



**The Association of Professional
Women in Medical Sciences (APWIMS)**

welcomes you to

**ACHIEVING HEALTH EQUITY
THROUGH RESEARCH AND CLINICAL CARE**

*Achieving Equity in Women’s Health Across the Lifespan: Racial and
Ethnic Disparities in Fertility and the Menopause Transition*



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021
12:00 - 1:00 PM EST

12:00 – 12:05 PM	<p>Welcome Wanda Nicholson, MD, MPH, MBA, President of APWIMS, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology</p>
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12:05 – 12:55 PM	<p>Keynote Address Genevieve Neal-Perry, MD, PhD, Robert A. Ross Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology</p>
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12:55 – 1:00 PM	<p>Closing Silvia Ramos, MD, PhD, Vice President of APWIMS, Assistant Professor of Biochemistry and Biophysics</p>
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Keynote



Genevieve Neal-Perry, MD, PhD joined UNC as Professor and Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology on April 15, 2020. She previously served as Professor and Division Director of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Washington and Director of the Cancer and Reproduction Clinic at the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. Dr. Neal-Perry received her BA from Dartmouth College and an MD and PhD in pharmacology from Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. She completed residency and fellowship training in reproductive endocrinology and infertility at Beth Israel Medical Center and Montefiore Medical Center. She previously served as the Associate Dean for Diversity Mentoring at Albert Einstein College of Medicine where she was an Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Her research has focused on gaining a better understanding of the impact of nutrition, aging, and ovarian hormones on regulation of fertility and brain function. She has received funding from the NIH, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Society for Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, and the American Federation for Aging Research. Dr. Neal-Perry has several national leadership roles and was recently named as Vice President of Diversity and Structural Change for the Society for Reproductive Investigation.



Association of Professional Women in Medical Sciences (APWIMS) Leadership



Wanda Nicholson, MD, MPH, MBA is a Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Director of the Diabetes and Obesity Program at the UNC Center for Women's Health Research. For Dr. Nicholson, APWIMS has been an incredible source of career support and information as a faculty member at UNC. As an undergraduate and medical school alumni, she is aware of the University's strong commitment to STEM and medicine and promoting the careers of its faculty. Attending APWIMS events helped her develop a vision for an academic career and provided some of the tools needed to move forward in a steady and positive career trajectory. As APWIMS' president, it has been important to her that programming is directly responsive to the needs of our APWIMS membership.



Silvia Ramos, MD, PhD is an Assistant Professor of Biochemistry and Biophysics. As the Diversity Liaison for her department, she has been working to "support departmental trainees, staff, faculty, and leadership in fostering a diverse and inclusive professional environment". Her commitment to diversity and advocacy work doesn't stop there. As the inaugural Vice President of APWIMS, she is "excited with the opportunity to bring together so many women devoted to medicine and science through events sponsored by APWIMS".



Amelia F. Drake, MD, FACS is a Distinguished Professor of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery and the Associate Dean for Faculty Development in the Office of Faculty Affairs and Leadership Development. She has many different roles in the Schools of Medicine and Dentistry, and in her Dean's Office role, APWIMS has grown substantially over the years. As the 2019-20 recipient for the University Award for the Advancement of Women, it is clear that one of her many talents and passions is cultivating relationships with, and leadership skills within, women faculty. In her more than 30 years at UNC-Chapel Hill, she has steadfastly encouraged women leaders in both the medical and dental schools through institutional and departmental programming, mentoring, and advocacy.