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Gary Bowen, Ph.D. is a Kenan Distinguished Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's School of Social Work. Bowen's areas of expertise include school success; military families; community capacity building; work, family, and community linkages; family stress, coping, and social support; adolescent resiliency; and evaluation research. He co-directs the School Success Profile project in the School of Social Work. He was named a National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) Fellow in 2001 for his enduring contributions to the field of family studies through a career of teaching, scholarship, outreach, professional service and leadership. He served as president of NCFR from 2009-2011. Bowen has published extensively on the social environmental antecedents of school engagement and academic success of middle and high school students, as well as on the nature of the work and family interface in the U.S. military. He is currently working on a joint, Department of Defense-sponsored project with the University of Georgia on implementing a community capacity building project directed at providing support initiatives for military members and their families through mobilizing communities.

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Health and Wellness, Education/Learning, Military, Social Services, Training and Development, Program Development

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Military Families, Military Life, Academic Success of Middle and High School Students, Social Work with Families, Crime and Violence in Schools, Work and Family Linkages, Community Capacity Building, Performance Driven Management

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**University of North Carolina at Greensboro**  
Ph.D. Family Relations/Child Development

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**  
MSW Social Work, Mental Health

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**Kenan Distinguished Professor**  
University of North Carolina

**Fellow**  
The Society for Social Work and Research

**Former President**  
National Council on Family Relations

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### **Numerous Professional and Academic Awards**

Dr. Bowen has received numerous awards in his distinguished academic career.

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