Dr. William P Brandon, PhD, MPH, CPH, Distinguished Professor, recently retired in December 2014, after 21 years of service in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at UNC Charlotte. Dr. Brandon taught and was heavily involved in many programs, including masters’ programs in health administration, gerontology, and public administration; doctoral programs in health services research and public policy; undergraduate Honors program and an honors course on Middle Eastern studies. His accolades include UNC Charlotte's Harshini V. de Silva Graduate Mentoring Award, Fulbright Scholar in 2008 and GlaxoSmithKline Faculty Fellow at the Institute for Emerging Issues, NC State University (2004-2005). In addition to these accomplishments and many others at UNC Charlotte, Dr. Brandon has published in various journals, such as New England Journal of Medicine, Political Theory, Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law, and many others.

Aside from his accomplishments as a distinguished faculty member and researcher, Dr. Brandon expresses how the most gratifying aspect of his career at UNC Charlotte has been working with and mentoring his students. His model is that he “does not consider his masters and doctoral students as ‘mentees,’ rather they are junior colleagues and after the process of their dissertation, the junior is dropped.” He also notes, “What I will miss the most about UNC Charlotte are my colleagues and the intellectual conversations we held, along with mentoring students.”
Above: Dr. Brandon and his former doctoral student, Cicily Hampton, at Graduation in May 2014
(photo taken by Ms. Roberson)

Keith Carnes, a HSRD student and former mentee of Dr. Brandon’s, says, “Dr. Brandon takes his role very seriously to support interested and motivated students to be successful, both academically and professionally. I have felt this in his guidance thru my last career, my decision process to come back to school, in my doctoral studies, and in preparation for my upcoming new position. My office being 5 ft from his for 4 years gave me the opportunity to know of the similar impact he had on others as well, both junior faculty and students of all levels. His energy to commit to new things with non-obvious professional benefit to himself never ceased to amaze me....Dr. Brandon’s reach was far and wide across this campus, region and nation as he believed his role as an educator included reaching out to community leaders to inform them on health care delivery and finance issues and how to effect better outcomes”

After being asked what his next steps in life include, Dr. Brandon says that he has heard from other retirees, “I am busier now than I was when I was working, “ and expresses, “My plan is to not get to that level of being even busier than before.” Not surprisingly, he was recently approached to serve as an Amici Curiae member, a group of 36 scholars who study the history of health care policy in the United States, in the case, “Brief of Health Care Policy History Scholars as Amici Curiae Supporting Respondents.” With such a highly respected reputation and successful career, Dr. Brandon is merely starting a new chapter of his life. He will be remembered as an influential professor, mentor, researcher and colleague at UNC Charlotte.
2014/2015 Student Achievements

Keith Carnes

Publications-

Christopher Craver

Abstracts and publications-

Belk K., Craver C. LENGTH OF STAY AND MORTALITY IN HYPERPHOSPHATEMIA PATIENTS ADMINISTERED PHOSPHATE BINDERS COMPARED WITH MATCHED CONTROLS Abstract: Accepted International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) International Meeting 2014; Montreal; QC; Canada

Craver C., Belk K. HOSPITAL-BASED UTILIZATION IN PATIENTS WITH ATYPICAL HEMOLYTIC UREMIC SYNDROME Abstract: Accepted International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) International Meeting 2014; Montreal; QC; Canada

Belk K., Craver C. DRIVERS OF UTILIZATION AMONG PATIENTS WITH MUCOPOLYSACCHARIDOSIS IN THE HOSPITAL SETTING Abstract: Accepted International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) International Meeting 2014; Montreal; QC; Canada

Craver C., Belk K. HOSPITAL-BASED RESOURCE UTILIZATION AMONG WEGENER'S GRANULOMATOSIS PATIENTS Abstract: Accepted International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) International Meeting 2014; Montreal; QC; Canada

Craver C., Belk K. Trends in Robot Assisted Surgeries, Abstract: Accepted AcademyHealth's 2014 Annual Research Meeting (ARM), June 8-10 San Diego Convention Center.

Craver C., Belk K. Hospital Utilization in Persons with Chronic Total Occlusion, Abstract: Accepted AcademyHealth's 2014 Annual Research Meeting (ARM), June 8-10 San Diego Convention Center.
Christopher Craver (cont.)

Manuscripts published/accepted:-

Scott Robinson

Poster presentations:-


Sara Shahbazi

Publications:-

2014/2015 Student Achievements

Sara Shahbazi (cont.)

Conference presentations:
“Racial and Geographic Variation in cataract surgery” at the 8th International Symposium of Geospatial Health, GnosisGIS 2014 in New Orleans on October 31-November 2.

“Racial variation in cataract surgery” at the 2014 Minority Health and Health Disparities Grantees' Conference in National Harbor, Maryland on December 01-December 03 (photo on right)

“Risk Factors of Smoking among Health Care Professionals” at the UNCC Graduate Research Symposium (GRS) on March 22nd, 2014.

Bryce Van Doren and Debosree Roy

Accepted manuscripts:


Submitted abstracts:

“Mental Health and Substance Misuse-Related Emergency Department Discharges in Urban North Carolina Counties” to the NCMJ. (North Carolina Medical Journal) by Bryce Van Doren.
2014 Holiday Party at Bar Louie

Dr. Huet (left; Health Services Research Doctoral program director) with Dr. Michele Issel (right; professor of Public Health Psychology)

Bryce (2nd year HSRD student)

Debosree Roy (4th year HSRD student)
Future Events

End of Semester Party

The Health Service Research Department would like to hold an “End of Semester Party” with HSRD program students and faculty.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please email Emily Zacherle:

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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 March/April include:

- **Spring Dissertation Boot Camp** - March 3, 2015 - 9:30am - March 6, 2015 - 3:30pm, Cone 268
- **Effective Communication with your Advisor** - March 12, 2015 - 12:30pm-1:30pm, Cone 268
- **Endnote Workshops for Grad Students** - Ongoing - Atkins Library
- **Perfecting You Elevator Speech** - April 1, 2015 - 3:30pm-5:00pm, Cone 268

**Announcements**-

The Graduate School is seeking Graduate Life Fellows Applications; please visit their website for more information: http://gradlife.uncc.edu/announcement/seeking-graduate-life-fellows-applications

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