

# North Carolina Office of Strategic Partnerships 2023 Government Research Partnerships Learning Forum

Thursday, April 13, 2023  
8:00am – 5:30pm

*The Learning Forum will take place at the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) Auditorium and at the NC Department of Administration Building. It will conclude with a reception at the Executive Mansion. Location details below.*

## Agenda

**8:00-8:45**     **Coffee Available** (Rm. 1128, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Administration Building, 116 W. Jones St.)

**8:30-9:00**     **Check-In** (1<sup>st</sup> Floor Auditorium, Rm. 104, DNCR, 109 E. Jones St.)

**9:00-9:15**     **Welcome and Overview of Learning Forum**

*Secretary Reid Wilson*, NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

**9:15-11:45**     **Cross-Sector Partnership Features and Q&A**

This session will feature presentations on government-research and government-philanthropy partnerships, followed by time for discussion and Q&A.

Government Partners	Research and Philanthropy Partners
NC Department of Public Safety	UNC Chapel Hill
NC Department of Public Safety	RTI International
NC Department of Health and Human Services, NC Department of Public Instruction, NC Government Data Analytics Center	Duke University, UNC Chapel Hill
Charlotte Fire and Police Academy	N.C. A&T State University, UNC Charlotte
Guilford County Emergency Medical Services	UNC Greensboro
NC Office of Administrative Hearings	UNC Chapel Hill
NC Department of Public Instruction	UNC Chapel Hill, UNC Charlotte

**Facilitators:** *Jenni Owen*, Director, NC Office of Strategic Partnerships (OSP) and *David Yokum*, Chief Scientist, NC Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM); Senior Advisor, NC OSP

**11:45-12:00**     **Morning Wrap Up**

*Chandrika Rao*, Interim Director, State Center for Health Statistics, NC Department of Health and Human Services; Director, Central Cancer Registry  
*Eliza Edwards*, Deputy Director, NC OSP

**12:00-1:00**     **Lunch**

Boxed lunch – Rm. 1128, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Administration Building, 116 W. Jones St.

**1:00-2:00**

**Workshop Sessions**

Each of the four workshops will be offered twice.

**1. Data Access and Use in North Carolina: Anticipating and Addressing Potential Challenges** (Rm. G111E, Ground Floor, Administration Building)

*Kaitlin Anderson* (facilitator), Evidence Advisor, NC OSP

*Andrew Berger-Gross*, Senior Economist, NC Department of Commerce

*Kara Bonneau*, Director, NC Education Research Data Center, Duke University

*Curtis Bradley*, Research Manager, NC Department of Transportation

*LeiLani Paugh*, Mitigation and Modeling Group Leader, NC Department of Transportation

*Jessie Tenenbaum*, Chief Data Officer, NC Department of Health and Human Services (for second workshop session only)

*Morgan Weatherford*, Modeling Team Lead, NC Department of Transportation

**2. Exploring Agency Challenges and Leveraging Researcher Expertise: Researcher-Agency Matchmaking Hour** (Rm. 5068, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Administration Building)

*Tim Griffith* (facilitator), Evidence Advisor, NC OSP

*Erin Huggins*, Acting Associate Director, Program Evaluation and Educational Research, the Friday Institute, NC State University

*Alicia James*, Program Manager, NC OSP

*Carrie Ruhlman*, Policy Development Manager, NC Wildlife Resources Commission

**3. Sharing and Communicating Research and Science** (Rm. 5010, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Administration Building)

*Jenni Owen*, Director, NC OSP

*McKinley Wooten*, Assistant Secretary for Research and Equity, NC Department of Revenue

**4. Pathways to Engagement With and Within Government** (Rm. 1128, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Administration Building)

*Eliza Edwards*, Deputy Director, NC OSP

*Evin Grant*, Policy Director, NC Department of Administration

**2:15-3:15**

**Workshop Sessions Repeat**

**3:30-4:15**

**The North Carolina State Budget: Who, What, Where, When, Why** (DNCR 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Auditorium, Rm. 104)

*Darryl Childers*, Assistant State Budget Officer, NC OSBM

*Lanier McRee*, Assistant State Budget Officer, NC OSBM

**4:30-5:30**

**Reception at the Executive Mansion** (200 N. Blount St.)

*Thank you to the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources for offering publications to attendees about North Carolina's culture and history.*