Search committee announces qualities of leadership sought in 12th chancellor

The Chancellor Search Committee knows what it wants in the University’s next leader. On Oct. 4, the committee published a leadership profile, a description informed by UNC System Interim President Bill Roper, members of the search committee, two public forums and website and email submissions.

“The 12th chancellor of the University will be an inspiring and steady leader with unimpeachable integrity, energy, enthusiasm, intelligence, courage, empathy, creativity, thoughtful decisiveness, diplomacy and humility,” the profile reads in part. “The chancellor must have a deep commitment to the value and importance of public higher education and have an abiding passion for leading a public university that is devoted to the mission of making better the State of North Carolina, the United States and the world.”

Search Committee and Board of Trustees Chair Richard Stevens wrote in an Oct. 4 campus email announcing the profile, “At our first meeting, a subcommittee was appointed to create the leadership profile, including information on the University, the position description and the invitation to apply. The leadership profile, which has been endorsed by the search committee, reflects the priorities of the University regarding teaching, research and public service.”

Stevens thanked members of the leadership profile subcommittee, “who worked to create a profile that we believe will recruit the best to Carolina.” Members of the subcommittee are trustees Gene Davis, chair, and Teresa Artis Neal, Faculty Chair Lloyd Kramer and General Alumni Association President Doug Dibbert.

The committee will use the profile in advertising for the position and will continue to accept feedback, including nominations and applications, as they identify and interview candidates. Feedback can be shared online at chancellor.unc.edu or by emailing chancellorsearch@unc.edu. Responses are subject to the N.C. Public Records law.

— Susan Hudson, University Gazette
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**Carolina People**

**Nicole Buickerood**
CARMICHAEL RESIDENCE HALL COMMUNITY DIRECTOR
2 years working at Carolina

**WHAT'S A TYPICAL DAY LIKE IN YOUR JOB?**
I usually do one-on-one meetings with students. I talk to them about roommate conflicts and try to help them figure out how to live with a stranger. It’s hard to know what to expect when you move into a 12-foot-by-12-foot room with someone you don’t know and you have to share a room for a whole year. Also, I supervise 11 staff members, so I check in with them to see how they’re doing.

**HOW DOES YOUR WORK SUPPORT CAROLINA’S MISSION?**
We make sure that students are successful and that they feel supported. It’s about educational or social programming to make people feel like they belong on campus and that they have access to resources. We want them to feel safe and secure in the space they live and find places that support them and the identities they carry. And we try to create a fun atmosphere for people to relax, get to know each other and find connections at Carolina.

**WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT YOUR WORK?**
I like student development, whether it’s with my student staff or students in general. The main reason I do this job is that I want to set people up for success when they graduate. I like seeing students form connections that last years past college. The residence hall can just seem like a place where you live, but it’s more than that. It’s where you get to experience life with others.

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UPCOMING FEATURES

BILL RIVENBARK
Airs through Oct. 20

Bill Rivenbark focuses on performance and financial management in local government. He helped to develop the County and Municipal Fiscal Analysis tool, a web-based dashboard designed to help North Carolina local governments analyze their fiscal condition. He was named director of the MPA program at the School of Government in 2011.

DOROTHY ESPELAGE
Airs week of Oct. 21

Dorothy Espelage, the William C. Friday Distinguished Professor of Education at the School of Education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is one of the world’s leading experts on bullying. Her research on issues around youth violence has led to interventions, policies and laws intended to protect students and make schools safer.

FOCUS ON
ALICE AMMERMAN

Alice Ammerman, the Mildred Kaufman Distinguished Professor of Nutrition, searches for innovative solutions to community nutrition challenges. Through her work at the Gillings School of Global Public Health, she develops interventions to reduce obesity and chronic disease risk in low income and minority populations in some of the most vulnerable areas in the state.

One example of her work is the creation of Good Bowls, nutritious frozen meals sold at low cost in convenience stores and at increased cost at high-end stores. She took two courses on entrepreneurship in Kenan-Flagler Business School and partnered with computer science and marketing classes for Good Bowls. Her work with Good Bowls attracts students interested in the entrepreneurial business of providing good food for the needy.

It’s helpful that it’s a business that’s at least launched so that they can kind of see where it’s going. People like the idea of getting involved. When I first started talking about entrepreneurship in the School of Public Health, people looked at me and said, ‘Alice have you sold out?’ Now people really recognize that it can be a real social good.

For Good Bowls, which Ammerman calls a community franchise model, she has tapped into a new generation of students, young entrepreneurs and farmers across North Carolina.

I read a blog about millennials that called them aspirationalists. It said that they want to give back, and they want to also do good for themselves in terms of something healthy and do good for the environment. It’s kind of a nice mix of what Good Bowls are, but we certainly want to feature the farms that the food is coming from, and we want to help small communities to make the bowls.

Ammerman’s classes closely study diets such as the Mediterranean diet, which includes healthy fats like olive oil and nuts. With dishes that also use Southern ingredients like sweet potatoes, Good Bowls meals are what Ammerman calls “Med-South.”

A lot of research shows that it seems very effective in preventing heart disease and has some benefits in terms of cancer and preventing dementia. The big thing is it switched us away from this idea of low-fat diet.

Ammerman is also looking at the Mediterranean diet as a weight-loss method, emphasizing diet quality first.

Once people understand how to make the Mediterranean diet or Med-South diet piece work, there are strategies of how to use it as a way to control weight. The higher fat actually gives you more satiety, so you don’t get hungry soon again. Even though fat has more calories, ultimately you eat less and have a healthier diet using the Mediterranean diet.
The University presented awards to (from left) faculty member Giselle Corbie-Smith and Distinguished Alumni Robert D. Newman, Jill C. McCorkle, Nikole Hannah-Jones and James E. Delany.

Rick Luettich, professor and director of the Institute of Marine Sciences, and his guest, Mayor Everette “Rett” Newton of Beaufort, spoke about how Carolina researchers have been working with that town to resolve water quality issues. Local officials also used Luettich’s storm surge models in real time during both Hurricanes Florence and Dorian to help with evacuations and search, rescue and recovery efforts.

Bernard Bell, executive director of the Shuford Program in Entrepreneurship, introduced Nehemiah Stewart, a junior chemistry and math double major from southeast Washington. When looking for a ride home to see friends and family and feast on his grandma’s chicken, Stewart came up with the idea of an Uber- or Lyft-style service matching drivers with riders. The Tar Heel twist that makes users feel safer is that all users must have a unc.edu email address. He pitched the Vector Rideshare app to Bell and, with the Shuford Program’s help, launched his service, which he hopes to expand to other universities in North Carolina and beyond.

Anita Brown-Graham, School of Government professor and director of nCIMPACT, invited Duane Holder to talk about how nCIMPACT’s experts and research helped Cumberland County secure a $900,000 federal grant to implement a three-year comprehensive opioid abuse program. The county will have a full-time health department position dedicated to the opioid project, overdose and fatality review teams, enhanced pre-arrest programs and an expanded community education and marketing campaign.

DISTINGUISHED PRESENTATIONS

As it traditionally does on its birthday, the University also presented Distinguished Alumna and Alumnus Awards, which honor alumni who made an outstanding contribution to humanity. This year’s recipients were James E. Delany, commissioner of the Big 10 Conference; Nikole Hannah-Jones, award-winning investigative reporter covering racial injustice for The New York Times Magazine; Jill C. McCorkle, novelist and short-story writer; and Robert D. Newman, president and director, National Humanities Center.

Giselle Corbie-Smith, Kenan Distinguished Professor of Social Medicine, director of the Center for Health Equity Research and professor of internal medicine in the School of Medicine, received the faculty service award named for Edward Kidder Graham, early 20th-century president of the University.

In 1914, Graham famously expressed the University’s service goal: “We hope to make the campus co-extensive with the boundaries of the State.”

In 2019, Board of Trustees Chair Richard Stevens expanded that mission. “Today, we should say not just co-extensive with the boundaries of our state, but also with the boundaries of our world,” Stevens said in his University Day remarks. “Our campus goes well beyond Chapel Hill, not only to every county in North Carolina, but to every corner of the world.”

TRIBUTE TO HOMETOWN

Just as Carolina celebrated its milestone 225th birthday all last year, this year the town of Chapel Hill is marking its 200th year of governance with several programs and events. On University Day, Guskiewicz recognized Mayor Pam Hemminger, who brought greetings from the town of Chapel Hill, and recognized the University’s special relationship with the town.

“Few universities are blessed with such a strong town partnership as we are,” Guskiewicz said. “We must always be an asset to our town, and I am grateful to Mayor Pam Hemminger and the entire town government for their leadership.”

A new background on the Memorial Hall stage projected the strength of that bond by including a Franklin Street sign with the silhouettes of campus landmarks like the Old Well and the Bell Tower. But as the day’s speakers pointed out, the University’s mission is to serve far beyond its low stone walls and neighboring Franklin Street.

“As we move forward together, we are re-committing ourselves to Edward Kidder Graham’s mission of service to our state and strengthening our partnerships with all North Carolinians,” Guskiewicz said in his closing remarks.

The chancellor ended the ceremony with a commitment to “spend the next year listening to our partners across the state,” starting with the Tar Heel Bus Tour over fall break. On the tour 90 faculty and campus leaders will travel on three different buses to the southern, southeastern and western regions of the state.

“I charge you to listen to the people of our state and engage with the towns and communities our students call home,” he told bus tour participants in the audience. “I hope this tour will promote scholarship and service that responds to the concerns of the state and contributes to the common good.

And I charge you to find ways to center our work around the needs of North Carolinians and live our mission, our ‘one reason’ as a public university.”
From top, Director Anita Brown-Graham invited Duane Holder to talk about how ncIMPACT’s experts and research helped Cumberland County secure a grant for a comprehensive opioid abuse program; Interim President Bill Roper brings greetings from the UNC System; and Interim Chancellor Kevin M. Guskiewicz leads the platform party into Memorial Hall.
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The Gazette will be published Oct. 30.

To announce events occurring Oct. 31–Nov. 13, please submit your information no later than Oct. 21. Email us at gazette@unc.edu.
Carolina celebrates its long-time employees at recognition event

Carolina honored its long-time employees with a Service Recognition breakfast Wednesday, including two employees with more than 50 years of service to the state.

Ellen Cheek is an administrative support associate and training registrar for the UNC TEACCH Autism program who has served the state 60 years. Gail Moriarty, business services coordinator, completed 50 years of service, all in the Eshelman School of Pharmacy.

The Office of Human Resources hosted the event, which recognizes faculty and staff with 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 60 years of service to the state. “Your dedication is felt every day here at Carolina and we are grateful for your having reached this milestone,” said Interim Chancellor Kevin M. Guskiewicz, who added that he is just shy of his own 25-year milestone.

“We would not be the leading global public research University without your commitment,” he said. Because of Carolina’s employees, the University was ranked fifth for public universities for the 15th consecutive year by US News and World Report’s Best Colleges rankings and was the third-ranked public university by the Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education rankings.

“With our world-class faculty and devoted staff, we are solving the grand challenges of our time and training next generation of leaders, which is part of our mission,” he said. “Our impact stretches into our communities, across the state and around the world.”

The 261 honorees come from all departments and job titles, including 108 faculty members and 153 non-faculty, staff and administrators — with a total of 7,567 years of service.

“You are Carolina and we are all better because of you,” said Becci Menghini, interim vice chancellor for workforce strategy, equity and engagement.

Read more about Ellen Cheek and Gail Moriarty in stories from the Office of Human Resources at hr.unc.edu/over-half-century-of-service-ellen-cheek-gail-moriarty.

— Jane Calloway, University Gazette

2019 Hettleman Prizes awarded to promising early-career faculty at Faculty Council

Faculty Council honored the four associate professors who won the annual Phillip and Ruth Hettleman Prizes for Artistic and Scholarly Achievement at its Oct. 11 meeting. The prizes, established by the late Phillip Hettleman and his wife, Ruth, in 1986, go to early-career faculty who exemplify groundbreaking and innovative research along with future career promise.

This year’s Hettleman Prize awardees are: Uffe Bergeton, associate professor in the Asian studies department in the College of Arts & Sciences; Kavita Singh Ongechi, associate professor in the maternal and child health department in the Gillings School of Global Public Health; and from the School of Medicine, Li Qian, associate professor in the pathology and laboratory medicine department, and Greg Wang, associate professor in the biochemistry and biophysics department.

UFFE BERGETON

Bergeton merges traditional scholarly methods with digital resources and big data-mining techniques to conduct research on early China and other traditions. Spanning multiple fields, Bergeton’s research has garnered him a strong international reputation, emphasized by the popularity of his first book, “The Emergence of Civilizational Consciousness in Early China: History by Word” published in 2018.

Nadia Yaqub, professor and chair of the Asian studies department, describes Bergeton’s approach as fundamentally challenging assumptions about Chinese history and its cultural foundations.

“Uffe Bergeton has the breadth and depth of knowledge to shape a truly original research agenda that is redefining the field of early China studies,” said Yaqub.

Since joining UNC in 2012, he has been awarded fellowships and funding from UNC’s Institute for the Arts and Humanities and the Carolina Asia Center, as well as a UNC Faculty Development Award.

KAVITA SINGH ONGECI

A globally recognized leader in the field of maternal and child health, Singh Ongechi seeks to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable populations of women and children. Much of her work is focused on reaching these populations with interventions and evaluating national efforts to improve maternal and child health.

“Her research reflects highly engaged and targeted scholarship that is helping to save the lives of mothers and children globally,” said Carolyn Halpem, professor and chair of the maternal and child health department.

Singh Ongechi has previously been named a Carolina Population Center Faculty Fellow, a Carolina Women’s Center Faculty Scholar, a Carolina Population Center Summer in Residence Scholar, and a Delta Omega Public Health Honor Society member. She is also the recipient of a Humphrey Fellows Teaching Excellence Award.

LI QIAN

With high potential for translational and clinical impacts, Qian is conducting groundbreaking research with implications for basic mechanisms of cellular differentiation. Her innovative work includes using stem cell approaches to restore cardiac function following heart attacks. Qian also serves as the associate director at the UNC McAllister Heart Institute.

Her work has created a paradigm shift that changes how we think about cell differentiation and suggests new therapeutic approaches, according to Victoria L. Bautch and George A. Stouffer, MHI codirectors. A few of her recent awards include the 2019 Triangle Business Journal’s Rising Star Health Hero Award, the American Heart Association Katz Prize for Basic Research, Boyalife Prize in Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine from AAAS, and the McAllister Young Investigator Award from the Medical Foundation of North Carolina. In addition, she was the youngest recipient of the University’s Outstanding Mentor Award when she received it in 2017.

GREG WANG

Wang has developed a highly successful research program focused on the epigenetic changes that occur in cancer, along with development of potential new therapeutics to treat this terrible disease. Using cutting-edge technologies, he leads a research team to understand how a particular gene alteration leads to development of cancer. Wang is also a Lineberger Cancer Center member, an American Cancer Society Research Scholar, and a Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Scholar.

“There is no doubt that his productivity will continue to grow in the future, and that he will become one of the top researchers in cancer and epigenetic research not only at UNC-Chapel Hill but also in the country,” said Leslie V. Parise, professor and chair of the biochemistry and biophysics department.

Wang’s research is supported by several foundations, including the V Foundation for Cancer Research and the Sidney Kimmel Foundation for Cancer Research, as well as grants from the U.S. Department of Defense and NIH.

— Layla Dowdy, University Research
Take a tour of “All the Rembrandt Drawings!”

“All the Rembrandt Drawings!” at the Ackland Art Museum offers a rare glimpse of drawings by Dutch artist Rembrandt van Rijn. The exhibit opened Oct. 4, the 350th anniversary of Rembrandt’s death in 1669, and will be on display through Oct. 20.

The Ackland is the only public university art museum in the United States to own a collection of Rembrandt’s drawings, which were donated to the museum in 2017 as part of the landmark Peck Collection gift. The exhibition showcases the artist’s drawing style and technique over the course of his career.

“People are more familiar with Rembrandt as a painter, but he was also a prolific draftsman,” said Dana Cowen, Sheldon Peck Curator for European and American Art before 1950. “He’s drawing as a way to think through compositions, to record interesting motifs, to study the way light falls on an object or to reveal the character of a person.”

For museum visitors taking advantage of this rare display, Cowen shared some of her insights about some of the drawings.

Read more about “All the Rembrandt Drawings!” and associated tours and events at ackland.org/exhibition/all-the-rembrandt-drawings.

— Scott Jared, University Gazette

1. Canal and Boats with a Distant View of Amsterdam, c. 1655
   This is one of many landscapes of Amsterdam that Rembrandt created. It shows the city’s skyline and a canal scene with boats. The low horizon line gives more space to the sky, interrupted by a mast.

2. Noli Me Tangere, c. 1655–56
   The title translates to English as “Touch Me Not.” It depicts the Biblical story of Christ appearing to Mary Magdalene. In the drawing, she reaches out with arms splayed and palms to the ground.

3. An Old Man with a Fur Cap, c. 1648
   It’s a sunny day, with the man’s shadow behind him as he moves along with his walking stick. The drawing shows Rembrandt’s respect for and authentic depiction of old age.

4. A Seated Old Man Warming His Hands by a Fire, c. 1650
   This is another depiction of old age, with the man, his cheeks a bit sallow, hunched toward the fire.

5. Studies of a Smoker and Group of Card Players, c. 1635–40
   This shows a militia company playing cards in a guard house or tavern. One player obscures his eyes with his cards, while the others wait to see which card he plays. The figure on the right lights a pipe and crosses his legs casually.

6. Studies of a Woman and Two Children, c. 1640
   This was likely drawn while Rembrandt was out and about. The small child on the right appears wobbly as the woman holding his hand casts a worried gaze.