

# Brody Women Faculty Committee

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*The front page...welcome to a new academic year!*

August, 2012 Newsletter

<http://www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/bwfc>

## Welcome!

Doesn't the launch of a new academic year feel like the beginning of a new calendar year? We have the opportunity to get a fresh start on new ideas and practices, meet new students and colleagues, and maybe even clean up our desks! As we jump into the 2012-2013 academic year, we hope that you will join the BWFC at our business and program meetings as well as our annual keynote event, the *Professional Leadership In Science & Medicine Conference*. Our year's agenda includes a joint meeting with the Vice Chairs of Diversity Initiatives (VCDI), a general "get to know you through what you do" session, and an all important session on time management.

Please join us at our first business meeting of the year on September 12 (4:00-5:30pm, BSOM 2W-40). We will welcome new members, announce the BWFC Advocacy Award, discuss an M2 mentoring program, and establish goals and objectives for the upcoming year.



Please join us in thanking Dr. Barbara Muller-Borer for her service to BWFC as the 2011-2012 Chair! Under her leadership, we revised our mission, established by-laws, and saw countless other advances!

## Accomplishments

Rachel Roper (Associate Professor, Microbiology & Immunology) is making a video for the city of Greenville about her work at BSOM/ECU! It will be shown at the Inclusive Community Breakfast on Thursday, 9/27/12. The theme of the breakfast is "The Spirit of Women: Influencing the Past-Present-Future". Congratulations to Rachel for sharing her work with the community!

Send your accomplishments to Jamie DeWitt ([dewittj@ecu.edu](mailto:dewittj@ecu.edu))

## News & Events

Email Jamie DeWitt ([dewittj@ecu.edu](mailto:dewittj@ecu.edu)) if you have information for upcoming BWFC newsletters.

## In memorandum

Dr. Phoebe Leboy passed away June, 2012. The BWFC sponsored Dr. Leboy as the keynote speaker at the 2008 Science and Medicine Conference.

Dr. Leboy advocated for women at the University of Pennsylvania for almost 40 years. After retirement, she continued to work for gender equity by serving as president of AWIS and publishing in the area of gender inequities in the basic science departments of medical schools.

## 2012-2013 Brody Women Faculty Committee Event Schedule

Business Meeting, 4-5:30pm, 9/12/12, 2W-40  
Program Meeting, 4-5:30pm, 10/23/12, 2W-38  
*Tentative topic: Joint meeting with Vice Chairs of Diversity Initiatives (VCDI)*  
Business Meeting, 12-1:30pm, 11/14/12, 2W-38  
Program Meeting, 4-5:30pm, 12/6/12, 2W-38  
*Tentative topic: A Day in the Life of...  
a clinician, a basic scientist, an administrator*  
Business Meeting, 12-1:30pm, 1/22/13, 2W-38  
Program Meeting, 12-1:30pm, 2/20/13, 2W-38  
*Tentative topic: Time management*  
Business Meeting, 4-5:30pm, 3/19/13, 2W-38  
**Professional Leadership in Science & Medicine Conference,**  
12-5:00pm, 4/11/13, ECHI  
*Tentative topic: Strategies for success in the medical sciences*  
Tentative speakers: Giselle Corbie-Smith, UNC-CH & Rodney Dietert, Cornell  
Business Meeting, 12-1:30pm, 5/15/13, 2W-38

#### Chair – Jamie DeWitt, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor  
Pharmacology & Toxicology  
Adjunct Assistant Professor  
Public Health  
Joined BSOM in 2008

Ph.D., Indiana University-Bloomington  
B.S. Michigan State University  
From Kalamazoo, MI, USA



- Research focus: The impacts of environmental pollutants on neuroimmune development, specifically neurodevelopmental disorders
- Teaches: Toxicology, endocrine pharmacology, and biometry
- Fun fact: Thinks that Dumb and Dumber is the funniest movie ever made.
- Why BWFC? Being put in touch with a phenomenal number of women faculty who are brilliant and supportive role models.

#### Chair-elect – Folashade Jose, MB.ch.B, MAS

Clinical Assistant Professor  
Pediatric Gastroenterology  
Director of Endoscopy  
Joined BSOM in (FOLA, PLEASE FILL THIS IN)

MB.ch.B., Obafemi Awolowo University  
MAS, UCSF  
From Lagos, Nigeria



- Research focus: Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)
- Clinical focus: IBD, liver disease, nutritional problems, constipation, and reflux disease
- Teaches: Clinical skills to medical students and residents
- Fun fact: Last name is pronounced “jo-see” and not “hoe-say”.
- Why BWFC? Meeting women faculty from different departments, learning more about the tenure track, and about how other women have overcome obstacles to rise to higher positions at ECU.

#### Secretary-Treasurer – Mary Gilliland, M.D.

Professor  
Pathology & Laboratory Medicine  
Joined BSOM in (MARY, PLEASE FILL THIS IN)

M.D., Loyola University of Chicago  
M.S., Loyola University of Chicago  
B.A., Dominican University



- Research focus: Child abuse and retinal hemorrhages
- Clinical focus: Child abuse, sudden cardiac death, mechanisms of injury
- Teaches: M2 pathology fall course director

#### Program Chair – Karen Oppelt, D.V.M.

Clinical Assistant Professor  
Comparative Medicine  
Joined BSOM in 2004

D.V.M., Virginia Tech  
B.S., Guilford College  
From Baltimore, MD, USA



- Research focus: Laboratory animal health and welfare
- Teaches: Laboratory animal health and welfare
- Fun fact: Was in Moscow during the celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Russian Revolution.
- Why BWFC? It provides a mechanism for interaction and fellowship with other professional women that share similar needs and concerns.

#### Program Chair – Maria Ruiz-Echevarria, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor  
Internal Medicine  
Assistant Professor  
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry  
Joined BSOM in 2007

Ph.D., Centro de Investigaciones Biologicas  
B.S., Universidad complutense/Universidad Ciencias  
From Madrid, Spain



- Research focus: Biology and molecular basis of cancer origin and progression and development of appropriate therapies
- Teaches: Oncology to graduate students
- Fun fact: Even after 18 years in the US, she still has problems with vowels in the English language; for example, “sheep” and “ship” sound alike!
- Why BWFC? It provides support at the professional and personal levels and it is a forum for being educated about the university and about issues pertaining to women. It also opened the door to meeting a fantastic group of professionals and wonderful people.

#### Program Chair – Nancy Winterbauer, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor  
Public Health  
Joined BSOM in 2011

Ph.D., Binghamton University  
M.A., Binghamton University  
M.S., University at Albany  
From Jacksonville, FL, USA



- Research focus: Community health and public health practice
- Teaches: Public health planning and evaluation
- Fun fact: Lived on the beach near Cozumel, Mexico, for over a year while conducting dissertation research on gender-role ideology and biosocial stress among Yucatec Mayan migrants.
- Why BWFC? It provides a welcoming source of support for women faculty, as well as opportunities for professional development, growth, and collaboration.