

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2008

Our mission is to improve public health, promote individual well-being, and eliminate health disparities across North Carolina and around the world.



UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health

Naming Celebration

Dennis and Joan Gillings understand the potential that we have to solve the great problems of our time. Their investment in Carolina and the School of Public Health will produce great results for North Carolina and the world.

—Holden Thorp, Chancellor
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



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We believe that public health holds the answers to many of the world's greatest challenges — from shortages of safe, clean drinking water, to the growing epidemic of obesity in this country, to world-wide threats from diseases such as SARS and Avian flu, to methods for accelerating the speed of clinical trials. We wanted to be a part of the solutions to these and other problems.

— Dennis and Joan Gillings



Dr. Dennis Gillings began providing statistical consulting and data management services in 1974 as professor of biostatistics at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Quintiles arose from his consulting activities and was incorporated in 1982. In 2004, he was honored by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. Today, he serves on several boards and councils, including the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health's Advisory Council, which he chairs, and the school's Acceleration Advisory Committee.

Joan Gillings, a native of Philadelphia and raised in Michigan, has had careers in public health (at the UNC School of Public Health) and in commercial real estate. She sits on several boards of universities, both in the United States and abroad. She chairs the Board of Visitors of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and is a member of the UNC (Chapel Hill) Gillings School of Global Public Health's Acceleration Advisory Committee. She is chair of the Development Trust Board of the University of Southampton in the U.K.



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Naming Celebration ~ 11 a.m.

Welcome

Holden Thorp, Chancellor

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Remarks

Erskine Bowles, President

The University of North Carolina

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Barbara K. Rimer, Dean

UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health

Lauren Thie, Student Government Co-President

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Leah Devlin, State Health Director and

Director, Division of Public Health,

NC Department of Health and Human Services

Dennis Gillings

Joan Gillings

Official Naming

Chancellor Thorp

A picnic buffet will follow in the Michael Hooker Research Center Atrium and patio. Live Music: Big Fat Gap

The food today is locally grown and, to the extent possible, recyclable materials are used — both reflecting the School's dedication to protecting our environment, supporting local food production and providing fresh, tasty and healthy food.

Carolina Public Health Solutions manages the Gillings gift, which funds a variety of initiatives to improve the public's health. Gillings Innovation Laboratories and Gillings Visiting Professorships were launched in 2007. (For details, please see www.sph.unc.edu/accelerate.)

Gillings Innovation Labs



Above
Dr. Ralph Baric (right) works with postdoctoral research associate Matthew Frieman in Baric's laboratory.

Competitively-selected Gillings Innovation Labs (GILs) focus on solving big public health problems. Approaches must be innovative and interdisciplinary and have the potential to achieve fundamental breakthroughs in public health. Research, teaching and service are supported.

To date, we have funded 10 GILs that support 13 students.

- Public health impact of moving toward a sustainable food system in North Carolina: informing policy: Alice Ammerman, DrPH, principal investigator
- Vaccines for global health: Ralph Baric, PhD, principal investigator
- Center for innovative clinical trials: Joseph Ibrahim, PhD, principal investigator
- Center for accurate data on endemic tropical diseases — population-based measurement and mapping of tropical diseases with new technologies: Steven Meshnick, MD, PhD, principal investigator
- Gillings Innovation Lab for mental health system improvement: Joseph Morrissey, PhD, principal investigator
- Innovative methods for analysis, linkage and management of large electronic data repositories to accelerate improvements in public health: David Richardson, PhD, principal investigator
- Development and evaluation of simple, portable field tests to detect microbial indicators of fecal contamination in water, wastes and other environmental media: Mark Sobsey, PhD, principal investigator
- Carolina Global Water Partnership, stronger solutions to public health problems: Mark Sobsey, PhD, principal investigator
- Analytical laboratory for development of biomarkers of environmental exposures to arsenic: Miroslav Syblo, PhD, principal investigator
- New methods to explain origins of air pollution health effects and plan effective remediation: William Vizcete, PhD, principal investigator



Above
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environmental sciences and engineering students build a rainwater catchment system in Dey Ut, Cambodia. Groundwater containing high levels of arsenic made the community's well water unsafe.

Gillings Visiting Professorships

Faculty from the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health may undertake focused work in organizations around the world. Experts from outside the School of Public Health also may apply to contribute to the School's efforts.

Sheila Leatherman, MSW, CBE, the first Gillings Visiting Professor (GVP), is a research professor who evaluates and analyzes health care systems and issues throughout the world. She will focus on microfinance and its impact on global health.

James Merchant, MD, DrPH, former dean of the University of Iowa College of Public Health and an alumnus of our School, is coming to UNC this month.

Thomas Ricketts, PhD, UNC professor of health policy and management and director, NC Rural Health Research Program, will be a GVP at the Ecole des Hautes Études en Santé Publique (EHESP), which has campuses in Rennes and Paris, France.



Left

Doctoral student Kim de Bruijne studies the effects of air pollution on human lung tissue in the laboratory of Drs. Harvey Jeffries, Ken Sexton and William Vizcete.

School facts

For 70 years, UNC's School of Public Health has pioneered innovative solutions to the world's most pressing problems.

- Actively serves the citizens of all 100 North Carolina counties
- At work in 45 countries on 5 continents
- 230 full-time faculty and 364 adjunct faculty
- 1,700+ undergraduate and graduate students
- 600 students served through the School's state-of-the-art distance education programs
- 14,960 living alumni
- 20,000 professionals participating each year in continuing education programs delivered through the School's NC Institute for Public Health



Above
New graduate students get to know each other at the School's orientation in August.

Accelerating Solutions

For 70 years, UNC's School of Public Health has pioneered innovative solutions to the world's most pressing problems.

Today, as the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health, we accelerate solutions — employing new technologies to deliver solutions more rapidly than ever before. Faculty and students are developing early detection and rapid response systems for bioterrorism, epidemics, and natural disasters. We are using new modeling techniques to improve North Carolina's mental health care and improving clinical trials to get safer therapies to people more quickly.

Along the way, we are doing what we have always done — inspiring and educating the next generation of public health leaders and serving North Carolina.

Join us. Together we will make a world of difference.

Dennis and Joan Gillings' \$50 million pledge to UNC's School of Public Health is the largest single gift ever made to the University. The gift, pledged in February 2007, put UNC over its \$2 billion goal for the Carolina First Campaign.

Joan values innovation and collaboration, and she's determined to get things done. Her can-do, hands-on attitude is very inspiring.

— *Rosemary DePaolo, Chancellor
University of North Carolina at Wilmington*

He drew strength here, he succeeded, and he has turned back to his roots. He is a man of exceedingly good will, and this university will be much in his debt for a long time.

— *Bill Friday, President Emeritus, The University of North Carolina*

The generosity of Dennis and Joan Gillings will provide the resources necessary to move us forward and solidify the outstanding reputation of the School of Public Health.

— *Ananda Greenberg, Student Government Co-President
UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health*

This history-making commitment will greatly extend the university's ability to innovate public health solutions across North Carolina and around the world. UNC is committed to global education, and our School of Public Health is one of the best in the world.

— *James Moeser, Chancellor Emeritus
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

The Gillings' gift will help the School serve public health in North Carolina even more. Global innovation can be applied here locally and the North Carolina public health community has lessons to share globally.

— *William (Phred) F. Pilkington, DPA, Chief Executive Officer and
Director of Public Health of the Cabarrus Health Alliance*

The Gillings' gift will be transformative. We at the School and the Gillingses share a commitment to solve public health problems in North Carolina and around the world. And we want these solutions to come faster and be more sustainable.

— *Barbara K. Rimer, Dean
UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health*