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Nine faculty members selected for fifth class of Thorp Faculty Engaged Scholars

The next class of Faculty Engaged Scholars, leaders in their respective fields, will address a wide variety of issues including analyzing the administrative burden of summer meal programs for children in need, developing web-based resources for journalists who cover sex trafficking, and creating a clinical scholars forum to involve local speech-language pathologists in the research process.

Nine faculty members were recently selected for the fifth class of Thorp Faculty Engaged Scholars (FES), a program sponsored by the Carolina Center for Public Service at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The program brings together selected faculty from across campus to engage in a two-year experiential, competency-based curriculum designed to advance their engaged scholarship.

Every other year, eight to 10 faculty members are selected to participate in the program aimed at learning about and pursuing community engagement through scholarly endeavors. The nine faculty members selected for the fifth class of Faculty Engaged Scholars are:

- Maureen Berner, professor, School of Government
- Juan Carrillo, assistant professor, School of Education
- Barbara Friedman, associate professor, School of Journalism and Mass Communication
- Cheryl Giscombe, assistant professor, School of Nursing
- Adam Jacks, assistant professor, Department of Allied Health Sciences
- Anne Johnston, Shumaker Distinguished Term Professor, School of Journalism and Mass Communication
- Steven May, associate professor, Department of Communication Studies
- Vicki Mercer, associate professor, Department of Allied Health Sciences
- Cherie Ndaliko, assistant professor, Department of Music

During the two years, scholars work with community partners to develop projects and participate in sessions in community settings to learn about each other's projects. While developing their projects, each class of scholars forms a learning community with the course directors to support one another's projects. Dr. Ronald Strauss serves as faculty director and Melvin Jackson as community director.

In 2013, the Chancellor Holden Thorp Faculty Engaged Scholars Endowment was established at the Carolina Center for Public Service. The endowment was created with a \$1 million gift from an anonymous donor to name and support the Center's Faculty Engaged Scholars program.

Since the program began in 2007, 43 faculty members have been selected from nine schools and 21 departments to participate in the program. The growing network of Thorp Faculty Engaged Scholars reports outcomes including new interdisciplinary collaborations, successful grant applications and both traditional and

non-traditional products of their scholarship. Through this engaged scholarship, the program continues to build strong university-community relationships.

The Carolina Center for Public Service connects the energy and expertise of both the University and the community to provide students, faculty and staff with deep and transformative experiences. Through engaged scholarship and service, we work together to create collaborative and interdisciplinary solutions to local and global challenges.

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