



## Thought Leadership Bio



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Dr. Napier manages UNC-CH HIV Cure Center operations, working with Dr. David Margolis, Scientific Director, to implement the scientific research agenda and to execute the strategic plans for the Center. Mary has 16 years of industrial research and operational experience at G.D. Searle, Xanthon Inc., Research Triangle Institute and Meryx Pharmaceuticals working in areas ranging from analytical methodology for pharmaceuticals, nucleic acid biosensors, thermoelectric materials development for biological application and drug development for oncology. She has 13 years of experience at UNC-CH, as the operations lead for Joseph DeSimone's research group in the Department of Chemistry, which brought PRINT® nanoparticle technology into the field of medicine and as the Executive Director of the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise managing Institute operations and developing cooperative efforts among privately owned businesses, higher education and government.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from the University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign and a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Northwestern University and has completed postdoctoral research at Harvard University and at UNC-Chapel Hill. Mary has 45 peer reviewed publications, 15 issued or pending patent applications. She is also a 2012 C Knox Massey Distinguished Service Award winner.



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