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WOMEN IN MEDICAL SCIENCE CONFERENCE

Rising Strong: Empowering Women to Lead in Uncertain Times



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 2025

9:00AM - 1:00PM

UNC LINEBERGER COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER, JOSEPH S. PAGANO CONFERENCE ROOM



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Welcome

Kaitlin Morrison, PhD, Assistant Professor of Medicine
Executive Director, UNC Lineberger Clinical Research

9:30 AM

The Imperative of Delivering on Our Missions During Challenges Times

Samantha Meltzer-Brody, MD, MPH
Professor, Psychiatry
Executive Dean, UNC School of Medicine

10:05 AM

Protecting Your Work & Mental Well-Being

Nadia Chargaia, MD
Associate Professor, Psychiatry
UNC Health Executive Medical Director
UNC Healthcare Well-Being Program

10:50 AM

Fine Tuning Your Kaleidoscope

Tanya Shields, PhD
Associate Professor, Director of Carolina Seminars
Interim Chair, Women's and Gender Studies

11:20 AM

Lunch

11:50 AM

Keynote: Unlock your Leadership Potential

Joanna-Roses Ryan
Founder/CEO, Joanna Roses Coaching & Communications
ICF Certified Executive Coach

12:50 PM

Adjourn

Sara Elizabeth Wobker, MD, MPH
Associate Professor
Director, Surgical Pathology, Genitourinary Pathology & Anatomic Pathology

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Speakers



Samantha Meltzer-Brody, MD, MPH
Executive Dean, UNC School of Medicine
Assad Meymandi Distinguished Professor

Dr. Meltzer-Brody was named the Executive Dean of the UNC School of Medicine in January 2025. From 2019 until March 2025, she served as the Assad Meymandi Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she also directed the UNC Center for Women's Mood Disorders. As Chair, Dr. Meltzer-Brody collaborated with UNC Health and the state of North Carolina on innovation and transformation of mental health care. Previously, Dr. Meltzer-Brody founded the UNC "Taking Care of Our Own" mental health program in 2011 and played an important in leading UNC Health Well-Being initiatives.



Nadia Charguia, MD
Director for the Taking Care of Our Own Program
Associate Professor

Dr. Nadia Charguia is an associate professor and child psychiatrist with the Department of Psychiatry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is the Director for the Taking Care of Our Own Program. Dr. Charguia also serves as the Executive Medical Director for UNC Healthcare's Integrated Well-Being Program, leading well-being efforts systemwide. Dr. Charguia works to directly to support and promote the mental health needs of physicians and other healthcare professionals through various well-being initiatives. Additionally, she enjoys working in a variety of capacities that focus on resident and medical student education and support.



Tanya L. Shields
Associate Chair and Associate Professor of Women and Gender Studies
Director of Undergraduate Studies for Women's and Gender Studies

Tanya L. Shields joined Women's and Gender Studies as its first postdoctoral scholar in 2005 and became a tenured faculty member in 2014. She holds a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature and a Certificate in Women's and Gender Studies from the University of Maryland. Her research centers on Caribbean studies and plantation logics in the Americas, with her book *Bodies and Bones* exploring historical reenactments and regional belonging. Shields also edited *The Legacy of Eric Williams*, examining Trinidad and Tobago's first Prime Minister. Her current project investigates women plantation owners through archival and literary sources. She is an award-winning teacher, interim Chair of Women's and Gender Studies, and adjunct faculty in African, African American, and Diaspora Studies.

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Keynote Speaker



Joanna Roses-Ryan

As a certified leadership coach and Founder/CEO of Joanna Roses Coaching & Communications, Joanna's 25+ years of executive coaching, communications and marketing experience helps strengthen executive leaders and build efficient, connected and collaborative cultures, teams and organizations.

Over the last 25 years, Joanna's career has been defined by her direct experience in leading companies through significant change, helping them to navigate growth and transformation, M&As, layoffs, crises, rebrands, strategy shifts, and much more. As an executive and leadership coach, she specializes in working with executives, leaders and teams in transition such as new roles or promotions, career changes, people changes, strategy shifts, or finding new ways of working in the changing workplace.

She partners with senior leaders to master the skills to advance their careers, using her 8C's of Executive Presence Framework (composure, confidence, communication, character, charisma, credibility, connection, and command) to help them become confident, influential, effective and authentic leaders.

She brings firsthand perspective from her executive leadership positions in communications and integrated marketing at organizations like SAS, Nickelodeon, the global agency Golin, and at Understood.org, and as a partner, coach, and strategist to leaders at Merz Aesthetics, The National 4-H Council, L'Oreal, Kayak, Canon, AvanaDe, and more. Joanna also serves as an instructor for professional leadership development at Wake Tech and as an alumni executive leadership and career coach for Emory University, her alma mater.

As an International Coaching Federation ACC certified coach, Joanna holds coaching credentials from NC State and in the EQ-i 2.0 / EQ 360 emotional intelligence assessment instrument. Learn more at joannarosescoaching.com and follow her on LinkedIn @joannaroses.



Joanna's Coaching Website



Joanna's LinkedIn