



## CAROLINA WOMEN'S CENTER ANNOUNCES 2018-2019 FACULTY SCHOLARS

**Chapel Hill, N.C. (August 2, 2018)** – The Carolina Women's Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is proud to announce its Faculty Scholars for the 2018-2019 academic year. Drs. Jessica Baker and Melissa Munn-Chernoff, Dr. Rebecca Kreitzer, and Dr. Sarah Treul Roberts will use the grant funding to undertake projects that reflect the Center's mission to further gender equity.



The first joint recipients of a Faculty Scholars grant, **Dr. Jessica Baker** (left) and **Dr. Melissa Munn-Chernoff** (right) will undertake their project, **“Food Insecurity and Mental Health among College Students,”** in conjunction with incoming students at the University of Chapel Hill at North Carolina. The study, the first to focus on college students as a population, examines how college students' experience food insecurity impacts the prevalence and incidence of negative mental health experiences. Dr. Baker is an Assistant Professor and Associate

Research Director for the Center of Excellence for Eating Disorders in the Department of Psychiatry, and Dr. Munn-Chernoff is an Assistant Professor for the Center of Excellence for Eating Disorders in the School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry.



Dr. Rebecca Kreitzer's project, **“Run Jane, Jamila and Juanita: The Role of Women Candidate Groups in Increasing (the Diversity of) Women's Representation in Elected Office,”** explores the role and effectiveness of groups like Lillian's List in increasing the number of women—and different kinds of women—elected to office. While Dr. Kreitzer hypothesizes that women's candidate groups are most effective at supporting Democratic, pro-choice women, she is especially interested in the experiences of women of color and conservative women with these groups. Dr. Kreitzer is an Assistant Professor of Public Policy.

Seeking to understand the record number of women filing to run for Congressional seats in 2018, **Dr. Sarah Treul Roberts**' project, "**The Emergence Decisions of Women Who Run for Congress,**" explores female primary candidates in 2018 and their decisions to run for Congress as well as how successful they are. Traditionally, women do not run for Congress at the same rates as their male counterparts, but this study will assess whether or not the involvement of social movements such as the Women's March on Washington and the #metoo campaign facilitated female emergence. It "seeks to offer the literature a comprehensive analysis of the power of social movements on recruitment and success, especially as it relates to an underrepresented group." Dr. Treul Roberts is an Associate Professor of Political Science.



Please join the Women's Center in congratulating the 2018-2019 Faculty Scholars!