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**HIGHLIGHTS**

**Research Speaker Mentor Series speaker scheduled for February 6, 2014 - 9:00 am-10:00 am - CHHS room 159**

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**Spring semester Statusboiz/Statusgurlz Research Team**

Statusboiz/Statusgurlz is a new HIV prevention intervention for young gay/bisexual men and transgender women. January 2014 marks the halfway point in the four-year project. This semester the Statusboiz/Statusgurlz research team will focus their efforts on initial data analysis, participant recruitment, community outreach, website maintenance, and dissemination of learning through scholarly writing and presentations. This research study, housed in the Department of Social Work, received $1.1 million in funding through the Minority AIDS Research Initiative at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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| Beth Racine & Robert Herman-Smith |                           |                |             |

Left to Right: Dr. Jeffrey Shears, mentor/co-PI; Dr. Diana Rowan, PI; Darrin Johnson, project director; Ethan Randall, MSW research assistant; Maricus Gibbs, HSR research assistant; Cory Bradley, MSW/MPH Intern.
Mentor Research Series: February 6, 2014 Dr. Test from the College of Education will be our 1st speaker to kick off this mentor research series. Time: 8:30am-10:30am—CHHS room 159

Mock Study Section: Submissions are due by the 1st of each month to be reviewed around the 15th of the month. Please contact the research office for details on submissions.

ARCHES: NA

HINORA: A search committee is being formed to conduct a nation-wide search for Director to lead HInORA and Big Data activities in the college. The HInORA met last week and have several activities underway. A Moodle site has been developed to share information internally and a web site may follow as external colleagues become more involved. Also, 1) criteria to become a Fellow if the HInORA are being drafted; 2) Mission and Purpose statement are being drafted; 3) Efficient methods to communicate funding opportunities are being examined and refined; 4) Database information is being organized; and 5) selected internal colleagues activities/departments (e.g., Geography, Psychology, CCI, Urban Institute) are being reviewed for involvement in HInORA. Meetings will be held the 4th Thursday of each month and faculty & staff that are interested can contact Bill Saunders at wsunde6@uncc.edu

Healthy Aging: The Healthy Aging group met in December for their initial meeting. There was lively discussion and follow-up conversation regarding the mission of the group, the official name, mutual research interests, and potential internal and external partnerships. We will be holding another meeting, to be announced in the near future. We welcome anyone interested in healthy aging research and outreach to join us and help guide our direction. Contact Scott Gordon for information: Scott.Gordon@uncc.edu

Grant-writing resources available on Moodle:
UNC Charlotte subscribes to a monthly newsletter offering articles and links to resources on the web that provide tips and assistance to faculty seeking grant funding. Research Development & Grant Writing News is published by Lucy Deckard and Mike Cronan of Academic Research Funding Strategies LLC., who provide consulting services to colleges and universities on a wide range of topics related to research development. Also available is an ebook – New Faculty Guide to Competing for Research Funding – that offers information on what new faculty need to know about finding funding and writing research proposals. These resources are available to UNC Charlotte faculty and staff through a Moodle 2 project at https://moodle2.uncc.edu/course/view.php?id=41859#section-0.

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In the future, we would like to add your new publications when they occur and other research activities, speaking engagements, etc. to this weekly newsletter. Please forward to Vikki or Elizabeth to be added to the next edition.