At UNCG Nursing, ‘focus on excellence’

When Dr. Robin Bartlett enrolled at UNCG’s School of Nursing four decades ago, her professors outlined clear expectations.

“We were not taught that we were going to be mediocre nurses. We were going to be excellent caregivers,” she said. “From the day I walked in the door at UNCG, the focus was on excellence. That was ingrained in us from the beginning.”

Today, as a long-time professor in the School of Nursing and director of its PhD program, Bartlett ’78, ’87 MSN hopes to convey similar aspirations to her students. “Each of us can make a difference to improve the health of the world’s people beginning with those we’re taking care of today,” she says.

For Bartlett, that has meant an emphasis on nursing research.

She has focused her work on finding the best ways to reduce risky behavior in adolescents, particularly minority teens. Working closely with parents and schools, she has tested a variety of family- and community-based interventions, with an eye toward improving outcomes and health disparities.

“Adolescence is such a hopeful time in life, and there is an opportunity to help teens get on a positive trajectory,” she says. “There is tremendous potential to make a difference for these students and the people in their families.”

Since joining the faculty in 1992, Bartlett has also published in the areas of AD/HD, behavioral issues, psychiatric nursing, online learning and best practices in nursing education. She has co-authored manuscripts with graduate and undergraduate students in the areas of public health, nursing, and women’s and gender studies, spending many hours a week mentoring budding researchers, designing and conducting studies or disseminating noteworthy findings.

She hopes her passion for nursing research will inspire the next generation at her alma mater to continue advancing this important field.

“What nurses do is critical to health care and improving people’s lives,” she says. “We want to do what will help our patients most, and that means conducting research and generating the evidence to demonstrate that.”

*By Dawn Martin for UNCG Magazine*

*Visual: Sarah Adams ’10 MSN (in black), Catherine Sykes ’83 BSN, with Dr. Bartlett. Photograph by Martin W. Kane.*

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Business Affairs Conference & Expo August 2

The 2017 UNCG Business Affairs Conference & Expo, which are two separate events, will be held August 2 in the Elliott University Center.

The Business Affairs division kicks off the 2017-18 academic year with a fun-filled, educational day for the university community. The Conference includes training workshops from Human Resources, Facilities, Campus Enterprises and Financial Services with subject matter that can assist you and your department when conducting business with these departments. The Conference fun will begin at 8 a.m on Tuesday, August 2, and will run until 4 p.m. Online registration is now open.

As with last year, there will also be an Expo, a separate event that will highlight departments within the division that you might have heard about but didn't know exactly what their function was. Come meet the Business Affairs staff and enjoy the festivities. The Expo will open at 11:30 a.m. and is free to attend.

UNCG Business Affairs consists of several departments; Campus Enterprises, Facilities, Finance, Foundation Finance, Human Resources, Police and Risk Management. In 2016, Business Affairs held an inaugural expo so that the individual units within each department could showcase who they are and the innovations and services provided by each unit to the other employees within Business Affairs. Last year’s event was well received, so the division is doing it again and stepping it up a notch by opening it up to the entire campus.

What is the Conference all about? The Conference and Expo is a way for Business Affairs to reach out to you, our customers, to let you know the different departments and respective units included in Business Affairs. The Conference also allows Business Affairs the opportunity to present to our customers subject matter associated with services provided by several Business Affairs departments that you utilize often during the year.

What do I need to do to attend the Conference? Registering for the Conference through the web site, bafexpo.uncg.edu, allows the attendee to experience all aspects of the conference.

How much does it cost? There is a registration fee per attendee that will be paid by way of departmental funds.

Now until 7/1/17: $35
From 7/8/17 until 7/21/17: $45

This fee covers the facility costs, all materials you will receive, a light breakfast, and a catered lunch from the UNCG Catering Department. Again, this fee will be paid by departmental funds.

What’s in it for me to attend the Conference? All of the following:

A Guest Speaker – Mr. Steve Gilliland, a master storyteller, a brilliant comedian and a member of the Speaker Hall of Fame.

Presentations by:

Campus Enterprises – Taking Steps with Campus Enterprises to Make Your Event a Success. This session will address commonly asked questions on catering, campus dining, printing, parking and transportation, plus any new services and offers that are designed to enhance your events, programs, and special occasions.

Human Resources – Recruiting for Success. This presentation will be an interactive, scenario-based workshop focused on one singular goal, Recruiting for Success.
Facilities – Mastering Facilities Processes. Learn how to be a master of essential Facilities processes that make sure your workspace is well designed, smooth operating, safe, and sustainable.

Finance – In-Step With Finance. To dance smoothly through the UNCG Finance process, come learn how to stay in-step with the various Finance areas that tend to trip up even the most seasoned Spartan.

Buffet Style Lunch in the Food Court

Admission to the Expo.

What will I get by visiting the Expo? You’ll be able to:

See the different departments that make up Business Affairs, who is a part of that department and what they do.

Put a face with someone you have probably communicated with many times in the past but may never have gotten a chance to meet.

As with last year’s event, the Expo will be free and open to everyone. The Expo will open at 11:30 a.m. and run until 2 p.m. in the EUC Cone Ballroom. Spartan Dining will also be on hand to provide samples and other light refreshments.

For more information about these two events and to register for the Conference, visit https://bafexpo.uncg.edu/.

If you have any questions about the Conference or Expo, email the Business Affairs Advisory Group at bafexpo@uncg.edu.

Three UNCG students receive Fulbright Awards

Three Spartan students have been awarded prestigious Fulbright Scholarships to study, research and teach abroad for the 2017-18 academic year. Nathan Martin, Carmen Calhoun and Marya Fancey were selected by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Recipients of the Fulbright awards are chosen based on their academic and professional achievement, record of service and leadership potential in their respective fields.

“We congratulate these outstanding students for their hard work,” said UNCG Provost Dana Dunn. “To receive this prestigious award is a tremendous achievement. At UNCG, we have a rich history of building global connections and international service; Nathan, Carmen and Marya continue that legacy. They are exceptional examples of our commitment to opportunity and excellence.”

- Nathan Martin (Master of Music, Music Education): Fulbright Award to Germany in English Education.
- Carmen Calhoun (Master of Arts, Languages, Literatures, and Cultures): Fulbright Award to Brazil to teach English.
- Marya Fancey (Doctor of Musical Arts Music Performance/Instrumental): Fulbright Award to Poland in Historical Music Performance.

Martin, Calhoun and Fancey are among 1,900 U.S. citizens who will conduct research, teach English and provide expertise abroad for the 2017-18 academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. Fulbrighters address critical global challenges in all areas while building relationships, knowledge, and leadership in support of the long-term interests of the U.S.

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to build lasting connections between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.
From Vacc Bell Tower to Jackson Tower, an architectural tour

If you wanted to know about lentels and jack arches and why some buildings’ mortar was lighter than others’, you were in the right place.

“There’s a lot here to be proud of, that’s interesting,” said Benjamin Briggs, as the campus tour began at the Vacc Bell Tower. Briggs is executive director of Preservation Greensboro.

Preservation Greensboro has offered architectural tours of Downtown Greensboro and several older neighborhoods. But a tour of UNCG was their first. And with the celebration of the 125th anniversary, June 17th’s tour was opportune timing.

The tour was led by UNCG History master’s student and Preservation Greensboro tour volunteer Nils Skudra. Briggs offered supplemental information at many stops and helped in fielding questions.

The Vacc Bell Tower, Alumni House, Foust Building (central part 1892, wings added 1895), UNCG Auditorium, Cone Arts Building (Weatherspoon Art Museum), McIver Building, Jackson Library, South Spencer and North Spencer, Guilford and Mary Foust halls, the Cone, Ragsdale and Grogan high-rises, The Quad, Jackson Library Tower, School of Education Building, Armfield-Preyer Visitors Center (former Chancellor’s House) were discussed.

- The news that McIver Building will come down drew some “Yeah!”’s from the tour. Briggs noted its best features are around the front door, the portico area. “The art is actually really cool,” he said.

- Briggs pointed out that Mount Airy granite is used in many buildings on campus - such as on Foust Building, Forney Building, Spencer. It’s a very attractive, fine-grained granite.

- “Classical meets Modernism” is how Briggs described Jackson Library, looking from the Jackson lawn. Designed a few years earlier, the front would have been Classical - designed a few years later, it would have been all-Modernist, he said. Jackson Library was designed by Northup and O’Brien, who also designed Graylen in Winston-Salem.
- The later Tower addition, an example of Brutalism, was designed by Odell Associates. Only one other example of their work survives in Greensboro - the (former) Ciba-Geigy campus off of I-40. Skudra noted the Burlington Industries building (once located where Shoppes on Friendly is located) was another Odell project in town. Briggs noted that they took care to not “overtake the view” as you look at Jackson Library from the main entrance. (More about Brutalism in Greensboro is here.)

- Mid-century Modernist Cone, Grogan and Reynolds halls drew one of the longest stops, with a very appreciative look at them. Some alumni on the tour told of living there in the 1960s and 70s. “Form follows function ... Everybody gets fresh air ... The trees are the decoration. The buildings act as a foil to nature,” are among the points Briggs made. It was the only Greensboro project of Six Associates, they noted.

- Barton’s Guilford and Mary Foust halls, built in the Roaring 20s before the stock market crash, feature wonderful details, Briggs explained. “Exuberance ... a wonderful building ... a level of architectural detail that was fleeting,” were among his observations.

- “UNCG is a very thoughtful university,” Briggs said. The preservation of the Quad buildings (a project he described as “stellar”) designed by architect Harry Barton. The preservation in partnership with Preservation North Carolina of the former’s Chancellor’s Residence (also designed by Barton), moved and now used as the visitors center. Several LEED certified projects. And echoing and complementing architectural elements of earlier or nearby buildings, whether Mt. Airy granite lintels, zippers or brick coins at the corners of buildings, jack arches, Flemish bond pattern brick, etc.

This campus has architectural elements to work with and complement - as it designs new buildings - that many other universities do not, Briggs explained.

By Mike Harris
Photography by Katie Loyd and Mike Harris

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Chelimo wins national championship, heads to World Championships in London

UNCG alumnus Paul Chelimo, a public health major, added another highlight to his career last Friday as he won the U.S. National Outdoor Championship in the 5,000-meter race, dominating the field and qualifying for the World Championships in London in early August. Chelimo has been one of the best runners in the 5,000-meter distance since claiming the silver medal at the 2016 Rio Olympics.
Chelimo dominated the field Friday to win the men's 5,000 meters by over seven seconds in a meet-record 13:08.62.

See full story at UNCG Athletics site.

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**Guest speakers at Housing Hangout focused on homelessness**

On Friday, July 7, the Center for Housing and Community Studies will host a Housing Hangout event focused on youth homelessness, with several guest speakers. The speakers include Brian Hahne from Partners Ending Homelessness, Michelle Kennedy from the Interactive Resource Center and Yatisha Blythe from Guilford County Schools. Director of the Center, Dr. Stephen Sills, will show some documentary clips about homelessness.

The "Housing Hangout" is an informal space in which community housing advocates, city officials, university researchers, students, and members of the public gather to discuss housing and community development issues. This month’s conversation will take place in the MHRA Building, Room 1607. It is free and open to the public, and refreshments are provided.

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**Late alumna Nina Riggs’ “The Bright Hour” on NYT bestseller list**

This past month, a UNCG alumna’s words reached thousands across the globe. In her work, she conveyed the profound joys of life, in the midst of impending death.


The book took shape from Riggs’ essay that appeared in the New York Times’ “Modern Love” column in September of 2016, “When a Couch is More Than a Couch.” Prior to that she had written about her life with breast cancer in an article that appeared in the Washington Post, and on her blog, Suspicious Country. Within ten days of its publication, “The Bright Hour” held spot fourteen on the New York Times’ best seller list for nonfiction, and was then named an editors' choice. Riggs’ wise, realistic and uplifting perspective on life—and death—is far reaching. Katie Couric, who made a video segment on “The Bright Hour,” called it “an amazing book,” and it has already been translated into several languages.
In “The Bright Hour,” Riggs frequently alludes to the sixteenth-century French philosopher and essayist Montaigne, and to her great-great-great grandfather, American transcendentalist Ralph Waldo Emerson. The book’s epitaph is a fitting quotation from Emerson, “I am cheered with the moist, warm, glittering, budding and melodious hour that takes down the narrow walls of my soul and extends its pulsation and life to the very horizon. That is morning; to cease for a bright hour to be a prisoner of this sickly body and to become as large as the World.”

Because of her awareness of her time limitations, Riggs wrote about her life as it was happening, submitting pages as she completed them, with the knowledge she would not see her young children grown up, or her book in published form. Many scenes take place within a few short blocks of the UNCG campus, and readers can find Greensboro landmarks, such as St. Mary’s House, in the pages.

At UNCG, Riggs worked with Fred Chappell and Stuart Dischell in poetry workshops and was poetry editor for the Greensboro Review 2003-2004.

Dischell said of her, “Nina was one of our most worldly and elegant poets when she came to us in the MFA Program in 2002, after a year in Paris with her husband, John. She was a brilliant student whose poems had passion, gravity and historical perspective. The prose of her memoir is as beautiful as it gets.”

Her husband John Duberstein observed that at UNCG she not only studied the craft of writing poetry and nonfiction, but created a lasting community among her classmates and professors.

“The program doesn’t just build writing skills—it was very much about relationships,” he said.

Even after Riggs graduated, the UNCG writing community remained a big part of her life; she was a part of small writing groups, finding writing exchange opportunities and close friendships with the people she had gotten to know through the MFA program. She also found a writing position with the Center for Reproductive Rights through a UNCG classmate.

“The Bright Hour” has been reviewed and profiled in The Washington Post, People Magazine, USA Today, The Wall Street Journal, O Magazine, The Boston Globe and Publishers Weekly, among others. Author Kelly Corrigan wrote, “How a woman can have this much emotional clarity and narrative power while fighting for her life should astonish every last one of us. Magical. Unforgettable.”

Last Tuesday at Scuppernong Books in downtown Greensboro, UNCG faculty member Holly Goddard-Jones interviewed Duberstein, and two UNCG MFA alumni, Drew Perry and Tita Ramirez, read excerpts from “The Bright Hour.” The crowd packed the back half of the bookstore, a clear testament to Riggs’ connection to the literary community in and around UNCG.

By Susan Kirby-Smith

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UNCG has selected Monarch as its community partner of choice to provide support services to students enrolled in the Beyond Academics Comprehensive Transition Program.

Created by UNCG Vice Chancellor for Research and Engagement Dr. Terri L. Shelton in 2007, Beyond Academics is the first post-secondary program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities in North Carolina.

Students enrolled in the Beyond Academics program at UNCG receive a four-year certificate of completion in Integrative Community Studies (ICS) from the Office of the Provost and job training that prepares them for 21st-century jobs, independent living, and engaging in civic and social activity.

Monarch is a not-for-profit organization that provides support statewide to approximately 32,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental illness and substance use disorders. The Albemarle, North Carolina-based company has earned Person-Centered Excellence Accreditation with Distinction by The Council on Quality and Leadership – and is among a small and elite group worldwide to receive this designation.

“UNCG is pleased to begin this partnership with Monarch,” Shelton said. “The provision of support services for Beyond Academics is an essential part of the academic programming that provides a unique opportunity for students to apply the skills acquired in the certificate program. We can think of no better partner in moving this important initiative forward.”

The partnership will allow Monarch’s existing experience in support services around the state to help students in the ICS program advance their opportunities to live independently.

To learn more about Beyond Academics, visit beyondacademics.uncg.edu.

Photography by Tyler Oakes

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The HHS Hardcore Healthy Superhumans team won the Miles for Wellness Challenge 15. Competing in the Bionic Hare Division, the highest of four divisions based on cumulative step counts, they took first place overall in Challenge 15 by beating out 573 total registered teams from North Carolina state agencies, of which 67 were university teams. Only one other university placed - NC State.
During the challenge, which began on March 17th and ran 'till May 11th, the HHS team members averaged 1,553,104 steps per member, and in total walked 7,765.5 miles. The team member achieving the highest step count was Bill Johnson at 2,030,335; Bill was the only team member to achieve more than 2,000,000 steps.

Katherine Hilliard, the Statewide Wellness Coordinator for North Carolina Office of State Human Resources presented the winning trophy to the team on June 14.

Team photo: Front row L-R: Allan Goldfarb, Eileen Miller, Diane Levine and Kathy Williams
Back row L-R: Charles Dent, Al Cody, Bill Johnson, Pea Poole, Verna Leslie and Justin Harmon.

Stay active summerlong at UNCG

With the summer officially here, it is an ideal opportunity take more time to focus on personal wellness.

UNCG has multiple options available to assist faculty and staff. Here are three key resources to help get you moving:

Healthy UNCG (http://healthy.uncg.edu) provides UNCG employees with information, programs and services that help to promote a healthier lifestyle and a better quality of life.

Human Resources - Employee Wellness (https://web.uncg.edu/hrs/Benefits/Wellness/) is a resource page connecting employees with links to a wide range of opportunities for physical and mental wellness.

Department of Recreation & Wellness (http://recwell.uncg.edu) offers a wide range of programs and services for the UNCG Community. A variety of membership options are available.

To help you get started on your wellness journey, download the map of campus walking trails.

Athletics announces staff restructuring to fit updated strategic plan

UNCG Director of Athletics Kim Record announced a staff restructuring plan that will complement the updated athletic department strategic plan, which will be released fully prior to the first athletics events for the 2017-18 season.

“The student-athlete experience will continue to be the foundation for each decision made in UNCG athletics and this restructuring plan of the department administration coincides with that,” Record said. “These changes will help us to generate additional resources, connect consistently with former student-athletes, communicate our story effectively and maximize our opportunities for success.”

Stacy Kosciak has been promoted to Deputy Athletic Director and will oversee the day-to-day operation of the department. Kosciak will also oversee the men’s and women’s basketball programs on a day-to-day, administrative basis. Kosciak, a UNCG alumna, is in her 18th straight season working in the athletic department and her fifth straight year as an associate athletic director.

“Elevating Stacy to the Deputy AD role will allow me to execute our strategic objectives and spend more time out of the office, spending time with alumni and friends of the program,” Record said.

Craig Fink will add Chief Revenue Officer to his title of Senior Associate Athletic Director for Advancement. Fink will focus on increasing revenue through fundraising as the university considers a capital campaign. Fink is in his seventh year at UNCG and has guided the Spartan Club to unprecedented growth during his tenure, exceeding its yearly goal for sixth-straight seasons.

Tim George will be adding Chief Marketing Officer to his title of Senior Associate Athletic Director for External Operations. George will focus his day-to-day attention on increasing revenue through ticket and corporate sales, licensing and branding. George is in his eighth year on Record’s administration team and oversees the marketing, ticketing and corporate sales departments.

Matt McCollester will expand his role and update his title to Assistant Athletic Director for Strategic Communications. McCollester will now work more closely with the Spartan Club to share UNCG’s story, while also creating opportunities for strategic exposure through video capabilities and the Spartan Sports Link program. McCollester is in his sixth year with the program and oversees the communications and video departments.
Jay McCloy will be promoted to Assistant Athletic Director for Health and Sports Performance. McCloy’s role in the areas of mental health and nutrition will expand to meet the needs of Spartan student-athletes. McCloy is in his ninth year at UNCG and his second year overseeing the entire athletic training and strength and conditioning departments.

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**2017 UNCG SECC plans underway; kick-off event for all employees Oct. 23**

Planning is underway for this year’s State Employees Combined Campaign at UNCG. The campaign will be October 23 – November 22.

Macea Whisettse is chair. Cathy Church is vice chair (facilitator).

This year’s State Employees Combined Campaign goal is $200,125 to commemorate the university’s 125th Anniversary of the opening of its doors.

“We’re taking 'Giant Steps' to help our co-workers, neighbors and communities. Volunteers are needed,” said Macea Whisettse.

Some key dates to mark on your calendar:

**Kick Off / Agency Fair.** October 23, noon – 2 p.m., EUC, Cone Ballroom

- FREE FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT
- Free Over 20 non-profit agencies on hand

**Leadership Breakfast.** October 25, 8 – 9 a.m., Alumni House, Virginia Dare Room

**Pancake Breakfast / Silent Auction** (Community Fundraiser), October 30, 7:30 a.m., Fountain View Dining Room, Kaplan Commons.

**UNCG SECC 125th T-shirts on sale** in October

Look for more details as the campaign approaches. For more information, contact secc@uncg.edu.

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**Collaborative simulations in schools of Nursing, Education**
Communication is everything. The biggest things we learn come from our mistakes. We’re all in this together.

Those three mantras are behind a unique interdisciplinary collaboration between Specialized Education Services’ Sarah Wheeler and the School of Nursing’s Dr. Tonya Rutherford-Hemming.

Wheeler teaches in UNCG’s Professions in Deafness program in the School of Education and, within the Interpreter Preparation concentration, she helps students develop their skills in American Sign Language / English interpretation in order to provide communication access to deaf people in a variety of contexts. She is a CODA, a child of deaf adults, and has always been aware of the importance of effective communication and cultural competence within the lives of deaf people. She interprets in a wide variety of public events such as music festivals, speaker series and theatrical performances, and in everyday situations such as medical appointments and job interviews.

Wheeler is also an Air Force veteran who worked in health care administration, which she says translates to her work with the deaf community and in the professions in deafness program.

“Part of an airman’s creed is never to leave anyone behind. For me, that carries over to the accountability each student should have to themselves as well as to their fellow students,” she said.

Last year, Wheeler received a Strategic Seed grant for the development of her Disability in Global Contexts course.

Rutherford-Hemming, clinical associate professor in the Department of Adult Health, designs and facilitates many UNCG nursing simulations, in which students practice the procedures they will enact as licensed nurses. In many of these simulations, individuals from the community play the role of the patient, and students can prepare themselves for real-life clinical experiences.

Rutherford-Hemming also received a Strategic Seed grant in 2016, to create a homeless nursing simulation, where actors played the homeless individuals and were treated just outside the Moore Nursing Building. The students providing nursing care were expected to negotiate challenges that could come with working with people who are homeless.

Most recently, Rutherford-Hemming received an Advancement in Teaching and Learning grant to design multicultural simulations. In that simulation, the patient will be a young Islamic female who wears hijab, and who may observe cultural practices that require specific accommodations. Rutherford-Hemming is also at work on an additional simulation for treating non-English speakers.

“Communication is huge in any profession,” she said. “But with nursing, if I can talk to the person, that’s a tremendous part of it. Nurses are often the hub of communication between patients, families and the health care team.”

Last summer, Wheeler and Rutherford-Hemming began planning their collaborative work. This past spring semester, they led two simulations with four nursing students and four professions in deafness students in each session, with a deaf individual playing the role of the patient. The nursing students were not aware that the patients would be deaf, or that there would be an interpreter, until they received the pre-briefing report, which is how it would be in a hospital setting, explained Rutherford-Hemming. When the simulation started, they had the opportunity to ask a few questions, and then they entered the room to begin treating the patient and working with the interpreter. The experience provided an opportunity for problem-solving, allowing students from both programs to meet their learning objectives and to practice patient-centered care.

“We want our students to take risks, make mistakes, talk about why they did what they did and to learn from their experiences,” said Wheeler.

After the simulations, the nursing students, the professions in deafness students and the member of the deaf community who played the patient discussed what happened in a debriefing, a conversation in which they go over decisions they made during the simulation.
“And that’s the biggest part,” explained Rutherford-Hemming. “That’s where the learning takes place. We ask them what was challenging, and they start talking—it’s getting them to reflect and talk to each other, and that’s when the light bulbs start to go off.”

According to Rutherford-Hemming, interprofessional collaboration is an absolute necessity in facilitating patient care.

“When there’s a patient in the room, we’re all working together,” she said. “Sign language interpreters are part of the health care team, so this helps bring in that interprofessional piece.”

“We’re all together,” agreed Wheeler. “And these transformative learning experiences can have a huge impact on the way a deaf patient experiences and accesses the health care system.”

By Susan Kirby-Smith
Photograph by Susan Kirby-Smith

Kathelene McCarty Smith

Kathelene McCarty Smith (University Libraries) has recently accepted the position of Instruction and Outreach Archivist at UNCG’s Martha Blakeney Hodges Special Collections and University Archives. Previously, she worked in the department as the Photographs, Artifacts and Textiles Archivist. Smith’s new responsibilities will include teaching primary source literacy; coordinating departmental outreach; curator the historic photograph collections; and managing the department’s volunteer program.

Smith earned her bachelor’s degree in history and a master’s degree in art history from Louisiana State University (LSU). She also holds a master’s degree in Library and Information Studies from UNCG. Smith’s research interests include the role of academic libraries in fostering life-long learning, volunteerism in Special Collections' departments, primary source outreach and the mobilization of North Carolina’s women’s colleges during World War I.

Dr. Pamela Williamson

Dr. Pamela Williamson (Specialized Education Services) received additional funding from the U.S. Department of Education (DOED) Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) for the project “Project Teaching, Leading, and Collaborating (TLC): Serving Students with Significant Intellectual Disabilities, Including Autism.”

In the most recent personnel data provided by NCDPI, North Carolina reported that 30 percent of special education teachers employed to provide services to students with disabilities were not “highly-qualified,” as identified through licensure (2007). Project TLC will recruit 32 high-quality, diverse elementary education teachers and prepare them with master’s degree, adapted curriculum licensure, National Board preparation, and leadership training to facilitate improved outcomes for students with SID in least restrictive environments.

Rachel Briley
Rachel Briley (Theatre) received new funding from Children’s Theatre Foundation of America (CTFA) for the project “International Artistic Exchange between Santiago, Chile and Greensboro, NC: Building Dreams with and for Refugee Youth.”

During this phase of the project, the seven-person theatrical company La Llave Maestra will come to UNCG to perform “Nomadas” (“The Nomadic People”) for the students at the Doris Henderson Newcomers School, the UNCG community and the community-at-large.

The Newcomers School serves recently arrived immigrant and refugee youth from across the globe in grades three through twelve who are novice English speakers. The school aims to impart the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful in American schools and society while honoring all cultures and heritages.

UNCG Auditorium has been secured for an Oct. 29 matinee performance. The company will stay in residence at UNCG for one week, working in daily rehearsals on “Suenos” (“Dreams”) with Newcomers students and UNCG students. Artistic Directors Edurne Rankin and Alvaro Morales will stay for an additional three weeks to continue the rehearsal process with all of the students.

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Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr.

Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr. will receive one of the Triad’s Most Admired CEOs awards from the Triad Business Journal. The 2017 class of honorees includes 18 individuals from a diverse array of industries and organizations, the journal notes. The recipients will be honored July 27 at an awards ceremony; details may be seen at TriadBizEvents.com. They will also be featured in the July 28 edition of Triad Business Journal.

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Dr. Donna Nash

Dr. Donna Nash (Anthropology) received new funding from The Field Museum for the project "A Provincial Palace at Cerro Baúl: Elite Strategies Practiced in the Domestic Sphere." Palaces were and are significant settings, housing state officials and state institutions, and can act as symbols of state leadership and power, the abstract notes. Around the world scholars use the archaeological remains of palaces to understand the organization of early states because palaces were centers of political, economic, and ceremonial activity. Nash will prepare a manuscript describing results from investigations of a provincial palace at Cerro Baúl, a site in the Wari province of Moquegua, Peru.

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Dr. Patricia Reggio
Dr. Patricia Reggio (Chemistry and Biochemistry) received additional funding from the National Institutes of Health for the project "Molecular Determinants of Cannabinoid Activity."

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Dr. Heidi Krowchuk

Dr. Heidi Krowchuk (Family and Community Nursing) received new funding from the DHHS Health Resources and Services Administration for the Nurse Anesthesia Traineeship Program. The purpose of this project is to improve access to a diverse workforce of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) who can provide expert culturally sensitive anesthesia care to the medically underserved. Qualified baccalaureate prepared registered nurses will be able to matriculate into the three-year Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program of full-time study offered by UNCG and the Raleigh School of Nurse Anesthesia (RSNA). The proposed project will be accomplished by providing traineeships for 104 DNP nurse anesthesia students of the UNCG/RSNA for the 2017-2018 academic year, who will have clinical experiences delivering anesthesia services to diverse groups of medically underserved individuals in more than three urban and 10 rural clinical settings within North Carolina.

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Dr. John Willse

Dr. John Willse (Educational Research Methodology) received new funding from Guilford County Schools for the project "Accountability Support with Guilford County Schools." Research services for Guilford County Schools will be provided by the Office of Assessment, Evaluation, and Research Services (OAERS) related to data analysis, data management, and report writing.

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Dr. Sonja Frison

Dr. Sonja Frison (Center for Youth, Family and Community Partnerships) received new funding from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust for the project "Increasing Access, Decreasing Disparities, and Increasing Treatment Engagement with Juvenile Justice Behavioral Health Partnerships."

The North Carolina Institute of Medicine noted in their 2016 Task Force on Mental Health and Substance Abuse Report that 20 percent of adolescents have a substance use or mental health disorder. The NCIOM report also outlined the need to support System of Care and Collaborative initiatives to address access and disparities based on age, gender, race, and other factors. “We would therefore like to build capacity for this work by developing a multifaceted, data driven approach to increase access, decrease disparities, and increase engagement in treatment for cross system teams,” her abstract says. “We propose to develop and pilot this approach in year 1 with two JJBH teams (G Guilford and Gaston) that represent at least 500 youth and then open up to at least three other teams in Year 2 (single and/or multicounty
teams representing at least 1500 youth) with sustainability implementation including a plan for training other teams through our JJBH work.”

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**Looking ahead: June 28, 2017**

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Noon at the ‘Spoon public tour

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**Millennials in the workplace**

Millennials. This much talked-about and largest generation is firmly established in the workplace, but many businesses still have questions about recruiting and retaining this population. Lizzy Tahsuda, Manager of Career and Professional Development for the Bryan School (and a proud millennial herself), has researched this generation and shares tips with area employers on leveraging their talents.

Join the Bryan School on Thursday, July 13, at 8 a.m. for a free presentation on the M-Factor: Recruiting and Retaining Millennials. Seating is limited and advanced registration is required.

See details and RSVP at [bryan.uncg.edu/m-factor](http://bryan.uncg.edu/m-factor).

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See/hear: June 28, 2017

Paul Chelimo, former UNCG track standout and public health major, spoke with UNCG Magazine last semester on his first return to campus since the 2016 Olympics. He took Silver Medal at the Olympics - as the first Spartan to be an Olympian.

Last weekend, he won the National Championship in the 5,000 meters - and will head to the World Championships in London in a few weeks.

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