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About CPC

We believe that understanding how and why populations change over time is key to advancing the well-being of all people.

Our Faculty

Our 80+ Faculty Fellows conduct research on population structure and composition, families and childbearing, health, aging, economic and social mobility, and the links between population and the environment. Representing 19 departments that span the College of Arts and Sciences, the Gillings School of Global Public Health, the Eshelman School of Pharmacy, the School of Education, and the School of Medicine, the multiple disciplinary perspectives our Fellows bring to CPC research facilitates the cross-pollination of ideas and the convergence of different perspectives to address some of society's most challenging problems. Our research has been funded by grants and contracts from the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the United States Agency for International Development, UNICEF, and the Bloomberg Foundation, among others.

Our Training Programs

Our training programs provide undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows with opportunities to engage in hands-on research projects with our Faculty Fellows and with one another, while taking classes that prepare them for academic and professional positions in the population sciences. Undergraduate students participate in a paid summer research internship that introduces them to team science and prepares them to continue on to an honors thesis. Through our formal NICHD-funded programs in Population Science and Biosocial Science, we are training the next generation of interdisciplinary population-focused scientists. These students and postdocs will go on to careers in academics, government, and industry.

97

Countries that
Faculty Fellows
have worked in over
the past few years

19

Departments at
UNC with faculty
representation

750+

Researchers who
have graduated
from our Training
programs

12,500+

Publications in
peer-reviewed
journals from
2000 to present

From the Director



Since 1966, the Carolina Population Center (CPC) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has been home to one of the most vibrant, interdisciplinary, and productive population science communities in the world. CPC scholars are dedicated to understanding and improving the health and well-being of populations across the state, the country, and the world. CPC prides itself on retaining its focus on core demographic issues and methodologies while also adopting a 'big tent' approach that allows us to foster interdisciplinary and innovative projects that push population science in new and exciting directions.

CPC is also committed to training the next generation of population scholars through undergraduate internships, graduate training programs, and postdoctoral fellowships. CPC students and postdocs contribute to CPC's vitality and innovation in many ways, and we are proud of our trainees, many of whom go on to become leaders in academia, industry, policy, and other arenas.

While population science – like other areas of research – have faced unprecedented challenges over the past few months, one thing remains clear and true: the strength of CPC lies in its people. Our faculty Fellows, staff, and students represent some of the best and brightest people in the world, and they remain steadfast in their commitment to using population science to address pressing issues throughout the world.

I'm proud to serve as CPC's Director, and I invite you to explore our website, get a taste of the important work done here at CPC, and learn more about the CPC community.

CPC's collaborative teams are engaged in groundbreaking research that has demonstrably improved the health and well-being of individuals, families, and populations.

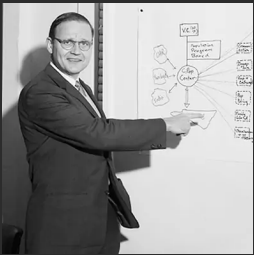
Karen Benjamin Guzzo

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Director

Our History

For nearly 60 years, the Carolina Population Center (CPC) has brought together population researchers from across disciplines to develop research projects that cut across disciplines and to train the next generation of population scholars.

1966



Moye Freymann is appointed director of the new Carolina Population Center, established with funding from the Ford Foundation.

1972

NICHD awards CPC its first training grant, emphasizing interdisciplinary approaches to population science. Our population science training program continues to this day.

1973

NICHD awards CPC its first center grant to support interdisciplinary research in population.

1980



CPC faculty launch the Cebu Longitudinal Health and Nutrition Survey in the Philippines to study how mothers' decisions about feeding affect their children's health.

1984

CPC faculty develop the Nang Rong project with researchers in Thailand, bringing spatial and environmental perspectives to population science.

1988

The China Health and Nutrition Survey incorporates biomarkers into data collection, leading to the discovery of increasing rates of obesity in the Chinese population.

1991



USAID funded the Evaluation Project, which grew into the Measure Program supporting over 30 year's of international projects supporting local capacity to monitor and evaluation health programs.

1994



The first round of the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health is conducted to study how social contexts shape adolescents' transitions to adulthood.

2008



Working with UNICEF, FAO, and researchers in Africa, CPC scientists establish the Transfer Project to study how to incentivize individual investments in health and education.

2013

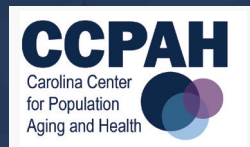
CAROLINA
DEMOGRAPHY

Carolina Demography is founded to conduct applied research on questions about population change in North Carolina.

2018

CPC is awarded a new training grant to support trainees in studying linkages among biology, health, and social contexts.

2020



NIA funds the Carolina Center for Population Aging and Health to support research in the demography and economics of aging.

2021



CPC coordinates opening a branch lab of the Triangle Federal Research Data Center on UNC's campus, providing enhanced access to federal data.

Research Themes

CPC research covers a broad range of topics, focuses on a wide set of populations and groups, and uses population science tools from numerous disciplines to advance our understanding of population health and well-being

Population Dynamics Research

Infrastructure support for research on demography, reproductive health, and population health at the Carolina Population Center is provided by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development's Population Dynamics Branch (P2C HD050924). Faculty conduct research and engage in primary data collection within four primary research areas:

**Variation in Mobility
and Well-Being**

**Population Dynamics and the
Physical and Social Environment**

**Reproduction, Fertility,
and Families**

**Population Health Across Time,
Generations, and the Life Course**

Aging Research

Our aging research is housed in the Carolina Center for Population Aging and Health, one of 12 centers in the Demography and Economics of Aging Centers Program sponsored by the National Institute on Aging (P30 AG066615). The center supports a multidisciplinary group of scholars studying topics related to the demography and economics of aging. Faculty conduct research and engage in primary data collection in support of three themes:

**Aging in Different
Contexts**

**Links Between Health and Social
and Economic Productivity**

**Methods and
Measurements**

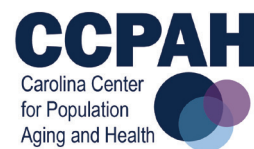
A Snapshot of Projects at CPC

CPC researchers have pioneered data collection and research techniques that emphasize life course approaches, longitudinal surveys, the integration of biological measurement into social surveys, and attention to context and environment.



Add Health

The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health (Add Health) is a study of over 20,000 adolescents who were in grades 7-12 during the 1994-95 school year, and have been followed for six waves to date.



CCPAH

CCPAH accelerates research, fosters development of new work on a variety of aging-related topics, and amplifies the impact of data and publications produced by our affiliates.



Global Food Research Program

The Global Food Research Program collaborates with partners around the world to carefully evaluate food and nutrition policies and to develop in-depth, longitudinal research on large-scale obesity prevention efforts.



The Transfer Project

The Transfer Project aims to provide rigorous evidence on the effectiveness of large-scale national cash transfer programmes in sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East.



DEEPP

The DEEPP Project brings together social and environmental scientists and engineers to understand the impacts of hurricanes and flooding in coastal Carolina communities.



STAR

The Study of the Tsunami Aftermath and Recovery (STAR) is designed to provide evidence on the immediate and longer-term consequences of the 2004 Sumatran-Andaman earthquake and tsunami and recovery efforts.

Measure Program

MEASURE Evaluation and the Measure Program have been an integral part of CPC since 1991. Its mission was to contribute to better health for people living in low-income countries by assisting governments and health institutions to generate and use information to change what doesn't work and to scale up what does.

In 1991, CPC received a \$17.4 million award from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to implement the Evaluation Project. What started as a program to evaluate USAID-funded family planning projects across the globe has grown into over 30 years' of work supporting lower- and middle-income countries to increase capacity in monitoring and evaluation, improve health information management systems, and collect and use high-quality data to inform decision-making to improve the health and well-being of their citizens.



In 1997, the first MEASURE Evaluation project, the follow-on award to the Evaluation Project, was funded at \$47 million and expanded to include reproductive health, HIV and AIDS, and other infectious diseases. Each phase of MEASURE Evaluation had a predominant emphasis. Phase II is when the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) were launched, and we helped establish the foundation needed to monitor trends and ensure those resource infusions were accountable for having impact. In Phase III, the overall theme was building capacity to expand beyond the basics of the foundation laid in Phase II. In 2014, MEASURE Evaluation Phase IV was funded for \$232 million, the largest single award ever received by UNC Chapel Hill, with a focus on strengthening health systems that collect, analyze and use data.



MEASURE Evaluation research staff.

MEASURE Evaluation had nearly three decades of results improving data collection and the global capacity for research, sharing results for global application, evaluating programs and policies, fostering leadership, and improving Health Information Systems (HIS).

Associate Awards

In 2020, MEASURE Evaluation was not renewed by USAID, but the work was continued under the Measure Program at CPC through three USAID-funded associate awards:



TB Data, Impact, Assessment, and Communications Hub

The **TB Data, Impact Assessment and Communications Hub (TB DIAH)** project strengthened collection, analysis, and use of tuberculosis data and features an interactive data hub by country and a repository of best practices for methods and approaches.

Learn more at www.tbdiiah.org



PMI Measure Malaria

PMI Measure Malaria strengthened country capacity to analyze and use malaria health data and manage health information systems to serve malaria needs and develop tools, methods, and share knowledge.

Learn more at www.measuremalaria.org



Data For Impact

Data for Impact (D4I) supported countries to generate and use high-quality data to improve programs, policies, and—ultimately—health outcomes by strengthening the technical and organizational capacity of local partners to collect, analyze, and use data and support them along their journey to self-reliance.

Learn more at www.data4impactproject.org

Global Health Program Evaluation, Analysis, Research and Learning

In 2024, CPC won a competitive bidding process to implement the **Global Health Program Evaluation, Analysis, Research, and Learning (GH PEARL)** project to facilitate the effective generation and use of high-quality data and evidence to strengthen policies and program implementation to improve health and save lives in low- and middle-income countries; thus, carrying on the work and legacy of the Measure Program.



The work supported under the Measure Program projects played a significant role in preparing an army of information collectors and analysts and helped to strengthen data systems so that the data collected are timely, of high quality, and useful. We provided data to help decision makers know where to put scarce resources; we have created new tools and methods to measure progress; and we have been at the table where global agendas are set and key collaborations are formed. We worked in over 60 different countries throughout Africa, Asia, Central and South America, the Caribbean and the Middle East to improve in-country capacity to collect, analyze and use high quality data and foster data-informed decision-making in order to improve health outcomes worldwide.

Research Funding

External Funding

CPC Fellows and trainees have been highly successful in securing funding for their research from federal funding agencies as well as non-profit philanthropic organizations.

Federal Funding

The US Agency for International Development (USAID), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the National Science Foundation (NSF) have been the biggest sources of research support from the federal government.

Other Funding

CPC Fellows' innovative and impactful research has also garnered extensive support from foundations and other organizations, including the Bloomberg Philanthropies, the Gates Foundation, and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

\$283.8M

During FY 2020-2024

\$242.7M

During FY 2020-2024

\$41.1M

During FY 2020-2024

Seed Grants

With the infrastructure support provided by the NICHD and the NIA, CPC is able to fund pilot projects to jumpstart exciting new avenues of research. Here, we highlight a few of the 2023 and 2024 seed grants.

- Kavita Arora** (Dept of Obstetrics & Gynecology)
Assessing the Impact of West Virginia's Medicaid Sterilization Policy Change
 The goal of this research is to inform evidence-based and patient-centered health policy to reduce disparities in fulfillment of postpartum permanent contraception requests. The overall objective is to determine if this change in West Virginia policy is associated with providing more equitable postpartum permanent contraception.
- Manuel Schechtel** (Dept of Public Policy)
Exposure to Local Wealth Inequality and Health Outcomes of Americans
 This project seeks to explore how unequal distribution of wealth explains disparities in health outcomes and how personal or parental wealth can help mitigate the downstream consequences of local-area exposure to rising wealth inequality.
- Paul Delamater** (Dept of Geography)
Evaluating the Impacts of Heavy Precipitation Events on Geographic Access to Health Care for Aging Rural Populations
 The goal of this research is to provide a preliminary evaluation of how aging rural populations are affected by extreme weather events. Specifically, this project will examine geographic access to two important health care facility types, acute care hospitals and pharmacies, and how they have been and may be impacted by both small-scale (e.g., storms) and large-scale (e.g., hurricanes) heavy precipitation events.
- Barbara Entwisle** (Dept of Sociology)
Electronic Health Records: A Potential Source of Data on Migration and Mobility
 The goal of the proposed pilot study is to establish the extent to which data derived from electronic health records can be used to track mobility. It will inform planning for a larger study of migration, mobility, social determinants, and health outcomes.

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Seed grants funded
from 2020-24

Training Programs

We offer two formal programs, one in population science and one in biosocial science. Both programs include graduate student and postdoctoral trainees.

Our programs produce future leaders in social science and public health disciplines with the subject matter expertise, multidisciplinary perspective, and data skills to address and have an impact on pressing issues in demography, population health, and reproductive health.

Population Science Training Program

CPC's Population Science Training Program trains the next generation of population scientists to conduct critical research on the causes and consequences of population change and the implications for health and well-being across the globe. Cross-disciplinary collaboration and hands-on involvement in innovative population science research are defining features of our program.

The predoctoral program combines disciplinary PhDs with a strong grounding in population science through coursework, seminars, and workshops and a mentored research practicum with one or more faculty members that continues throughout training. The postdoctoral program is structured around a close mentoring relationship between the training faculty and postdoctoral scholars, customized to fit the goals and interests of both.

Our alumni go on to hold a variety of research positions in both academic and non-academic environments. Recent placements include Harvard University, Duke University, Child Trends, UT Austin, McGill University, and the U.S. Census Bureau, among others.

The program is currently led by Dr. Elizabeth Frankenberg.

Biosocial Training Program

The Biosocial Training Program trains junior scientists to better identify, understand, and produce new knowledge on the social and biological pathways that are important to population health and the understanding of health disparities across the life course.

Trainees receive interdisciplinary mentorship and training in a wide array of content areas, ranging from social inequalities to biological processes. Trainees enter from their respective disciplines and identify a co-preceptor team comprised of a mentor from their home discipline and another representing their new interdisciplinary interest area from among the current training faculty. Under the guidance of their mentoring team, our trainees work on the cutting edge of the interdisciplinary population sciences in a context that focuses on the highest standards of research ethics, rigor, and reproducibility.

The program is currently led by Drs. Bob Hummer and Amanda Thompson.



Research Services

Professional staff provide expertise and continuity across a range of areas to support CPC researchers and projects.

Research Administration

Provides expert, personalized service for research across the project lifecycle. Each project is assigned a knowledgeable, dedicated staff person who can develop and submit proposals and manage post-award activities.

Research Programming

Provides CPC researchers with support for original data collection, complex data set and variable creation, and statistical analysis.

Web Programming

Provides creation and management of websites, development of custom applications for internal and external audiences, and dissemination of datasets, information and research results.

Finance and Human Resources

Handles accounting, disbursements, human resource administration, and financial reporting for all grants and other funding sources.

Information Technology

Provides a state-of-the-art, stable, and secure computing environment to support the research and training missions of the center.

Communications and Graphics

Provides an integrated, engaging, and effective approach to communicating the impact of the Center's research.

Carolina Demography

Carolina Demography is a non-partisan team of population scientists working for the people of North Carolina. For over a decade, we have provided leaders across North Carolina with up-to-date, accurate data on how NC's population is changing.

Data for the People

As the applied research unit of the Carolina Population Center at UNC-Chapel Hill, we know how to find the data needed to answer the questions about the populations across the state. Local and state governments, foundations, businesses, researchers, and not-for profit organizations serving the state of North Carolina partner with Carolina Demography to translate complex information based on the questions they need answered.

What We Do



Find and collect data

We help you understand what data you need, and where and how to access that data.



Clean, analyze and interpret data

We use rigorous methods to translate the data and provide meaningful context.



Communicate data and engage stakeholders

We strengthen the capacity of your organization to communicate data-driven ideas.

Public Outreach and Presentations

We present to and engage stakeholders and decision-makers across North Carolina to facilitate understanding of population-level change. Audiences in 2024 included:

- Alamance County Community College Board of Trustees
- Alamance County Chamber of Commerce
- Avanza Institute
- Brunswick County School Board
- Cary Rotary Club
- Currituck County Chamber of Commerce
- First Bank Executive Retreat
- John M. Belk Endowment – NC Adult Learners Conference
- LatinxEd Fellows Retreat
- College of the Albemarle Stakeholder Meetings
- NC League of Municipalities
- NC Press Association
- State of Latine Education
- NC Institute of Public Leadership
- NC Literacy Corps
- NC Local News Workshop
- NC Employment & Training Association
- NC Public Radio Panel
- UNC Worldview – Global Education Summit
- Wilmington Rotary
- Wilson Forward
- ncIMPACT

Recent Projects

Helping people understand a changing North Carolina to make informed decisions

Who We've Worked With



Our partnership with myFutureNC provides communities in all 100 North Carolina counties the data they need to evaluate progress and plan towards achieving the state's postsecondary attainment goal of 2 million North Carolinians aged 25-44 with a postsecondary degree or credential by 2030.



In partnership with the UNC Men's Health Program at the School of Medicine, Carolina Demography produced the 2024 North Carolina Men's Health Report Card and the Prostate Across North Carolina tool. These resources provide critical data about men's health and has informed proposed legislation to increase access to prostate cancer screening for uninsured and underinsured men across NC. (H.B. 128)



The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCPDI) partnered with Carolina Demography to develop a typology of North Carolina's 115 school districts that combines key social, demographic, and economic indicators into a consistent index with which NCPDI stakeholders can appropriately group and compare NC school districts for purposes of research and evaluation.

What Our Partners Say

"Carolina Demography has played an integral role in helping our team understand the changing landscape of North Carolina's population. Their professionalism and expertise are an incredible asset to our state."

MC Belk Pilon

President & CEO,

John M. Belk Endowment

"Carolina Demography is an amazing asset in this state and provides outstanding insights useful to any organization seeking to better and more fully understand the demographic changes taking place in North Carolina."

Joe Stewart

VP – Governmental Affairs,

Independent Insurance

Agents of NC

Board Member,

NC Institute of Public Leadership

Faculty Fellows

A selection of some of our research Faculty Fellows

Fellow Highlights



Regina Baker

Sociology

Dr. Baker's research is fundamentally concerned with poverty and inequality and seeks to understand the factors that create, maintain, and shape socioeconomic conditions and disparities.



Miyuki Hino

City and Regional Planning

Dr. Hino's research aims to measure the social and economic impacts of climate hazards and analyze the effectiveness of climate change adaptation strategies.



Lindsey Smith Taillie

Nutrition

Dr. Taillie's work focuses on evaluating food policy efforts in the US and globally, and how these influence disparities in diet and obesity.



Ross Boyce

Medicine

Dr. Boyce's research focuses on the spatial and clinical epidemiology of malaria and other vector-borne diseases, particularly in rural, underserved communities.

2024-25 Faculty Fellows

Linda S. Adair

Nutrition

Fenaba Addo

Public Policy

Kavita Arora

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Christy L. Avery

Epidemiology

Regina Baker

Sociology

Clare Barrington

Health Behavior

John Batsis

Nutrition

Samuel Baxter

Health Policy and

Management

Ganga Bey

Epidemiology

Kenneth A. Bollen

Psychology and
Neuroscience, Sociology

Ross Boyce

Med-Infectious Diseases

Yong Cai

Sociology

Peter A. Coclanis

History

Siân L. Curtis

Maternal and Child Health

Cassandra Davis

Public Policy

Paul Delamater

Geography

Jess Edwards

Epidemiology

Michael E. Emch

Geography, Epidemiology

Barbara Entwisle

Sociology

Elizabeth Frankenberg

Sociology, Public Policy

Jane Cooley Fruehwirth

Economics

Maria Gallo

Epidemiology

Lauren Gaydos

Sociology

Donna Gilleskie

Economics

Shannon Malone

Gonzalez

Sociology

Penny Gordon-Larsen

Nutrition

Clark Gray

Geography

Guang Guo

Sociology

Carmen Gutierrez

Public Policy

Karen Guzzo

Sociology

Marissa Hall

Health Behavior

Sudhanshu (Ashu) Handa

Public Policy

Kathleen Mullan Harris

Sociology

Miyuki Hino

City and Regional Planning

Morgan Hoke

Anthropology

Annie Green Howard

Biostatistics

Robert Hummer

Sociology

Jon M. Hussey

Maternal and Child Health

Larissa Jennings Mayo-

Wilson

Health Behavior

Todd Jensen

Education

Arne L. Kalleberg

Sociology

Désiré Kédagni

Economics

Elizabeth Korver-Glenn

Sociology

Rebecca Kreitzer

Public Policy

Douglas Lee Lauen

Public Policy

Paul W. Leslie

Anthropology

Justin Lessle

Epidemiology

Valerie Lewis

Health Policy and

Management

Chantel Martin

Epidemiology

Stephanie Martin

Nutrition

Joanna “Asia” Maselko

Epidemiology

Elizabeth McClure

Epidemiology

Jeremy Moulton

Public Policy

Ted Mouw

Sociology

Keely Muscatell

Psychology and
Neuroscience

Shu Wen Ng

Nutrition

Sachiko Ozawa

Pharmacy

Angela Parcesepe

Maternal and Child Health

Lisa D. Pearce

Sociology

Rui Jie Peng

Sociology

Krista M. Perreira

Social Medicine

Klara Peter

Economics

Audrey E. Pettifor

Epidemiology

Arrianna Marie Planey

Health Policy and

Management

Barry M. Popkin

Nutrition

Joaquin Alfredo-Angel

Rubalcaba

Public Policy

Alexander Sahn

Political Science

Manuel Schechtl

Public Policy

Kerilyn Schewel

Sociology

Natalicio Serrano

Health Behavior

Margaret Sheridan

Psychology and

Neuroscience

Kavita Singh Ongechi

Maternal and Child Health

Jaime Slaughter-Acey

Epidemiology

Justin Sola

Sociology

Conghe Song

Geography

Ilene S. Speizer

Maternal and Child Health

Jessica Su

Sociology

Sean Sylvia

Health Policy and

Management

Lindsey Smith Taillie

Nutrition

Tara Templin

Health Policy and

Management

Amanda L. Thompson

Anthropology

Caroline Thompson

Epidemiology

Kat Tumlinson

Health Policy and

Management

Lauren Valentino

Sociology

Deshira Wallace

Health Behavior

Colin West

Anthropology

Y. Claire Yang

Sociology

CPC Staff

Staff Highlights



Maggie Bogdanski
Research Administrator

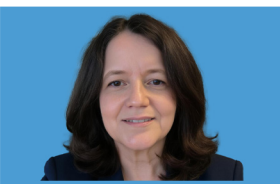
As Research Administration Manager at CPC, Maggie oversees all sponsored project activities in the center. She leads a team of Research Administrators who work with the faculty Fellows and the Office of Sponsored Programs on research development, proposal preparation and submission, award management, project budgeting, purchasing, compliance, reporting, and anything else required to support the fellows' research grants.



Mary Jane Hill
Programmer Analyst

Mary Jane Hill, Add Health data manager, is responsible for the administration of survey, biospecimen and ancillary studies data. This includes but is not limited to early testing of questionnaire logic across data collection modes, identifying survey problems, the receipt and preparation of incoming data by a team of programmers, codebook creation, and data and documentation dissemination. She oversees Data Contracts, provides user support for questions and problems related to released data, and helps manage user access.

Center Leadership



Shea Henson
Research Services



Sara Cockerham
Finance & Operations



Maggie Bogdanski
Research Administration



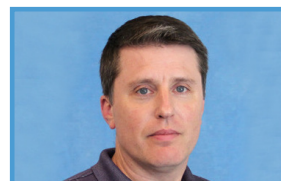
Ed Van Duinen
Information Technology



Chien-Yi Hou
Web Services



Margaret Swingler
Training Programs



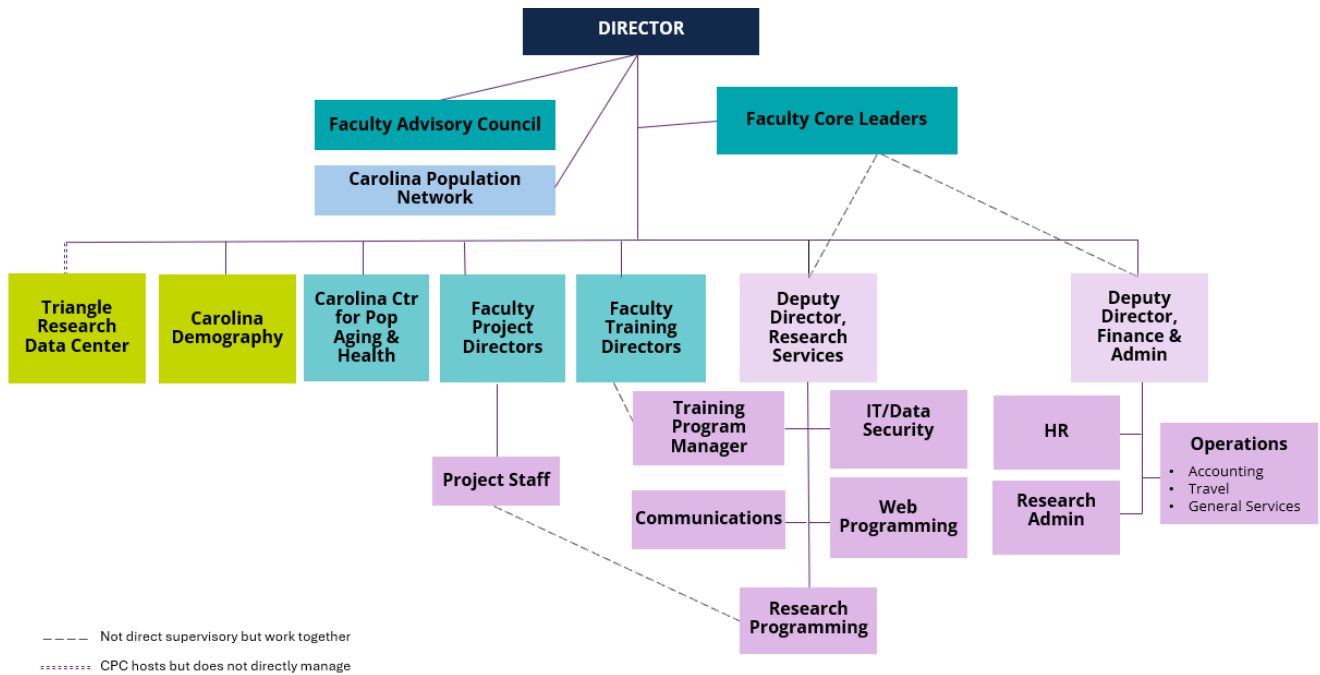
Brian Frizelle
Research Programming



Donna Miles
Research Programming

Org Chart

CPC Administrative Structure



News

Stories about our Faculty Fellows' research from the past year.

Many clinical trials of weight loss supplements were designed poorly or show bias. More randomized, double-blind trials are needed to determine their efficacy.

Medscape | June 10, 2025

CPC Director Karen Benjamin Guzzo joins the Assembly Required with Stacey Abrams podcast to discuss the pronatalism movement in America.

Assembly Required with Stacey Abrams | June 5, 2025

CPC Director Karen Benjamin Guzzo Solving the "birth rate crisis" isn't about pushing people to have more children, it's about building a society where they actually can

iHeart Radio | June 3, 2025

Student loan borrowers in default face long-term consequences due to recent federal changes in repayment options and timelines

WUNC | May 22, 2025

Rather than focus on artificial food dyes, which have no clear link to good or bad health, the focus should be on limiting the intake of ultra-processed foods containing the dyes

TODAY | May 22, 2025

Different strains of pronatalism exist in the U.S., and they are motivated by extreme religious beliefs, anti-feminism, and achieving 'genetic superiority' through IVF

Yahoo News | May 19, 2025

Recent U.S. fertility trends and their possible influence on the rise of the American pronatalism movement

The Excerpt | May 18, 2025

Case of brain-dead pregnant woman kept alive to save fetus raises a lot of tricky questions

Associated Press | May 17, 2025

Better access to adequate childcare is more likely to impact falling U.S. birth rates than proposed lump sum payments

PBS News Hour | May 10, 2025

Lower-cost, over-the-counter hearing aids expand access to affordable hearing care, which is often unavailable in rural areas where hearing loss is prevalent

Financial Content | May 6, 2025

\$5K 'Baby Bonuses' may be helpful for parents, but healthcare access, subsidized funding for childcare, and paid leave would be better

Vox | May 1, 2025

Reducing barriers to healthy eating and making food affordable are key to reducing chronic illness, not just removing artificial dyes

Salon | May 1, 2025

What's Behind the 'Pronatalist' Movement to Boost the Birth Rate? An Interview with CPC Director Karen Guzzo

WUNC | April 30, 2025

Percentage of students going to traditional public schools in North Carolina will decline by 2030

WUNC | April 29, 2025

The trends behind the historically low U.S. birth rate

CBS News | April 27, 2025

A government mandate is likely to be more effective than trusting food companies to voluntarily stop using artificial food dyes

The New York Times | April 25, 2025

The United States is a couple of decades late to a global declining fertility trend that is already affecting countries across the globe

NPR | April 25, 2025

Economic conditions and a general sense of instability in the world are likely to be playing a big role in Americans putting off parenting

The New York Times | April 23, 2025

Economic uncertainty could prompt more people to delay having children

Wall Street Journal | April 23, 2025

People are weighing a lot of concerns when deciding not to have children

NBC News | April 23, 2025

Food businesses preparing for 'quick adaptation' to FDA rules banning artificial food dyes, which are often used in products marketed to kids

ABC 11 | April 22, 2025

Weight-loss drugs are still considerably expensive. Using health savings accounts can be one way for patients to budget for them.

Finance Buzz | March 10, 2025

'Shooting ourselves in the foot': Current and former CPC fellows sound off on recent terminations of USAID-funded projects and cuts to U.S. humanitarian assistance abroad

The Daily Tar Heel | March 6, 2025

In countries that have introduced front-of-package nutrition labels, consumers are shifting purchases toward healthier food products

Vox | March 5, 2025

N.C. General Assembly proposes bill to modify labels on meat alternatives

The Daily Tar Heel | March 3, 2025

As the Texas outbreak grows, how contagious is measles, really?

National Public Radio | February 28, 2025

3 reasons why most North Carolina school districts are losing students

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- **Hall, Marissa**
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- **Gaydosh, Lauren**
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- **Cai, Yong**
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Henry Luce Foundation
- **Ng, Shu Wen**
A large-scale quasi-experimental evaluation of added sugar warning labels in restaurants
NIH National Cancer Institute (NCI)
- **Boyce, Ross**
Reducing malaria in pregnancy through focal drug administration in household members: A pilot feasibility trial
NIH National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)
- **Ingwersen, Nicholas**
Cognitive performance following a natural disaster and demographic and socioeconomic outcomes.
NIH National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)
- **Gordon-Larsen, Penny**
Leveraging metabolic pathways and gene expression data to propel understanding of severe obesity in a vulnerable and understudied population
NIH National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive, and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)
- **Gray, Clark**
Cumulative Demographic and Health Effects of Climate Exposures
NIH National Institute on Aging (NIA)

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NIH National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)

- **Hargrove, Taylor**
Network on Life Course Health Dynamics and Disparities in 21st Century America
NIH National Institute on Aging (NIA)
 - **Gutierrez, Carmen**
The Contribution of Structural Racism to the Long-Term Effects of Natural Disaster on Behavioral Health Outcomes (SALENDO)
NIH National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
 - **Tumlinson, Kat**
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NIH National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)
- Non-Preferred Contraceptive Method Use in Low-Resourced Settings: Exploring Inappropriate Medical Contraindications and Person-Centered Care
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- **Martin, Chantel**
Structural and social determinants of abortion care in Wash-

ington state before and after Dobbs
Society of Family Planning (SFP)

- **Handa, Sudhanshu**
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NIH National Institute on Aging (NIA)
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- **Korver-Glenn, Elizabeth**
Collaborative Research: Housing Experiences and Outcomes among Urban American Indian/Alaska Native People
National Science Foundation (NSF)
 - **Sylvia, Sean**
Combating HIV Stigma in Healthcare Settings: A Standardized Patient Approach
NIH National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)
 - **Delamater, Paul**
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Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MICHHS)
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Honors & Awards

- **Kavita Arora**
Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers
- **Ken Bollen**
Elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- **Peter Coclanis**
Fulbright Foundation, Fulbright Specialist Award, 2024-2027
- **Barbara Entwisle**
Named Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee for the U.S. Census Bureau

Duncan Lecture, Methodology Section, American Sociological Association, 2024

"Concordance Rates in Racial and Ethnic Identification: Insights Based on Linked Electronic Health Records and the American Community Survey." Award-winning poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Columbus, OH (with Rocio Rosa-lebron, Aubrey Limburg, Timothy S. Carey, Victoria Udalova).
- **Clark Gray**
IPUMS Award for Best Published Research using Spatial Data
- **Ashu Handa**
2025 Mentor Award for Lifetime Achievement
- **Arne Kalleberg**
Elected to the National Academy of Sciences
- **Elizabeth Korver-Glenn**
Honorable Mention, 2024 ASA Community and Urban Sociology Section Jane Addams Article Award (for the equal co-authored article, with Max Besbris, "Value Fluidity and Value Anchoring: Race, Intermediaries, and Valuation in Two Housing Markets," Socio-Economic Review 21(1):79-98)
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