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Dr. Greg Kearney, DrPH, MPH, is an associate professor in the Department of Public Health and the Graduate Program Director. He obtained his Ph.D. in Environmental Health Sciences from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, his MPH from University of South Florida, and his B.S. from ECU. He also served as an Environmental Epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP) in Atlanta, among other positions. Dr. Kearney has been awarded the US EPA Environmental Asthma Partnership Award, the Outstanding Public Health Surveillance Award, CDC, and the North Carolina Asthma Champion Award.

Following Dr. Kearney's time at the CDCP, he returned to ECU in 2011 with a focus on mentoring students and developing their professional communication skills, and fostering their academic success. He has published extensively with his students. Evidence of his guidance and mentorship of many graduate students was demonstrated through two of his recent mentees becoming the first and second graduate students in public health at ECU to receive the prestigious NC Albert Schweitzer

Fellowships. One of his students stated that Dr. Kearney's "Dr. Kearney does not work for the awards or praise, but simply to inspire and impact all those that he comes into contact with each day he comes to work..." A fellow faculty member remarked "The students that work with Dr. Kearney ... are exposed to hands-on experiences that provide them with opportunities to work with underserved families that have children with asthma."

Dr. Kearney's uses a combination of foundational techniques that include building trust, encouragement, sharing applied work experience knowledge and providing mentees with networking opportunities to meet with other public health professionals. As another of his students wrote "I cannot think of another person during my time at ECU that left a lasting impact on me in my academics and my professional career as Dr. Kearney did."