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I am proud to share with you the inaugural issue of a new publication at UNC School of Social Work: our Research Review, providing a compilation of our faculty’s recent scholarly achievements.

Through these research activities, more than 40 social work faculty leaders and innovators are contributing to the body of knowledge in our profession, identifying new interventions with lasting impact, and addressing some of the most serious problems facing individuals, families, and communities throughout the world.

Their research has never been more important than it is today. As we have learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, our social safety nets are vital but fragile. We must continue to seek new solutions that will advance equity, transform systems, and improve lives.

At UNC School of Social Work, this is what we have been doing for more than 100 years. Our vision is to be the leading school of social work for impact: Accelerating discovery and the translation of knowledge into action. The scholarly work reflected in this review is a strong indication that we are moving in this direction with intentionality and focus.

We launch this new publication in our centennial year both as a record of what we have accomplished and as a clarion call to move forward. I invite you to peruse its pages and see how our faculty are making an impact on the science of social work practice.

With warm regards,

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Bridging academic and real-world settings is a hallmark of social work research. This review of our faculty’s grants and publications reflects something greater than cutting-edge developments in our scholarship: It reflects real change in the lives of those here in North Carolina, as well as lives across our nation and around the globe.

As a School, we have doggedly pursued these changes at a time when new public health challenges swept local, state, and global communities. Our faculty adapted to new digital platforms for instruction, conferencing, and data collection while also renewing their commitment to investigate and address the disparities in care and resources that COVID-19 underscored. As the pandemic highlighted the growing interconnectedness of our world, our faculty pursued with new urgency the University’s broader focus on global outreach. At the same time, faculty have also reaffirmed the importance of their efforts within North Carolina to address inequities with intractable causes — such as structural racism — that long predated the pandemic.

The Office of Strategic Research Priorities is proud to showcase the most recent chapter of our School’s scholarly leadership. I hope that this review will spark new collaborative efforts that draw from and add to our faculty’s range of expertise as we build, together, a just and equitable future.

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The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

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