A nationally recognized expert on racial disparities in health, Dr. Giselle Corbie-Smith is the founder and director of the UNC Center for Health Equity Research, which works to improve health in North Carolina through a shared commitment to innovation, collaboration and equity. She is an extraordinary scholar with an impressive record of publications, grants and invited talks. She has been President of the Society of General Internal Medicine and has received many honors, including the Herbert W. Nickens Award from the American Association of Medical Colleges for outstanding contributions to health-care equity. In 2018 she was elected to the National Academy of Medicine.

Professor Corbie-Smith has shown a deep commitment to working in North Carolina by bringing research to communities, involving community members as partners in research, and improving health for minority populations and underserved areas. As one nominator remarked, her work “represents what is best about community-engaged scholarship and service at UNC.” It epitomizes President Edward Kidder Graham’s call to make the campus co-extensive with the boundaries of the State.