

2023 Faculty Election Voter Guide

Faculty-Wide Positions

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Running for: Chair of the Faculty

Tom Kelley

J. Dickson Phillips, Jr. Distinguished Professor

School of Law

First appointed to UNC in 1999

J.D., Northeastern University

Faculty website: <https://law.unc.edu/people/thomas-a-kelley/>

UNC Service

I have been at Carolina for 23 years and have served on many campus-wide committees including Advisory, Campus and Community Advisory, Faculty Hearings, Committee on Student Conduct, three Deanship Review Committees, and the Institutional Review Board. I also have served on key Law School committee's including our DEI Committee. Early in my career I spent one year as UNC-Law's Faculty Council representative. I have also served on many campus advisory boards including the African Studies Center and Student Legal Services. Much of my service comes "off books" in the form of free legal advice to campus and community nonprofit organizations.

Candidate Statement

As a sextuple Tar Heel (employed, spouse employed, three sons graduated, one currently in law school), I am completely invested in Carolina. If it sinks as a result of poor governance, my family and I sink with it. I am temperamentally suited to this position. I prefer listening to speaking. I look for common ground, but when there is none, or when others act in bad faith, I do not fear confrontation. I have broad experience at Carolina. I have been fixed-term and tenure-track faculty and I understand the frustrations (and joys) of both. I am a part-time administrator, so I see the struggles of our talented staff. I work with nonprofit community organizations, and I understand both their reliance on and frustration with UNC. Finally, I am a lawyer and I have insight into the legal aspects of our many self-inflicted crises.

Running for: Chair of the Faculty

Beth Moracco

Associate Professor; Associate Director

Health Behavior, School of Public Health; UNC Injury Prevention Research Center

First appointed to UNC in 2008

PhD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Faculty website: https://sph.unc.edu/adv_profile/beth-moracco-phd/

UNC Service

- University: Faculty Council Representative (2010-2013, 2014-2017; 2020-2023); FC Agenda Committee (2014-2017; 2020-2023); Search Committee, Vice Chancellor for Research (December 2022-present); UNC Gender-Based Violence Prevention Advisory Group (2019-2021); Search Committee, Senior Prevention Services Officer (2020-2021); University Awards for the Advancement of Women Selection Committee (Member, 2009-2011; Chair, 2011-2020)
- School: Practice Task Force, 2021-2022; MPH Steering Committee, 2017-2020; CEPH Re-Accreditation Committee 2015-2016; Committee on Diversity Best Practices;
- Dept.: MPH Director (2012-2020); MPH Admissions (2014-2023)

Candidate Statement

I am a Tar Heel triple threat; alumna, faculty member, and parent. I have deep, chosen ties to this University. I am honored to be a candidate for Chair of the Faculty, and believe that my academic training in public health, leadership roles at multiple levels of the university, experience developing and directing academic programs, and bridge-building temperament uniquely equip me to serve as Chair as we navigate the disruptions, challenges, and opportunities that we will undoubtedly encounter over the next few years. As Chair, my priorities will be to protect and enhance our efforts toward building an inclusive, equitable environment for Carolina's faculty, staff, and students; safeguard the integrity of the role of faculty in decision-making; and advocate for full and timely information-sharing in matters that concern faculty.

Running for: Advisory Committee

Jay Aikat

Senior Associate Dean, School of Data Science and Society;

Research Professor, Computer Science

School of Data Science and Society; Computer Science, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2011

Ph.D. in Computer Science, UNC-Chapel Hill

Faculty website: <https://datascience.unc.edu/person/jay-aikat/>

UNC Service

Jay Aikat, Senior Associate Dean of UNC's School of Data Science and Society (SDSS), has been a Computer Science faculty since 2011.

- Elected to Chancellor's Advisory Committee, 2020-2023
- Elected to UNC Faculty Council, 2018-2024
- Faculty Appointee to UNC Committee on Community and Diversity, 2018-2021
- Led and participated in key data science initiatives at UNC-Chapel Hill since 2013

Aikat joined Carolina in 1996, serving as IT Director in two schools. She earned a Ph.D. in Computer Science in 2010 from UNC-Chapel Hill. She has served as a Computer Science faculty since 2011.

Candidate Statement

I feel honored and humbled to be nominated to serve a second term on the Chancellor's Advisory Committee. If elected, I will strive to advance Carolina's culture of respect, compassion, care, and trust.

I bring to the Advisory Committee the knowledge, expertise, and energy to serve, learn, lead, and collaborate with faculty colleagues across Carolina. As Senior Associate Dean of the new School of Data Science and Society, I cherish the privilege of working with faculty across various academic units at UNC to collaboratively advance the data science ecosystem at Carolina.

If re-elected, I will represent our concerns and aspirations to the university leadership, and continue to contribute to our shared faculty governance. Thank you for this opportunity to serve Carolina.

Running for: Advisory Committee

Ana Felix

Associate Professor

Department of Internal Medicine and Department of Neurology, School of Medicine

First appointed to UNC in 2002

MBBCh, Wits

Faculty website: <https://www.med.unc.edu/medicine/geriatrics/directory/ana-felix/>

UNC Service

I have served UNC since 2002 in various roles in clinical, teaching and administrative positions. I have served on Faculty Council as well as Faculty Grievance Committee and currently serve on the Committee on the Status of Women. I believe that we are all here because we believe in the vision to serve the students and staff and the people of North Carolina.

Candidate Statement

Having served UNC in various roles for over 20 years, both at the School of Medicine and Healthcare System, I believe that the strong sense of support and respect for each other and the work we do, can both guide us during times of success as well as help us develop strategies to support us all during times that are more challenging. I am guided by a sense of fairness and that we all succeed when we help each other succeed.

Running for: Advisory Committee

Anna Krome-Lukens

Teaching Associate Professor

Public Policy, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2014

Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

UNC Service

I am a former member of Faculty Council, and in 2019-2020 I also served as member of the Faculty Council Agenda Committee. Other past service includes the UNC Student Stores Advisory Board; the Advisory Council for the Graduate School Professional Development Program; and chairing the task force on Experiential Education for the IDEAs in Action Curriculum. As a UNC graduate student I also served on the Student Advisory Committee to the Chancellor, the Administrative Board of the Library, the University Committee on Copyright, the Sustainability Advisory Committee, and Faculty Council.

Candidate Statement

Carolina has dealt with a number of serious governance issues recently, and I am eager to help address these issues as a member of the Advisory Committee. I bring relevant experience to the role: I teach a course on higher education policy, and I interact with many other units on campus, including through my work in the Office for Undergraduate Research and my participation in campus-wide leadership training programs. As Director of Experiential Education for Public Policy, I also frequently collaborate with colleagues across campus and partner with community members to engage our students in their work. I bring my awareness of the needs of our state and my understanding of the pressures facing UNC to my service commitments in faculty governance.

Running for: Advisory Committee

Kenya McNeal-Trice

Professor

Pediatrics, School of Medicine

First appointed to UNC in 2007

MD, Wayne State University School of Medicine

UNC Service

Faculty Governance service:

- Current member and chair of the Advisory Committee
- Current member of the Status of Women Committee
- Past member of the Faculty Council

Candidate Statement

My current roles allow me to pursue educational innovation that promotes diversity and inclusion within clinical practice and academic medicine. As a member of the Status of Women Committee, I have addressed ongoing concerns of women and underrepresented faculty, identified obstacles to the achievement of equity in the representation of women on campus, and proposed steps for overcoming those obstacles. Adaptive leadership recognizes that solutions to systemic inequities are only found by using the collective wisdom and effort of an entire community. I believe leaders should challenge the status quo and historical practices that have nullified diversity and inclusion efforts, while amplifying disparities. Reelection to the Advisory Committee will allow me to continue to engage across campus to address institutional priorities.

Running for: Advisory Committee

Audrey Pettifor

Professor and Associate Chair

Epidemiology, Gillings School of Global Public Health

First appointed to UNC in 2004

PhD, UC Berkeley

UNC Service

I am currently very involved in the leadership of my department as the Associate Chair. In this position I am working with colleagues to address communication and connection between faculty, staff and students that has been so challenged by the COVID-19 pandemic. We are also working closely with students on issues of student finance challenges and also on issues of diversity, equity and inclusion. At the University level, I am currently on the Faculty Council. At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic I also had the privilege to advise the Chancellor, Provost and other leaders as part of the COVID-19 public health/medicine advisory group.

Candidate Statement

I have been a faculty member at UNC since 2004. As an epidemiologist, I have expertise in infectious diseases, including COVID-19, and also in adolescent mental health, sexual health, and LGBTQ+ health issues, Gender Based Violence, and other structural factors that impact the healthily transition of adolescents into adulthood. In addition, I have worked on global HIV research for over 25 years so also bring tremendous expertise in the area of global health research and teaching . I feel strongly about the importance of academic freedom for faculty to make decisions about curricula, hiring and promotion without outside interference. I also feel strongly about the importance of diversity equity and inclusion in the workplace and will fight against against racism and discrimination at UNC, in NC and the US.

Running for: Advisory Committee

Theresa Raphael-Grimm

Clinical Professor

Schools of Nursing and Medicine, Adjunct Professor in Psychiatry

First appointed to UNC in 1994

PhD, University of Pennsylvania

UNC Service

Service history:

Current:

- Advisory Committee;
- Facilitator and Planning Committee leader of Schwartz Rounds (interdisciplinary care rounds), School of Medicine for 16 years;
- Chair of APR Committee (SON);

Past:

- Educational Policy Committee, 6 years including 2 years as Chair
- Provost's Committee on LGBTQ Life, 5 years
- Chair of the Faculty in School of Nursing: 6 years
- Chancellor's Committee on Diversity and Community
- Faculty Executive Committee Chair (SON): 6 years

Candidate Statement

I'm running for re-election to the Advisory Committee, having served one year as first alternate after a former member stepped down.

- My leadership background, my 30 years of teaching and my psychotherapy practice experience (currently within the SOM physician support program), deeply inform my understanding of the challenges faced by students and colleagues
- As a classroom educator, I know the demands and rewards of teaching.
- Often referred to as "a voice of reason", I bring multifaceted analysis, tactful candor, and group facilitation skills to contentious discussions.
- I am well prepared to continue to thoughtfully advise on university-wide issues and would be honored to extend my service on the Advisory Committee.

Running for: Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee, Arts and Sciences

Serenella Iovino

Professor of Italian Studies and Environmental Humanities

Romance Studies, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2020

PhD, University of Urbino and Ludwig-Maximilians Universität, Munich

Faculty website: <https://romancestudies.unc.edu/faculty-member/serenella-iovino/>

UNC Service

At UNC I have served as Interim Director of the Center for European Studies (Spring 2022). My current service positions include the Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure Committee (2020-2023) and the Advisory Committee of the Center for European Studies (since 2019). My departmental service includes the Salary Committee, the Sponsored Events Committee, Faculty Development Committee (as Chair 2020-21). I am the Advisor for Italian Graduate Studies (currently on leave).

Candidate Statement

The gist of the academic profession is to keep the horizon of the mind open. This means cultivating the highest scholarly standards and ensuring a fair, future-oriented, and honest evaluation of merits. Sometimes, however, it is hard for cutting-edge scholars to be recognized, especially when they explore new fields. Things are even harder if they face prejudices because of their gender, race, age, sexual orientation, abilities, or creeds. Having spent my life in the academe, I have always felt the urge to work for scholarly quality and justice, creating bonds of ideas and solidarity across generations. I have served in the APT Committee for one term, and it has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life at UNC. I have brought into my service my values. If elected, I will continue doing so with enthusiasm and passion.

Running for: Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee, Arts and Sciences

Harvey Seim

Professor

Earth, Marine and Environmental Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2000

Ph.D., University of Washington

Faculty website: <https://tarheels.live/seimlab/>

UNC Service

I served as chair of the Marine Sciences department 2013-2018 and 2019-2021, chaired the Faculty Research Committee from 2003-2007, served on the UNC Summer School Administrative Board 2016-2018, am presently a member of the Galapagos Council for the UNC Center for Galapagos Studies, and have represented UNC on a number of external boards, including the Coastal Studies Institute Board, the Southeastern Universities Research Association (SURA) Board (2005-2011), the Duke-UNC Ocean Consortium Policy Board (DUNCOC; 2005-2008) and the Consortium for Ocean Research and Education (CORE, 2003-2007).

Candidate Statement

Appointments, promotions and tenure are fundamental activities to the university, ensuring our institution has the depth of knowledge and diversity of perspectives that allow it to thrive. Having served as a department chair for 8 years provides me with an intimate knowledge of the processes involved in bringing new faculty to our institution and in evaluating their performance for consideration for promotion and tenure. My chosen field is quite interdisciplinary and has highlighted for me the need for our institution's faculty to include a broad range of talents and perspectives to keep it vital. I believe my experience and perspectives as a faculty member and department chair will allow me to fairly and equitably assess APT actions on behalf of the faculty as a whole.

Running for: Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee, Professional Schools (Other Than Medicine) [and for Financial Exigency and Program Change Committee]

Betsy Sleath

**George Cocolas Distinguished Professor and Regional Associate Dean for Eastern NC
Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy, Eshelman School of Pharmacy**

First appointed to UNC in 1995

PhD, University of Wisconsin

Faculty website: <https://pharmacy.unc.edu/directory/bsleath/>

UNC Service

I have been at UNC for over 25 years and have served on many school and university level committees. Some recent university examples include: the Pan-Campus Advisory Council for the Data Science and Society school, the academic advisory committee to plan and build UNC Health Sciences at SEAHEC, chair of evaluation subcommittee at UNC Health Sciences at SEAHEC, the financial exigency and program change committee, and the provost's data science community and civic engagement planning committee.

Candidate Statement

It would be an honor to serve on this committee. I have had extensive experience with the faculty and tenure promotion process. I served as a division chair for 10 years and have worked with many faculty through this process. I have served on the Eshelman School of Pharmacy's full professor committee for over 12 years. I now serve as a regional associate dean for Eastern North Carolina. I appreciate how faculty contribute to the university's mission in many different ways. Even though I am in the Eshelman School of Pharmacy, my graduate training is in sociology so I have an appreciation for the arts and humanities as well as health sciences. I enjoy working with others from across campus and the state.

Running for: Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee, Professional Schools (Other Than Medicine)

Peggy Wilmoth

Professor

School of Nursing

First appointed to UNC in 2017

PhD, University of Pennsylvania

UNC Service

I joined the University in 2017 as the inaugural Executive Vice Dean and Associate Dean, Academic Affairs for the School of Nursing. I served in this role for 5 1/2 years, until Fall of 2022. During that period of time I served on the Advisory Board, Center for Faculty Excellence and as Chair for 2021-2022. I currently serve on the Advisory Committee on Undergraduate Admissions. I currently serve on the School's APT committee.

Candidate Statement

I believe that being an active participant in shared governance is a responsibility for all faculty members; it is a component of being a 'citizen' within the institution. I am also a proponent of putting my beliefs into action, thus when I was asked to consider running for this position, I felt it was an obligation as part of my faculty role. I have been on faculty at 4 other institutions and served as dean of an interprofessional college at a 5th institution. I have also chaired school and college level APT committees at one of these institutions. I believe that my broad and varied experiences at these other institutions will help to inform my participation on the University's Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee. I am informed by policy and use policy in guiding my decisions while ensuring inclusivity.

Running for: Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee, School of Medicine

Cam Enarson

Professor of Anesthesiology

Anesthesiology, School of Medicine

First appointed to UNC in 2010

M.D. University of Alberta

UNC Service

I have served on multiple committees and tasks forces within the Department of Anesthesiology and the School of Medicine. I have also served on a university search committee and currently serve on two university task forces. I have been significantly involved in the preparations for the SOM's LCME accreditation in 2012 and 2020 and the accreditation of the PA program within the Department of Health Sciences in the SOM.

Candidate Statement

Throughout my career I have been significantly involved with APT policies and practices. In 2011-12 I authored the medical school's APT guidelines and in 2020 I co-led the SOM task force to revise the APT guidelines introducing meet the mark criteria. As part of the process I presented/co-presented regarding

the revised SOM APT guidelines to over 50 units within the SOM. I believe my experience with APT along with my knowledge and expertise will be helpful to the committee and to the university.

Running for: Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee, School of Medicine

Lynn Fordham

Vice Chair Faculty Affairs

Radiology, School of Medicine

First appointed to UNC in 1994

MD, Tufts University

Faculty website: <https://www.med.unc.edu/radiology/directory/lynn-fordham/>

UNC Service

I have served on the UNC SOM Post tenure review committee, the UNC SOM Full Professors APT committee (chair 2 years) and HSAC (Health Sciences Advisory Committee)

Candidate Statement

I have been a part of my department's promotion's process since becoming a full professor. I have served on the SOM 5 year post tenure review committee, HSAC (Health Sciences Advisory Committee) and the SOM Associate to Full Professors committee and was chair for 2 years. Promotion is an important part of recognizing and celebrating the achievements of our gifted and dedicated faculty and, if elected would do my part to continue to contribute to this important work.

Running for: Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee, School of Medicine

Hong Jin (HJ) Kim

Ted B. Seagroves, Jr. Distinguished Professor and Chief, Division of Surgical Oncology

Surgery (Division of Surgical Oncology), School of Medicine

First appointed to UNC in 2001

MD, University of Virginia

UNC Service

I serve as the Chief of the Division of Surgical Oncology, and the Vice Chair of Strategy and Outreach in the Department of Surgery. I have leadership roles in the NC Cancer Hospital, including the multidisciplinary oncology programs and DEI programs. From a research perspective, I have been involved in translation research, clinical trials, and serve as the Clinical Director of the Tissue Procurement Core Facility of the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center. Finally, I initiated and serve as the Program Director of the Fellowship in Complex General Surgical Oncology. I have previously served on the Post-Tenure Review Committee of the SOM.

Candidate Statement

As a senior member of the Department of Surgery, who has been active in the clinical/research/educational/administrative missions of the School of Medicine, I hope my involvement would continue to foster faculty that are regional and national leaders, are productive and accomplished, foster wellness and diversity, and contribute to the collegial environment of this institution. I believe that there are only several meaningful ways to reward faculty for their work and contributions to the

institution, but Promotion and Tenure is clearly one of the most important tangible ways. This committee is critical, and needs to conduct the reviews in a fair, comprehensive, timely, and unbiased manner.

Running for: Educational Policy Committee

Oluremi Abayomi

Teaching Assistant Professor

Statistics and Operations Research, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2022

Ph.D., Central Michigan University

UNC Service

I am currently serving as a member of the Student Advising Committee.

Candidate Statement

I am motivated to run for election to this position to collaborate on identifying obstacles to the democratization of the UNC educational system.

Drawing from my previous experience as an educator for 23 years (almost 11 in the United States), a former department chair and curriculum leader for a data analytics minor, I can partner with other committee members on highlighting the ethical implications of using technology in education. As a former international student, I will be able to offer the committee unique insights on making equitable educational opportunities accessible to both local and international students at UNC. I would advocate for policies that are grounded in research, informed by the needs of the community, and responsive to the diverse needs of learners.

Running for: Educational Policy Committee

Susana Barroso

Clinical Assistant Professor

School of Nursing

First appointed to UNC in 2020

Ph.D., University of Miami

UNC Service

My service contributions to UNC focus on a commitment to making higher education more equitable and inclusive. I am currently a member of the School of Nursing (SON) Strategic Plan Steering Committee and am the Faculty Advisor United We Stand, a student organization with a social justice lens. I am also a Faculty Co-Advisor for the SON Pride Interest Group and the Faculty Advisor for SHAC: Student Health Action Coalition. At the university level I am on the Executive Board of the Carolina Latinx Faculty Council.

Candidate Statement

As a Clinical Assistant Professor, I have an opportunity to teach across the undergraduate nursing curriculum and am passionate about learning from and with our amazing Carolina students. During their first semester, I interact with students participating in a course focusing on relationship-centered care

and diversity, equity and inclusion. I am passionate about creating teaching and learning brave spaces where students feel included and have a sense of belonging. I view my service work through the same lens-providing our undergraduates with an equitable, engaging, and rewarding experience. Working on the Educational Policy Committee would be an opportunity to extend this focus beyond the School of Nursing.

Running for: Educational Policy Committee

Carmen Hsu

Associate Professor

Romance Studies, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2005

PhD, Harvard University

Faculty website: <https://romancestudies.unc.edu/faculty-member/carmen-hsu/>

UNC Service

- o Financial Exigency and Program Change Committee (2022-25)
- o Administrative Board of the Graduate School (2020-23)
- o Educational Policy Committee (2019-23)
- o Administrative Board of the Library (2010-11)
- o Faculty Council (2012-15)

Candidate Statement

I am interested in both undergraduate and graduate learning, and how university policies may affect the education mission of the University. I believe that the Educational Policy Committee should play a key role to ensure faculty's active participation in curricular planning in the general education, to preserve intellectual diversity and equity, and to protect academic freedom. I am seeking a second term on the Committee so that I may continue to help smooth the way for our students. For the College of Arts & Sciences, I am currently on the Financial Exigency and Program Change Committee and have previously served on the Faculty Council, Administrative Board of the Library, and Administrative Boards of the Graduate School. For my department, I am also the Director of Graduate Studies.

Running for: Educational Policy Committee

Aliza Nedimyer

Teaching Assistant Professor

Exercise and Sport Science, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2022

Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

UNC Service

I currently serve as the advisor for one student organization and will be the advisor for a second pending its approval. Within the Department of Exercise and Sport Science, I serve on the Undergraduate Research Committee as well as a subcommittee within the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee seeking to ensure there exists ways to receive, record, and offer solutions toward the resolution of concerns about the education and work environments within the department. I am excited about the

opportunity to become more involved in and provide service to the broader College and University, and hope this position allows me to begin to do so.

Candidate Statement

After holding multiple student roles and now a teaching faculty role at UNC-CH, I am passionate about ensuring that all students feel supported and are able to be active, engaged participants in their education. Working with students who bring diverse experiences, backgrounds, opinions, and needs to a learning community has challenged me to further my understanding and take logical steps to adjust my own classrooms to reflect the types of spaces required to meet student needs. I have also sought out ways to help support similar initiatives at the departmental level. I am honored to have been nominated to run for the Educational Policy Committee, and serving on this committee would allow me the chance to continue to support creating an inclusive and productive student experience on a broader level using policy in addition to practice.

Running for: Educational Policy Committee

Laura Ott

Teaching Assistant Professor

Biology, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2020

PhD, North Carolina State University

Faculty website: <https://bio.unc.edu/faculty-profile/ott-laura/>

UNC Service

My service has been within the Department of Biology, where I have been involved in the committee that put together the new biology undergraduate curriculum that was introduced in the Fall of 2022. I am also chairing the department's committee to assess the new biology undergraduate curriculum.

Candidate Statement

As someone who is still relatively new to UNC (and joined the institution at the height of the pandemic), I am running for this position as a way to get to know the educational policies that impact our students better and expand my service outside of my department. I also hope to be part of conversations and decisions that explores various policies to put in place to provide our students a fair and equitable educational experience. I have a strong background in educational curriculum design and assessment, particularly in STEM disciplines (biology specifically), and hope to bring my experiences to support the mission of this committee.

Running for: Educational Policy Committee

Domenic Tiani

Teaching Professor

Chemistry, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2003

Ph.D., University of Arizona

Faculty website: https://chem.unc.edu/faculty-alpha/?wpv_view_count=80&wpv-research-field=0&wpv_post_search=&wpv_paged=5

UNC Service

Currently I serve the University as a Covenant Mentor, I participate in the Chancellor Science Scholar (CSS) Interview Day, I am a Carolina Firsts Advocate, and I am a C-STEP (Carolina Student Transfer Excellence Program) Faculty Mentor. I am also 1 of 3 academic advisers (~650 majors) in the Department of Chemistry. Over the past 20 years (will be 20 years this coming July), I was invited to serve on the UNC Academic Advising Program Council (2009-2011), I regularly participated in the "Carolina 101" Science and Pre-Health Panels (UNC Admissions), I was a Colonel Robinson Mentor, and a Pre-Health Adviser for 3 years.

Candidate Statement

I was invited to stand for election to the Educational Policy Committee, and am very excited to be considered for service on this committee. As a chemical educator, Term Faculty member, and academic adviser I feel that, like many faculty, I am very familiar with the process of implementing educational policies. My 20 years of experience teaching small (20-40) and large (200-360) classes, as well as my academic advising work, provide me with unique insights and experiences that would allow me to greatly contribute to the committee's work. I have also worked extensively with our undergraduate chemistry lab program which serves a large and diverse group of students, and gives me the opportunity to train and work with graduate teaching assistants. If elected I promise to listen to all diverse perspectives and contribute positively.

Running for: Faculty Assembly Delegation [*and for Financial Exigency and Program Change Committee*]

George Blakey

Chair, Division of Craniofacial and Surgical Care

Adams School of Dentistry

First appointed to UNC in 1992

DDS, Medical College of Virginia

UNC Service

2018-Present Assistant Dean, Hospital Affairs Adams School of Dentistry

2018-Present Chair, Division of Craniofacial and Surgical Care UNC Adams School of Dentistry

2018-Present Chair, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery UNC Healthcare

2015-Present Chair, Department of Dentistry, UNC Hospitals

2015-Present member medical staff executive committee UNC Healthcare

2020-Present Raymond P. White Distinguished Clinical Professor Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

2005-2019 Graduate residency director Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Candidate Statement

I feel that my many experiences and positions over the past 30 years here at UNC have given me a broad perspective to represent multiple segments of the UNC family. From those experiences I have gained the skills to and the benefits of teaming with others in a collaborative fashion.

Running for: Faculty Assembly Delegation

Anthony Hackney

Professor

Exercise and Sport Science. College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 1989

PhD, Kent State University

Faculty website: <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Anthony-Hackney>

UNC Service

I have served as a alternate to Faculty Assembly in the past, and am now one of the active UNC delegates to the Faculty Assembly, which also makes me ex officio to Faculty Council. I also serve in the Center for Faculty Excellence as the UNC faculty liaison to the Fulbright Scholars program, as well as the Board of Directors for the Roysters Fellowship program.

Candidate Statement

These service experiences have been tremendous in teaching me how the UNC system works, and how to be an advocate for the UNC-Chapel Hill community. I hope to continue with this work in the future as I feel my past experiences gives me good insight into how to advance the mission of UNC-CH.

Running for: Faculty Assembly Delegation

Sorin Mitran

Professor

Mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2002

Ph.D., Politehnica University Bucharest

Faculty website: <http://mitran-lab.amath.unc.edu/#!index.md>

UNC Service

Faculty Assembly Delegation (alternate), APT Committee A&S, Faculty Council,

Candidate Statement

Overall interest in the role UNC-CH plays in the overall UNC system.

Running for: Faculty Assembly Delegation

Hongtu Zhu

Professor of Biostatistics, Genetics, Computer Science, and Statistics and Operation Research

Biostatistics, School of Public Health

First appointed to UNC in 2006

Ph.D., The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Faculty website: <https://www.med.unc.edu/bigs2/>

UNC Service

I have had the privilege to serve my department of Biostatistics and the School in various capacities, including as a member of several committees such as the Research Council/Conflict of Interest Committee and faculty nominating committee. In addition, I have been honored to serve as an editorial board member for numerous esteemed journals within my field, as well as a member of various committees for professional organizations, such as ENAR and ASA. I have also participated as a committee member for multiple professional conferences and have served as an ad hoc reviewer and grant review panelist for NSF and NIH.

Candidate Statement

I humbly ask for your support in my candidacy for the Faculty Assembly Delegation.

If given the opportunity to represent our faculty at the delegation, I would prioritize transparency and collaboration in my approach. I firmly believe that faculty engagement is crucial to the success of our institution, and I would work tirelessly to ensure that all voices are heard and that our faculty's concerns and priorities are reflected in the delegation's decisions.

Furthermore, I would leverage my expertise to advocate for policies that support the advancement of our academic community. Whether it's promoting academic freedom, fostering a culture of diversity and inclusion, or enhancing research and teaching opportunities, I am committed to advancing the needs of our faculty.

Running for: Faculty Athletics Committee

Sekou Bermiss

Associate Professor of Strategy and Entrepreneurship

Kenan-Flagler Business School

First appointed to UNC in 2020

Ph.D., Northwestern University

UNC Service

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Kenan-Flagler Business School

- 1) Faculty Advisory Board (2022-)
- 2) Kenan Institute Frontier in Entrepreneurship, Senior Editor (2020-)
- 3) Re-Think Thought Leadership Committee (2020-2021)

Candidate Statement

Statement of Interest: As a former college athlete (Division III basketball), I recognize how difficult it can be for the student athletes here at UNC to balance all the demands on their time as well as excel in the classroom. I hope to be an advocate for their academic pursuits and a reliable liaison between UNC Athletics and the Faculty Council.

Previous Experience: As a faculty member at the University of Texas at Austin, I worked with the Associate Athletic Director Arthur Johnson (now AD at Temple U) and basketball coach Shaka Smart (now coach at Marquette U) to mentor athletes who were interested in majoring/minoring in business topics.

Running for: Faculty Athletics Committee

Gabriel Bump

Assistant Professor

English and Comparative Literature, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2021

MFA, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, 2017

UNC Service

Center For Faculty Excellence Program for Leadership Fundamentals

English and Comparative Literature Development Committee

English and Comparative Literature Financial Aid Committee

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor for Ashley Radtke

Sigma Tau Delta Faculty Advisor (Ongoing)

Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Creative Nonfiction

Search Committee for Visiting Professor of Creative Nonfiction

Search Committee for Teaching Assistant Professor in English and Comparative Literature

Thomas Wolfe Scholarship Committee

Editor, Chapter and Verse Newsletter

Candidate Statement

English and Comparative Literature is the only department that teaches every UNC student. That includes our scholar-athletes. Since most of our classes are small, we get to know our students well, understand their needs as people. A representative from our department will provide this committee with important insights to help our scholar-athletes succeed outside their respective arenas. I believe my experience working with young athletes, both in the classroom and in my professional life, will aid the committee's mission. Before coming to UNC, I worked as a basketball scout in Chicago. My creative work often deals with athletics. My wife and I are also members of the Rams Club, season ticket holders to baseball, both women's and men's soccer, and basketball. I believe high achieving athletics is a vital part of life at Carolina.

Running for: Faculty Athletics Committee

Stacey Daughters

Professor

Psychology and Neuroscience, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2013

PhD, University of Maryland

UNC Service

I am excited for the opportunity to continue serving on the Faculty Athletics Committee. I am a Professor in the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience and my expertise is in the treatment of addiction and mood disorders. Since arriving at UNC in 2013 I have served on the Faculty Research Committee, Faculty Council, and Faculty Athletics Committee.

Candidate Statement

UNC uniquely exemplifies excellence in both athletics and academics and I am passionate about supporting the continued success of both. Having mentored and taught many of our athletes, I have

observed the challenges they face and am dedicated to ensuring they receive the support needed to navigate their college experience. My first tenure on the Faculty Athletics Committee solidified this commitment, and I look forward to the opportunity to continue serving in a post COVID environment where there will be more opportunities to fulfill our mission in person.

Running for: Faculty Athletics Committee

Cassandra Davis

Assistant Professor

Public Policy, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2022

Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Faculty website: <https://www.cassandrardavis.com/>

UNC Service

Advisory Board Member, Institute of African American Research (IAAR) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2016-2019)

Candidate Statement

My name is Cassandra Davis and I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Public Policy. I am excited about the opportunity to serve and join the Faculty Athletics Committee here at UNC-Chapel Hill. I was a successful student-athlete, participating in Track & Field at a nearby university in the ACC. As a former student-athlete, I know firsthand what it means to juggle academics while competing. In addition to managing your schoolwork, I trained, traveled to meets, and competed against talented athletes nationwide. I've earned many valuable lessons that I still use as a faculty member. As a member of the faculty Athletic Committee, I would use my past experiences to ensure that our student-athletes' needs are highlighted and supported. I am also thrilled to work with other faculty connected to such an important topic.

Running for: Faculty Athletics Committee

Shawn Kane

Associate Professor

Department of Family Medicine, School of Medicine

Exercise and Sport Science, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2018

M.D.

UNC Service

I served as a faculty member on the University Honor Committee from 2019-2022

Candidate Statement

My desire to serve on the Faculty Athletics Committee is rooted in service and to get more involved in the UNC-Chapel Hill community. Prior to joining the faculty at UNC-CH I served 27 years in the US Army as a Primary Care Sports Medicine physician. Along with being an active clinician, I served as a strategic level advisor to multiple General Officers working to solve complex issues. I served as one of the medical

directors for the Armed Forces Sports program which oversaw the health and wellness of our athletes who competed in international, Olympic sports. I bring many years of experience as a member of multidisciplinary teams whose role was to advise leaders on challenging topics. It is about service and being part of something bigger than yourself and this will be an opportunity to give back to the University would be a privilege.

Running for: Faculty Athletics Committee

Robert Martinez

Assistant Professor

School of Education

First appointed to UNC in 2021

PhD

UNC Service

I currently serve as a faculty liaison for the faculty athletic committee. I began my service right around the beginning of the pandemic. In my second year, I was voted on to be co-chair of the committee. My current role as liaison is to support football and to bring attention to the needs of student-athletes across all sports.

Candidate Statement

As an ex-collegiate athlete, I understand on a personal level the academic, social/emotional, and interpersonal demands that impact student-athletes. Academic related factors include, ownership of learning, learning ways to structure new knowledge, and interpreting research. While at the same time regulating their emotional and cognitive loads. On another note, student-athletes are experiencing rising demands and challenges due to social justice related issues, name image and likeness, and mental health related issues.

Running for: Faculty Athletics Committee

Dana Rice

Asst. Professor & Asst. Dean Masters Degree Programs

Public Health Leadership, Gillings School of Global Public Health

First appointed to UNC in 2017

DrPH, Social & Behavioral Health, Boston University

Faculty website: https://sph.unc.edu/adv_profile/dana-rice/

UNC Service

- Faculty Committee on Community and Diversity, 2020-present
- Faculty Advisory Committee on the Confederate Statue, 2019

Candidate Statement

I am interested in continuing service to UNC by focusing on improving the experiences for our student athletes. As a faculty member, I have had the opportunity to support student-athletes in the classroom as they manage balancing their academic and athletic careers. Additionally, as a mother to a former Division I athlete I understand the personal, social/emotional challenges these young people face

balancing the rapidly changing landscape of college athletics & their academic careers. I hope to bring my skills as a bridge leader to foster greater collaboration and increased voice for our athletes.

Running for: Faculty Athletics Committee

Carmina Valle

Assistant Professor

Nutrition, Gillings School of Global Public Health

First appointed to UNC in 2015

PhD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Faculty website: https://sph.unc.edu/adv_profile/carmina-g-valle-phd/

UNC Service

Since joining the faculty, I have been active in my service to my department, the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, and the University. I currently serve on the following committees and boards:

- Master of Public Health Committee, Department of Nutrition, 2022-present
- Faculty Development Team, Department of Nutrition, 2022-present
- Faculty Search Committee, Department of Nutrition, 2022-present
- Review Committee, University Cancer Research Fund Student Award, 2018-present
- Royster Society of Fellows Faculty Board, 2017-present

Candidate Statement

As a former student-athlete and captain of the NCAA Division I women's lacrosse team at Yale, I experienced the challenges of managing coursework while juggling practice, competitions, travel, and other athletic commitments. I also encountered faculty who were less than supportive of my athletic endeavors. I am running to advocate for scholar-athletes and to facilitate their combined athletic and academic success. I hope to ensure that scholar-athletes feel equally supported in pursuing excellence both on the field (court, pool, gym) and in the classroom.

Running for: Faculty Executive Committee

Rumay Alexander

Clinical Professor and Asst. Dean-Relational Excellence

School of Nursing and Adams School of Dentistry

First appointed to UNC in 2003

Edd, Tennessee State University

UNC Service

Currently, Faculty Executive Committee Member

Currently, Faculty Council's Nominations Committee Member

Chair of Faculty Council's Community and Diversity Committee

Formerly Asst. Vice Chancellor and Chief Diversity Officer the@ UNC-Chapel Hill

Formerly member of Chancellor's Cabinet

Candidate Statement

I am a nurse, a faculty member, a clinical professor, a member of the Faculty Executive Committee and a national as well as international known provider of learning initiatives regarding equity in academia, a collaborator and consultant on grants, stewarded many efforts that promote safe learning environments and workspaces. I have first-hand lived experience and knowledge of the university and the many issues faced over the past 20 years. Prior to my arrival at UNC, I have held positions in the corporate space in public policy and advocacy and served in 2017-2019 as president of the oldest national nursing professional organization in the country, the National League for Nursing which represents over 4,000 nurse-educators and 1200 schools of nursing. If elected, I will continue to boldly bear witness to truth and ask big questions.

Running for: Faculty Executive Committee

Sue Estroff

Professor

Social Medicine, School of Medicine

First appointed to UNC in 1982

PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison

UNC Service

Non-SOM Search Committees:

- Department of Anthropology, 1984 and 1985
- Women's Studies Program Director, 1987-1988.
- UNC Chief of Police, 1998 (chair)
- School of Nursing, 1999 (chair)

Bicentennial Speakers Bureau, 1993-95.

Women's Studies Advisory Board, 1986-1988.

Student Affairs Administrative Advisory Committee, 1994-1997.

UNC-CH Speakers Bureau 1994-present.

Executive Committee of the Faculty Council, 1995-1999

University Insurance Committee, 1999-2000

Chair of the Faculty, 2000-2003 (multiple committee service)

Co-Chair, UNC Academic Plan Steering Committee, 2010-11

Academic Plan Implementation Committee, 2011-2013

Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee, 2011-17; Chair 2013-15

Appointment, Promotions, and Tenure Committee 2016-2018

Faculty Executive Committee: 2020-

Senior Faculty Research Leaves Review Committee 2022

Junior Faculty Development Awards Review Committee 2022-

UNC Student Honor System Faculty Panel: 2022-

Candidate Statement

After many years of service followed by a hiatus of direct Faculty Governance engagement, I was elected to the Faculty Executive Committee in 2020. I find the future of the University to be perilous and in need

of fierce nourishment and advocacy. Having served in multiple roles on campus during both trying and good times, it has been compelling to re-engage in this way to contribute to our present and to protect our future.

Running for: Faculty Executive Committee

Andy Hessick

Judge John J. Parker Distinguished Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Strategy and Planning School of Law

First appointed to UNC in 2016

JD, Yale Law School

Faculty website: <https://law.unc.edu/people/andrew-hessick/>

UNC Service

I have been Associate Dean of Strategy for the past five years at the Law School. I currently am in my third year on the Committee for University Government. I previously served on Faculty Council.

Candidate Statement

UNC is an amazing place. I have worked hard to help UNC move forward and overcome challenges, including by championing traditional values of faculty governance and combating encroachments on academic freedom. Serving on the FEC would give me a chance to continue in that service.

Between serving on Faculty Council, the Committee for University Government, and associate dean at the law school, which often finds itself at least somewhat involved in many of the controversies at UNC, I have become deeply familiar with the many of the issues facing UNC and the important role the faculty can play in addressing those issues.

I would bring to the FEC the lawyers toolkit of analytically approaching problems, seeing things through the eyes of “the other side,” and seeking to make pragmatic decisions that will achieve effective outcomes.

Running for: Faculty Executive Committee

Richard McLaughlin

Professor and Chair of Mathematics

Mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 1998

PhD, Princeton University

Faculty website: <https://mclaughlin.web.unc.edu>

UNC Service

I have served as chair of mathematics for over 10 years. I served as interim chair of the council of chairs in 2016, and then chair of the CoC in 2018. I served on the Provost subcommittee for the Data Science undergrad degree committee (2019), the Deans advisory committee (2016-2018), the global guarantee task force (2017-2018), the evidence and analysis task force for the UNC General Education and Curriculum revision (2017), an advisor for the UNC College of Arts and Sciences Strategic Planning

Committee (2016), on the Administrative Board for the College (2005-2008,2008-2011), and Chair of the Foundation Subcom curric rev (2010).

Candidate Statement

I served as Mathematics Chair under 4 different senior associate deans, four deans of the college, three provosts, and three chancellors. I have a good understanding of what works and what doesn't work in higher education. I was honored to twice serve as the College Council of Chairs chair during difficult times involving HB2, the confederate memorial, and worked with other chairs to state our opposition to the bill and opposition to any discussion of ever returning the memorial to UNC. I worked on creation of the new gen ed and new data science curriculum, as well as new curric in mathematics. I worked each summer with the Chancellor's Science Scholars through the transition to research math class I designed. I served for one year on faculty council. I feel these experiences will be useful in Faculty Executive Committee work.

Running for: Faculty Executive Committee

Roger Mills-Koonce

Associate Professor

School of Education

First appointed to UNC in 2018

PhD

UNC Service

I have had the privilege of serving UNC Chapel Hill in numerous ways, including a role as an elected delegate to the UNC Chapel Hill Employee Forum from 2008 to 2010 and as a founder and director of the OBSERVES Data Core at the Center for Developmental Science. I have also served in multiple elected positions within the School of Education, including the School's Faculty Executive Committee and the Appointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee, as well as being the Director for the Applied Developmental Science and Special Education Doctoral Program. I have been honored to serve the institution and the faculty, staff, and students.

Candidate Statement

I have the unique experience of being part of the UNC Chapel Hill community in almost every possible way – as an undergraduate student and as a graduate student, as a staff member, as a research scientist, and currently as a tenured faculty member. I respect both the strong traditions and commitments to academic excellence and I recognize the need for the institution to grow, evolve and adapt in order to better serve our academic mission (including education, research, and community engagement) and to better serve all of its constituents (including students, faculty, staff, and communities). These are challenging times for higher education and, if elected, I look forward to advising leadership on how best to support the academic integrity of the university and to empower faculty voices at all levels of governance.

Running for: Faculty Executive Committee

Suchi Mohanty

Head, R B House Undergraduate Library

University Library

First appointed to UNC in 2002

MLS, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

UNC Service

- Faculty Council (elected), 2021 - present
- Faculty Welfare Committee (appointed), 2017- present
- Faculty Grievance Committee (elected), 2017- present
- Faculty Executive Committee (elected), 2013 - 2015

Candidate Statement

I believe strongly in the University's mission to educate the next generation of leaders and to stand at the forefront of innovation, learning, and research. As the Head of the R. B. House Undergraduate Library, I collaborate with faculty and units such as the Office of Undergraduate Research, the Center for Student Success, and others to support undergraduate education and student success. As a librarian, evaluating information with an open mind, in an unbiased manner is the core of my professional practice. I bring this same philosophy and experience to my work understanding faculty claims as a member of the Faculty Grievance Committee, considering ways to improve the faculty (and staff) experience as a member of the Faculty Welfare Committee, and representing colleagues on Faculty Council.

Running for: Faculty Executive Committee

Mehdi Shadmehr

Associate Professor

Public Policy, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2021

Ph.D., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Faculty website: <https://mehdishadmehr.com>

UNC Service

In addition to routine participation in department committees, together with Anna Bassi and Santiago Olivella from the political science department, we have co-founded and co-organized the interdisciplinary Formal and Quantitative Seminar series (<https://tarheels.live/fags/schedule/>). I've also been a member of the Advisory Committee for Persian Studies since 01/2022.

Candidate Statement

If 5 women faculty consecutively left a department in a comparable university, red flags would be raised and reforms implemented, likely with a change in the department's leadership; unfortunately, not at UNC, and not even when there are complaints of a hostile work environment. Such shocking situations would be unacceptable at various other public and private universities/institutions that I've been

associated with, e.g., UCalgary, Princeton, UChicago, and the Institute for Advances Study. It's one symptom of a sub-culture that normalizes discriminatory behavior, perpetuated by the exclusionary distribution of decision-making power at UNC. This damages academic productivity and efficiency and violates DEI principles. My aim is to put this urgent problem on the agenda and contribute to fixing it.

Running for: Faculty Executive Committee

Claudia Yaghoobi

Associate Professor and Director

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2016

PhD, University of California at Santa Barbara

Faculty website: <https://claudiayaghoobi.com/>

UNC Service

- Director, Center for Middle East and Islamic Studies, 2022-2026
- Member, Faculty Council, UNC Faculty Governance, 2022-2025
- Member, Ackland Academic Advisory Committee, 2022-2025
- Member, Teaching Award Committee, Chapman Family Awards, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2022-23
- Member, Advisory Board, Institute for the Arts and Humanities, 2021-2024
- Member, Fellows Selection Committee, Institute for the Arts and Humanities, 2021-2024
- Member, Ferdowsi Tusi Millennium Memorial Endowment Persian Literature and Culture Graduate Paper Award Committee, 2018-
- Member, Executive Committee, Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies, 2017-2018 and 2021-2022

Candidate Statement

My teaching and research focus on underrepresented populations, and my service is informed by working toward action, founded on the qualities of equitability, justness, and awareness of structural biases. I strive to be understanding of historical and intergenerational hardships, as well as the personal and individual challenges of those around me. My vision is built around service as an approach to compassion and community. I pay close attention to structural inequity within student, faculty, and staff access to resources, recognition of their skills and abilities, and retention. My goal is to provide opportunities to engage research and teaching to counteract the inequities that racial/ethnic minoritized, low-income, LGBTQ+, and/or first-generation students, faculty, and staff experience in higher education.

Running for: Faculty Grievance Committee, Assistant Professor/Assistant Librarian

Akaa Daniel Ayangeakaa

Assistant Professor

Physics, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2020

Ph.D., University of Notre Dame

Faculty website: <https://tarheels.live/ayangeakaa/>

UNC Service

Although I have not served on a university-wide committee, my participation in numerous committees within the physics department has been significant. I have served as a member on several committees, including the Social Committee, Graduate Admissions & Recruiting Committee, Diversity Committee, TUNL REU Admissions Committee, APS Bridge Partnership Committee, TUNL Radiation Safety committee, Undergraduate Affairs & Studies Committee, and Potential Chair Nomination Survey Committee. My contributions to these committees have been valuable and impactful. For example, my work on the Social Committee has helped to build a sense of community.

Candidate Statement

I am running for this position because I believe in the importance of fair and equitable treatment for all faculty members. As a member of the faculty at UNC and my previous place of employment, I have witnessed firsthand the impact that grievances can have on individuals and the broader academic community. By serving on the committee, I hope to contribute to a process that ensures faculty members are treated with respect and their concerns are heard and addressed. In terms of qualifications and experience, I bring to the position a deep understanding of the academic environment, having served as a faculty member at two different institutions. In addition, I have experience serving on similar committees in the past as well as experiences in approaching difficult situations with objectivity, empathy, and fairness.

Running for: **Faculty Grievance Committee, Assistant Professor/Assistant Librarian**

Mehul Patel

Assistant Professor

Emergency Medicine, School of Medicine

First appointed to UNC in 2016

Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

UNC Service

I served a two-year appointment as a committee member on the UNC Institutional Review Board from 2018-2022. As a researcher myself, I approached my service on the IRB Full Board as a partnership between advancing science and protecting the safety and rights of research participants.

I am currently an Assistant Editor of Methodology for the American Journal of Emergency Medicine. In addition to reviewing manuscripts for scientific quality, I contribute in editorial decisions, and will be involved in the review of appeals of journal decisions.

Candidate Statement

As an Assistant Professor, I am running for election to the Faculty Grievance Committee to ensure that all faculty members have a fair and impartial process to address their concerns. If elected, I will work closely with Committee members to address any grievances that may arise, support faculty colleagues who wish to discuss potential grievances, and review procedures and amend as needed to better reflect University rules and policies. I will work to ensure that the Committee's procedures are transparent and accessible to all faculty members. I will approach my roles on the Faculty Grievance Committee from a place of curiosity and learning the facts rather than rushing to judgement. Lastly, as a member of the Carolina family since 2007, I want to help create a more equitable and supportive academic community for all.

Running for: Faculty Grievance Committee, Associate Professor/Associate Librarian

Laura Ruel

Associate Professor

Hussman School of Journalism and Media

First appointed to UNC in 2004

Master of Arts in Journalism

Faculty website: <http://hussman.unc.edu/directory/faculty/laura-ruel>

UNC Service

Service work has been one of the most rewarding aspects of my job during my 19 years at UNC. In 2008, I was named the head of the Visual Communication Sequence in the Hussman School. In 2014, I moved into the role of Academic Director of our Master of Arts in Digital Communication online program. I became the Director of Journalism for the Hussman School in 2018 and continue to work in that role today.

Candidate Statement

Serving on the Faculty Grievance Committee is a way to do my part to tangibly contribute to our university's success. I have served on this committee before, and I find the challenge meaningful. My prior professional career as a newspaper journalist as well as my service and leadership roles in the Hussman School have prepared me to serve on a committee that is dedicated to understanding factual circumstances in a fair and balanced way. I continue to be involved with the CFE's Peer Leadership Coaching group. This involvement provides me with insight into the best ways to resolve issues and disputes that arise in academic situations. I welcome the opportunity to serve the university in this capacity.

Running for: Faculty Grievance Committee, Associate Professor/Associate Librarian

Kevin Stewart

Associate Professor

Earth, Marine and Environmental Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 1987

Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley

Faculty website: <https://emes.unc.edu/people-indiv/kevin-g-stewart/>

UNC Service

- Carolina Seminars board member, 2015-2018.
- Chair, Carolina Summer Reading Program Book Selection Committee 2012
- Faculty Council, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 2000-2001; 2010- 2013.
- Faculty Hearings Committee (2011-2014) Chair, 2012
- University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill Educational Policy Committee, (2006-2009).
- Chair, University Teaching Award Committee (2006).
- University Teaching Award subcommittee member 1992, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2009.

Candidate Statement

I am a long-time faculty member with abundant experience serving on a wide variety of University committees and I will bring that experience to the Faculty Grievance Committee. I have previously served as a member and chair of the Faculty Hearings Committee and am well acquainted with the rules and procedures pertaining to the grievance process for faculty. The current roster of the Faculty Grievance Committee has no faculty from the natural or physical sciences and my presence on the committee would fill an important gap in expertise when addressing grievances from faculty in these science departments.

Running for: Faculty Grievance Committee, Fixed-Term Faculty

Beth Posner

Clinical Associate Professor of Law

School of Law

First appointed to UNC in 2013

JD, University of North Carolina

UNC Service

I served two previous terms on the Grievance Committee and was Co-Chair from 2020-2022.

Candidate Statement

I served on the Faculty Grievance Committee from 2016 to 2022 and was Co-Chair from 2020-2022. I enjoyed my work on the Committee and the opportunities I had to help help colleagues across campus resolve or come to peace with conflict. As a lawyer and law professor who teaches domestic and sexual violence as well as trauma-informed legal skills, I have to be a good listener, and I believe I brought that to the Grievance Committee in the past and would do so again if elected. Additionally, this past year, I have been speaking with faculty across campus about the future of the Carolina Women's Center, and I have been given a new perspective on the status of women and fixed-term faculty in particular. I would welcome the opportunity to bring this new view of our community to the Grievance Committee.

Running for: Faculty Grievance Committee, Fixed-Term Faculty

Yuliana Rodriguez

Clinical Assistant Professor

School of Education

First appointed to UNC in 2019

PhD, UNC-Greensboro

UNC Service

I have been at UNC since Fall 2019. I have served on various committees at the School level including serving on the Dean's Advisory Board, the Teaching Awards Committee, among others. At the University level, I have served one term on the Faculty Grievance Committee and have enjoyed my time on the committee thus far.

Candidate Statement

As the fixed-term faculty representative for the Faculty Grievance Committee (FGC), my first full term is currently coming to an end. I have enjoyed my time on this committee and have learned quite a bit

about the procedures involved in a Grievance hearing. I hope to continue serving on this committee for a second term. This would allow me to put into practice the knowledge learned during my initial term. If elected, I will aim to fully uphold the standards required for a successful and fair Grievance hearing. Additionally, as a prior faculty member at another UNC affiliated institution prior to joining the Carolina faculty, I served on the Student Conduct Board of that institution. This experience provided me with an initial understanding of the process undergone during formal hearings.

Running for: Faculty Grievance Committee, Professor/Librarian

Leslie Dodd

Professor

Pathology and Lab Medicine, School of Me

First appointed to UNC in 2012

M.D., University of Nevada

UNC Service

I have served as the Medical Director of the UNC Medical Center Cytopathology Laboratory for nine years. In addition, I serve on the UNC School of Medicine Committee for Appointment, Promotion and Tenure for Professors in the tenure track.

Candidate Statement

The Faculty are one of the elements essential to the success of the sophisticated educational and instructive missions of our university. It is inevitable that within a large, complex organization there will be conflicts and disagreement. Faculty members that find themselves in contentious situations with other faculty, the University or its representatives, have few options for conflict mitigation or resolution. One of the options available to us is the Grievance process. As a member of the Faculty Grievance Committee I would work with the other members to assist individuals as they attempt to reach appropriate resolution or outcome. My intention is to treat individuals and entities with dignity and respect as they maneuver through a process that may be difficult and uncomfortable.

Running for: Faculty Grievance Committee, Professor/Librarian

Ann Matthyse

Professor

Biology, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 1975

Ph.D., Harvard University

UNC Service

Current service: Burch Advisory Board and of the Burch Fellowship Selection Committee, Biology undergraduate studies committee

Past service: faculty council, committee on the status of women, APT (appointments, promotions and tenure, university), biohazard committee (chaired the committee for a few years in the late 1980s), WOWS (women working on women in the sciences), director of undergraduate studies for Biology.

Candidate Statement

I have been at UNC a long time. I am concerned that the faculty is treated fairly and thoughtfully. I feel that all decisions by the grievance committee need to be made slowly and deliberately with fairness and reasonableness. The best interests of the faculty concerned and the university should be kept in mind, but fairness to all is of primary importance.

Running for: Faculty Hearings Committee

Deborah Givens

Professor

Division of Physical Therapy and Department Health Science, School of Medicine

First appointed to UNC in 2015

PhD, University of Iowa

Faculty website: <https://www.med.unc.edu/healthsciences/physical/directory/dr-deborah-givens-pt/>

UNC Service

- University Faculty Hearings Board Panel (e.g., Honor Court), Office of Student Conduct and Office of Faculty Governance, 4/2015-present
- Director, Division of Physical Therapy, Department of Health Sciences, School of Medicine, 1/2015 - present
- Associate Chair for Faculty Affairs, Department of Health Sciences, School of Medicine, 8/2022 - present
- Chair, Appointments, Promotion, & Tenure Committee, DHS, 8/2022 – present, Member, 11/2015-present
- Volunteer. Friday Center Vaccination Clinic. Spring 2021
- Physical Therapist Faculty Preceptor, Student Health Action Coalition (SHAC), School of Medicine, 1/2015-present

Candidate Statement

Thank you for considering me for the Faculty Hearings Committee. I believe in due process and that every member of our community deserves to have the opportunity to have their case heard by their peers. My experience as a long-term volunteer to the University Faculty Hearings Board Panel (e.g., Honor Court) for the Office of Student Conduct and Office of Faculty Governance has honed the skills necessary for this committee. One must listen, reflect, deliberate, and give an opinion based on the facts presented. I am a tenured professor, and while I have been at UNC for eight years, I also bring experience from other strong institutions of higher learning that may provide a broader perspective.

Running for: Faculty Hearings Committee

Ashley Leak Bryant

Associate Professor

School of Nursing

First appointed to UNC in 2022

PhD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

UNC Service

Since 2005, my service to UNC spans from UNC Health, UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a focus on workforce capacity building and care of older adults with cancer and their care partners.

Candidate Statement

Currently, I am on the Faculty Hearings Committee and was appointed to the committee in 2022. I was not elected last year when I put my name forward, but was appointed Fall 2022 as an alternate committee member. I am interested in being elected to the committee because I want to continue to support a confidential, impartial, and thoughtful process for faculty at UNC. I bring authenticity and equanimity to the committee. It is my hope to be elected to the Faculty Hearings Committee for continuation and strengthening of the committee's scope.

Running for: Faculty Hearings Committee

Chris McLaughlin

Professor of Public Law & Government

School of Government

First appointed to UNC in 2008

JD, Duke Law School

Faculty website: <https://www.sog.unc.edu/about/faculty-and-staff/christopher-b-mclaughlin>

UNC Service

I chaired the Faculty Grievance Committee for three years and served an additional two years as a committee member. Before that, I was a member of the Fixed Term Faculty Committee. At the School of Government, I currently chair our recruiting committee and have previously chaired our diversity committee.

Candidate Statement

I believe that my experience as an employment attorney prior to joining the School combined with my work on the Faculty Grievance Committee and my School's recruiting committee has helped me develop a skill set that would be directly applicable to the matters at issue before the Faculty Hearings Committee.

Running for: Faculty Hearings Committee

Michael O'Shea

Professor

Pediatrics, School of Medicine

First appointed to UNC in 2015

MD

Faculty website: <https://www.med.unc.edu/childrensresearch/directory/michael-oshea-md-mph/>

UNC Service

Division Chief for Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine 2015-2021; Faculty Hearings Committee 2021-present

Candidate Statement

Having completed undergraduate (1974), medical school (1980), residency training (1980-84), and graduate school (1990) at UNC, my debt to UNC can never be fully repaid. However, in my final years as a UNC faculty member I am striving to give back as much as I am able to this institution that I love so dearly.

Running for: Faculty Hearings Committee

Donald Rosenstein

Professor

Psychiatry, School of Medicine

First appointed to UNC in 2009

MD, Northwestern University

Faculty website: <https://www.med.unc.edu/psych/directory/donald-rosenstein/>

UNC Service

Since my arrival at UNC in 2009, I have served in a leadership capacity for the department of psychiatry (as Division Head of General Adult Psychiatry) and in the cancer hospital (as Director of the Comprehensive Cancer Support Program). I have also served on various university committees (e.g., Merrimon Selection Committee; Cancer Hospital Executive Committee; and School of Medicine Strategic Planning Steering Committee as Chair of the Task Force on Faculty Concerns).

Candidate Statement

Over the course of my career, I have had multiple opportunities to work in an official capacity with colleagues who have struggled professionally or faced accusations of misconduct in the workplace. These cases are typically highly charged, complex and seriously consequential (for both the faculty member and the institution). I feel strongly that formal university responses to allegations of faculty misconduct, sanctions, and adverse job actions must be fair and adhere to established University policies. In this way, I highly value close attention to "process." Further, questions of academic freedom and free speech are growing concerns for our university and employees. I would be honored to serve on the Faculty Hearings Committee and promise to bring a sense of rigor and fairness to these important matters.

Running for: Faculty Hearings Committee

Lisa Zerden

Associate Professor; Deputy Director of the UNC Behavioral Health Workforce Research CenterHWRC;

Director of IPE for the School of Social Work

School of Social Work

First appointed to UNC in 2012

PhD in Social Work and Sociology; Boston University

UNC Service

I am an Assoc. Professor at the School of Social Work (SSW) and a health services researcher focused on behavioral health workforce, integrated care, and social drivers of health. I am a Research Fellow with the Sheps Center, the Deputy Director for the UNC Behavioral Health Workforce Research Center, and

SSW Director for IPE. For 7 years, I was the Senior Assoc. Dean and served on numerous committees at the SSW and University-wide, including the Senior Assoc. Deans Council, the SSW Curriculum Committee (2015 – 2022, chair), Hearing Panelist for the EOC Office (2016-2020), Administrative and faculty searches (2015-2021); among many others.

Candidate Statement

I came to UNC in 2010 as an adjunct instructor and have had numerous positions since becoming the Senior Associate Dean for MSW Education and a tenured professor. These varied experiences have helped me understand the complexities within higher education and faculty appointments. I have experience navigating complicated, sensitive personnel issues within the SSW, and know these situations occur across campus. Faculty hearings should be comprised of faculty representatives who honor and respect tenure policies, re-appointment procedures, and understand the nuances of faculty by rank and classification. A well-represented Faculty Hearings Committee is an essential component to the health, fairness, and vibrancy of our campus faculty body and I would be honored to serve UNC in this capacity.

Running for: [Financial Exigency and Program Change Committee, Academic Affairs](#)

Shea Denning

Professor

School of Government

First appointed to UNC in 2003

J.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

UNC Service

- UNC School of Government service:
- Strategic Management Committee (2018 - present)
- Teaching Development Committee (2019 - present)
- Academic Policy Advisory Committee (2021)
- Recruiting Committee (2005 -2020)
- UNC service:
- Mentor, Carolina Covenant Scholars Program (2005 -2019)

Candidate Statement

At the School of Government, I serve as the lead faculty for our Courts Division and as Director of the North Carolina Judicial College. In these roles, I frequently consider faculty responsibilities and their interplay with budgetary requirements and constraints. I believe that experience is good preparation for a pan-University committee charged with seeking advice about how program changes and other responses to a financial exigency could impact faculty employment.

Running for: [Financial Exigency and Program Change Committee, Academic Affairs](#)

Jeff Greene

McMichael Family Professor of Educational Psychology and the Learning Sciences

School of Education

First appointed to UNC in 2007

Ph.D., University of Maryland at College Park

Faculty website: <https://ed.unc.edu/people/jeffrey-a-greene/>

UNC Service

- 2022 Member, Doctoral Hooding Speaker Selection Committee
- 2019 Member, Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee of the Data Science Initiative
- 2015 Member, Royster Society of Fellows Faculty Board
- 2014-2015 Member, Provost's Committee on Assessment of Learning at the Program Level
- 2009-2012 University Faculty Grievance Committee
- 2009-2012 University Faculty Council Non-Tenured School of Education Representative

Candidate Statement

The Financial Exigency and Program Change Committee is an extremely important committee that we hope never has cause to meet. If it does need to meet, I have the necessary expertise, experience, values, and commitment to serve effectively. My graduate training is in educational psychology, specifically the science of learning, applied to higher education settings. I have spent the last 16 years here at UNC developing a line of scholarship on how to help students self-regulate their learning across multiple contexts (e.g., in-class instruction, online instruction, online independent learning tools). Also, I have served as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs in my unit and several other administrative positions. Finally, I am deeply committed to UNC and its success.

Running for: Financial Exigency and Program Change Committee, Academic Affairs

Ryan Thornburg

Associate Professor

School of Journalism and Media

First appointed to UNC in 2007

NA

Faculty website: <http://hussman.unc.edu/directory/faculty/ryan-thornburg>

UNC Service

- Elected Member, UNC Faculty Council, 2020 – present
- Chair, Community Engagement & Civic Impact subcommittee of Data Science Initiative steering committee. Office of the Provost. 2019 – 2020
- Faculty Mentor, Johnston Scholars Awards Program, 2013-2019
- Faculty Liaison to the Honor System, 2013-2017
- Working Group on Data Studies Curriculum, Chancellor's Office of Innovation & Entrepreneurship, 2013-2014
- Subcommittee on Academic Regulations, Academic Plan Steering Committee, 2012-2013
- Retention Working Group, Office of Undergraduate Education. 2012-2013

Candidate Statement

At a financially robust such as UNC, it would be unfortunate and unexpected that this committee would meet. I am committed to representing the best interest of all faculty, furthering goals of diversity, equity

and inclusion, and financial responsibility to all stakeholders. I will approach my duties with transparency, persistence, honesty, curiosity, and kindness.

Running for: Financial Exigency and Program Change Committee, Academic Affairs

Milada Anna Vachudova

Professor

Political Science, Curriculum in Global Studies, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2001

DPhil, University of Oxford

Faculty website: <https://politicalscience.unc.edu/staff/milada-vachudova/>

UNC Service

I have served for five years as the chair of the Curriculum in Global Studies and also as part of many associated committees and interdisciplinary projects across the College. I have also served on the Study Abroad Committee and the Committee on the Status of Women. I have a long record of outstanding teaching and support for undergraduate and graduate research at Carolina.

Candidate Statement

Our university is a place where faculty and students excel at teaching, learning, mentorship and research. We form a community that needs engagement and care from its members. Shared governance is a very important part of safeguarding our institution. My experience as the chair of the Curriculum in Global Studies has given me valuable experience in working with many different departments and other units across our campus to move forward many different projects. I have an understanding of what are the strengths of our university -- and how things could be improved for our students, staff and faculty. I am equally invested in my teaching and my research, and have been honored this year with a Chapman Family Teaching Award.

Running for: Financial Exigency and Program Change Committee, Health Affairs [and for Faculty Assembly Delegation]

George Blakey

Chair Division of Craniofacial and Surgical Care

Adams School of Dentistry

First appointed to UNC in 1992

DDS Medical College of Virginia

UNC Service

- 2018-Present Assistant Dean, Hospital Affairs Adams School of Dentistry
- 2018-Present Chair, Division of Craniofacial and Surgical Care UNC Adams School of Dentistry
- 2018-Present Chair, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery UNC Healthcare
- 2015-Present Chair, Department of Dentistry, UNC Hospitals
- 2015-Present member medical staff executive committee UNC Healthcare
- 2020-Present Raymond P. White Distinguished Clinical Professor Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- 2005-2019 Graduate residency director Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Candidate Statement

I feel that my many experiences and positions over the past 30 years here at UNC have given me a broad perspective to represent multiple segments of the UNC family. From those experiences I have gained the skills to and the benefits of teaming with others in a collaborative fashion.

Running for: Financial Exigency and Program Change Committee, Health Affairs

Eric Hodges

Associate Professor

School of Nursing

First appointed to UNC in 2007

Ph.D., Oregon Health & Science University

Faculty website: <https://nursing.unc.edu/people/eric-hodges>

UNC Service

I have had the opportunity to serve UNC in a variety of capacities since my appointment as an Assistant Professor in 2007. I have held several roles on committees, both as member and Chair, within the School of Nursing, including search committees, APT, PhD Admissions, Faculty Executive Committee, LeVine Wellness Taskforce, and Office of Inclusive Excellence Advisory Group. At the larger university, I am in my second term on Faculty Council and have served on the Provost's Committee on Inclusive Excellence & Diversity (2013-15), Graduate School Advisory Board (2015-18), and Chair of the University Diversity Awards Selection Committee (2019).

Candidate Statement

I hold high personal and professional values as it relates to justice and fairness. Members of the Financial Exigency and Program Change Committee have a very important role in regard to providing faculty oversight and advice to the Chancellor in instances in which administrative decisions due to financial exigency or or if there is an elimination or major curtailment of a teaching, research, or public service program may result in the termination of tenured faculty members or faculty with unexpired fixed-term contracts. I place a high value on listening and considering all of the factors that go into decision-making, particularly when decisions affect people's lives. As a nurse, I have been trained to consider issues holistically and I will bring that mindset to my work on this committee.

Running for: Financial Exigency and Program Change Committee, Health Affairs

Matt Nielsen

Distinguished Professor and Chair

Urology, School of Medicine

First appointed to UNC in 2008

MD, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Faculty website: <https://www.med.unc.edu/urology/directory/matthew-nielsen-md-ms/>

UNC Service

I currently serve the School of Medicine as Chair of the Department of Urology and Director of Quality for UNC Faculty Physicians. I also hold adjunct faculty appointments in the Departments of Epidemiology

and Health Policy & Management in the Gillings School of Global Public Health, and teach "The Art of Medicine" to undergraduate students in the Honors Carolina seminar series.

Candidate Statement

I would be honored to serve the university and faculty in this position.

Running for: Financial Exigency and Program Change Committee, Health Affairs [and for Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee, Professional Schools (Other Than Medicine)]

Betsy Sleath

George Cocolas Distinguished Professor and Regional Associate Dean for Eastern NC Division of Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy, Eshelman School of Pharmacy

First appointed to UNC in 1995

PhD, University of Wisconsin

Faculty website: <https://pharmacy.unc.edu/directory/bsleath/>

UNC Service

I have been at UNC for over 25 years and have served on many school and university level committees. Some recent university examples include: the Pan-Campus Advisory Council for the Data Science and Society school, the academic advisory committee to plan and build UNC Health Sciences at SEAHEC, chair of evaluation subcommittee at UNC Health Sciences at SEAHEC, financial exigency and program change committee, and the provost's data science community and civic engagement planning committee.

Candidate Statement

I have served on the financial exigency and program change committee for the past 3 years and would enjoy serving again. I have served as a division chair for 10 years and now serve as an associate dean in the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy so I have experience in managing budgets. I enjoy working with others from across campus.

Running for: General Education Oversight Committee, At-large

Jemilia Davis

Clinical Assistant Professor & Program Director

School of Education

First appointed to UNC in 2021

Ph.D., NC State University

Faculty website: <https://ed.unc.edu/people/jemilia-s-davis/>

UNC Service

- Committee Member, Student Leadership Advisory Board. (May 2022 - 2024).
- Committee Member, Student Life & Leadership - Leadership Educators. (August 2021 - 2024).
- Committee Member, Scholarship Committee. (July 2021 - June 2023).
- Committee Member, Teaching Assistant Committee. (July 2021 - June 2023).
- Faculty Mentor, Morehead-Cain. (October 2021 - May 2023).

- Committee Member, Organizational Leadership Doctoral Program Working Group. (June 2022 - July 2022).
- Committee Member, Assistant Dean of Finance and Operations Search Committee. (February 2022 - April 2022).
- Committee Member, Program Assistant Search Committee. (January 2022 - April 2022).

Candidate Statement

I humbly accepted the invitation to run for the at-large position on the General Education Oversight committee because it aligns with my skills and interest in creating and maintaining dynamic learning experiences for undergraduate students. I will bring a unique perspective to the committee with my previous role as an academic advisor and my current position as an inaugural program director for an undergraduate program. In both roles, I have been a part of curriculum development, assessment, and delivery alongside faculty, staff, and students. My deep commitment to prioritizing students and their learning is directly tied to the committee's charge to ensure we are delivering on the promise of our general education curriculum. As a committee member, I would be honored to work alongside colleagues to ensure continuous improvement.

Running for: General Education Oversight Committee, At-large

Jen Weinberg-Wolf

Teaching Associate Professor

Physics and Astronomy, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2012

Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

UNC Service

- Associate Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Department of Physics and Astronomy and Undergraduate Major's advisor - Chair (21-22) of the General Education Oversight Committee (20-23)
- 4 years on the Teaching Awards Committee (either Chapman and Post-Baccalaureate), including chairing sub-committee 2020
- Active member of Diversity committee, Outreach Committee and Introductory Physics Oversight Committee for P&A Department
- Faculty advisor to student groups (Visibility in Physics, Girls Engineering Change, Trash Force)

Candidate Statement

I am passionate about undergraduate education and spend as much time each day talking to and working with our amazing students here at Carolina. As an Associate Teaching Professor, my focus has centered on the large, introductory physics classes where I interact with students from a wide variety of majors and experiences. My service work revolves around the same emphasis - making the educational experience for our undergraduates as equitable, engaging and rewarding as possible. The past three years on the General Education Oversight Committee has been rewarding, seeing the implementation of the IDEAs in Action curriculum and I would like to continue service on that committee, helping the college community beyond my department.

Running for: Honorary Degrees and Special Awards Committee

Deb Aikat

Associate Professor

Hussman School of Journalism and Media

First appointed to UNC in 1995

PhD, Ohio University

Faculty website: <http://hussman.unc.edu/directory/faculty/deb-aikat>

UNC Service

- As a Carolina faculty for 28 years, I have experienced the joys, trials and tribulations of academic leadership in eight faculty governance committees:
- Honorary Degrees & Special Awards, 2020-23
- Faculty Executive Committee, 2016-22
- Faculty Hearings, 2015-21
- Education Policy, 2005-07
- Faculty Council, 2014- 2022
- Fixed-Term Faculty Committee, 2014-15
- Faculty Council Agenda, 2017-18
- Honor Court's Faculty Hearings, 2014-present

Motivated by collegial collaboration, I cherish working with colleagues from diverse disciplines at Carolina. I commend our Faculty Council for fostering shared governance at the heart of Carolina.

Candidate Statement

Journalist Charles Kuralt famously called Carolina as the “University of the People.” UNC’s role as the University of the People has endured despite controversies relating to Silent Sam, race, gender, and free speech.

We, the faculty, are the thriving embodiment of the “University of the People” that binds us all. We inspire excellence among dedicated faculty peers, talented students, and loyal alumni.

I feel honored, and humbled to be nominated to serve a second term on this important committee. I will focus on three goals:

- Uphold our commitment to equity and integrity
- Pursue excellence, accountability and transparency
- Sustain the Tar Heel spirit and joie de vivre.

In my 28th year as a journalism and media faculty in Carolina, I am privileged to have among the best preparation possible to serve on this important committee.

Running for: Honorary Degrees and Special Awards Committee

Christopher (Cal) Lee

Professor

School of Information and Library Science

First appointed to UNC in 2005

PhD, University of Michigan

Faculty website: <https://sils.unc.edu/people/faculty/profiles/Cal-Lee>

UNC Service

Not provided

Candidate Statement

Not provided

Running for: Honorary Degrees and Special Awards Committee

Hassan Melehy

Professor

Romance Studies, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2004

PhD, University of Minnesota

Faculty website: <https://hassanmelehy.org>

UNC Service

- Faculty Welfare Committee, 2021–.
- Educational Policy Committee, 2017–18.
- Member, Faculty Council, UNC-CH, 2013–18.

Candidate Statement

Serving on the Honorary Degrees and Special Awards Committee would give me the opportunity to exercise the skills I've gained in administrative appointments over the last nineteen years. When I served on Faculty Council, I was especially active on questions of academic freedom and adequate representation in faculty governance. My commitment to UNC stretches across several disciplines: besides my appointment in Romance Studies, I have an adjunct appointment in English and Comparative Literature and as Affiliate Faculty in American Studies; I've served on the Academic Advisory Boards of the Ackland Museum and the Minor in Global Cinema. If elected to this committee, I would bring my long experience at UNC to bear selecting recipients of our honors and awards who best reflect our values and accomplishments.

Running for: Honorary Degrees and Special Awards Committee

Eric Muller

Dan K Moore Distinguished Professor in Jurisprudence and Ethics

School of Law

First appointed to UNC in 1998

JD, Yale Law School

Faculty website: <https://eric-muller.net>

UNC Service

Assoc Dean for Faculty Dvpt, 08-12; Faculty Exec. Comm., 17- ; Campus Safety Comm., 19-21; Advisory Bd, Car. Seminars, 17-22; Advisory Bd, Car. Ctr for Public Service, 13-16 (Chair, 15-16); Ctr for Faculty Excellence, Director, 12-16; APT Comm., 12-16 (Chair, 16-17); Chancellor's Advisory Comm., 16-17 (ex

officio); Provost's Comm. on Faculty Research Leaves, 14-17; Task Force on Transforming Instruction in Large Lecture Courses, 13-14; Instructional Tech. Coordinating Comm., 12-15; Provost's Comm. on Inclusive Excellence & Diversity, 13-15; Ackland Art Museum Academic Advisory Comm., 12-14; UNC Press Bd of Governors, 08-21 (Chair, 15-21)

Candidate Statement

Through the work of this committee, the faculty celebrates those whose work and lives best reflect the university's values, contributions, diversity, and excellence. At a time when some outside the university are calling those things into question, the committee's work has special importance. I'm committed to searching deeply and fairly for award recipients who showcase our highest values, aspirations, and achievements.

Apportioned Positions

Only voters with primary appointments in a division vote for candidates representing that division.

Running for: Administrative Board of the Library: Humanities and Fine Arts

Chloe Hill

Teaching Professor of Portuguese

Romance Studies, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2020

Ph.D., Brown University

UNC Service

During my time in the Department of Romance Studies, I have been a member – and currently serve as chair – of the Undergraduate Research Committee as well as the liaison to the Office of Undergraduate Research. In this role, I have organized several outreach events such as an informational session during the university's Undergraduate Research Week and a celebration of students' research projects in the department. I have also served on a search committee for new faculty hires in Portuguese. Additionally, I recently served as guest editor for a special issue of *The Journal of Lusophone Studies*.

Candidate Statement

Libraries are essential to the work we do in the Humanities and Fine Arts. My work, and that of my colleagues, both in the classroom and in our scholarly pursuits would not be possible without access to the collections and resources of the university's libraries. During my time in graduate school, I worked closely with special collections – cataloging and archiving and also using special collections as a learning tool in my classroom. I have seen first hand how the library enriches the intellectual life of the university, and if elected to the Administrative Board I would advocate broadly for diverse and inclusive collections that promote discovery, hands-on learning, and innovation. It would be an honor to uphold the university's values of research, scholarship, and creativity by serving as a member of the Library's Administrative Board.

Running for: Administrative Board of the Library: Humanities and Fine Arts

Martin Johnson

Associate Professor

English and Comparative Literature, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2018

Ph.D., New York University

UNC Service

Director of Undergraduate Studies, English and Comparative Literature (2021-2024).

Member, University Committee on Copyright (2021-2024)

Member, Campus Arts Council (2022-Present)

Acting Director, Film Studies, English and Comparative Literature (2022)

Member, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, English and Comparative Literature (2021)

Member, Library Advisory Board (2021-2022)

Member, Faculty Handbook Committee, English and Comparative Literature (2021-2022)

Curator, Ackland Film Forum, Ackland Art Museum (2018-present)

Member, Global Cinema Advisory Board (2018-Present)

Candidate Statement

I am running for the position because I believe that the Library is the lifeblood of the University. Libraries are both repositories for knowledge and conduits for the ongoing transmission of new research. For AY2021-2022, I served on this board in the place of my colleague Inger Brodey, who was on research leave, and was able to learn firsthand about the many challenges the Library faces, including the rising costs of journal subscriptions, the struggle to hire and retain excellent staff, and, of course, budget shortfalls that make it difficult to address the first two items. If elected to this position, I will serve as an advocate for Arts & Humanities faculty, whose library needs are complex and diffuse. I am particularly interested in meeting with faculty from across the Arts & Humanities to learn more about their library needs.

Running for: Administrative Board of the Library: Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Janet Nye

Associate Professor

Earth, Marine and Environmental Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2020

PhD, University of Maryland

Faculty website: <https://nye.unc.edu/>

UNC Service

I have served on several departmental committees since arriving in July 2020. I served on the DEI committee in 2021-2022 and on the EMES Graduate Program Committee 2022-2023 in which we proposed a new graduate degree for our newly formed department.

Candidate Statement

The library is a critical resource for students and faculty to support their scholarly work. The landscape of scientific journals is rapidly changing and Universities constantly need to evaluate their needs and adjust to these changes. I would like to bring my experience to this process, working at multiple Universities and having served as an editor for two scientific journals, Scientific Reports and now Fisheries Oceanography. I would also bring to this committee a strong interest in the intersection between open data, open access and diversity, equity and inclusion efforts.

Running for: Administrative Board of the Library: Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Johna Register-Mihalik

Associate Professor

Exercise and Sport Science, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2014

Ph.D, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Faculty website: <http://tbicenter.unc.edu>

UNC Service

Current:

Administrative Board of the Library

University Teaching Awards Committee

EXSS Faculty Showcase Co-Lead

Past:

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Reviewer 2018 and 2019

WakeMed/UNC Pediatric Emergency Medicine Scholarship Committee, 2014 to 2017

EXSS Transition to Remote Learning Task Force, 2020

EXSS Blyth Lecture Committee, 2019 and 2020

Human Movement Science Admissions Committee, 2017 to 2022

Scholar Athlete Award Selection Committee, 2015

Ronald W. Hyatt Scholarship Committee, 2011 and 2017

Candidate Statement

I have been a faculty member in Exercise and Sport Science, studying traumatic brain injury at UNC-CH, since 2014 and have served on the Administrative Board of the Library since 2022. Since that time, the depth, breadth, and value of our Libraries only continues to grow and expand alongside the needs of our campus. With increasing demands for information, data science, access to timely research, and access to historical documents, the importance of our Libraries to campus and community infrastructure has never been more important. I hope to continue my service, advocacy, and education concerning our Libraries through serving on the Administrative Board of the Library to grow its reach and to engage more students and faculty with the incredible Library resources and staff available on our campus.

Running for: Administrative Board of the Library: Social Sciences

Neal Caren

Associate Professor

Sociology, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2008

Ph.D., New York University

Faculty website: <https://nealcaren.org>

UNC Service

Previously served on Faculty Council. Former DGS (Sociology) and Director of the Social and Economic Justice Minor.

Candidate Statement

Advocate for fully funding our libraries.

Running for: Administrative Board of the Library: Social Sciences

Christian Lentz

Associate Professor of Geography & Adjunct Associate Professor of History

Geography, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2011

Ph.D., Cornell University

Faculty website: <https://cclentz.web.unc.edu/>

UNC Service

Carolina Asia Center: Interim Director (spr 2020), Faculty Advisory Committee (2014-present)

Food for All: Steering Committee Member (2015-18)

Bringing Southeast Asia Home: Principal Investigator (2022-present)

Vietnamese Student Association: Faculty Advisor (2015-present)

Southeast Asia Student Association: Faculty Advisor (2013-present)

Decolonization in the Global South Carolina Seminar: Convenor (2017-present)

In addition to the above service to UNC, I have also served the department of Geography in various capacities, including chairing its Information Committee (2018-22).

Candidate Statement

I firmly believe that the library stands close to the heart of any research university. First as a student and now as a scholar and teacher, I have long relied on the books, articles, documents, and other resources held and shared by UNC Library. Simply put, I could not have followed this career path without its assistance. I have also seen many changes over this 17-year period, from replacing the reference section with worktables, the movement of journals into the stacks, and the profusion of materials available online. I cheer changes that expand the number of resources held as well as access to them. However, I am deeply concerned about budget cuts, rising journal costs, and other pressures that limit what UNC Library can and should do. Thus, it is my priority to safeguard the library and advocate forcefully on its behalf.

Running for: Faculty Council: Fine Arts (Nontenured)

LaToya Lain

Assistant Professor

Music, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2018

Doctorate of Musical Arts

UNC Service

My service to Carolina is motivated by the same philosophy that inspires both my teaching and research/creative activity. To represent non-tenure faculty on the Faculty Council would be an extreme honor. Although I've been a member of this faculty for a short time, my experiences at my previous appointments have prepared me to serve in this capacity. Previously elected positions include Chairwoman of an Interdisciplinary Council, member of the Board of Directors on the state level for the largest association for teachers of singing, and the non-tenure representative for the School of Music's Executive Council.

Candidate Statement

I am running for this position because I strongly believe that my skillset and experiences have prepared me to be a valuable advocate in the advancement of existing as well as innovative policies that will propel Carolina forward.

Running for: Faculty Council: Fine Arts (Nontenured)

Mark Perry

Teaching Associate Professor

Dramatic Art, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2005

M.F.A., University of Iowa

Faculty website: <https://www.dramacircle.org/>

UNC Service

I was invited to teach a playwriting class in Spring 2005 and gradually added classes in play analysis, dramaturgy and collaboration. I have served as dramaturg on 17 PlayMakers productions and directed 3 shows with Kenan Theatre Company; 2 of my plays have been performed in the Dept. of Dramatic Art. I have served on faculty search committees and co-chaired a departmental curriculum review. I currently serve on our AEDI committee and also as a faculty advisor and a departmental OUR liaison. Like many of you, I mainly serve by getting to know students and, by means formal and informal, helping them on their way.

Candidate Statement

What I would hope to bring to the faculty council is what I value most: community and harmony. I spend my time, in life and work, striving to build community and foster hope. Our campus is beautiful, idyllic. So many of the ambitions of our people are concentrated on bettering the world and in a myriad ways. This is marvelous. There is a shared vision many people have of a campus where people of all

backgrounds--students, staff and faculty--feel embraced, valued, and part of one Carolina home. This is what I'd like to see. What I have for qualification and experience is three decades of trying, as an individual and as part of groups of varying sizes, to make the human garden grow.

Running for: Faculty Council: Fine Arts (Tenured)

Evan Feldman

Professor

Music, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2008

Doctor of Musical Arts, Eastman School of Music/University of Rochester

Faculty website: <https://www.evanfeldman.com>

UNC Service

In 2022 I was the UNC representative for the external review of the Department of Dramatic Arts. University-wide, I currently serve on the Scholarship Committee and recently served on the Educational Policy Committee. Within the Department of Music, this is my third year as Associate Chair for the Performance/Composition/Music Education division, ninth year as director of the Kenan Music Scholars program, and fifth year as co-chair of our undergraduate Scholarship Committee.

Candidate Statement

Within the Department of Music we have an advisory council made of a representative group faculty elected by our divisions and partly appointed by the chair. Having served on this committee, I have witnessed the benefits of examining problems and workshopping solutions with a group of faculty who bring perspectives different from my own. Perspective, empathy, and advocacy lead to meaningful conversations, as opposed to the echo chambers I often find myself in. I look forward to the opportunity to serve our faculty--within the Fine Arts Division, but also campus-wide-- through the Faculty Council.

Running for: Faculty Council: Fine Arts (Tenured)

Roxana Perez-Mendez

Associate Professor

Art and Art History, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2008

MFA, Tyler School of Arts--Temple University

Faculty website: <http://campoarts.org>

UNC Service

- Diversity Liaison, Art and Art History Dept. (2021-Present)
- Member, Weiss Urban Livability Fellowship Faculty Board, (2013-Present)
- Member and Chair, Art and Art History Dept. Diversity Committee (2015-2021)
- Member, Art and Art History Dept. Undergraduate Committee Studio (2021-2022)
- Member, Art and Art History Dept. Graduate Studies Committee Studio: (2013-2016) (2016, Director)
- Director, Art and Art History Dept. The John and June Allcott Gallery: (2008-2010, 2021-present)

- Co-Director and Faculty, Study Abroad, Art on the Camino de Santiago, (2018-Present)
- Chair, Hiring Committee for Art Laboratory Manager

Candidate Statement

UNC is built on the cornerstone of a diverse community of identities, beliefs, ideas, and collaborations that blazes a path to excellence not only for this generation, but of those to come. I commit to stewardship of this ideal as we protect the health of our community in the face of the attacks on our values of shared governance, of belonging, and academic freedom. My success in service to the Dept. of Art and Art History and committees I represent is due to dedication, to developing trust and collaboration. Together, we take the long road through the planification process while simultaneously dismantling the policies that do harm. For this reason, I believe my leadership experience has prepared me to be effective in representation of the Division of Fine Arts and to be a voice within the Faculty Council during this critical time.

Running for: Faculty Council: Natural Sciences and Mathematics (Nontenured)

Wubin Bai

Assistant Professor

Applied Physical Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2021

Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Faculty website: <https://baigroup.org/>

UNC Service

I have served on the Faculty Information Technology Advisory Committee for about 2 years.

Within the Department of Applied Physical Sciences, I have been involved in the talent search committee in recruiting and attracting young, talented researchers to the department.

I have been involved in inviting and hosting distinguished speakers in the field of applied science and engineering for visits and seminars at UNC.

Candidate Statement

Multidisciplinary collaborations to address real-world challenges root the vision of our research program. The opportunity to build interdisciplinary connections, forge interdepartmental collaborations, and cultivate nurturing, caring, and inclusive cultures at the faculty council motivate me to serve our UNC community.

Running for: Faculty Council: Natural Sciences and Mathematics (Nontenured)

Daniel Christoffel

Assistant Professor

Psychology & Neuroscience, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2021

PhD, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Faculty website: <https://www.christoffellab.org>

UNC Service

My service since starting at UNC is primarily mentoring undergrads to perform research. In addition, I have been involved with our departments DEI initiative JEDI to help share how to gain experience in STEM. Finally, I have participated in graduate student recruitment events.

Candidate Statement

To continue to help improve the infrastructure for a students, specifically to advance the available resources for students in the Graduate School.

Running for: Faculty Council: Natural Sciences and Mathematics (Nontenured)

Ronit Freeman

Associate Professor

Applied Physical Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2018

PhD, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Faculty website: <http://freeman-lab.com/>

UNC Service

Not provided

Candidate Statement

Not provided

Running for: Faculty Council: Natural Sciences and Mathematics (Nontenured)

Rachel Penton

Teaching Associate Professor

Psychology and Neuroscience, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2018

Ph.D., University of Alabama at Birmingham

UNC Service

I am currently a member of the Faculty Council seeking election to another term. I have also served on the Educational Policy Committee (EPC), which I chaired for one year. I am a member of the UNC Study Abroad Advisory Board, and a Carolina Student Transfer Excellence Program (C-STEP) Faculty Mentor. Within my department, I am Director of Undergraduate Neuroscience Advising and have been on multiple departmental committees. In addition, I am a member of the Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Self-Study Committee.

Candidate Statement

Much of my work focuses on providing the best education possible to our undergraduate students. Since arriving at Carolina, I have had the opportunity to participate in trainings (Equity in Teaching Institute, UndocuCarolina, Safe Zone Ally, HAVEN, and Mental Health First Aid) & course development opportunities (Study Abroad Faculty-Led Program, Research-Related Skills, CURE, Makerspace) that have strengthened my ability to provide an outstanding education to our students and have increased my

dedication to fulfilling the missions of Carolina as the flagship research university of the state. As a member of the EPC, I served in an advisory role to the Faculty Council about academic regulations and I would be honored to continue on the Faculty Council as a representative of non-tenured faculty in Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

Running for: Faculty Council: Natural Sciences and Mathematics (Tenured)

Amarjit Budhiraja

Professor of Statistics and Operations Research

Statistics and Operations Research, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2000

Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Faculty website: <https://abudhiraja.web.unc.edu>

UNC Service

- Chair, Department of Statistics and Operations Research, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (July 14 -June 19).
- Director, Chairs Leadership Program (July 2021-).
- Instructional Budget Advisory Committee, CAS, Fall 2021.
- Committee on Race-Neutral Strategies (Oct 2018 -Dec 2021).
- Chancellor's Science Scholars Executive Advisory Board (2018-2020).

Candidate Statement

I am a Professor in the Department of Statistics and Operations Research. It is an honor to have the opportunity to run for the Faculty Council position representing Natural Sciences and Mathematics. If elected I will represent to the best of my abilities the interests of the Faculty related to academic programs, research excellence, career development and support, campus infrastructure, and student and staff interactions.

Running for: Faculty Council: Natural Sciences and Mathematics (Tenured)

Joaquin Drut

Associate Professor

Physics and Astronomy, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2012

Ph.D., University of Washington

Faculty website: <https://drut.web.unc.edu/>

UNC Service

I have served in the Faculty Information Technology Advisory Committee (FITAC).

Candidate Statement

I wish to learn more about how the Faculty Council works and how decisions are made.

Running for: Faculty Council: Natural Sciences and Mathematics (Tenured)

Kristen Kucera

Associate Professor

Exercise and Sport Science, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2013

PhD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Faculty website: <https://exss.unc.edu/faculty-staff/kristen-kucera/>

UNC Service

I have served on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee in the Department of Exercise and Sport Science as a member since 2017 and as the Committee Chair since 2021. As part of my role on the DEI committee, I've mentored undergraduate DEI Fellows from the UNC Office of Diversity and Inclusion for the past 2 years. I currently serve on the EXSS Department Blyth committee and have served on as chair of faculty search committees, and as member of three department undergraduate awards committees. I'm also the Director of the National Center for Catastrophic Sport Injury Research at UNC.

Candidate Statement

Since coming to UNC in 2013, my service has been at the department level (EXSS). I look forward to broadening the scope of my service to the university level to be a member of Faculty Counsel representing tenured faculty in the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics in the College of Arts and Sciences. My experiences on the EXSS department's DEI committee, I have worked to understand perspectives and needs of faculty, staff and students for DEI programming to foster a sense of inclusion for all. I teach Research Methods and have incorporated an original research experience into the course to meet the new Research and Discovery Requirement. These experiences have catalyzed my interest in the processes and implementation of these and other initiatives. I look forward to learning about the legislative and other programs that impa

Running for: Faculty Council: Natural Sciences and Mathematics (Tenured)

Laura Mersini-Houghton

Professor of Theoretical Physics, and Associate Chair

Physics and Astronomy, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2004

PHD, UWM

Faculty website: <https://physicstheory.web.unc.edu>

UNC Service

- Associate Chair for Development
- organizing International Conferences, like Hawking Radiation.
- Promotion and Reviews and many other Dept Committees

Candidate Statement

I was contacted and encouraged to apply. Contributing to the University at large, I feel, is important to being a good citizen and in doing my part towards the betterment and excellence of our university.

Running for: Faculty Council: Natural Sciences and Mathematics (Tenured)

Jason Metcalfe

Professor, Bowman and Gordon Gray Distinguished Term Professor

Mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2007

Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University

Faculty website: <https://metcalfe.web.unc.edu>

UNC Service

I am a current member of the Faculty Council and the current chair of the General Education Oversight Committee. On July 1, my term as Chair of the Department of Mathematics will begin. Previously, I have served as my department's Associate Chair and have twice been elected to the Chair's Advisory Committee. I have been a member of the graduate and undergraduate committees, reappointment and promotion committees, and numerous hiring committees within my department. Outside of the department, my service includes membership on past University Teaching Awards Committees and chairing the Bowman and Gordon Gray selection committee.

Candidate Statement

I have a passion for working with Carolina's students. This is evidenced by the trainings that I have attended (Equity in Teaching Institute, Safe Zone Ally, Carolina F1rst's Advocate, Mental Health First Aid) and past recognitions (2019 Faculty Award for Excellence in Doctoral Mentoring, 2018 UNC-CH Board of Governors' Award for Excellence in Teaching, the 2017 and 2022 Goodman Petersen Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Education, Bowman and Gordon Gray Distinguished Term Professorship). Our universities have the difficult task of excelling on multiple fronts: conducting pioneering research, representing educational excellence, and exemplifying cultural awareness and social leadership. I believe that each of the three missions warrant deep consideration within faculty governance.

Running for: Faculty Council: Natural Sciences and Mathematics (Tenured)

Gabor Pataki

Professor

Statistics and Operations Research, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2000

PhD., Carnegie Mellon

Faculty website: <https://gaborpataki.web.unc.edu>

UNC Service

I served on several department level committees and two university level committees.

I served on a committee that established mathematical literacy standards for the Quantitative Reasoning courses in the Ideas in Action curriculum. I also co-chaired a committee that established standards in Quantitative Reasoning courses.

Candidate Statement

I am passionate about helping students to master the basics of mathematical and quantitative literacy. I have been actively involved in this effort for more than 10 years, both through course development and through committee work.

I also believe that a challenge we face is grade inflation. I believe that for the long term success of our students this concern would need to be addressed.

Running for: Faculty Council: Natural Sciences and Mathematics (Tenured)

Montek Singh

Associate Professor

Computer Science, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2001

PhD, Columbia University

Faculty website: <https://cs.unc.edu/person/montek-singh/>

UNC Service

Not provided

Candidate Statement

Not provided

Running for: Faculty Council: Social Sciences (Nontenured)

Allie Thomas

Assistant Professor

City and Regional planning, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 2017

PhD, University of California at Berkeley

UNC Service

I currently serve on the Buildings Committee and have enjoyed working on projects that will enhance the physical space of the university. While I have not been on many committees at UNC, prior to my time here I worked on several committees at prior universities that included undergraduate curriculum and library services.

Candidate Statement

I want to improve and enrich the teaching and research space for faculty, especially nontenured faculty, and I will work towards safeguarding the university from political interference. I have several years experience working on committees in other universities as both a faculty member and as a graduate student, addressing library facilities and resources, admissions, and undergraduate curriculum.

Running for: Faculty Council: Journalism and Media

Suman Lee

Associate Professor

Hussman School of Journalism and Media

First appointed to UNC in

PhD, Syracuse University

Faculty website: <http://hussman.unc.edu/directory/faculty/suman-lee>

UNC Service

Not provided

Candidate Statement

Not provided

Running for: Faculty Council: Journalism and Media

Shannon McGregor

Assistant Professor

Hussman School of Journalism and Media

First appointed to UNC in 2020

Ph.D., University of Texas

UNC Service

I have served on the Hussman School of Journalism & Media's graduate admission committee since 2020. My position as a senior researcher at the Center for Information, Technology, and Public Life has involved significant service for the university that includes organizing events, supporting graduate students and post-docs, monthly research workshops and monthly business meetings.

Candidate Statement

I am seeking to serve as a representative voice to support the university's efforts to survive increased pressure from outside forces, such as attacks on academic freedom, and to see UNC thrive as we work to fulfill the promises of a truly supportive and diverse university. I see serving on the Faculty Council as a way to represent faculty interests in these efforts and to support our greater academic community.

Running for: Faculty Council: Law

Joan Krause

Dan K. Moore Distinguished Professor

School of Law

First appointed to UNC in 2009

JD, Stanford Law School

UNC Service

Not provided

Candidate Statement

Not provided

Running for: Faculty Council: Government

Diane Juffras

**Albert and Gladys Hall Coates Distinguished Term Professor of Public Law and Government
School of Government**

First appointed to UNC in 2001

PhD, University of Michigan; JD, New York University

Faculty website: <https://www.sog.unc.edu/about/faculty-and-staff/diane-m-juffras>

UNC Service

Not provided

Candidate Statement

Not provided

Running for: Faculty Council: Government

DeHart-Davis Leisha

Profesor

School of Government

First appointed to UNC in 2012

PhD, Georgia Institute of Technology

Faculty website: <https://www.sog.unc.edu/about/faculty-and-staff/leisha-dehart-davis>

UNC Service

Not provided

Candidate Statement

Not provided

Running for: Faculty Council: Medicine (Nontenured)

Andrea Azcarate-Peril

Associate Professor and Core Director

Gastroenterology and Hepatology, School of Medicine

First appointed to UNC in 2008

Ph.D., Argentina

Faculty website: <https://www.med.unc.edu/microbiome/>

UNC Service

I have been active in several aspects of service to UNC and the scientific community, mainly in student and faculty-centered service, but also connected to research as an essential component of being a faculty member. Some relevant contributions include: (1) Supporting microbiome research through the

Microbiome Core. Established in 2009, it has contributed to over 200 publications. (2) As a minority female in biomedical sciences, I strive to support and uplift women through advising and mentoring. (3) I firmly believe that faculty must be involved in the university's shared governance and have served on committees to contribute to this work.

Candidate Statement

For almost 14 years, I have conducted research and supported investigators examining how our associated microbes impact health and disease. Directing a Core facility allowed me to interact with members of different departments, University-wide, and learn of the diverse obstacles of fixed-term faculty across campus. This inspired me to participate and advocate for consolidated rules and regulations for appointing and promoting nontenured faculty. As a member of the Faculty Council, I will bring my experience and long trajectory as a fixed-term faculty member, where I have witnessed the advancements made through the years. I also know what must still be accomplished to ensure equity and diversity at UNC Chapel Hill.

Running for: Faculty Council: Medicine (Nontenured)

David Berkoff

Professor

Orthopaedics, School of Medicine

First appointed to UNC in 2011

MD, *Albert Einstein College of Medicine*

Faculty website: <https://www.med.unc.edu/ortho/directory/berkoff/>

UNC Service

I have been a clinician in the department of orthopedics, sports medicine since 2011. I am currently the chief of non-operative sports and musculoskeletal medicine as well as the vice chair of clinical operations for the orthopedics department. I have previously served as a member then chair for the fixed term APT (promotions) committee and I currently also serve on the universities fixed term faculty committee. I am also an active member on the faculty athletics committee and serve as a rep for womens soccer and mens lacrosse.

Candidate Statement

I appreciate the opportunity to serve a second term on the faculty council and represent the school of medicine and our faculty on this important committee. I believe that being involved at the institution beyond our day to day roles is a critical aspect to how we all work and contribute to help make Carolina great. I believe that my prior involvement in leadership roles within the department and across the university as well as my connections to the SOM, college, athletics and the other schools at the university put me in a place to have valuable thoughts and input as a member of the faculty council. I have enjoyed being a member for these past 2 years and feel that this second term will continue to allow me to be a positive participant in how this institution moves forward.

Running for: Faculty Council: Medicine (Nontenured)

Raj Kasthuri

Professor

Medicine, School of Medicine

First appointed to UNC in 2007

MBBS; Kasturba Medical College, India

Faculty website: <https://www.med.unc.edu/bloodresearchcenter/directory/raj-kasthuri/>

UNC Service

I joined the faculty at UNC Chapel Hill in 2007. Over the last 16 years I have had the opportunity to contribute to our UNC community in various ways and served on a number of committees. I consider my most important contribution to be serving on the Committee on Fixed Term Faculty. I was appointed to this Committee in 2020 for a 3-year term. Over the last 3 years, the Committee has focused our efforts on the following topics: salary equity, salary compression, longer term limits on faculty contracts, mentoring for fixed term faculty, and updating the Guidelines for Success of fixed term faculty.

Candidate Statement

I consider it an honor to represent our non-tenured School of Medicine faculty on the Faculty Council. I have been a faculty member at UNC for 16 years. In this time I have served on a number of committees and had many leadership roles within my Department and Division, and in external organizations. My term on the Committee on Fixed term Faculty was very instructive and required me to work closely with members from various Colleges across UNC Chapel Hill. The Faculty Council is charged with many important roles, both on the advisory and legislative fronts. I bring with me the collective knowledge from my experiences at UNC over the years, an eagerness to serve our Carolina community, and an acute awareness of the responsibility and trust placed on me if elected to represent the diverse SOM faculty on the Council.

Running for: Faculty Council: Medicine (Nontenured)

Prem Lakshmanane

Associate Professor

Microbiology and Immunology, School of Medicine

First appointed to UNC in 2015

Ph.D., Weizmann Institute of Science

Faculty website: <https://www.med.unc.edu/microimm/directory/premkumar-lakshmanane-phd/>

UNC Service

Being a faculty member since 2015 at UNC's School of Medicine, I have mentored and supervised undergraduates, research technicians, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows, providing guidance and support to help them with their academic and career goals. I instructed and co-directed graduate courses during these years. I contributed to departmental activities, including serving on the promotional and retreat committees. At the pandemic's beginning, I translated our laboratory discovery to set up a serology service core to support the research community across UNC faculties.

Candidate Statement

I am honored to run for Faculty Council and represent faculties alike. As a dedicated educator and researcher, I have the skills and experience necessary to represent our diverse faculty community. I am an Associate Professor of Microbiology and Immunology and lead a research laboratory with extramural federal funding support. Over these years, I had the privilege of working with many of you and understanding our challenges in our respective fields. I have served on various committees representing student and postdoctoral communities and their interests at other institutions. If selected, I am committed to advocating for policies and initiatives promoting academic excellence, faculty development, and student success.

Running for: Faculty Council: Medicine (Nontenured)

Tara Moon

Professor

School of Medicine

First appointed to UNC in 2002

PhD, Virginia Commonwealth University

UNC Service

I have been fortunate to serve on Faculty Council, the Fixed-Term Faculty Committee and the Scholarships, Award and Student Aid Committee. Being able to collaborate with and learn from colleagues across campus is of great importance to me. I have also enjoyed serving as the faculty advisor for Alpha Chi Omega where I work with members on networking and career preparation. My teaching and service roles have revealed the diversity of Carolina students, faculty and the wide-ranging issues they face. I am eager to learn more and further my service through another term on faculty council.

Candidate Statement

As a graduate of Carolina and a faculty member for 20 years, I have a vested interest in the teaching and research missions of the University. I am committed to the issues of attracting and retaining faculty, the relationship with the Board of Governors and our educational policies. Teaching a broad range of undergraduate, graduate, and professional students has given me a unique perspective. I bring experience in general education curriculum issues as the admissions chair for an undergraduate professional program. I would work to ensure that all Carolina students can thrive within the general education curriculum. I would be honored to serve the greater University and to represent non-tenured faculty in the School of Medicine on faculty council.

Running for: Faculty Council: Medicine (Nontenured)

Kimberly Nichols

Clinical Associate Professor

Anesthesiology, School of Medicine

First appointed to UNC in 2011

MD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

UNC Service

A native North Carolinian, I received my MD from UNC School of Medicine, completed my residency in the UNC Dept. of Anesthesiology and a fellowship in its Division of Pain Management. Although I was previously employed in the private sector, it was my love for education which brought me back to UNC in 2011. Since then, I have been very involved. In my department, I have most notably served as the Division Chief for General Anesthesiology and as a former Assistant Residency Program Director. I am also an active member of multiple committees in the School of Medicine, including Admissions, Learning Environment, and Appointments, Promotions, and

Candidate Statement

I work with students, residents, and faculty, the perspective of whom I would bring to the Faculty Council. Several activities in which I have participated reinforce initiatives in UNC's strategic plan and provide skills to serve my alma mater: my previous work as a Clinical Academic Resources Director in the Office of Academic Excellence, provides medical students in the clinical phases with resources that promote success in medical school. My previous tenure on the UNC SOM/UNC Healthcare Diversity Council supported efforts to facilitate inclusive and equitable work and learning environments at the institution; serving as a mentor, sponsor, and career advisor has helped to bolster the careers of multiple levels of aspiring young physicians in training. During my experience as a daily anesthesiology coordinator, I strengthened my

Running for: Faculty Council: Medicine (Nontenured)

Evan Raff

Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine

Department of Medicine in the School of Medicine

First appointed to UNC in 2017

M.D., University of North Carolina School of Medicine

Faculty website: <https://www.med.unc.edu/medicine/hospitalmedicine/people/evan-raff-md/>

UNC Service

I serve the people of North Carolina as an Associate Professor in the Division of Hospital Medicine at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine. In addition to being an active clinician, I serve in several formal teaching and advising roles at UNC. I am a teaching professor and preceptor to residents and medical students of all years of training. I also teach first and second-year medical students how to take a history, perform a physical exam, and develop their clinical reasoning skills. I serve on the UNC SOM Admissions Committee and as an advisor in the Advisory College.

Candidate Statement

I am both excited and humbled to be running as non-tenure track faculty in the SOM. I consider it an honor and privilege to serve the people of North Carolina who trust UNC with their healthcare; having the opportunity to represent the fantastic UNC faculty would truly be icing the cake. I have been a member of the UNC community for over 10 years, first as a student, then as a clinician, educator, and administrator. Through these experiences, I have developed a solid understanding of the culture of UNC and cultivated many cross-departmental and interdisciplinary collaborative relationships. As a member of the Faculty Council, my priority will be to listen to our faculty and use their feedback to find practical ways of improving well-being, job satisfaction, and equitability.

Running for: Faculty Council: Medicine (Nontenured)

Stephanie Sjoblad

Professor - Clinic Director

Health Sciences, School of Medicine

First appointed to UNC in 2001

Au.D.

UNC Service

I have served on multiple department and division level committees in my 22-year tenure on the faculty at UNC, including Department of Health Sciences Appointments and Promotions Committee, Clinical Affairs Committee, and several smaller short term ad hoc committees. I have served as Clinic Director and Clinical Coordinator for the UNC Hearing and Communication Center since 2001. I divide my time between classroom teaching doctoral students in audiology, seeing patients in the clinic while serving as a preceptor to doctoral students and overseeing the clinic operations and management.

Candidate Statement

I earned my master's degree at UNC in 1997 and joined the faculty in 2001 in the Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences, Department of Health Science. For over 20+ years I have been committed to the teaching, research and service missions of UNC. We are in challenging times post-pandemic as we work to find and retain the best and brightest to be part of the faculty at UNC. I have held several leadership roles at the state and national level for our audiology professional associations throughout my professional career. I believe those connections with colleagues across the state and country will enable me to provide a broad perspective on the Faculty Council. I am eager to learn from others and would be honored to serve the greater University and to represent non-tenured faculty in the School of Medicine on Faculty Council.

Running for: Faculty Council: Medicine (Nontenured)

Kathryn Sorensen

Assistant Professor and Clinical Education Coordinator

Health Sciences, School of Medicine

First appointed to UNC in 2017

OTD, University of Southern California

Faculty website: <https://www.med.unc.edu/healthsciences/ocsci/directory/kathryn-sorensen-otd-otr-l/>

UNC Service

Service goes beyond just being part of my job and is an important part of who I am. Since returning to Carolina in a faculty role in 2017, I have kept my eyes and hands open to serve whenever and wherever I can, especially as it relates to serving students, staff, faculty, and visitors with disabilities. I have been part of the ARS accommodations and modifications committee, served as an ADA consultant to the athletic department and greater university, have been a member of the Disability Advisory Committee, have guest lectured in many classes and schools across campus, and made the Old Well accessible...but there is so much more to do.

Candidate Statement

I graduated from Carolina in 2004 as a proud varsity athlete on the women's rowing team. This was an incredible experience for many reasons, but primarily because it was here at Carolina that I learned that my disability would not stop me from reaching my dreams. When I returned to campus 13 years later, this time as a wheelchair user, I was shocked to experience so many physical and social barriers. It ignited a passion in me to ensure everyone experiences Carolina the way I did as an undergrad. Since returning, I have worked to make campus more inclusive by advocating for accessibility at the Old Well, the athletic department, dining halls, and ARS. I am excited about the chance to run for faculty council and hope to use my unique perspective to make Carolina a more inclusive and accessible community for everyone.

Running for: Faculty Council: Medicine (Nontenured)

Angela Wahl

Assistant Professor

Department of Medicine, School of Medicine

First appointed to UNC in 2014

Ph.D., University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

UNC Service

I am currently a member of the UNC Faculty Council representing non-tenured faculty in the School of Medicine. Recently, I also served on the Division of Infectious Diseases' Research Compensation Plan Committee. Until recently, non-clinical faculty in the Department of Medicine were not eligible for bonuses. Therefore, the metrics to evaluate faculty who spend all or a significant part of their effort on clinical, translational and/or basic science research were underdeveloped. Our committee created research metrics for the Division's faculty compensation plan that can be fairly applied to non-tenure and tenure track faculty at each level.

Candidate Statement

After completing my postdoctoral training at UNC in 2014, I became a fixed-term faculty member. I was appointed to the tenure track in 2019. This gives me perspective of both tracks. I have experience obtaining funding from government, industry, and foundation partners. I have also mentored multiple students and fellows, including women and underrepresented minorities. I am currently serving a one-year term as a Faculty Council member and I am looking forward to serving a full three-year term. I will continue to advocate for diversity and inclusion and support for faculty. The pandemic highlighted how difficult it can be to manage our struggles while also responding to those of our students and staff. In addition, stagnant salaries have made it difficult to retain and recruit staff which compromises our productivity.

Running for: Faculty Council: Medicine (Tenured)

Charles (Carlos) Ebert

Professor of Otolaryngology- Head and Neck Surgery

School of Medicine

First appointed to UNC in 2009

MD, MPH

UNC Service

I have not been involved in any significant form in UNC committees outside of my department or the hospital. However, I am eager to parlay my experience to serve the Faculty Council. I have served on the UNC hospitals' product committee and within my department as associate program director and medical director of Otolaryngic allergy services. Also, I have experience in numerous committees within national organizations. I serve as President of the American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy Foundation and member of the IFAR (Journal) LLC Board, as well as many other positions that have provided me experience to use in this role.

Candidate Statement

The experience I have gained from my UNC journey that began in 1987 when I entered as a freshman undergraduate provides me with a unique perspective for the Faculty Council. While an undergraduate, I majored in Spanish and Political Science. After graduation and living a few years in Spain, I returned to Chapel Hill and worked as a Spanish Interpreter in the hospital. I became enamored with the work of the faculty physicians and decided to work towards becoming a physician. I enrolled in the UNC School of Medicine. Also, I obtained a MPH from our School of Public Health. Then, I entered residency in otolaryngology at UNC. I joined faculty in 2009. In 2020, I became a full professor with tenure. This journey through numerous schools within the university, has given me experience that will serve the Faculty Council and the University well.

Running for: Faculty Council: Medicine (Tenured)

Jason Whitmire

Professor

Genetics, Microbiology & Immunology, School of Medicine

First appointed to UNC in 2010

Ph.D., UCLA

Faculty website: <https://www.med.unc.edu/genetics/directory/jason-whitmire-phd/>

UNC Service

I have contributed to the research and teaching mission of UNC in several ways. I have led a research lab at UNC since 2010 and have had the great fortune of directly training future scientists, including undergraduates, graduate students, postdocs. As a member of two graduate curricula, Microbiology & Immunology and Genetics & Molecular Biology, I have contributed to course direction and lectures, BBSP admissions, and student engagement through First Year Groups. I have served on an Education and Training Committee and on numerous thesis committees. I have served on the SOM Committee to Review Appointments & Promotions to Associate Professor

Candidate Statement

I am familiar with the challenges of sustaining research productivity and staffing, mentoring, and competing for extramural funding. I have benefited tremendously through collaborations at UNC, some of which have been fostered through institutional initiatives to bring groups together. I will advocate for continued institutional support for collaborative, multidisciplinary research and for our state-of-the-art core facilities, which contribute to the research and teaching mission of the university. I will encourage

policies that enable faculty to work together as teams. I will advocate for continuous training of faculty in areas of research and technology that quickly change.

Running for: Faculty Council: Public Health (Nontenured)

Ximena Bustamante Marin

Assistant Professor

Nutrition, Gillings School of Global Public Health

First appointed to UNC in 2019

PhD, Universidad Catolica de Chile

Faculty website: <https://uncnri.org/staff-members/ximena-bustamante-marin-phd/>

UNC Service

I have participated in the Inclusive Excellence and Student admission subcommittees at department level. I am excited to serve as a faculty council member representing non-tenured faculties.

Candidate Statement

Non-tenured faculties teach, mentor students at all levels contribute to the research success of the school sometimes without recognition. As a representative I want to work towards the following points:

- 1) Implementing a plan for enhancing financial support and ensuring eligibility for internal grants.
- 2) Equitable space assignments.
- 3) Non-tenured faculty need multi-year contracts to have continuity and consistency in their work. It is common to renew yearly contracts. Being under chronic stress each year, wondering if the contract will be renewed is not healthy for faculty, the university, or the students who deserve the quality and consistency that non-tenured faculty work tirelessly to provide— without any guarantee that they will be retained. As valued UNC members, we deserve to be acknowledged through longer appointments.

Running for: Faculty Council: Public Health (Nontenured)

Dorothy Cilenti

Clinical Professor

Maternal and Child Health, Gillings School of Global Public Health

First appointed to UNC in 2010

DrPH, UNC at Chapel Hill

UNC Service

I have served on several search committees for key faculty leadership positions at UNC. I have also served as a Carolina Summer Reading Program Discussion Leader. At the Gillings School of Global Public Health, I served on the Gillings Practice Task Force and currently serve on the Gillings Practice Coordinating Committee. I also served on the Gillings Core Course Instructor Committee and the Assessment Committee for Academic Certificate programs. Within the Department of Maternal and Child Health, I served as a member of the MCFH concentration Admissions and Awards committee.

Candidate Statement

My academic work centers on strengthening public health systems to better address the challenges inherent in a rapidly transforming health environment. With worsening health disparities and racism as a structural determinant of health, there is widespread acknowledgement of the need for a well-trained and diverse public health workforce. After 17 years as a public health leader in North Carolina, I joined Gillings in 2007 and consider myself a “pracademic”. As a member of Faculty Council, I would represent the interests of faculty who are dedicated to improving public health practice through their research and academic activities in true partnership with local communities and the local, state and federal public health workforce.

Running for: Faculty Council: Public Health (Tenured)

Suzanne Maman

Professor and Associate Dean for Global Health

Gillings School of Global Public Health

First appointed to UNC in 2005

PhD, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, 2000

UNC Service

Since I joined the faculty in Health Behavior in 2005, I have held many service roles. In the department I served as the Vice Chair for Academic Affairs for two years, a member of our MPH admissions committee for four years, and a member of our APT. In 2020 I was appointed as the Gillings Associate Dean for Global Health. At Gillings I served on the Academic Program Committee, and ad-hoc committees related to DEI and research. Across campus, I am a board member for the Center for AIDS Research and the Institute for Global Health and Infectious Diseases. I am also the UNC Faculty Director for the Rotary Peace Fellowship.

Candidate Statement

Having served on the UNC faculty for 17 years, I have experienced the ebbs and flows of university administration without fully appreciating how policies, initiatives, and administrative decisions at the university-level could affect me as a public health faculty member. In my role as Associate Dean for Global Health I have had the opportunity to engage with faculty and administrators across campus, and this perspective has helped me understand the larger university system. With a deeper understanding of this system, I am now in a position to be able to help our public health faculty understand how university policies and actions may affect them and their work. I would be honored to serve on this council representing the interests of Gillings faculty and relaying relevant information from the council to Gillings faculty as needed.

Running for: Faculty Council: Public Health (Tenured)

Stephen Marshall

Professor of Epidemiology

Gillings School of Global Public Health

First appointed to UNC in 1999

Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Faculty website: https://sph.unc.edu/adv_profile/steve-marshall-phd/

UNC Service

- Review Committees: Public Health Leadership Program (2015); Center for Developmental Science (2016; Chair); Biostatistics (2019)
- Academic Promotions and Tenure Committee, Gillings School of Global Public Health (2020-2023)
- Interim Director: North Carolina Institute for Public Health (2019)
- Director: Injury Prevention Research Center (2011-current)

Candidate Statement

Engaged service on bodies such as Faculty Council is fundamental to maintaining UNC's collegial nature and cohesive intellectual identity. As a tenured faculty member in the Gillings School of Global Public Health, and as a Center Director, I have worked to build and sustain collaborative multidisciplinary networks with colleagues across campus whose work intersects with my field. I am committed to true bidirectional communication and collaborative problem-solving. I have enjoyed my past service to the university and would very much appreciate the chance to serve UNC through participation on Faculty Council.

Running for: Faculty Council: Public Health (Tenured)

Lindsey Smith Taillie

Associate Professor, Associate Chair for Academics

Nutrition, Gillings School of Global Public Health

First appointed to UNC in 2014

PhD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Faculty website: https://sph.unc.edu/adv_profile/lindsey-smith-taillie/

UNC Service

I am currently the Associate Chair for Academics in Nutrition and a member of the Gillings academic programs committee. I have previously served in roles as co-director of the Nutrition PhD program, member of the doctoral committee and curriculum committee, and several search committees. I have been involved in a number of DEI initiatives, such as creating and leading the FERN program (Fellowship for Engagement in Research in Nutrition), a summer research internship program to enhance the diversity of nutrition scholars through undergrad exposure to nutrition science and policy. Finally, I also serve on the training committee of the Carolina Population Center.

Candidate Statement

I want to serve on Faculty Council because I care deeply about ensuring that Gillings can continue its mission to improve public health for all, even during times of uncertainty. I am well-equipped to serve because I am up-to-date on issues facing Gillings through my role as associate chair for academics in nutrition and as part of Gillings's academic programs committee. I have been involved in many initiatives, including creating a Triple-I course as part of the new undergrad IDEAS in Action curriculum, developing one of the first online MPH nutrition classes, and helping to redesign our PhD curriculum, giving me perspective on how policy changes affect students, staff, and faculty. Finally, I collaborate with faculty from across UNC, giving me a strong understanding of cross-campus issues that will enable me to serve as a good liaison.

Running for: Faculty Council: Retired Faculty

Ray Dooley

Professor Emeritus, Dramatic Art

Dramatic Art, College of Arts and Sciences

First appointed to UNC in 1992

Master of Fine Arts, American Conservatory Theater

UNC Service

University: Co-Chair, Search Committee, Executive Director of the Arts; Provost's Academic Plan Committee; Chancellor's Committee Reviewing Appointments, Promotion, and Tenure; Keynote speaker University Convocation, 2008; Faculty Advisor, Episcopal Campus Ministry; Phi Beta Kappa Faculty Advisory Committee.

College of Arts and Sciences: Administrative Board, 1996-1999, 2005-2008.

Department: Chair, 2000-05; Interim Chair, 1999-2000; Head, MFA Program in Acting, 2005-2018.

Other: Actor with PlayMakers Repertory Company 1989-2021; C. Knox Massey Award for Service to UNC; Jonathan B. Howes Award for Lifetime Achievement in Public Service.

Candidate Statement

Having retired from the faculty this past year, I hope to continue my service by representing the Retired Faculty Association on Faculty Council. The members of the Retired Faculty Association possess broad and deep knowledge of the university and its workings; my aim will be to carry that knowledge to the Council. My time as Department Chair and on the university and College committees listed above give me a keen appreciation for the importance of faculty governance and also of the challenges and possibilities of administrative work at all levels. It would be an honor to serve.

Running for: Faculty Council: Retired Faculty

Jim Porto

Clinical Assistant Professor (Retired)

Health Policy and Management, Gillings School of Global Public Health

First appointed to UNC in 1988

PhD, UNC-Chapel Hill (Public Policy)

Faculty website: <http://www.linkedin.com/in/jimporto>

UNC Service

- Enterprise Apps Committee
- Instructional Technology Committee
- Open Access Task Force
- Faculty Information Technology Advisory Committee Chair
- Faculty Information Technology Advisory Committee
- Faculty Assembly Executive Committee
- Faculty Assembly Delegate

- Faculty Assembly Delegate (Alternate)
- Faculty Council (elected 2002-2005, 2015-2016 as assembly delegate)
- Faculty Information Technology Advisory Committee
- Faculty Information Technology Advisory Committee
- Nominating Committee for University Committees
- Faculty Search Committee for 8 Assistant Vice-Chancellors of IT
- Library & Learning Resources Subcommittee

Candidate Statement

The University is under attack. We must coordinate our efforts to preserve the core institutions that have served North Carolinians so well. I am a lifelong member of the Retired Faculty Association (RFA). As a representative of the RFA, I will keep the association informed of actions taken by the University administration and faculty. Just as importantly, I will inform active faculty and the administration of positions of the RFA and retired faculty on matters facing the University Community. The RFA, since it is not a part of the University, is in a good position to support the mission of the university without jeopardizing those currently employed. I will work with RFA leaders to develop a vigorous campaign to remove partisan politics from the selection of university leaders and the micromanagement of the university.