

# Rehabilitation Counseling & Psychology

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## BURKER NAMED RCP DIVISION DIRECTOR

Eileen Burker, PhD, has been named Director of the Division of Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology at UNC Chapel Hill. Lee McLean, Chair of the Department of Allied Health Sciences and Associate Dean of the UNC School of Medicine, announced Burker's appointment in July. Burker had previously served as Division Director in the late 1990s.

"I am deeply grateful for Dr. Burker's willingness to step up again as we head into another year of serious fiscal challenges," said McLean. "The division is now well positioned and I am confident that she will be successful in charting a course forward for the program."

Burker replaces former RCP Division Director and Professor Charlie Bernacchio, who departed UNC over the summer to accept a position as chair of Rehabilitation Counseling at the University of Southern Maine. During his five-year tenure as director, Bernacchio led the RCP program through a period of growth in enrollment and national recognition, culminating in a top 25% ranking in the

recent *U.S. News and World Report* review of graduate programs in Rehabilitation Counseling.

Burker earned a master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling with an emphasis in Vocational Evaluation at the University of Georgia, as well as a master's level certificate in Gerontology. After working for three years as a rehabilitation counselor and vocational evaluator for the Savannah Pain Control and Rehabilitation Center, she returned to school at Auburn University where she earned her MS and PhD in Clinical Psychology. Burker is an associate professor in the RCP division and an adjunct associate professor for the UNC Department of Psychiatry. In addition, she serves as a clinical psychologist for the UNC Lung and Heart Transplant Teams.



Eileen Burker

## RCP Students Present Research at State and National Conferences

Several students and faculty members from the UNC Chapel Hill Division of Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology shared their research at the 2011 North Carolina Rehabilitation Association (NCRA) Conference October 26-28 in Wrightsville Beach, N.C., and the National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE) Conference in Arlington, Va., October 31-November 1.



Left and lower left, Laurel Powell and Leah Cox at the NCRE poster presentation session. Below, Caley Kropp with his poster at the NCRA conference.



Students and faculty at the NCRA Conference in October. Back row, from left, Sena Moran, RCP faculty member Kelly Kazukauskas, Brooke Vincent, Leah Cox, Laurel Powell, Caley Kropp, Shahin Sabouri, and RCP faculty member Judy Schmidt. Sitting, from left, RCP Division Director Eileen Burker, Jessie Johnson, Rachel Espey, and Kelsey Klatka.



## Monty Honeycutt Names Chair

Monty Honeycutt ('99) made a generous donation to purchase a chair for the RCP Client Observation Room in Bondurant Hall in honor of the late Mary Coble, a former coworker who helped Honeycutt navigate the early years of his career. RCP students and faculty gathered to celebrate the dedication of the chair on October 4.

Far left, RCP faculty members Andrew Byrne, Judy Schmidt, and Kelly Kazukauskas, Marsha Honeycutt and Monty Honeycutt, and RCP Division Director Eileen Burker. Left, Monty Honeycutt unveils the chair.

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## Mark Fleming ('98) Hosts Lunch and Learn for Current Students



Dr. Mark Fleming ('98) sponsored a lunch and learn session for current RCP students on November 12 at UNC. Fleming earned his B.A. in psychology and MS in RCP from UNC Chapel Hill and received his Doctor of Philosophy in Counseling Psychology from the Pennsylvania State University. He currently serves as the Director of Behavioral Health Services with Corizon, the largest healthcare company of its kind providing medical, mental health, and pharmacy services to state level department of corrections and county jail programs across the nation.

In 2011, Fleming established the Dr. Mark C. Fleming RCP Annual Scholarship to support a deserving RCP student with financial need and promise for future clinical excellence. The first recipient of the scholarship was Melissa Martell Senior.

*Pictured, back row, from left Savannah Carson, Liana Regan, RCP Division Director Eileen Burkner, Lauren Bangert, RCP faculty member Andrew Byrne, Brooke Vincent, Mary Hannah Ellis, Erica Swanson, and Paul DeMello. Middle row, Amanda Krise, Dr. Mark Fleming, Taylor Cummings, and Kelly Kessler. Front row, Arianna Timko, Caroline Williams, Kelly Nelson, and Melissa Senior.*

## RCP Welcomes Two New Faculty Members

**Andrew M. Byrne**, MS, CRC, ABD, is a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he attended Grove City College, earning his bachelor's degree. Since 2001, Andrew has enjoyed the mountains, plains, and beaches of North Carolina and switched careers from youth ministry to rehabilitation counseling, while awakening his inner scholar.

Andrew earned his master's degrees in Rehabilitation Counseling and Substance Abuse and Clinical Counseling from East Carolina University. He has worked in state vocational rehabilitation in North Carolina and Pennsylvania, as well as inpatient and outpatient clinical mental health and substance abuse agencies in both states. Andrew is a doctoral candidate in East Carolina University's Rehabilitation Counseling and Administration PhD program with a concentration in addictions. He is currently completing his dissertation on addiction to Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Games (MMORPGs).

Andrew's research interests are technologically oriented as well. He is interested in technological addictions, including internet, social networking, and mobile devices, and how this technology impacts and innovates concepts on disability and addiction across generations. Andrew is also an observer of how technology impacts ethics, counselor education, and clinical supervision. He has published and presented on his research interests in local, regional, and national publications and conferences. He currently serves as president of the North Carolina Rehabilitation Counseling Association. When not engrossed in scholarly pursuits, Andrew enjoys mountain biking, downhill skiing, camping, and other outdoor activities as well as travel and cooking.



Andrew Byrne

**Mark R. Klinger**, PhD, is a cognitive psychologist who studies how thinking processes differ in persons with developmental disabilities with a particular focus on autism and Down syndrome. Mark completed his PhD in Psychology at the University of Washington. He comes to the Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology program at UNC from the Department of Psychology at the University of Alabama where he was on faculty for the last 17 years and was Director of the Experimental Psychology PhD program for the last six years.

Mark's research focuses on studying autism spectrum disorders as a form of learning disability in which persons with autism have difficulty learning using "intuitive" learning processes that are frequently used by persons who do not have autism. Mark conducts research using behavioral, eye-tracking, neuroimaging, and other physiological techniques to study the ways learning may be different in persons with developmental disabilities.

Mark will be teaching research courses, supervising graduate students, and conducting research in developmental disabilities in RCP. Much of his research is collaborative with Dr. Laura Klinger who is the new Director of TEACCH (Treatment and Education of Autistic and Communication related handicapped CHildren), the statewide autism center located at UNC Chapel Hill, and Mark will be working to develop the research infrastructure at TEACCH. Additionally, Mark would like to start a transition program for college students with autism at UNC that is similar to the program that he and Dr. Laura Klinger started at the University of Alabama.



Mark Klinger