Megan P. Williams, MSN, RN, FNP is a clinical assistant professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Nursing. She earned her bachelor’s degree in nursing from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, her masters in nursing from Duke University and is certified as a family nurse practitioner. Ms. Williams has over 15 years of experience in adult and pediatric nursing, having served as a staff nurse, advanced practice nurse and educator.

Ms. Williams has been a member of the North Carolina Nurses Association (NCNA) since 1998. For the Triangle Region of NCNA, she served as secretary from 2007-2008, president-elect from 2008-2009 and president from 2009-2011. From 2011-2013 she served as president-elect of NCNA and is currently serving a two-year term as the organization’s 51st president. She leads the more than 4,000-member association, which works to advance the nursing profession. During her presidency, she has lobbied for advancing the profession of nursing on state and national levels, encouraged nurses to lean forward into leadership positions at all levels, and advocated for increased collaboration between professional nursing associations and among all health care professionals to improve the health and well being of the people of North Carolina.

Nationally, Ms. Williams has represented North Carolina as a delegate to the American Nurses Association Lobby Day and membership assembly in 2010, 2012 and 2014. She is a former board member of the North Carolina League of Nursing and a member of the Sigma Theta Tau nursing honors society. She strongly supports nurses advancing their education and has served as faculty advisor for the UNC Chapel Hill Association of Nursing Students since 2007.
Katherine Moore BSN ’78, MSN ’90 (Kathy) is a registered nurse, clinical assistant professor and assistant dean of student affairs at the UNC Chapel Hill School of Nursing. Ms. Moore’s care of Carolina nurses as they move from applicants to alumni is unparalleled, and generations of students have benefitted from her wisdom, compassion and leadership.

Prior to her promotion to assistant dean, she directed the School’s Office of Admissions and Student Services for over 12 years. In both capacities, she has overseen student recruitment, application processing, and admissions for all academic programs. Her work with the student body also includes handling scholarship and traineeship awards, for which she oversees selecting awardees, processing awards, and monitoring student progress and eligibility. Ms. Moore is an integral part of the School of Nursing, heading up all services provided to enrolled students, such as registration, student compliance, academic and clinical credentialing and non-academic counseling. She coordinates numerous special events including orientation, family day, career development days and commencement. This past fall, she managed the School’s inaugural white coat ceremony, which marks the beginning of nursing education for BSN students.

Ms. Moore co-wrote and served as funding coordinator for the DHHS/HRSA funded Advanced Education Nurse Traineeship in 2012-2014. She also co-wrote the competing continuation grant for the 2014-2016 period, and now serves as its principal investigator. This grant provides funding for the School’s graduate nursing students who are being prepared as advanced practice registered nurses in primary care nurse practitioner roles.

Ms. Moore’s passion for helping students to achieve their very best has been recognized with several Faculty Appreciation Awards from School of Nursing undergraduates. She has twice represented the School in receiving the Star Heel Award, which provides awards to individual departments across campus to recognize and reward excellent employees. She was also nominated for the Chancellor’s award and received the Nurse Manager of the Year award from the North Carolina Nurses’ Association.

Dr. Audra Rankin, BSN ’05 holds a joint appointment as an assistant professor at the University of Louisville School of Nursing and pediatric nurse practitioner at the University of Louisville Department of Pediatrics. She received her BSN from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, MSN in Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Primary Care from Vanderbilt University and DNP from Duke University. She is currently a post-doctoral student in the Johns Hopkins University Nurse Educator program. She is the immediate past president of the Kentucky Chapter of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) and currently serves as a NAPNAP clinical expert in childhood nutrition.

Dr. Rankin was recently named a “40 under Forty” honoree by Louisville’s Business First and appointed as a Kentucky Colonel and Outstanding Kentuckian by the commonwealth of Kentucky. In 2014, she co-authored the children’s book Gordon Galloway’s Mealtime Makeover, which encourages healthy lifestyle changes in families. She serves on the Boards of Directors for Gilda’s Club of Louisville and Family and Children’s Place of Louisville and has a passion for improving pediatric health care through policy and practice change.

Dr. Rankin is married to Hunter, a fellow Carolina graduate, and has an 18-month-old daughter, Addie, who she hopes will follow in her family’s footsteps and one day become a tar heel.

Patty Hill, BSN ’69, MEd ’74 is a proud alumna of UNC, having received both a bachelor of science in nursing and a MEd in adult education from Carolina. She received her doctorate in education from North Carolina State University in 1984 and is also a registered nurse. Dr. Hill has served as the secretary/treasurer of the School of Nursing Alumni Board and was a member of the School’s Foundation Board.

Dr. Hill is an active School of Nursing alumna and ardently serves her community. She has been a representative for several commissions such as the NC Health Services Commission (appointed by Governor Easley), the NC Commission of Public Health and the Orange County Human Services Commission. She was also appointed to the UNC Board of Visitors to serve as an advocate for the School of Nursing. Hill was also elected to the Charles House Foundation Board. The Charles House Association operates eldercare homes that offer 24 hour care as well as daycare.

Dr. Hill’s experience at UNC has prepared her in many ways and on many levels to contribute to nursing education. “It has allowed me to be a part of preparing students to be proactive providers of quality health care of the future,” she says. “Additionally being able to interact and collaborate with students in the teaching/learning process at all levels has been amazing as they too have been so appreciative as they invest educationally to heal their people and change their respective countries. My educational studies and experiences have allowed me to represent nursing and our school in some very unique and visible ways. To UNC School of Nursing, I will always be grateful and have unending pride.”