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Center for Gender, Sexualities and Women's Studies Research



Faculty

Curriculum Vitae

Areas of Interest/Research

- Health disparities in vulnerable populations
- Women's health
- Health literacy

Background

Laura K. Guyer, PhD, MEd, RDN returned to the University of Florida in 2011 to establish the "Health Disparities in Society" (HDS) minor in the Center for Gender, Sexualities and Women's Studies Research in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. Her teaching program introduces undergraduate preprofessional students to health disparities in marginalized populations, social determinants of health, cultural competence, advocacy and social justice. Her research investigates health disparities in vulnerable and minority populations [LGBTQ+, rural, low literacy and more], access to health care and the education of health professionals.

Dr. Guyer engages with community health and public health professionals to provide service learning practicum experiences for students enrolled in the Health Disparities in Society minor. As faculty advisor for the Community Health Service Corps Pre-professional Organization, she uses her extensive professional network to provide research, leadership and service opportunities for students. She is passionate about preparing the next generation of health professionals to provide inclusive, culturally competent and patient-centered care.

Dr. Guyer is the former Associate Director at Suwannee River Area Health Education Center (AHEC) and was a community nutritionist, consultant and clinical dietitian. She was a tenured Associate Professor in Food Science and Human Nutrition at UF and directed the undergraduate and graduate dietetics programs. She is a registered dietitian with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

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