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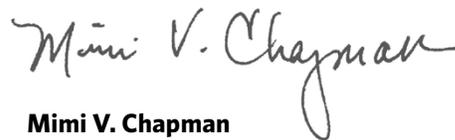
In the midst of all that is challenging right now, we write with encouraging news of three soon-to-be Ph.D. graduates from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. LB, Premela, and Anna are game-changers working in fields that need fresh ideas and approaches. They have been well-mentored by our faculty and have had research experiences that prepare them for independent scholarship.

As you review their CV's and get to know their work, you'll see that they have been active in publishing, grantsmanship, training, and teaching. They are prepared to step onto your faculties and contribute without missing a beat. On the Carolina campus, our over-arching theme is "Ready for Next." These students are just that. They are ready to contribute to institutions that are confronting the world's toughest challenges through their teaching, scholarship and service. Please contact us if you have questions we can answer. And contact them if you are looking for dynamic new faculty members for your team.

With Very Best Regards,



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Premela Deck's research focuses on high conflict families, resist and refuse dynamics, parent competencies, and forensic social work during separation and divorce. Her current research projects include the development and psychometric testing of a high conflict measurement tool for divorcing parents of minor children; evaluation of the empirical evidence for conducting remote child custody evaluations; and interprofessional collaboration between legal and social work professionals.

Premela's research is supported by her experience as a family law attorney and former clerk to the Supreme Court of North Carolina, as well as her forensic social work direct practice. She employs a number of interventions for high-conflict families including parent coordination, custody evaluations, and psychoeducation. She has taught courses on program evaluation, social welfare policy, macro practice, and research methods at the graduate schools of social work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Boston College; and Bridgewater University.

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- ▶ High-conflict families
- ▶ Separation and divorce
- ▶ Family law
- ▶ Child custody
- ▶ Forensic social work



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LB Klein, MSW, MPA (she/they) is a Ph.D. candidate at the UNC School of Social Work, an injury and violence prevention fellow with the UNC Injury Prevention Research Center, and a fellow with Prevention Innovations Research Center at the University of New Hampshire.

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- ▶ Interpersonal violence
- ▶ LGBTQ+
- ▶ Prevention
- ▶ Equity in higher education
- ▶ Participatory action research

LB's research focuses on interpersonal/gender-based violence prevention, intervention, and policy; advancing equity in education; and promoting LGBTQ+ health. Her mixed methods dissertation seeks to develop strategies to center LGBTQ+ students in campus sexual and relationship violence prevention. LB has received three external grants for her research.

She has taught undergraduate and graduate social work courses including service-learning, treatment of trauma and violence, and evidence-based practice and program evaluation. LB received her BA and MSW from Washington University in St. Louis and her MPA from the University of Colorado Denver. She has over a decade of practice, training, and consulting experience.



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Anna Parisi has focused her research on improving the availability and use of empirically supported interventions for people with substance use disorders and criminal justice involvement. She is particularly interested in exploring ways to promote positive reentry outcomes among justice-involved women.

For her dissertation, Anna is using qualitative and quantitative methods to better understand the factors placing women at risk for criminal justice involvement and examine how correctional services can most effectively address these risks. As a Community Engagement Fellow with the Carolina Center for Public Service, Anna is also partnering with the UNC Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health to investigate ways to improve the responsiveness of interventions for justice-involved women receiving services from community-based settings.

Anna received her MSW from UNC in 2013 and has over five years of clinical experience working with individuals with comorbid substance use and mental health disorders.

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- ▶ Gender responsiveness
- ▶ Criminal justice
- ▶ Substance use disorders
- ▶ Trauma
- ▶ Evidence-based interventions



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