WORKSHOP 1 SPEAKERS





Gregory Chadwick

Chadwick serves as dean of ECU's School of Dental Medicine. Formerly he served as the associate vice chancellor for oral health at ECU where he led the effort to establish the dental school. Chadwick, a native of North Carolina, received a bachelor's in business administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After graduating from the UNC School of Dentistry, he practiced general dentistry in community health centers in Prospect Hill and Moncure and subsequently practiced endodontics in his hometown of Charlotte for almost thirty years. He is a former president of numerous dental organizations including the American Dental Association and the North Carolina Dental Society.



Thomas G. Irons

Irons is a professor of pediatrics at ECU's Brody School of Medicine and an associate vice chancellor for health sciences. A Greenville native, he is a graduate of Davidson College and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine. While at UNC, where he graduated in 1972, he received a number of awards and honors for both academic achievement and service commitment. He completed his pediatric internship at the University of California, San Francisco, and residency at the North Carolina Memorial Hospital. From 1975 to 1978, he served in the United States Army in West Germany before practicing pediatrics in Raleigh from 1978-81. He joined the faculty of the ECU in 1981 and has continued an active teaching practice since that time. In 1999, he founded HealthAssist, a health improvement and health care program for low-income and uninsured residents of eastern North Carolina. Beginning in 2005, working in close partnership with Greene County Health Care, he led the fund-raising for the construction of the James D. Bernstein Community Health Center. The center provides comprehensive medical, dental and integrated behavioral health services and a broad range of educational programs for community members. In 2008, he was honored by the UNC Medical Alumni Association with its Distinguished Service Award. In October 2011 he was recognized by the University Of North Carolina System Board of Governors with its Award for Excellence in Public Service.



Keith Keene

Keene is an associate professor of biology and director of the Brody School of Medicine's Center for Health Disparities. He is a native of eastern North Carolina, raised in the Northampton and Hertford counties area. Keene joined the ECU faculty in 2012. His research focuses on health disparities and using genomics to better understand complex human diseases. His research efforts have been funded by the National Institutes of Health, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, American Heart Association, Bristol Myers Squibb, and others.

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Kim Schwartz

Schwartz has served as the chief executive officer of Roanoke-Chowan Community Health Center since June 2005. She leads RCCHC's team as a member of the Institute of Health Improvement Leadership Alliance and represents U.S. NC Congressional District 1 on the North Carolina Medical Care Advisory Committee. Schwartz has been on the healthcare nonprofit's OCHIN board of directors. Additionally, Schwartz serves on the Access East board of directors and is on the finance committee of Coastal Plains Network. She has frequently presented at national and regional conferences including as a subject matter expert panelist in telehealth, rural and population health. Schwartz is a recipient of the Robert J. Greczyn, Jr. Community Health Center Leadership Award, the National Association of Community Health Centers – Cooke Advocacy Award and the BD Building Health Communities Award. She received her bachelor's in psychology and master's in counseling education from the University of New Mexico.