazing group of summer interns including Bryan Kendrick (JMSW student, class of 2020) and Autumn Yates (BSW student, class of 2020).

Third, we are so pleased to welcome our new fall interns, coming from the JMSW program, the MSW program at UNC Chapel Hill, and our own BSW program!

We're also delighted to provide our outcome statistics for March 2018-June 2019 (see infographic on the next page). GCSTOP is making a difference!
GCSTOP
Guilford County Solution To The Opioid Problem

Outcomes
March 2018-June 2019

Life Saving

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Distributed</th>
<th>Collected</th>
<th>Naloxone</th>
<th>Treatment</th>
<th>Rescues</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>256,195</td>
<td>115,380</td>
<td>2044</td>
<td>178</td>
<td>515</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Participants Count

<p>| | |</p>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>EMS Referrals</td>
<td>252</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Participants</td>
<td>657</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>In Person Visits</td>
<td>2,136</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Follow Ups</td>
<td>2,840</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Syringe Exchange Visitors</td>
<td>441</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Changing Lives

"I would not be alive if my husband had not performed CPR while waiting on first responders to arrive and administer Narcan... 3 doses later I woke up... not long after that I received a package from GCSTOP with Narcan and other harm reduction items... then I had another overdose where my husband administered the narcan from GCSTOP and saved my life... After my 3rd or 4th overdose I received a phone call from an employee, Guillermo, where I was informed of all the wonderful options and things offered by this amazing community outreach program... we talked for probably 45 minutes... it gave me a glimmer of hope in such a dark time in my life... I am working on 8 months clean and have a life I never dreamed."

Harm Reduction Saves Lives