

Senior Leadership

Shelton Earp, MD

Director

Shelton Earp is the Director of the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center as well as UNC Cancer Care, and the Lineberger Professor of Cancer Research. In these roles, he has helped develop basic, clinical, and public health research and cancer care at one of the country's premier public universities and academic medical centers. He serves as multi-Principal Investigator of the UNC Breast Cancer SPORE and PI of the U54 Partnership with North Carolina Central University. His lab has discovered and studied genes involved in a range of cancers, published over 190 biomedical-research articles and has been continuously funded by NIH for over 40 years. He collaborated with the UNC Chemical Biology Center in the Eshelman School of Pharmacy to develop a new, first-in-class drug targeting one of the cancer genes discovered in his lab. He has also received UNC School of Medicine teaching awards and chaired national review committees for the ACS and the NCI. He has served as a past president of the American Association of Cancer Institutes and as a member of the NCI Board of Scientific Advisors and on the board of ten university cancer centers.



Lisa A. Carey, MD, ScM, FASCO

Deputy Director of Clinical Sciences

Lisa Carey is an internationally recognized clinical trialist in breast cancer with extensive experience in the design and interpretation of complex clinical trials. In this role, she interfaces with the UNC Health Care System clinical cancer operations, leads the Center's clinical research efforts, and oversees the associated core and shared resources, including the Clinical Protocol Office and the Biostatistics Core. She also directs the Office of Clinical/Translational Research, which includes non-drug interventional and correlative trials, including prospective tissue acquisition initiatives for patients participating in clinical trials.



Wendy Sarratt, DrPH, MPH

Interim Associate Director, Administration & Planning

Wendy Sarratt began serving in this role in August 2022 with the departure of David Darr. She joined the Center as an Assistant Director in 2000 and has been Associate Director of HR and Employee Relations since 2014. The administration and planning role is a broad one serving the needs of the faculty and the staff across Lineberger's research and administrative structure.



Stephanie Wheeler, PhD, MPH
Associate Director, Community Outreach & Engagement

Dr. Wheeler is a national expert in cancer prevention and outcomes research with an emphasis on understanding health disparities, cancer economics and cancer care delivery. She is Professor of Health Policy and Management at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health and has published extensively on health disparities, and the quality of, access to and value of cancer care.

As the Associate Director of Community Outreach & Engagement, she leads the Office as it assesses, with community input, the needs of North Carolinians with respect to cancer prevention, early detection, cancer care and survivorship. The COE Office sets up the infrastructure for both analysis and implementation of evidenced-based, community-based, participatory research in practice and policy across the cancer continuum.



Wendy Rosamund Brewster, MD, PhD
Associate Director, Plan to Enhance Diversity (PED)

Dr. Brewster is Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and adjunct Professor in the Department of Epidemiology. In July 2021, she was AD Director for PED, and from July 2020, has been Co-Chair of the Lineberger Equity Council. Her responsibilities to those roles are to lead the incorporation of diversity, equity, and inclusion into the areas of i. health equity, ii. recruitment, development, and retention, iii. enhancing research with an equity lens, iv. culture and climate, v. clinical trial recruitment, and vi. education, training, and onboarding. These tasks require engagement and alignment of strategies with several other LCCC Associate Directors, Basnight Cancer Hospital leadership, UNC Schools, and the UNC Vice Chancellor’s Office of Research. Dr. Brewster is the UNC Director of the Center for Women’s Health Research and is tasked with promoting the research careers of underrepresented and junior researchers, advancing the health of women through research and expanding the UNC portfolio of funding for the health of women. She is the Interim Co-Director of the Division of Gynecologic Oncology. Dr. Brewster is engaged in research and publishes work directed to the optimization of cancer screening and the early detection of unique demographic populations inadequately served by current strategies. She investigates subsets of vulnerable women at risk to escape early detection of gynecological cancers, receive non-standard treatment regimens, and have disparate outcomes.



Jonathan Serody, MD
Associate Director, Translational Research

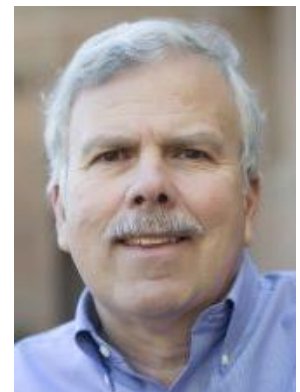
As the Associate Director of Translational Research, Jonathan Serody is involved in enhancing the development of translational research across the UNC Lineberger Cancer Center. He works closely with the leaders of the basic science programs, the clinical program directors and the Deputy Director for Clinical Sciences, Dr. Lisa Carey. Additionally, he is the Director of the Cellular Therapy Program. In this role, he works with Natalie Grover, the Clinical Director of Cellular Therapy, and the Cell Therapy Protocol Disease Leader to manage a group of approximately forty investigators, pharmacists, APPs,



transplant coordinators and financial counselors focusing on adoptive cellular therapy clinical trials for patients with care. They also directly manage the research personnel that coordinate these trials. He was the point person for the process to bring commercial CAR therapy using Kymriah and Yescarta to UNC with those products being available in the summer of 2019. As part of his role leading the Cellular Therapy Program, he developed and helps manage the UNC Immunotherapy website, which is the intake process for patients interested in adoptive cell therapy. With Lisa Carey, he led the selection and implementation of clinical trials in the second phase of UNCSeq termed UNCSequel, which focuses on RNA-sequencing and NanoString approaches to develop predictive and prognostic biomarkers of cancer therapy. As the senior leader for the tumor immunology and immunotherapy group, he has overseen the recruitment of new faculty to that program. He is the co-faculty director of the Immunogenomics Core Facility that is part of the Flow Cytometry and Immunogenomics Shared Resource. He also oversees key translational shared resources for UNC Lineberger including Animal Models, Animal Histopathology, Small Animal Imaging, Genomics, and Translational Pathology. He recently assumed the role of Chief of Hematology where he oversees the malignant hematology and Bone Marrow Transplant Programs.

Albert Baldwin, PhD
Associate Director, Basic Science

Albert Baldwin promotes and develops UNC Lineberger basic science research. He works with the Director, other Senior Leaders, Program Leaders, and faculty members to establish directions, priorities, and mechanisms for the continued development of the Center’s basic science research efforts. He oversees Center recruitment of new basic scientists (in conjunction with the Director and other Associate Directors) and the use of developmental funds to promote new research initiatives and core facilities. He also promotes interdisciplinary and collaborative cancer research by helping organize the Center’s annual scientific retreat, overseeing the weekly Center basic science seminar series, organizing the annual Center’s symposium, organizing and directing the Junior Faculty Forum (a monthly meeting for Lineberger junior faculty), promoting interdisciplinary investigator interest groups and holding individual meetings with basic and translational researchers. He helped organize the Lineberger Career Education core facility. He also promotes collaborative/translational cancer research through extensive collaborations at UNC and other institutions. He develops mentorship committees for junior faculty and works closely with Associate Directors and the Director to develop and oversee core facilities for basic and translational research.



Andrew Olshan, PhD
Associate Director, Population Science

Andrew Olshan promotes interactive and collaborative cancer research in the two scientific programs that constitute the UNC Lineberger Population Sciences effort – Cancer Prevention and Control (CPC), and Cancer Epidemiology (CE). He directs the Rapid Case Ascertainment (RCA) shared resource. In concert with the Director, he integrates the population sciences findings and methods across the UNC Lineberger programs. Dr. Olshan, the Director, other Senior Leaders, along with the other Population Sciences Program Leaders (PSPL) and the Associate Director for Outreach and Engagement develop priorities for direction, development, and recruitment in the Population Sciences, as well as for the



development and operation of directly relevant Shared Resources (RCA, CIPHR, CHAI, PRO core). He also works closely with the Community Outreach and Engagement Office. Dr. Olshan attends CE and CPC program meetings and retreats and meets monthly with the other PSPL. He chairs the monthly meeting of the PSPL which is attended by the Director and the Associate Director of Administration and Planning. He attends the weekly Center Senior Leaders meeting. He chairs the annual competitive development research awards program in Population Sciences and advises the Director on other uses of developmental funding. Dr. Olshan is team leader for the Center’s strategic University Cancer Research Fund initiative – Optimizing NC Cancer Outcomes. He works with the Director and Associate Directors to integrate population sciences into clinical and basic science research and vice versa. He also promotes the focus of research in the Center’s catchment area.

Jen Jen Yeh, MD
Co-Associate Director,
Cancer Research Training and Education Coordination

Dr. Yeh, Professor of Surgery and Pharmacology, is the co-Director of the newly awarded Integrated Translational Oncology Program (iTOP) and a pre-doctoral T32 for PhD scientists and the Associate Fellowship Director of the Complex General Surgical Oncology Fellowship. Recruited to UNC in 2005 after finishing her surgical oncology fellowship at MSKCC, she is well-recognized nationally as a remarkable surgeon scientist who maintains an active clinical practice. In 2015, Dr. Yeh was inducted into the honor society for physician-scientists, the American Society for Clinical Investigation, and in 2018, was named an Oliver Smithies Investigator. She is the Vice Chair for Research in the Department of Surgery, where she has established research infrastructure and promoted translational collaborations between surgeons and researchers from diverse disciplines. Dr. Yeh is a recognized thought leader in pancreatic cancer, serving on study sections for the NIH, Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) and serves on the Stand Up to Cancer–Lustgarten Joint Scientific Advisory Committee. She is PI of two R01s, one U24 (part of the NCI Genomic Data Analysis Network [GDAN]) and two T32 awards. She is the co-Director of two NCI T32 Training Programs. She directs the clinical shadowing program for the pre-doctoral Cancer Biology T32 and the Integrated Training in Model Systems post-doctoral T32. She serves on the MD-PhD Advisory Committee and on the Mentoring Committee for the Department of Surgery. She is the primary mentor for three aspiring surgeon scientists interested in translational cancer and cancer disparities research. Dr. Yeh has three patents that have been licensed and co-founded a company to bring a drug delivery device for pancreatic cancer to clinical trials. She brings strength in clinical/translational “bench to bedside” research to both the cancer research and cancer care training enterprises of LCCC.



Bernard Weissman, PhD
Co-Associate Director,
Cancer Research Training and Education Coordination

Dr. Weissman brings extensive experience to his role as a Co-Associate Director of the Cancer Research Career Enhancement Core. He was a regular member of the NCI study section for training grants (NCI-F) from 1993-2000, serving as chair from 1999-2000. He also served on the Advisory Board for the Wake Forest University-North Carolina Agricultural and Technological University P20. He



served as Associate Director of the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center Postdoctoral Training Program from 1993-2015 and as the Director of Postdoctoral Studies for the Curriculum in Toxicology since 2008. He leads the NCI-funded postdoctoral training program in Cancer Epigenetics. He was Director of Graduate Admissions from December 2005 to May 2008 for the Curriculum in Toxicology, on the Admissions Committee and as the Director of Graduate Studies (1997-2001) for the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, and as a member of the Admissions Committees for the UNC Interdisciplinary Program in Biomedical Sciences (IBMS). He has trained sixteen predoctoral and nineteen postdoctoral fellows. He currently mentors two predoctoral fellows and two postdoctoral fellows. He received the Joe Grisham Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching from the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine in 2002. Dr. Weissman's laboratory focuses upon the role of mutations in the SWI/SNF chromatin remodeling complex in driving human tumor development and the role of activation of the NRF2 signaling pathway in promoting squamous tumor progression.