2011-12 Kickoff Meeting - Sept. 20th, Brody 2W-38, 4:00-6:00PM

Please plan to join us for the first BWFC meeting of the 2011-2012 Academic Year. This year we are varying the schedule by adding a few late afternoon meetings to accommodate the clinical faculty schedules and increase participation.

The BWFC membership has grown this year to 55 members, with 31 clinical and 24 basic science faculty. As this committee has grown, so have expectations and opportunities for women faculty. We will begin the year by reviewing newly drafted BWFC By-Laws and our Mission Statement. This is your opportunity to play an active role, voice your opinion and help shape the future of the BWFC. As in past years this forum is an opportunity to work together on goals that are important to women: to gain an increased understanding of issues particularly relevant to women, to improve the BSOM environment and the position of women within it, and to demonstrate a collective presence that can bring about change.

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Your Attention, Please!

Election of Faculty Senator – Dr. Marian Swinker will begin a leave of absence in September. She was elected this past Spring to a two-year term as a Faculty Senator. An election will be held at the BSOM Full Faculty Meeting (FFM) on Thursday, September 15th for a new Senator to fill her slot. If you would like to nominate yourself or another candidate please forward this information to Barbara Muller-Borer (mullerborerb@ecu.edu) by Tuesday, September 13th so a ballot can be prepared. As always, nominations from the floor during the FFM meeting are also welcome.

Accomplishments –
Congratulations to Rachel Roper and colleagues. Rachel was notified in early July that on March 1, 2011 a US patent was issued for a SARS virus, “SARS virus nucleotide and amino acid sequences and uses thereof” F Plummer; H Feldmann; S Jones; Y Li; N Bastien; R Brunham; A Brooks-Wilson; R Holt; C Upton; R Roper; C Astell; S Jones Patent 7897744. This patent covers the genome, protein sequence, diagnostics, vaccines and therapeutics. “The invention provides, in part, the genomic sequence of a putative coronavirus, the SARS virus, and provides novel nucleic acid and amino acid sequences that may be used, for example, for the diagnosis, prophylaxis, or therapy of a variety of SARS virus related disorders.”
Congratulations Kathy Verbanac. Kathy was accepted to participate in the UNC BRIDGES 2011 Academic Leadership Program.

Major Grant Awarded to Dean Wilson and the School of Dental Medicine. The US Health Resources and Services Administration agency awarded the ECU School of Dental Medicine $1.36 million to help fund the dental education of students from underserved communities and from historically underrepresented groups. The money will allow the school to give 10 dental students in a class $17,000 a year for each of their 4 years of education. Scholarships will be available for the first and second classes to enter the school. Dr. Maggie Wilson, the dental school’s Associate Dean for Students Affairs, is the Principal Investigator on the grant.

Have you had a paper accepted for publication recently? Had a grant funded? Made a contribution through community service? Been appointed to a committee or board? WE WANT TO KNOW! Send your accomplishments to Barbara Muller-Borer (mullerborerb@ecu.edu) and we will help get the word out. Also checkout the BWFC Website for current information. www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/bwfc/ .

Upcoming BWFC Events
All meetings (except April) will be held in Brody 2W-38

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Opportunities

INSPRE Program – The INSPRE program is about to begin their 2011-2012 program. The goal of this program is to provide skills to move faculty through the academic program and to help develop a rich and diverse BSOM. The schedule for the program is provided below. BWFC members are encouraged to participate in any or all of the sessions. Additional information available soon.

Calendar for Peer Mentoring Sessions – 5:30pm - 7:00pm – Food Provided

- September 13, 2011 – Orientation Meeting/Institutional Overview
- October 11, 2011 – Essentials of Education
- November 8, 2011 – Career Management I
- December 13, 2011 – Career Management II
- January 10, 2012 – Time Management
- February 7, 2012 – Essentials of Leadership
- March 13, 2012 – Negotiation
- April 10, 2012 – Feedback and Sensitive Issues
- May 8, 2012 – Project Management/Meeting Management/Closure

BWFC Professional Development Award – Apply for our Brody Women Faculty Professional Development award, intended to advance the professional development and leadership abilities of women at BSOM. Take advantage of this great opportunity to get support to go to a meeting or program that could make the difference in your career! For example, consider attending:

- *The Mid-Career Women Faculty Professional Development Seminar* – December 2011
  [https://www.aamc.org/meetings](https://www.aamc.org/meetings)

- *The Early Career Women Faculty Professional Development Seminar* – July 2012
  [https://www.aamc.org/meetings](https://www.aamc.org/meetings)

For more information contact Barbara Muller-Borer (mullerborerb@ecu.edu)

Women's Self-Defense Class (R.A.D Systems) – September 13, 15 20 & 22, 6:00-9:00pm in the Willis Building, Minges Coliseum, Development Lab, Room 100. This class is free of charge! The Rape Aggression Defense System is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. The R.A.D. System is a comprehensive, women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training. R.A.D. is not a Martial Arts program. This class is for Women Only. For further information or questions contact Sgt. Jermaine Cherry directly at 744-2421 or email at cherryj@ecu.edu. You may also sign up online at [www.ecu.edu/cs-studentlife/police/rad_women.cfm](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-studentlife/police/rad_women.cfm).

Goings-On of Possible Interest

Gender to a Tea – Fall 2011. Holly Mathews has lined up a stimulating group of speakers for the Gender to a Tea series for Fall 2011. The Gender to a Tea series is a Faculty Lecture Series in Women's and Gender Studies designed to help gender-focused researchers by fielding questions from attendees about the presenters' ongoing, unpublished research. It is an informal setting in which we can engage in informal and stimulating discussion. So bring your lunch and join us at 1 pm in Bate 1006 on each of the following days
**Wednesday, Sept. 14:** Sandra Seay (Higher, Adult and Counselor Education, College of Education): Women Administrators: Family Care Providers for Children and Parents

**Wednesday, October 26:** Anna Froula (English): "Operation Iraqi Stephen": Mr. USO's Commando Masculinity,

**Wednesday, Nov. 30:** Jayne Geissler "Retention Rates by Gender at ECU"

If you are interested in presenting ongoing gender-related work to this group, please contact Holly at mathewsh@ecu.edu. She is setting up the Spring schedule.

**Peer Classroom Observation Training** – Sept 13 2011, 2-4 PM, Old Cafeteria Complex or Sept 14, 2 – 4 PM Brody 2W-38. This workshop provides the required training for faculty who will conduct peer classroom observations and includes information on the approved policies and procedures for face-to-face and DE observation procedures, and materials. Faculty who will be observed are also encouraged to attend.

**Sedona Introduction– Getting Started** - Sept. 22, 4:30 – 6:00 PM, Laupus Library 2592G. Sedona is the Academic Publication Database used by East Carolina University. Faculty input teaching, research, and service data which are used for University reports. Faculty also use Sedona in developing their annual reports. In this session, we will review the mechanics of using Sedona and then participants will be assisted in entering their information into Sedona.

**September is Women in Medicine Month**
Each year the NCMS Foundation recognizes the many ways in which women contribute to the medical profession. This is a wonderful opportunity to thank mentors, role models, teachers and leaders in the medical profession. Please consider paying tribute to special women who have made a difference in the lives of others by donating to the Foundation. For a tax-deductible contribution of $35 per honoree (or $100 for three), the Foundation will send a personalized card with the following message:

*In celebration of Women in Medicine Month, September 2011*

*Donor’s Name has honored*

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*for passion and commitment to the medical profession.*

*The North Carolina Medical Society and its Foundation recognize all that you do to inspire others.*

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