

# Brody Women Faculty Committee

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Fall 2014 Newsletter

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[www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/bwfc](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/bwfc)

Greetings!

My name is Ruth Little, Chair of Brody Women Faculty Committee. On behalf of the Brody Women Faculty Executive Committee, I encourage you to join us as we work together to support, ensure and increase the recruitment, retention and promotion of women professionals at Brody School of Medicine. Throughout the year we offer diverse opportunities for you to stay connected. Our monthly meetings offer professional development opportunities on a variety of topics reflecting our mission of advocacy, mentoring, education and collaboration. There are excellent ways for you to become involved regardless of how much or how little your availability. Join us for our next upcoming meeting on October 21, 2014 from 12 noon to 1:30pm in 2W-50. Our meetings reflect our understanding and spirit of inclusiveness. Come early, leave early; come when you can, for as long as you can. But come!



Please join us in thanking Dr. Folashade Jose for her service to BWFC as the 2013-2014 Chair!

## ***Why join the Brody Women Faculty Committee?***

Find a mentor, or two! We have successful women faculty ready to help. Tenure and promotion guidance. We have a yearly workshop to help prepare you. Data, data, data. We have data on women faculty hiring, promotion, and retention and we make recommendations on how to improve these numbers. Be a mentor. We regularly mentor women students, residents, and junior faculty. Pass on the wisdom you have acquired.

Download an application at [www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/bwfc](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/bwfc)

### ***News & Events***

#### **From the Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Women:**

[www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/ccsw/News-and-Events.cfm](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/ccsw/News-and-Events.cfm)

#### **From the BSOM Office of Diversity Affairs:**

[www.ecu.edu/bsomdiversityaffairs/](http://www.ecu.edu/bsomdiversityaffairs/)

### ***Lunchtime Reads***

#### **Sex bias exists in basic science and translational surgical research**

[www.surgjournal.com/article/S0039-6060%2814%2900425-5/fulltext](http://www.surgjournal.com/article/S0039-6060%2814%2900425-5/fulltext)

#### **9 things not to say to women coworkers**

[www.diversityinc.com/things-not-to-say/things-not-to-say-to-women-coworkers](http://www.diversityinc.com/things-not-to-say/things-not-to-say-to-women-coworkers)

### **Topics of upcoming program meetings:**

*10/21/14*

Faculty leave policies and promotion & tenure.

Special Guest: Lisa Sutton (Human Resources)

*11/18/14*

Progress on diversity in BSOM.

Special Guest: Dr. Libby Baxley (Dean's Office)

*12/9/14*

The future of BSOM.

Special Guest: Dr. Nick Benson (Dean's Office)

### **2014-2015 Brody Women Faculty Committee Meeting Schedule BSOM 2W-38/40, 12- 1:30pm**

October 21  
November 18  
December 9  
January 20  
February 17  
March 17  
April 21  
May 19

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#### Chair – Ruth Little, Ed.D., MPH

Vice Chair & Assistant Professor  
Department of Public Health

Ed.D, East Carolina University  
MPH, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
B.S., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



- Research focus: Health care delivery to underserved populations, interdisciplinary community education, access to health care, health and aging

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#### Chair-elect – Lisa Domico, Ph.D.

Teaching Assistant Professor  
Pharmacology & Toxicology

Ph.D., Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey  
M.S., University of Florida  
B.S. Chestnut Hill College



- Research focus: The role of environmental exposures (particularly pesticides) in the development of obesity and diabetes

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

Professor  
Pathology & Laboratory Medicine

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

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

Clinical Assistant Professor  
Comparative Medicine

D.V.M., Virginia Tech  
B.S., Guilford College



- Research focus: Laboratory animal health and welfare as well as collaborative research with other investigators

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#### Program Chair – Salma Syed, D.O.

Associate Professor  
Pediatric Infectious Diseases and Immunology  
Director, Pediatric HIV Clinic

D.O., Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine  
B.S., Emory University



- Research focus: HIV clinical trials, pediatric infectious diseases
- Clinical focus: Pediatric infectious diseases, HIV, primary immunodeficiencies, pediatric travel medicine, Lyme disease

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#### Program Chair – Jitka Virag, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor  
Physiology

Ph.D. Louisiana State University Medical Center  
B.S. Queen's University



- Research focus: The role of ephrinA1/EphA in myocardial infarction

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#### Town Hall Meetings

Allow exchange of information and concerns of faculty and staff  
First meeting was Wednesday, October 16  
*Stay Tuned for More*