

2024 Edward Kidder Graham Faculty Service Award

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Trenette Clark Goings

Sandra Reeves Spears and John B. Turner Distinguished Professor of Social Work

Trenette Clark Goings has been a member of Carolina's faculty since 2010. Her research focuses on health disparity reduction and prevention science with an emphasis on the prevention of substance use and other risky behaviors among youth and emerging adults of color. She is known internationally for her work to advance the quality of life for residents in underserved and marginalized communities.

Goings has received over \$17 million in funding focused on youth substance use prevention and mental health. She is the principal investigator of more than \$3 million in grants across two federally funded research projects and has authored 79 articles in peer-reviewed journals. In 2023, she testified before the U.S. Government Accountability Office about achieving national health equity.

A native of rural North Carolina, Goings uses her talents to serve the most vulnerable residents of her home state. One of her projects is a five-year initiative, Substance Use Prevention and Education Research (SUPER), for students in Durham and Granville counties. She is also principal investigator of a National Institutes of Health/National Institute on Drug Abuse grant to test a model for substance use using integrative data analysis.

Goings is a recipient of the Deborah K. Padgett Early Career Achievement Award from the Society for Social Work and Research, Wallace Kuralt Early Career Professorship at the UNC School of Social Work, Advances in Culture and Diversity in Prevention Science Award from the Society for Prevention Research, UNC University Diversity Award and Making a Difference Alumni Award from Virginia Commonwealth University, where she earned a Ph.D. She also holds a bachelor's degree from Elizabeth City State University and a Master of Social Work from UNC-Chapel Hill.