Welcome, students!

Happy Fall 2014! This is the Fall Newsletter for the PhD program in Health Services Research (HSR).

Emily Zacherle is the graduate assistant working with the HSR PhD program. She is from Culpeper, VA and she graduated from our Kinesiology Department last spring Summa Cum Laude. She is completing her Masters Degree in Applied Kinesiology. If you need to find her, she works in CHHS 335 or the Cameron Building, Room 265, in the Systems Physiology Lab. You can also email her at ezacherl@uncc.edu.

Stacey Kero is the administrative assistant for the HSR PhD program and her office is in the Dean’s office. She is most recently from Atlanta, although she has been in Florida and New York previously. Many of you have worked with her in getting into closed course sections.

Let me publically thank both Emily and Stacey for keeping the wheels of the program moving forward.

In this newsletter we will find introductions to our new HSR PhD students. We welcome suggestions, photographs and articles for our next edition. Send them to Emily for our Spring edition!
New Students in Health Services Research

**Darrin Johnson** Charlotte, NC  
**Academic Background:** B.S. in Journalism and Mass Communication and Master of Public Administration  
**Program Focus/Specialty:** Health Services Research (HIV, Health Disparities, Community-Based Organizations, and Evaluating HIV Behavioral Interventions)  
**Teaching Interests:** Community Engagement in Health Promotion  
**Research Interests:** Assessing HIV Prevention and Treatment with Black Gay and Bisexual Men

**Patrick Sery** Cote D'Ivoire, Daloa  
**Academic Background:** B.S in Computer Information System and P.S.M in Health Informatics  
**Program Focus/Specialty:** Health Disparities, Health Services Utilization and Cost and Research Methods  
**Teaching Interests:** Biostatistics  
**Research Interests:** Health Outcomes and Disparities and Data Analysis

**Nigel Rozario** India  
**Academic Background:** B.D.S, Dentistry and M.S. in Biostatistics  
**Current positions:** Research Biostatistician for Carolinas Healthcare System

**Charles Davis** Salisbury, NC  
**Academic Background:** MPH ; MHA; Doctoral degree in Optometry, O.D.  
**Program Focus/Specialty:** Process improvement and outcome study in ocular/systemic disease  
**Current positions:** Optometrist (Assistant Chief) for the Department of Veterans Affairs at the VA

**Eric Junious** South Carolina  
**Academic Background:** MSW, BSW  
**Program Focus/Specialty:** Administration-Community Practice  
**Research Interests:** HIV and potential barriers to health care
CHHS Student and Faculty Social

Dr. Huet (HSRD program director) with HSRD students, (from left) Patrick Sery, Eric Junious, Josephine Appiah, Dr. Yvette Huet, Shweta Shah, Debosree Roy and Darrin Johnson.

Debosree Roy (left), Dr. Gary Silverman, Dr. Bill Brandon, and Bryce Van Doren (right)

Eric Junious (left), Darrin Johnson and Josephine Appiah (right)

Dr. Joe Coyle (left) and Dr. Yvette Huet
Future Events

Interdepartmental Socials
The doctoral students from Public Health Sciences, Biology, Health Psychology and other programs will be invited to interdepartmental socials each month, beginning in December.

Social events at restaurants and other settings will be held.

**Fridays @4pm:** Come out for Pizza and Beer at the Flying Saucer as the week comes to an end! An email will be sent with information regarding next semester.

Suggestions? Email Emily Zacherle @ ezacherl@uncc.edu for social event recommendations and/or questions about future events.

HSRD Student and Faculty Holiday Party
Celebrate the end of the semester and the holidays with your peers, professors and faculty members in the Health Services Research Department. A holiday party for faculty and current students will be held on **Dec. 11th at Bar Louie from 5pm-9pm.**

Bring your holiday cheer!

The Center for Graduate Student Life
Are you seeking advice, funding guidance or other campus and academic resources? The Center for Graduate Student Life offers many events each month for your graduate students needs. Upcoming Events in November include:

Mid-Week Mindfulness/Yoga Sessions: Every Wednesday, 11am-12pm
Grad Student Write-In: Dec. 4th, 8:30am-12:30pm or 1pm-5:30pm, Cone 268

**Spring 2015 events:**
GTA Workshop: Teaching Portfolios– Feb. 10th 12:30pm-1:30pm, Cone 268
Graduate Student Etiquette Dinner– Feb. 24th, SAC
Quoting, Paraphrasing and Summarizing– Date TBD
Effective Communication with Your Advisor– Date TBD

For details and more future events, visit The Center For Graduate Student Life’s website: http://gradlife.uncc.edu/