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Chaplain Michelle Nicolle, PhD, completed a Clinical Pastoral Care (CPE) residency at Wake Forest Medical Center in August 2016. Prior to this residency, Dr. Nicolle was engaged in neuroscience research as an Associate Professor at Wake Forest School of Medicine (WFSM) with appointments in Internal Medicine, Section of Geriatrics and the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology. The focus of Michelle's research was the neurobiology of memory decline in normal aging and Alzheimer's disease. Her love of the elderly transitioned from the lab bench to the bedside in a career change from academics to chaplaincy beginning in 2013. Michelle completed (and continues) her religious training at the Upaya Zen Center in Santa Fe, NM under the direction of Roshi Joan Halifax, and was ordained as Buddhist Chaplain in 2016. Michelle's current role is to provide spiritual care and support for medical students, physician assistant students, CRNA, undergraduate and graduate students and faculty for WFSM, and for the many businesses and scientists associated with the Wake Forest Innovation Quarter in Winston Salem, NC.