

THE COLLEGE *of*
***PUBLIC HEALTH AND
HEALTH PROFESSIONS***

UF FACULTY SENATE MEETING
FEBRUARY 2023

With DEAN BETH VIRNIG



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187

Faculty

8

Departments

4-Part Mission

- Research
- Teaching
- Clinical Care
- Service

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Bachelor's

BPH

BHS, Health Science

BHS, Communication
Sciences Disorder

6

Master's

Biostatistics (**MS**)

Communication Sciences &
Disorders (**MA**)

Epidemiology (**MS**)

Health Administration (**MHA**)

One Health (**MHS**)*

Public Health (**MPH**)

11

Doctoral

Audiology (**Au.D.**)

Biostatistics (**Ph.D.**)

Clinical Psychology (**Ph.D.**)

Epidemiology (**Ph.D.**)

Occupational Therapy (**OTD**)

Public Health x4 (**Ph.D.**)

Physical Therapy (**DPT**)

Rehabilitation Science (**Ph.D.**)

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Accrediting Bodies

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**Graduate programs
ranked in the top 25**

Among public universities in 2022 USNWR

USNWR PUBLIC RANKINGS

- | | |
|----|---------------------------|
| 4 | Occupational Therapy |
| 6 | Physical Therapy |
| 11 | Biostatistics |
| 17 | Health Care Management |
| 18 | Public Health |
| 19 | Clinical Psychology |
| 20 | Speech-Language Pathology |
| 24 | Audiology |

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\$34.2M

**New
Research
Awards**

FY 2022

#9

**School of Public
Health
in NIH funding**

*Based on rankings by Blue
Ridge Institute of Medical
Research, February 2022*

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**Federally
Funded
Training
Grants**



WE ARE HELD TOGETHER BY A FOCUS OF



Prevention



Level 1: Primary Prevention Activities

Prevention of problems before they occur

Example: Immunizations

Level 2: Secondary Prevention Activities

Early detection and intervention

Example: Screen for hearing loss

Level 3: Tertiary Prevention Activities

Correction and prevention of deterioration of a disease state

Example: Rehabilitation after stroke



About Me.

DEAN BETH VIRNIG

My Background



MPH and PhD in Epidemiology

University of Minnesota:

- Tenured Professor of Health Management and Policy
- Previously Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
- Research
 - Access and outcomes of cancer – focus on cancer, care for the elderly
 - Strong record of research funding
 - CMS
 - NCI
 - NIH
 - AHRQ

About me

DEAN BETH VIRNIG

Why Florida?



- Strong programs
- AI opportunity
- Strong state support
- Collaborative culture (centers, institutes)
- Combination of departments within college provides unique opportunities



Top Priorities

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“Best kept secret” is not a point of pride

- Increased visibility/recognition locally, state and nationally

Improve rankings

- All based on peer assessments
- Do not necessarily match other objective information (e.g., NIH funding)

Remove restricted access for BPH, BHS

Align and strategically build resources to support research and teaching

- Diversify sources
- Increase funding, particularly collaborative research

Development



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Thank you

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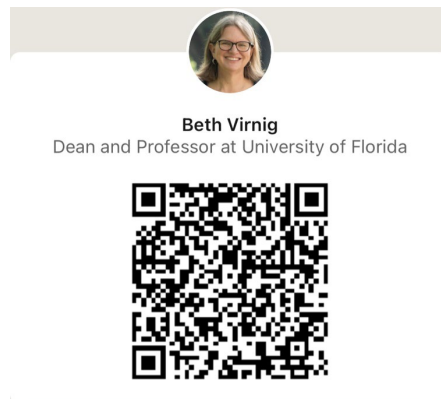
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