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Letter from the President



Dear Colleagues,

We look forward to welcoming you to GSA's 62nd Annual Scientific Meeting this November in Atlanta. I am sure you will find this event a rewarding experience as you share in a tradition that was established over six decades ago.

The theme for the meeting is "Creative Approaches to Healthy Aging." This topic was chosen because it reaches across all of GSA's professional sections and embraces the interdisciplinary nature of its membership. Our conference provides a unique opportunity to network with colleagues, learn best practices, establish new professional relationships, and rededicate ourselves to the world of gerontology.

For the Opening Session, we will welcome Erik Wahl, an internationally recognized lecturer on the subject of change and organizational excellence. These topics will tie in perfectly to the meeting theme as we think about innovative ways to approach the issues of aging. Wahl also incorporates painting into his multimedia presentations and the finished work of art will then be auctioned off in the Exhibit Hall.

The Closing Session, "Creativity Across the Research Lifespan," will honor the late Chuck Longino, who served as both GSA and AGHE president, each within the last five years. The featured speaker will be David Galenson, the renowned economic professor. He will discuss his work studying artists and the ages at which they produced their greatest work.

These two sessions serve as true bookends for the conference. Between them we will be exposed to a wealth of research in the form of research papers, posters, and symposia. Be sure to visit our Late Breaker Poster Session, where you'll find the most cutting-edge information available on the subject of aging.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, based in Atlanta, will use the meeting as a venue to release a new report together with the American Medical Association and AARP. This new resource is billed as a state-by-state tool that "facilitates linkages between medical and public health communities with information and strategies needed to improve the delivery of preventative services within clinical and community settings."

Additionally, our Exhibit Hall will house over 100 booths, representing a wide array of organizations and industries. The 2009 meeting schedule differs slightly from previous meetings in that the daily lineup of sessions has been modified to allow for lunch breaks—to facilitate visits to the Exhibit Hall as well as to increase networking opportunities.

See you in Atlanta!
Sincerely,

Michèle Saunders, DMD, MS, MPH
GSA President



Information subject to change. Please visit GSA's web site for the latest schedule.

Wednesday, November 18	
7:00am – 7:00pm	Conference Registration
8:00am – 4:30pm	Pre-Conference Workshops
3:00pm – 4:30pm	Concurrent Scientific Sessions Special Session: Mentoring Consultancy for Emerging Scholars, Session I
4:30pm – 6:00pm	Exhibit Hall Opening and Welcome Reception
6:30pm – 8:00pm	Interest Group Meetings

Thursday, November 19	
7:00am – 7:00pm	Conference Registration
7:00am – 8:00am	New Member Meet and Greet GSA Fellows Mentor Program
8:00am – 10:00am	ESPO Breakfast and Community Meeting
8:00am – 9:30am	Concurrent Scientific Sessions
9:00am – 4:00pm	Exhibit Hall Open
9:30am – 10:00am	Exhibit Break
10:00am – 11:30am	President's Opening Plenary Session
11:30am – 12:30pm	Lunch Break
12:30pm – 2:00pm	Concurrent Scientific Sessions
2:00pm – 2:30pm	Exhibit Break
2:30pm – 4:00pm	Concurrent Scientific Sessions Special Session: Irving S. Wright Award of Distinction Lecture
4:30pm – 6:00pm	Concurrent Scientific Sessions
5:00pm – 6:30pm	Task Force on Minority Issues Award Presentation and Reception
6:00pm – 7:30pm	Interest Group Meetings
6:00pm – 7:30pm	GSA Fellows & International Reception
7:00pm – 8:30pm	ESPO Wine & Cheese/GSA Fellows Meet the Students
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Interest Group Meetings

Friday, November 20	
7:00am – 7:00pm	Conference Registration
7:00am – 8:00am	Campus Ambassadors Meeting
8:00am – 9:30am	Concurrent Scientific Sessions
9:00am – 4:00pm	Exhibit Hall Open
9:30am – 10:00am	Exhibit Break
10:00am – 11:30am	Special Session: Kent and Kleemeier Award Lectures and Presentations
11:30am – 12:30pm	Lunch Break

12:00pm – 1:00pm	Society Section Updates and Award Presentations: BS, BSS, HS, and SRPP Business Meetings Special Session: Nathan Shock New Investigator Award
1:30pm – 3:00pm	Concurrent Scientific Sessions Special Session: Joseph T. Freeman Award Lecture Special Session: Mentoring Consultancy for Emerging Scholars, Session II
3:00pm – 3:30pm	Exhibit Break
3:30pm – 5:00pm	Concurrent Scientific Sessions Special Session: Maxwell A. Pollack Award for Productive Aging Lecture
5:15pm – 6:45pm	GSA Business Meeting and Policy Forum: Health Care Reform
6:30pm – 8:00pm	Interest Group Meetings
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Humanities and Arts Committee Open Meeting and Reception
8:00pm – 10:00pm	Humanities and Arts Committee Feature Film

Saturday, November 21	
6:00am – 7:00am	Fun Run/Walk
7:00am – 5:00pm	Conference Registration
8:00am – 9:30am	Concurrent Scientific Sessions Special Session: Margret M. and Paul B. Baltes Foundation Award in Behavioral and Social Gerontology Lecture
10:00am – 11:30am	Concurrent Scientific Sessions
11:30am – 12:30pm	Lunch Break
12:30pm – 2:00pm	Concurrent Scientific Sessions Special Session: M. Powell Lawton Award Lecture
2:30pm – 4:00pm	Concurrent Scientific Sessions
4:30pm – 6:00pm	Concurrent Scientific Sessions
6:00pm – 8:00pm	Affiliate Group Receptions
8:00pm – 10:00pm	Affiliate Group Receptions
9:00pm – 12:00am	Bo Diddley Outing at Blind Willie's

Sunday, November 22	
7:00am – 8:00am	Memorial Service
8:00am – 9:30am	Concurrent Scientific Sessions
10:00am – 11:30am	President's Closing Plenary Session

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President's Opening Plenary Session

Thursday, November 19

10:00am – 11:30am



Erik Wahl

An internationally recognized lecturer on the subject of organizational excellence, Wahl incorporates painting into his multimedia demonstrations. The finished work of art will then be auctioned in the Exhibit Hall.

Wahl holds a bachelor's degree from the University of San Diego, where he studied both art and business. He is the founder of The Wahl Group, a consulting firm that helps organizations identify and implement new methods to achieve results.

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“Of the four professional associations I belong to, I consider GSA my ‘must attend’ meeting. The research presented is cutting-edge, and the meeting is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with friends and colleagues (and to forge new collaborations).”

GSA welcomes dynamic speaker and artist Erik Wahl to the opening session of this year's Annual Scientific Meeting. Wahl will present “The Art of Vision,” a unique, fast-paced program specifically designed to help listeners utilize unconventional wisdom. This entertaining presentation will serve as an introduction to the four-day meeting.

President's Closing Plenary Session: Creativity Across the Research Lifespan

Sunday, November 22

10:00am – 11:30am

In Memory of Chuck Longino, past president of GSA and AGHE

Featured Speaker: David Galenson, author of *Old Masters and Young Geniuses*



David Galenson

This thought-provoking session, dedicated to the memory of former GSA president Chuck Longino, will feature author and researcher David Galenson, a professor of economics at the University of Chicago. Dr. Galenson will discuss his work studying the innovation and productivity of great artists at various points in their lives.

Do these special individuals strive for creative perfection throughout decades of painstaking and frustrating experimentation, or do they achieve it confidently and decisively, through meticulous planning that yields masterpieces early in their lives? Using a wide range of evidence, Dr. Galenson demonstrates that two fundamentally different approaches to innovation exist, and each approach is associated with a distinct pattern of discovery over a lifetime.

Experimental innovators work by trial and error, arriving at their major contributions gradually, late in life. In contrast, conceptual innovators make sudden breakthroughs by formulating new ideas, usually at an early age. Experimental innovators seek, and conceptual innovators find.

Following his presentation, Dr. Galenson will participate in a panel discussion with four GSA past presidents—Leonard Hayflick, James Birren, Carroll Estes, and TBD—to illustrate how their respective approaches to creativity have impacted their careers and influenced their individual lives' work.

Moderators: Judy Salerno, Program Co-Chair
Michael Katz, Program Co-Chair

For more information on these speakers, please visit www.apbspeakers.com.





November 20-21, 2009

The CR Society originated several years ago from early efforts of a few individuals interested in life extension, including Roy Walford and Brian Delaney. The membership is composed of individuals who are practicing or considering calorie restriction (CR) as a lifestyle. The membership is international with the greatest representation in North America, Europe, and Japan. The essentials of calorie restriction involve reducing calories while maintaining optimal nutrition, a

practice based on research that has shown that CR increases maximum lifespan in several animal species and improves health parameters in ongoing studies of nonhuman and human primates.

The Society supports CR as a lifestyle for health, longevity, or other benefits and promotes scientific endeavors designed to investigate the benefits of CR and mechanisms of action. The Society provides information about practicing CR, acts as a contact point for anyone interested in CR, and runs several active email lists which provide forums for topical discussions—see calorierestriction.org. In addition, since October 2001, we have held conferences bringing together scientists to discuss current CR research in a forum with the largest gathering of human CR practitioners in the world. The CR symposium within the GSA conference in Atlanta will be the sixth CR Society conference. To learn more, visit www.crsociety.org.

GSA attendees are welcome to attend the CR Society's sessions.



Wednesday, November 18

Pre-registration for all workshops is strongly suggested. On-site registration for these sessions will be on a first-come, first-served basis. All workshop fees are nonrefundable.

Full-Day Workshops

GSA Member	\$140
GSA Student Member	\$100
Non-Member	\$170

Methods for Studying Older Persons at the Neighborhood Level

8:00am – 4:30pm

In partnership with the International Aging and Migration Interest Group

In 2000, 47% of the world's population lived in cities, and it is estimated that by 2030, 60% of the world's population will live in urban areas. The process of urbanization is intimately linked to other processes that shape the experience of living in cities, such as the transition to post-industrial economies or issues of migration, both within countries and trans-nationally. The impact of these processes on the lives of older persons is under-researched; research that has been completed points to the importance of the neighborhood environment—social, physical, and institutional—as vital for determining health and the quality of social relationships for older people. This workshop will provide an intensive introduction to the issues facing researchers who wish to study these issues, the best methods for conducting such studies, and ways of partnering with neighborhood level initiatives designed to improve the lives of older persons. We will also look at issues of funding these efforts and publishing the results from these projects, as well as building collaborative efforts to conduct comparative studies across cities and nations.

Chair: Allen Glicksman, Philadelphia Corporation for Aging

Faculty: Cathie Berger, Area Agency on Aging, Atlanta Regional Commission; Habib Chaudhury, Simon Fraser University; Kate Clark, Philadelphia Corporation for Aging; Bethea Eichwald, Philadelphia Corporation for Aging; Christine Hoffman, Philadelphia Corporation for Aging; Madelyn Iris, Leonard Schanfield Research Institute, CJE Senior Life; Yvonne Michael, Oregon Health and Science University; Julie Norstrand, Boston College; Chris Phillipson, Keele University; Fleur Thomese; Hans-Werner Wahl, University of Heidelberg

Using, Adapting, and Modifying Existing Measures for Studies of Diverse Population Groups

8:00am – 4:30pm

In partnership with the Research in Quality of Care (RESQCARE) Interest Group and the Task Force on Minority Issues

Supported by the National Institute on Aging

Research to understand the nature of health disparities and the mechanisms by which they occur depend on measures that are appropriate for and work equivalently in diverse subgroups of populations. But scales and measures developed in one group may not work the same in another. The RCMAR measurement and methods cores have sponsored prior workshops and numerous publications on methods for evaluating the conceptual and psychometric adequacy of such measures when applied to ethnically diverse populations. There is still need for guidance about what constitutes acceptable levels of equivalence and what to do when evidence supports non-equivalence. This workshop summarizes the issues involved in evaluating equivalence, offers strategies for making modifications, and describes approaches for understanding the consequences of modifying of scales for use with diverse groups. Case studies are presented as illustrations of the decisions about and implementation of modifications. Break-out groups will provide participants the opportunity to discuss and apply the workshop information.

Chair: Steven P. Wallace, UCLA School of Public Health, Resource Centers for Minority Aging

Faculty: Karlene K. Ball, University of Alabama-Birmingham; Janet C. Frank, UCLA Med-Geri; Jack Goldberg, University of Washington; Ron Hays, UCLA School of Medicine; Leo Morales, UCLA School of Medicine; Sharina Person, University of Alabama at Birmingham; Judy A. Shea, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine; Sidney M. Stahl, National Institute on Aging/National Institutes of Health; Anita Stewart, University of California, San Francisco; Thomas Templin, Wayne State University; Jeanne A. Teresi, New York State Psychiatric Institute; Angela D. Thrasher, University of California, San Francisco

Chair: Sheryl Zimmerman, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Faculty: Paula Carder, Portland State University; John S. Fecondo, University of California, San Francisco; Cristina Flores, University of California, San Francisco; Stephen M. Golant, University of Florida; Mauro Hernandez, University of California, San Francisco; Don Redfoot, AARP Public Policy Institute; Tara Sharpp, University of California, Davis; Beth Stalvey, Atlanta Regional Commission; Robyn Stone, American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging; Miriam A.E. Volpin, Oregon Health and Sciences University

Half-Day Workshops

GSA Member	\$70
GSA Student Member	\$50
Non-Member	\$85

Assisted Living in the Context of Alternate Housing Options

12:30pm – 4:30pm

In partnership with the Assisted Living Interest Group

The rapid growth of assisted living (AL) is now recognized as the beginning of a wide and evolving range of housing and service options for older adults and adults with disabilities. These options have expanded beyond initial models of AL and provide an ongoing challenge for researchers, policy makers, and industry leaders who are striving to respond to changing consumer demand and expressed preferences. At this juncture, it is important that AL researchers and other stakeholders better understand new and anticipated models of services and housing; examine the role of today's AL in the context of these new models; critically consider the ability of AL to address issues such as affordability, availability of services, and aging in place; and address the new research needs that are emerging as a consequence of the changing landscape. It will examine the ongoing evolution of AL in the context of alternate housing options. This half-day workshop will be comprised of three panels of experts on the topics of 1) affordability in AL; 2) bringing services into AL; and 3) new models of supportive housing that embrace the larger community.

Evaluating Programs Delivered at Multiple Sites: Integrating Results in a Geriatrics Education Center Context

12:30pm – 4:30pm

In partnership with the AGHE/GSA Research, Education, and Practice Committee

Supported by DHHS-HRSA

Understanding the concepts and mechanics of multiple site evaluation at the consortium level is key. Representatives from the National Training and Coordination Collaborative (NTACC) will be discussing multi-site evaluation to enhance the GECs' ability to meet ongoing grant requirements. As HRSA grantees, the GECs are tasked with five statutory purposes, two of which are to improve training of health professionals in geriatrics and to provide students with clinical training (in geriatrics) in hospitals, senior centers, etc. As such, GEC-designed curriculum aims to improve the practice of physicians, nurses, and various other health practitioners working with the elderly. Sessions are delivered in several settings (hospitals, university conference rooms, virtual-distance) by GEC partners, often geographically dispersed in a region or state.

GECs will learn the advantages of coordinating data sets from several sites, taking into consideration varied programming (falls prevention, diabetes management), and contextual factors (organizational, relational) in their analysis. The need for stakeholder buy-in and support, a relational facet influencing both programming and evaluation, will be highlighted along with ways to build relationships through data-driven decision making.

Along with context considerations, maximizing potential in multi-site evaluations requires the standardization of some measures. This can occur at the front end (sound instrumentation development, agreements on common measures) and the back end (coding schemes and analytic techniques that accommodate pooled analysis) of evaluation projects. Two exercises will focus on instrumentation critique, using actual measures, and the interpretation of qualitative items dealing with reported practice change among health professionals.

Chair: Julianne Manchester, National Training and Coordination Collaborative

Faculty: Elyse A. Perweiler, New Jersey Institute for Successful Aging; Ming Lee, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA; Julia Rose, National Training and Coordination Collaborative; Joan Weiss, DHHS-HRSA-BHPr

Introduction to the Health and Retirement Study (HRS)

12:30pm – 4:30pm

In partnership with the National Academy on an Aging Society

Supported by the National Institute on Aging and the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan

This half-day workshop is specially designed to introduce the Health and Retirement Study (HRS). The HRS is a large-scale longitudinal study of labor force participation and health transitions that individuals undergo toward the end of their work lives and in the years that follow. The survey collects information about income, assets, labor participation, pensions, health insurance, disability, physical health and functioning, cognitive functioning, and family support. This workshop will consist of lectures designed to provide a general overview of the HRS, including information about the survey design, content, supplemental studies, data products, website resources, and the construction of analytic files. Particular emphasis will be on new initiatives to collect physical measure, biomarker, and psychosocial data. After attending this workshop, each participant will gain enough knowledge to construct an analytic file and begin to conduct analyses.

Chair: Jessica D. Faul, University of Michigan

Faculty: Eileen M. Crimmins, University of Southern California; Andrew R. Pfeiffer, University of Michigan; Jacqui Smith, University of Michigan; Robert Wallace, University of Iowa; David R. Weir, University of Michigan

The Science of Translation: Can Implementation of Evidence-Based Interventions into the Community also be “Good Science?”

12:30pm – 4:30pm

In partnership with the Behavioral and Social Sciences Section

Supported by the Administration on Aging; School of Social Work, University of Michigan; Institute of Gerontology, University of Michigan; National Alzheimer's Association; and the Healthy Aging Program, Division of Adult and Community Health, NCCDPHP, CDC

This workshop will examine scientific dilemmas found in translating intervention programs to community settings as well as exploring current efforts to bridge the science-translation gap. Presentations will discuss issues, barriers, and various strategies for moving interventions from clinical trials to feasible use in the community. The last two presentations will focus on Community-Based Participatory Research Methods (CBPR). These discussions will focus on the assumptions, methods, and potential for use of CBPR in translating caregiver interventions and a specific application of CBPR using computer-based technology.

The last hour of the workshop will be dedicated to a roundtable discussion including the presenters and the audience. A list of common issues in translation will be distributed to the audience; however, the direction of the discussion will be determined by the audience.

Chair: Louis D. Burgio, University Of Michigan

Faculty: Joseph E. Gaugler, University of Minnesota; Kenneth Hepburn, Emory University; Mary Mittelman, New York University, Langone Medical Center; Carolyn M. Sampselle, University of Michigan School of Nursing; Elaine Wethington, Cornell University

**"The pre-conference workshops are extremely worthwhile.
Well worth the extra day!"**



Presidential Symposia



Transportation & Mobility as a Creative Approach to Healthy Aging

Thursday, November 19
12:30pm – 2:00pm

Transportation mobility is a basic human need for people of all ages, and it underlies most aspects of healthy aging for older adults. It is essential to their independence, autonomy, and quality of life as it provides an opportunity to stay engaged in their community and participate in activities that enhance their well being. Thus, it is not surprising that the 'identification of older adult transportation options' was voted the third highest priority by delegates at the recent White House Conference on Aging. Only reauthorization of the Older Americans Act and the development of a comprehensive strategy for affordable and accessible long-term care were rated higher.

Two complementary but interdependent goals have emerged with respect to transportation mobility for older adults: to help those who are able to drive safely continue to do so and to identify

and provide community mobility support to those who are no longer able to or choose not to drive. This symposium explores several important topics that have significance for achieving these goals including: 1) the impact of aging on driver safety and the adverse consequences associated with stopping driving; 2) the transitioning process from driving to non-driving and how it can be facilitated to reduce the burden on older adults and their families; 3) promising initiatives for promoting safe driving for those who are still able and choose to continue driving; and 4) promising initiatives for mobility management of other community transportation options when driving is no longer possible or desired.

Chair: Sherrilene Classen, University of Florida

Discussant: David Eby, University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute

Faculty: Jon E. Burkhardt, Westat; Bonnie Dobbs, University of Alberta; Lisa Molnar, University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute

ESPO Presidential Symposium: Early Career Challenges—Issues and Perspectives on Professional Careers and Family Planning

Thursday, November 19
2:30pm – 4:00pm

Membership in the Emerging Scholars and Professionals Organization (ESPO) within The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) tends to overlap with the stage of life that often includes life partner establishment (through marriage or other significant relationship commitments) and the expansion of family (through having, acquiring, or adopting children). Discussions regarding this topic typically focus on issues of balancing work/school and family while overlooking the planning and logistics involved in women and men beginning and adding to their families while also pursuing higher education, transitioning from student to career professional, or during their early professional career. This symposium seeks to begin a discussion regarding family planning issues and needs in relation to higher education completion, early career transitions, and success. The four presentations within this symposium investigate family planning balanced with academia and career completion/planning through a series of lenses, including traditional birth and adoption. In addition, the challenges of working abroad in relation to family planning will be presented along with current and anticipated family status and issues among ESPO members.

The primary objective of this symposium is to identify and discuss family planning challenges faced by today's emerging scholars and professionals in the field of gerontology to better allow ESPO to develop pertinent programs, symposia, and interest groups to its members.

Chair: S.N. Munk, BA, University of Kentucky

Faculty: Kara Dassel, Barrow Neurological Institute; Heidi Ewen, Miami University; Kelly Fitzgerald, Christian Beech, Swansea University

SRPP Presidential Symposium: Community Approaches to Healthy Aging

Friday, November 20
8:00am – 9:30am

A growing body of evidence attests to the importance of physical and social environments for promoting healthy aging. Indeed, the environmental docility hypothesis posited by M. Powell Lawton and Lucille Nahemow suggests that contextual features are apt to assume increased importance with age, potentially affecting levels of competence in person-environment interactions, with resultant implications for actual and perceived well-being.

Recent years have seen an upsurge of scholarly interest in environmental gerontology, as well as policy efforts to rebalance public expenditures and incentives so as to enable older persons to “age in place” in their own homes as well as popular interest in “good places to grow old.” Emerging

from these efforts is a focus on the role of community in shaping the challenges and opportunities that individuals encounter as they age.

This symposium examines the community context of healthy aging and implications for intervention. Presentations examine a conceptual model of developmentally-constructive community characteristics and an empirically-derived framework for mapping “aging friendly” community change efforts; current challenges in the interface between older adults and their built environment, providing a vision for physical and technological innovations for healthy aging; and environmental factors that affect mobility and health behaviors. In addition, the symposium will describe Atlanta’s Lifelong Communities Initiative, an innovative 10-county effort focused on “building a healthy community and a place individuals can live throughout their lifetime.”

Chair: Andrew Scharlach, University of California, Berkeley

Discussant: Marcia Ory, Texas A&M

Faculty: Kathryn Lawler, Atlanta Regional Commission; William Satariano, University of California, Berkeley; Edward Jj Olson, E Jj Olson & Associates

BSS Presidential Symposium: Healthy Aging through Active Living

Friday, November 20
1:30pm – 3:00pm

As our knowledge about aging increases, the traditional ways of thinking about quality and quantity are being challenged. Interesting work is arising from biological studies, like those of telomere length, and interventions, like caloric restriction, that address quantity of years lived. More interest than ever exists in not just adding years to life, but adding life to years. It is clear that behavioral and social factors significantly contribute to this equation. This presidential symposium for the Behavioral and Social Sciences section will examine mental, physical, and social aspects of engaging in programs that promote an active lifestyle. Specifically, the symposium will discuss how physical activity, volunteerism, and training the mind contribute to healthy aging. Presentations will address: the impact of lifestyle on quality of life, challenges to implementing programs, models for delivery and implementation of active lifestyle programs, and results of these programs.



Chair: Keith Whitfield, Duke University

Faculty: David Buchner, University of Illinois; Linda Fried, Columbia University; Elizabeth Stine-Morrow, University of Illinois; Sherry Willis, University of Washington

International Presidential Symposium: Involving Older People in Research Around the World

Friday, November 20
3:30pm – 5:00pm

This symposium will take an international look at how and why different countries are involving older people in research. In recent decades, disability movements have argued that people with disabilities have a right to be involved in research. One could similarly argue that both morally and ethically older people have a right to be involved in research about older people. Research findings impact the development of policy and practice, and therefore affect the lives of those being researched. Aside from the ethical and moral reasons for including older people, many

practical reasons also exist. Older people are a valuable resource and have a wealth of lifetime experience. Some have particular skills that can bring refreshingly new elements to a project. In addition, older volunteers are more likely to be able to interview peers with a lower refusal rate and have a personal understanding of the topic under study. The involvement of older people means that there are innovative approaches to research. Subsequently, older volunteers and academics as co-researchers can learn from each other. Governments and funding agencies are becoming aware of this and are beginning to require user-involvement in research proposals. Each of the presenters will discuss the moral, ethical, and practical reasons why older people should be involved in research in their country and around the world.

Chair: Kelly Fitzgerald, Swansea University

Discussant: Judith Phillips, Swansea University

Faculty: Vanessa Burholt, Swansea University; Hal Kendig, University of Sydney; Mike Martin, University of Zurich; Eckart Schnabel, Technical University of Dortmund

HS Presidential Symposium: Creative Approaches to Prevention and Healthy Aging

Saturday, November 21
8:00am – 9:30am

Preventing disease and disability in the aging population is of great importance. It will become even more important as the cost of health care continues to rise and recognition continues to increase that incorporating prevention into health care systems can be beneficial. Creative approaches are necessary to implement preventive interventions to reduce the burden of disease and disability in this growing segment of the adult population. The purpose of this Presidential Symposium is to highlight some of the key areas for preventive interventions and to identify strategies that are likely to be translated to the community that will have beneficial effects for large numbers of older persons. Three experts on prevention will highlight areas where prevention efforts with older persons are needed and ways to address them. Presentations will discuss the new national guidelines for physical activity and its impact on older persons; the importance of preventive efforts in obesity and diabetes for older minority populations; and clinically relevant interventions that have been shown to work for older persons. An “open mic” question and answer period and panel discussion will conclude this symposium.

Chair: Jay Magaziner, University of Maryland

Discussant: Lynda Anderson, Centers for Disease Control

Faculty: Kyriakos Markides, University of Texas, Galveston; Miriam Nelson, John Hancock Center for Physical Activity and Nutrition; Anne Newman, University of Pittsburgh





BS Presidential Symposium: Capitol Hill Update—How Budget and Policy Decisions are Shaping the Future of Medical Research

Saturday, November 21
12:30pm – 2:00pm

Reinvesting in medical research was one of President Barack Obama's most prominent campaign themes and an early focus of his new administration. This session will reflect on how much progress the President has made in fulfilling his campaign promise to significantly increase federal funding for research and explain the role Congress plays in making decisions about spending priorities. It will also explore emerging policy issues that are shaping the future of medical research, including a new report from the Institute of Medicine (IOM) concluding that the HIPAA Privacy Rule does not protect privacy as well as it should and is currently impeding important health research. The IOM report recommends an entirely new approach to protecting privacy in health research and suggests a series of changes to improve the rule and the guidance that the Department of Health & Human Services provides on how to comply with the existing regulations.

Participants in this session will gain an understanding of how they can use their expertise as researchers to

advocate for and influence Congress and policymakers as well as learn about tools and resources that are available to help individual citizens monitor key legislative and policy developments affecting medical research.

Chair: Ari Gafni, University of Michigan

Discussant: Greg O'Neill, The Gerontological Society of America, National Academy on an Aging Society

Faculty: Mark Lively, FASEB; Sharyl Nass, Institute of Medicine; Jennifer Zeitzer, FASEB

AGHE Presidential Symposium: Preparing a Health Care Workforce for an Aging America—Challenges and Collaborative Solutions

Saturday, November 21
2:30pm – 4:00pm

The Institute of Medicine, in its vital report, "Re-tooling for an Aging America: Building the Health Care Workforce," called for immediate investments in preparing our health care system to care for older Americans and their families. Those who care for older adults must have essential data, knowledge, and tools to provide high-quality health care.

A three-prong approach was proposed: 1) enhance the geriatric competence of the entire workforce; 2) increase recruitment and retention of geriatric specialists and caregivers; and 3) improve the way care is delivered.

This panel discussion will illuminate the issues and challenges of meeting the health workforce needs of our changing demographics and describe a collaborative effort to enhance the preparation of students and professionals in health care. Representatives of the national Eldercare Workforce Alliance, which is working to propose practical solutions to strengthen our eldercare workforce and improve the quality of care, will frame the challenges and issues. Representatives of the AGHE Geriatric Curriculum Development Task Force will describe its interdisciplinary and organizational approach for constructing Geriatrics/Gerontology competencies and curricula guidelines for Health Professions Programs at every educational level. The AGHE Task Force is motivated by the increased demand for health care providers competent to provide health-promoting/self-empowering care for older adults, the general lack of explicit geriatric content across disciplines, and the lack of geriatric/gerontology guidelines for health care provider education programs.

Chair: Marilyn Gugliucci, University of New England



Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) Sessions

The Intersection of Business & Aging: The Role of Gerontological Education in Business Schools

Thursday, November 19
12:30pm – 2:00pm

Today's business students will be faced with growing challenges and opportunities of working alongside, employing, and retaining older workers. For example, with the recent recession and the market value of 401(k) savings falling, many workers are expecting, and/or needing, to continue working longer. In addition, full social security benefits are now scheduled to be paid at older ages and retirement health costs will increase. Higher elder employment participation rates are likely to help offset an anticipated decline in labor supply growth, yet also increase the challenge of working in a more age-diverse workforce. AGHE is committed to helping to prepare business students by 1) identifying gerontological issues and concepts that will strengthen business students' and professors' awareness of how business will be impacted by the aging society; and 2) developing materials to facilitate the infusion of these topics across the disciplines in business education.

This symposium presents the most recent work of the AGHE Task Force on Business and Aging. First, presenters will provide an overview of pertinent issues relevant to

business education, based on research and insight conducted by the Task Force. This includes the heterogeneity of older adults, the market share represented by the over 55 population, current and projected trends in employment, and survey data on older workers currently in the labor force. Second, an expert panel will discuss strategies to integrate aging topics into business school curricula. This symposium will explicitly focus on integration in existing business courses in human resources, financial services, marketing, and strategic management/entrepreneurship.

Chair: Eric Brucker, Widener University

Discussant: Leanne Clark, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

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Policy Series

Long-term Care Research and Policy in the 21st Century

Thursday, November 19
2:30pm – 4:00pm

The body of long-term care (LTC) research has grown steadily for the last 20 years. Much of this research has focused on the relative effectiveness of home- and community-based programs in meeting the needs of seriously impaired persons in reducing the use of nursing home care. This session will include three presentations providing summary assessments of research findings regarding the capacity of community-based care to provide comprehensive long-term care and the implication of these findings for the future of LTC policy and practice. Three presentations will focus on different dimensions of community-based versus institutional LTC issues, beginning with a review of several years' worth of data demonstrating the capacity of community-based care to contain LTC costs over the long-term. The second presentation will focus on the organizational factors that appear to be most critical in determining a state's ability to create a more balanced LTC system featuring an expansive array of community-based programs. The third presentation will provide the findings on the relative cost-effectiveness of several home- and community-based programs in a single state over a period of eight years. The panel will also include two discussants with extensive backgrounds in long-term care research, policy analysis, and implementation.

Chair: Larry Polivka, Florida Policy Exchange Center on Aging

Discussant: Susan Reinhard, AARP

Faculty: Richard Browdie, Benjamin Rose Institute; Charlene Harrington, University of California, San Francisco; Rosalie Kane, University of Minnesota

Promoting Prevention for Adults 50 to 64: Clinical and Community Partnerships

Thursday, November 19
4:30pm – 6:00pm

In the health reform dialogue, health care and health systems are at the center of most discussions. This session puts prevention at the heart of the debate. It builds on a new report (to be released at GSA's 2009 Annual Scientific Meeting) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), American Medical Association (AMA), and AARP that focuses on building clinical and community partnerships to address clinical preventive services for adults aged 50 to 64. This debate and dialogue session emphasizes the importance of using community as a platform for increasing access to and use of clinical preventive services, building bridges between clinical and community settings, and health reform. Opportunities for researchers, health care providers, and public health and aging practitioners will be highlighted. Panelists will address challenges and potential roles for stakeholders to collaborate in the delivery of clinical preventive services and address health reform that promotes community-wide improvements in prevention.

Chair: Lynda Anderson, Centers for Disease Control

Capitol Hill Update: How Budget and Policy Decisions are Shaping the Future of Medical Research

Saturday, November 21
12:30pm – 2:00pm

See page 14 for a full description of this session.

Dimensions of Retirement Insecurity in an Economic Downturn: Causes and Options

Saturday, November 21
2:30pm – 4:00pm

This recession has battered several of the supports that sustain security in retirement, including portfolios, market value of owner-occupied housing, post-retirement health benefits, and access to jobs. The panel will begin with presentation of a multidimensional standard for economic security and risk that proposes thresholds for five aspects of retirement security, demonstrating that risk is both widespread and unevenly distributed. When translated to the state level, the measure can be used to track impact of state policies. The housing bubble induced some home owners to extract equity from housing assets for other purposes; the second panelist presents evidence about the impact this has on economic security in retirement. Work choices over the life course affect the value of the assets available to fund retirement. The third speaker will consider the role of work life trajectories in determining the distribution of economic wellbeing and risk in retirement. The final panelist will update attendees on the impact of this particular recession on retirement security and the implications for public policy.

Chair: Christine Bishop, Brandeis University

Discussant: James Schulz, Brandeis University

Faculty: Melissa Hardy, The Pennsylvania State University; George Mackenzie, AARP; Tatjana Meschede, Brandeis University; Mauricio Soto, The Urban Institute





“Because Gerontology is so multidisciplinary, this meeting provides a mechanism to stay current in all areas.”

Listed below is a small sampling of the more than 400 sessions organized by the Society's Program Committee

Biological Sciences (BS)

- Genome and Epigenome Instability in Aging
- Immunosenescence
- Nutrition Intervention, Aging, and Cancer
- Protein Alterations in Aging and Aging Disease
- The Evolution of Slow Aging and Negligible Senescence
- The Pathobiology of Dementias of the Alzheimer Type: Recent Advances
- The Search for Anti-Aging Medicines
- The Wilder Side of Aging: Comparative Physiology of Longevity and Life Histories

Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSS)

- Coordinated and Pooled Data Analyses of Longitudinal Studies of Aging: Aging and Dementia-Related Change in Cognition, Affect, and Physical Functioning

- Creative Approaches to Healthy Aging: Using the Arts to Help Persons Live with Dementia
- Diary Approaches for Studying the Effects of Daily Stressors on the Health of Caregivers
- Family Transitions in LIFE: Maintaining Resilience and Creativity during Palliative Care
- Personality Disorders in DSM-V: Assessment Challenges and Implications from a Later Life Perspective
- Social Indicators of Disease Risk and Disease Management in Late Life
- Successful Aging: Looking Backward, Looking Forward
- The Stroke Telemedicine Access Recovery (STAR) Project: A Creative Approach to Community-Based Stroke Care
- Using Global Perspectives on Health and Social Relations to Inform Creative Approaches to Aging
- What Can We Learn about Affect and Aging from Studies Using Real-time Mood Measurement?



Health Sciences (HS)

Active Maintenance of Healthy Lifestyles: Understanding and Promoting Resilience in the Face of Aging's Challenges

Gerontologic Biostatistics and the New Gerontologic Research Algorithms & Statistical Programs Website

Improving Quality of Care in Nursing Homes: Using Health Information Technology to Identify, Assess, and Manage Pain in Nursing Home Residents with Dementia

Media Takes: Reframing the New Old Age

Men with Hip Fracture, an Increasing Problem: How Are They Different from Women Who Fracture?

Neighborhood Conditions and Older Adults: Understanding How Environments Affect Late-life Function

Novel Phenotype Development in a Changing Genetic Study Landscape

Obesity in Old Age: Definition and Consequences of Obesity Subtypes

Understanding the Influence of the Culture of Care on End-of-Life Caregiving

Vitamin D's Role in the Disability Pathway among Diverse Populations of Older Adults

Social Research, Policy, and Practice (SRPP)

Aging with a Disability: Optimizing Ability and Participation through Technology and Lifestyle

An Obama Effect? Examining Changes in Participation, Engagement, and Politics

Direct Care Workers in Nursing Homes: Quality, Immigrants, and Culture Change

Individualized Services to People with Dementia in Culturally Transformed Nursing Homes: The Possibilities and Challenges for Quality of Life and True Community

Long-term Care Research and Policy in the 21st Century

Organizing Against the Attack on Entitlements: Current Policy and Advocacy Strategies in Support of Social Insurance

Promoting Cognitive Health: A Formative Research Collaboration of the Healthy Aging Research Network

Promoting Healthy Aging: Bringing Home Lessons Learned from Abroad

Religion and Spirituality: From Definition and Variable to Practice Application

Reports from State Units on Aging: Shifting the Balance to Home-and Community-based Services (HCBS)

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Gerontologists Giving Back Service Event

Wednesday, November 18

9:00am – 3:00pm

Fee: \$15

Join GSA colleagues for the Second Annual Gerontologists Giving Back Service Event on Wednesday, November 18 in Atlanta, GA. This year, we will be working with Gwinnett County Senior Services to perform indoor and outdoor house work for area seniors. Located in the second most populous county in Georgia, approximately thirty miles from the conference headquarters, teams will visit two seniors' households to do light yard work, in-home clutter reduction, and other general chores as needed at the time of the event. Work clothes and gloves are recommended; all other tools/equipment will be provided by Gwinnett County Senior Services. Breakfast and transportation will be provided at 9:00am, and the group will spend approximately two hours working on site. Before heading back to the conference headquarters, participants will stop for lunch at a local Atlanta restaurant. Registration is \$15 and limited to 20 volunteers, so sign up early (registration includes breakfast, transportation, and lunch). Please contact Leanne Clark at LClark4@umbc.edu with any questions. We look forward to you helping us give back!

Exhibit Hall Opening and Welcome Reception

Wednesday, November 18

4:30pm – 6:00pm

Join us at the Exhibit Hall Opening and Welcome Reception on Wednesday evening. Be one of the first to stroll through the exhibit hall and view over 100 exhibits. Refreshments will be provided.

New Member Meet and Greet

Thursday, November 19

7:00am – 8:00am

New GSA members are invited to an informational breakfast with GSA officers and staff. GSA leadership will be on hand to discuss navigating your first GSA meeting, various networking opportunities, and how to become involved in the Society.

Task Force on Minority Issues Award Presentation and Reception

Thursday, November 19

5:00pm – 6:30pm

The Task Force on Minority Issues in Gerontology (TFMIG) Outstanding Mentorship Award recognizes individuals who have exemplified outstanding commitment and dedication to mentoring minority researchers in the field of aging. Join us at a reception to honor the 2009 winner.

GSA Fellows & International Reception

Thursday, November 19

6:00pm – 7:30pm

This reception is held annually to honor current and new GSA Fellows, as well as international members of the Society.

Society Section Updates and Award Presentations: BS, BSS, HS, and SRPP Business Meetings

Friday, November 20

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Active participation in GSA begins at the section level. All GSA members are invited to attend the business meeting of their section. Each meeting features the Section Award presentations, activity reports, recognition of new GSA Fellows, and the transfer of office.

GSA Business Meeting and Policy Forum: Health Care Reform—What Happened, What Did We Learn, and How Will It Impact Older Adults?

Friday, November 20

5:15pm – 6:45pm

This session will begin with the brief annual business meeting of the Society, followed by a forum of policy experts who will provide their views on how health care reform efforts will and won't shape Medicare, Medicaid, long-term care and retiree health coverage in the future. This interactive session will include discussions of how key aging priorities fared, what's next on the horizon, and a question and answer period.



Humanities and the Arts Committee Open Meeting and Reception

Friday, November 20
7:00pm – 8:00pm



The Humanities and the Arts Committee is pleased to sponsor its annual open meeting and reception for all interested meeting attendees to mix and mingle with committee members and others who share an interest in the humanities, arts, and aging. The reception will feature light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, followed by a short business meeting and the screening of the Humanities and the Arts feature film, *Shine a Light*, directed by Martin Scorsese.

Humanities and the Arts Feature Film: "Shine a Light"

Friday, November 20
8:00pm – 10:00pm
Fee: \$10

In partnership with the Humanities and the Arts Committee

In 1970, the Maysles' *Gimme Shelter* captured the Rolling Stones in the aftermath of Altamont and became a tribute to the end of an era. In 2008, Academy Award winning filmmaker Martin Scorsese focused his lens on The Rolling Stones at another generational turning point. So much more than an amazing concert film, *Shine a Light* makes us look deep into the mythology of Rock 'n' Roll, Boomer identity, and aging itself. Rock out, dance, and contemplate the meaning of "age." And of course, join us for a post-show discussion with Phillip Auslander, renowned scholar of Performance Studies and Disability Studies at Georgia Tech.

Fun Run/Walk

Saturday, November 21
6:00am – 7:00am
Fee: \$25

In partnership with the Health Sciences Section to benefit The Doris Schwartz Gerontological Nursing Research Award

This Fun Run/Walk will take place at the famous and beautiful Centennial Olympic Park, a short distance from the GSA Annual Meeting hotels.

Bo Diddley Track: Aging and the Blues—More than Just the Music

Saturday, November 21

Bo Diddley Symposium: 4:30pm – 6:00pm

Bo Diddley Blues Evening at Blind Willie's: 9:30pm, ask for GSA group (doors open at 7PM, dinner available)
Fee: \$20

Participants will be required to obtain their own transportation to this event. Transportation: personal cab (2.8 miles from conference hotel).

Blind Willie's
822 North Highland Avenue
Atlanta, GA 30306



The Bo Diddley Track will showcase two performers with the intent to get beyond the music and provide an intimate look at the life and struggles of older minority blues musicians. This session provides insight into the "real world" of minority aging in a way that does not minimize the ravages of decades

of prejudice, yet provides gerontology professionals an appreciation of the great spirit, unrivaled vitality and energy, and the enormous creativity and dedication of the featured musicians.

Sandra Hall, a powerful vocalist with more than fifty years' experience singing the blues, is known as the "Empress of the Blues." Hall began singing at the age of four at her grandmother's fish fry in Atlanta. In the 1960s, her all-girl group, The Exotics, performed blues tunes as an opening act for legendary musicians like Jackie Wilson, B.B. King, the Temptations, and Otis Redding. Often working in Europe, she has a knockout shoutin' style that ignites a stage like Koko Taylor, Big Mama Thornton, or Etta James.

Tommy Brown is also a legendary blues singer. His classic blues recordings of the 1950s, include his 1956 Billboard #1 hit, "Weepin & Cryin'." After 60+ years in show business, Tommy Brown is still recording and performing.

Both musicians will perform in the evening at Blind Willie's, voted "Blues Club of the Year" in 1997. It is Atlanta's home to great live blues music in an intimate setting and only a couple miles from the conference hotel.

Memorial Service

Sunday, November 22
7:00am – 8:00am

A special memorial service will be held to remember GSA members who have passed away over the past year. Conference participants are welcome to share recollections of any of these members.



"I had the best networking experience at this meeting this year. I attended mentoring meetings and programs with GSA fellows for emerging scholars. I was surprised and happy to see so many fellows willing to help young scholars."

Mentoring Consultancy for Emerging Scholars

Session I

Wednesday, November 18

3:00pm – 4:30pm

Session II

Friday, November 20

1:30pm – 3:00pm

In partnership with the Behavioral and Social Sciences and Social Research, Policy, and Practice Sections and the Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization

Are you a student or emerging professional who would like feedback on a challenge related to research methods or publications? This year's Annual Scientific Meeting will again feature the session format known as a "consultancy," which brings students and junior faculty members together with senior faculty, experienced researchers, and GSA editorial board members to

focus on the research and publication process, share experiences, and develop problem solving strategies.

Introduced two years ago, the consultancy is a highly structured problem-solving process that provides each participant with an opportunity to both give and receive feedback on particular problems related to publishing and research methodologies. Groups will be formed using information submitted before the conference. A facilitator assigned to each group can then provide expert advice to supplement and enrich the conversation.

The consultancies focus on two areas: a research methods consultancy, which will emphasize issues concerning data collection, data analysis, recruitment, informed consent, and institutional review board approval; and a publication consultancy, which will concentrate on navigating the publication

process. For those with dissertations suitable for publication as a book, topics could include choosing a university press, timing the submission, contracts, and revisions.

These consultancies can be constructive and fun. Each individual has a chance to speak and to listen. This unique and successful format reinforces the idea that, when a challenge is faced together, "the answer is already in the room."

Pre-registration is required for this session and participants will be asked later to submit a brief statement of their challenge prior to the conference. Space is limited. Please indicate an interest in participating when you register online at www.geron.org/annualmeeting. A member of GSA's staff will contact all interested parties and collect challenge statements.

This session is open to attendees of all sections.

GSA Fellows Mentor Program

Thursday, November 19
7:00am – 8:00am

In partnership with the Fellowship Committee and Emerging Scholars and Professional Organization

The GSA Fellows Mentor Program was developed to provide an opportunity for GSA's junior members to connect with established members (Fellows) in a setting that is conducive to mentoring. Twenty mentees have been matched on their section membership and interests with seven mentors. The goal of the experience is to establish a connection between the mentor and mentee; the hope is that this connection will spur further discussions at the conference and via email throughout the year. The mentees are also invited to the Fellows' reception so that they will have further exposure to Fellows in the organization. If you would like to be one of the Fellow mentors, please contact Mary H. Palmer via e-mail: mhpalmer@email.unc.edu.



BSS Fellows—Emerging Scholars Mentoring Workshop

Friday, November 20
8:30am – 10:00am

The goal of this mentoring workshop is to provide an informal, yet structured social setting that affords emerging scholars an opportunity to meet BSS Fellows and establish professional contacts within the section. During the workshop, emerging scholars and BSS Fellows will have an opportunity to discuss strategies in preparing for successful scholarly and professional careers. Through sharing of their career experiences, the participating BSS Fellows will begin to identify ways they may assist emerging scholars with: 1) networking; 2) developing awareness of general polices and practices relevant to the academic or research environment; 3) preparing for the job market; and 4) navigating the publish or perish landscape, earning tenure, and promotion.

Letters to my Mentor

Saturday, November 21
8:00am – 9:30am

In partnership with the Fellowship Committee, Emerging Scholars and Professional Organization, the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, and the John A. Hartford Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity

This session is designed to offer participants the opportunity to compose and discuss, "Letters to My Mentor." The idea for this session grew out of two successful symposia on the topic of mentoring in gerontology offered at the GSA and AGHE annual meetings. In each of the symposia, presenters offered suggestions about best practices in mentoring relationships on a number of different levels (conceptual, teaching, service, and research). A recurrent theme that ran through the presentations, however, was the

extent to which mentors model their own best practices on those of their own past mentors within the field of gerontology. This session, will offer an opportunity for participants to discuss their own mentoring experiences through the format of shared letters that they compose to their own memorable mentors. The organizers will open the session with brief remarks gathered from the mentoring symposia; the primary purpose of the discussion will be to hear what participants have to say about their mentors. Participants are asked to come to the session with a brief (one page) letter they have composed to a mentor within the field. They will be given the opportunity to read that letter to the group and then discuss the "best" practices highlighted in the prose. In this way, participants will have the chance to do something they often mean to do, but forget to do: pay tribute to mentors.

Donald P. Kent and Robert W. Kleemeier Award Lectures

Friday, November 20
10:00am – 11:30am

The Donald P. Kent Award Lecture will feature an address by the 2008 Kent Award recipient, Terrie Wetle, and the presentation of the 2009 Kent Award. The Kent Award is given annually to a member of The Gerontological Society of America who best exemplifies the highest standards of professional leadership in gerontology through teaching, service, and interpretation of gerontology to the larger society. The 2009 Kent Award recipient is Barbara Berkman of Columbia University.

The Robert W. Kleemeier Award Lecture will feature an address by the 2008 Kleemeier Award recipient, Jon Hendricks and the presentation of the 2009 Kleemeier Award. The Kleemeier Award is given annually to a member of The Gerontological Society of America in recognition for outstanding research in the field of gerontology. The 2009 Kleemeier Award recipient is Gerald McClearn of The Pennsylvania State University.

Joseph T. Freeman Award Lecture

Friday, November 20, 2009
1:30pm – 3:00pm

The Joseph T. Freeman Award Lecture will feature an address by the 2008 Freeman Award recipient, David Reuben and the presentation of the 2008 Freeman Award. The Joseph T. Freeman Award is a lectureship in geriatrics and is awarded to a prominent physician in the field of aging, both in research and practice. The award was established in 1977 through a bequest from a patient's estate as a tribute to Joseph T. Freeman. The 2009 Freeman Award recipient is Stephanie Studenski of the University of Pittsburgh.

Maxwell A. Pollack Award for Productive Aging Lecture

Friday, November 20
3:30pm – 5:00pm

The Maxwell A. Pollack Award for Productive Aging Award Lecture will feature an address by the 2008 Pollack Award recipient, Joseph Coughlin, and the presentation of

the 2009 Pollack Award. The Pollack Award recognizes instances of practice informed by research and analysis, research that directly improved policy or practice, and distinction in bridging the worlds of research and practice. The 2009 Pollack Award recipient is Eric Coleman of the University of Colorado Denver.

Margret M. and Paul B. Baltes Foundation Award in Behavioral and Social Gerontology Lecture

Saturday, November 21
8:00am – 9:30am

Margret M. and Paul B. Baltes Foundation Award in Behavioral and Social Gerontology Lecture will feature an address by the 2008 Baltes Award recipient, Anthony Ong, and the presentation of the 2009 Baltes Award. The Baltes Award recognizes outstanding early career contributions in behavioral and social gerontology. The award is generously funded by the Margret M. and Paul B. Baltes Foundation. The 2009 Baltes Award recipient is Derek Isaacowitz of Brandeis University.



M. Powell Lawton Award Lecture

Saturday, November 21
12:30pm – 2:00pm

The M. Powell Lawton Award Lecture will feature an address by the 2008 Lawton Award recipient, Lou Burgio, and the presentation of the 2009 Lawton Award. The Lawton Award is presented annually to an individual who has made outstanding contributions from applied research that has benefited older people and their care. The Lawton Award is generously funded by the Polisher Research Institute of the Madlyn and Leonard Abramson Center for Jewish Life. The 2009 Lawton Award recipient is Hans-Werner Wahl of the University of Heidelberg.

Please Join Us in Celebrating and Congratulating Our Awardees

Nathan Shock New Investigator Award

Friday, November 20
12:00pm – 1:00pm

2009 recipient: Salvatore Oddo, University of Texas
Presented at BS Section Update & Award Presentations

Distinguished Career Contribution to Gerontology Award

Friday, November 20
12:00pm – 1:00pm

2009 recipient: Steven. H. Zarit, The Pennsylvania State University
Presented at the BSS Section Update & Award Presentations

Distinguished Mentorship in Gerontology Award

Friday, November 20
12:00pm – 1:00pm

2009 recipient: William J. McAuley, George Mason University
Presented at the BSS Section Update & Award Presentations

Richard Kalish Innovative Publication Award

Friday, November 20
12:00pm – 1:00pm

2009 recipient: Robert C. Atchley, Naropa University
Presented at the BSS Section Update & Award Presentations

The Doris Schwartz Gerontological Nursing Research Award

Friday, November 20
6:30pm – 8:00pm

2009 recipient: Mathy Mezey, New York University
Presented at the Nursing Care of Older Adults Interest Group

All 2009 Awardees will be announced in the October issue of *Gerontology News*. Student awardees, however, will be announced at the Annual Meeting. To request further information about each award session, please contact Carrie R. Johnson, GSA Awards & Fellowship Coordinator, at awards@geron.org or visit our website at www.geron.org.

Irving S. Wright Award of Distinction Lecture



Thursday, November 19
2:30pm – 4:00pm

Woodring Wright will present the 2009 lecture titled, "Telomeres, Telomerase and Human Aging." *This award is given by the American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR).*





ESPO Presidential Symposium: Early Career Challenges—Issues and Perspectives on Professional Careers and Family Planning

Thursday, November 19
2:30pm – 4:00pm

See page 11 for a full description of this session.

ESPO/HS: Utilizing the Summer—An Overview of Training Programs and Summer Institutes on Aging Research

Friday, November 20
8:00am – 9:30am

Summer training programs and institutes on aging research are excellent opportunities for emerging scholars to gain a greater understanding of methodological approaches, sharpen their analytical skills, and advance their research agenda. Trainees improve their research skills through extensive collaboration with distinguished researchers and learn about new and ongoing areas of research through lecture series and workshops led by experts from diverse academic disciplines. Summer programs provide research development, grant application consultation, and launch trainees into a career trajectory in research on aging. This symposium will provide an overview of national and international summer training programs and institutes for predoctoral, postdoctoral, and emerging scholars, with a focus on programs supported by the National Institute on Aging. A panel discussion on the attributes of a competitive application will be followed by a question-and-answer period with representatives from multiple training programs.

Chair: Krista E. Garcia, University of Southern California

Faculty: Aaron Hagedorn, University of Southern California; Diana Malouf, RAND; Sarinnapha Vasunilashorn, University of Southern California

ESPO/SRPP: Ollie Randall Award Winner—Creative Approaches to Integrating Fall Prevention Research, Policy, and Practice into Healthy Aging

Saturday, November 21
10:00am – 11:30am

Invoking the theoretical framework from the classic public administration work of John Kingdon, this symposium recognizes the open policy window of opportunity created jointly by the new Obama administration's interest in health reform, the imminent agedness of the Baby Boomer cohorts, and the nation's growing financial burden caused by escalating health care costs and governmental budget deficits. Solutions to the public health problem of older adult falls require creative approaches to integrating prevention into healthy aging policies. Fall Prevention, in the social, political, and economic contexts of a Healthy Aging Agenda, encourages positive personal behaviors, promotes disease and injury prevention, and addresses the significant costs of demographic change.

Specifically, this session will address the three strands of agenda setting and policy formation as they relate to building a case for fall prevention in creative approaches to healthy aging. Analysis of the current prevalence and projected costs of the public health problem of falls will set the stage for a responsive healthy aging agenda. An exploration of advocacy and interest groups' political influence will support an expert consensus for building a fall

prevention infrastructure into neighborhood, local, state, federal programs and policies, including health care reform. Presenters will feature evidence-based interventions implemented in interdisciplinary practice settings including community-based public health, geriatric medicine, exercise science, and urban planning/housing. The distinguished discussant will integrate concepts presented and offer final suggestions for capitalizing on the policy window of opportunity and incorporating fall prevention into a healthy aging agenda.

Chair: Caroline Cicero, University of Southern California

Discussant: Mary Tinetti, Yale University

Faculty: Bonita Lynn Beattie, National Council on Aging; Jon Pynoos, USC Andrus Gerontology Center; Debra Rose, California State University, Fullerton; Laurence Rubenstein, GRECC, UCLA-VA; Judy Stevens, Centers for Disease Control

ESPO/BSS: Not to be Over-looked—The Importance of Physical Environments for People with Dementia in Long-Term Care

Saturday, November 21
2:30pm – 4:00pm

The physical environment is an important factor to consider when examining individuals' aging processes. Environmental gerontology has a strong body of work grounded in theory that has enabled its continual growth as a sub-discipline. This symposium will discuss four components of environmental gerontology: theory, evaluation, psychosocial implications, and ethics. A crucial topic in this field is the design of long-term care environments for people with dementia. Theory, both informal and formal, informs how we choose to design our physical environments. These environments are designed to best "fit" the people living there (taking into account their abilities and possible limitations). Once established, it is important to assess the environment to determine how it is both helping and hindering the residents. This symposium will include an evaluative study of 26 Specialized Care Units that used the Professional Environmental Assessment Protocol to determine positive and negative aspects of these environments for people with dementia. To address the psychosocial implications of physical environments, another study performed in a dementia care setting which looked at how environmental design (e.g., proximity of room to dining room tables) can impact the social interactions of people with dementia will be discussed. This symposium will conclude with the ethical concerns inherent in gerontological studies of environments in particular settings for people with dementia. The multi-faceted approach to this symposium will allow for a more complete look at the role of physical environments as we age.

Chair: Patrick Doyle, University of Maryland

Discussant: Margaret Calkins, IDEAS Institute

Faculty: Habib Chaudhury, Simon Fraser University; Robert Rubinstein, University of Maryland; Hans-Werner Wahl, University of Heidelberg

ESPO/BS: Contemporary Approaches to Biogerontology—New Insights from ESPO Researchers

Saturday, November 21
4:30pm – 6:00pm

The aim of this symposium is to display the work of young and emerging researchers in the field of biogerontology. Biogerontology is a multifaceted field and is informed by many areas of biological research. This symposium will highlight research from the fields of genetics, physiology, endocrinology, biostatistics, etc. and will discuss how these fields contribute to our understanding of the biological mechanisms of aging. Within these fields, the presenters will also discuss the use of humans, rodents, and other models in studying the biology of aging. This symposium intends to not only address how these approaches can be utilized to study the biology of aging, but will also argue the importance of these biological mechanisms in the understanding and improvement of health span in our global aging population.

Chair: Terrie A. Vasilopoulos, The Pennsylvania State University

Faculty: Michelle E. Matzko, The Pennsylvania State University



The GSA Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization (ESPO) has scheduled the following activities and programs as part of the Annual Scientific Meeting. Please check the final program for any schedule changes.

ESPO Lounge

Thursday, November 19 – Saturday, November 21
7:30am – 5:00pm daily

The excitement is building for the ESPO lounge, coming again this year to Atlanta. The purpose of the lounge is to provide a place for ESPO members to rest from the hectic conference pace, have a place to meet with colleagues, learn more about ESPO and have a chance to win raffle prizes. Please stop by!

ESPO and Sigma Phi Omega (SPO) Breakfast and Community Meeting

Thursday, November 19
8:00am – 10:00am

All ESPO members are welcome to join in this informational breakfast meeting that provides the opportunity to broaden your understanding of the organization and how it fits within GSA, learn about opportunities to become more involved in ESPO, meet the executive committee members, and network with your fellow colleagues who share a common interest in aging.

ESPO Wine & Cheese/GSA Fellows Meet the Students

Thursday, November 19
7:30pm – 9:00pm (ESPO Members and GSA Fellows only)

This is not an event to be missed! The ESPO Wine and Cheese is organized in conjunction with the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE). This event provides an informal setting to network with other ESPO members as well as GSA fellows. The winners of the Interdisciplinary Paper Award, Poster Awards, and the Civic Engagement in an Older America Student Paper Award will be presented at this event.

Campus Ambassadors Meeting

Friday, November 20
7:00am – 8:00am

Current and prospective GSA Campus Ambassadors and faculty advisors are invited to attend this meeting to discuss the purpose and potential of this program to connect gerontology students and to promote gerontology on the campus and in the community.

“Student-focused activities were great this year...there were fabulous opportunities to meet and network with peers and experts in the field. I highly recommend this conference to emerging gerontologists.”



The Society's formal, informal, and proposed Interest Groups are an integral part of the Annual Scientific Meeting Program. They are formed around topics or issues that cut across disciplines and Society sections and provide meeting attendees with excellent opportunities to meet others with similar interests. Individuals are not required to be a member of the Society or a particular Interest Group in order to participate. All are welcome!

Interest Group meetings will take place during one of the four time slots listed below. Meeting times, locations, and discussion topics will be printed in the Program Schedule.

Wednesday, November 18

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Thursday, November 19

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Thursday, November 19

7:30pm – 9:00pm

Friday, November 20

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Volunteer Program

Volunteers are needed for GSA's 62nd Annual Scientific Meeting! Volunteers will receive complimentary meeting registration in exchange for eight hours of work assisting at the registration desk, answering attendees' questions, and supporting GSA Staff and the Local Arrangements Committee.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ellie Daniels at eldaniels@msm.edu.

Interest Groups

- Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Elderly People
- Aging in Asia
- Aging, Alcohol, and Addictions
- Alzheimer's Disease Research
- Assisted Living
- Business and Aging
- Chinese Gerontology Studies
- Developmental Disabilities
- Economics of Aging
- Emotion and Aging
- Environment and Aging
- Epidemiology of Aging
- Gerontology PhD
- Grandparents as Caregivers
- Health Behavior Change
- HIV, AIDS, and Older Adults
- Hospice, Palliative, and End-of-Life Care
- Hospital Elder Life Program
- International Aging and Migration
- Measurement, Statistics, and Research Design
- Men's Issues
- Mental Health Practice and Aging
- Nursing Care of Older Adults
- Nutrition
- Older Workers
- Oral Health
- Physical Environments and Aging
- Qualitative Research
- Rainbow Research Group
- Recreational Therapists
- Religion, Spirituality, and Aging
- Reminiscence and Aging
- Research in Quality of Care
- Research on Cancer and Aging
- Researchers Based in Long-Term Care
- Rural Aging
- Societal Implications of Delaying Aging
- Systems Research in Long-Term Care
- Technology and Aging
- Transportation and Aging
- Trauma, Aging, and the Life Course
- Urban and Neighborhood Aging





Education Statement of Need/Purpose and Objective

The 62nd Annual Scientific Meeting of The Gerontological Society of America is organized to foster interdisciplinary interactions among clinical, administrative, and research professionals in the field of gerontological health care. In addition to the core scientific sessions, pre-conference workshops and poster sessions will be presented that will encourage and stimulate diverse viewpoints in geriatric health, research, and economics. There is a recognized need to disseminate this educational information to geriatric health care professionals so that the care of the elderly patient is optimized.

Upon completion of sessions, participants will be able to apply new knowledge and skills in the areas of clinical physiology, organ-specific systemic disorders, clinical pharmacology and therapeutics, geriatric syndromes, community services, acute and long-term care issues, health care professional education and research, as well as ethics and economics.

Target Audience

Professionals attending the 62nd Annual Scientific Meeting of The Gerontological Society of America include gerontological researchers and practitioners from the biological, clinical (including physicians, physician assistants, nurses, and dentists), behavioral and social sciences (including anthropologists, psychologists, social workers, and sociologists), as well as applied researchers, policy professionals, health care administrators, and economists. Others working in the area of geriatrics will also find the sessions of value and are encouraged to attend.

Participants must attend the entire session and complete the CFMC "request for credit form" and an online "evaluation form" to receive continuing education hours. Request for credit forms and directions on how to complete the on-line evaluation will be provided to you in your syllabus handouts. Certificates of attendance will be provided via e-mail following the conference by CFMC. Continuing Education materials will be accepted up to 60 days after the program takes place. A record of attendance will be kept on file by the Colorado Foundation of Medical Care (CFMC), 303.695.3300 ext. 3139.

This activity has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit.

Policy on Faculty Disclosure

It is the policy of The Gerontological Society of America and the Colorado Foundation for Medical Care (CFMC) that the faculty disclose real or apparent conflicts of interest relating to the topics of this educational activity, and also disclose discussions of unlabeled/ unapproved uses of drugs or devices during their presentation(s). Detailed disclosure will be made in the course handout materials.



“The resources in the exhibit hall are so valuable. Having access to so many books, reports, journals and materials in one place is very helpful to me and keeps me up to date.”

The Scientific and Educational Exhibits Program is an exciting component of GSA's Annual Scientific Meeting. It affords participants opportunities for hands-on examination of new products, technologies, and publications; assessment of applied research; previews of multi-media programs; easy access to graphic displays and literature about programs and centers; and one-on-

one consultation with the experts. For more detailed and updated information on exhibitors, please visit www.geron.org/annualmeeting.

For the exhibitor, the GSA Exhibit Hall provides an excellent opportunity to reach more than 3,500 professionals, all specialists in aging. The GSA Exhibit Hall is a stimulating center for the intellectually curious and a rallying

point for reunions with once-a-year friends and acquaintances. If you would like to participate, please contact GSA headquarters at meetings@geron.org for more information.

Exhibitor Set-up

Wednesday, November 18
8:00am – 4:00pm

Exhibit Hall Opening and Welcome Reception

Wednesday, November 18
4:30pm – 6:00pm

Exhibit Hours

Thursday, November 19
9:00am – 4:00pm

Friday, November 20
9:00am – 4:00pm

Dismantling of Exhibits

Friday, November 20
4:00pm – 8:00pm

LIST OF EXHIBITORS*

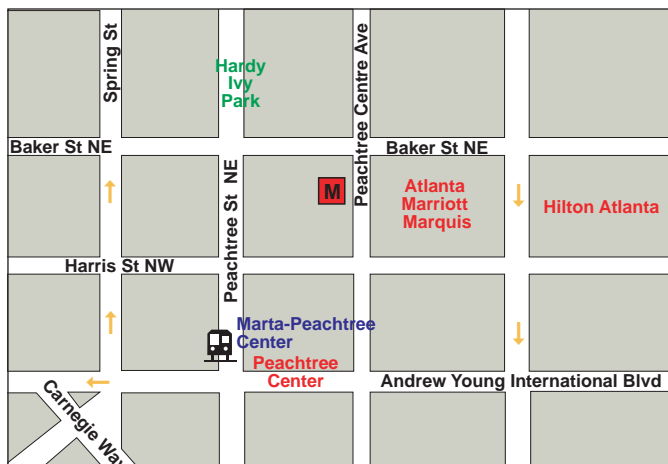
Adler School of Professional Psychology
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
Aging Well Magazine
Alzheimer's Association
American Geriatrics Society
Association Book Exhibit
Calmoseptine, Inc. Multi-Purpose Moisture Barrier Ointment
Case Western Reserve University, University Center on Aging and Health
CDC Division of Adult and Community Health, Healthy Aging Program
CDC/CCHP/NCCDPHP National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion
Center for Research on Aging at UMB
CIHR Institute of Aging
Dementia Care Foundation - Restoring Dignity to those with Dementia
FallScape / Brookside LLC
Foundation for Health in Aging
George Mason University, College of Health and Human Services
Hartford Geriatric Nurse and Social Work Initiatives
Health & Retirement Study
Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program
Health Professions Press
Humanities & the Arts Committee
International Society for Gerontechnology 7th World Conference
Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center
National Archive of Computerized Data on Aging
National Center for Health Statistics
National Death Index
National Institute on Aging
National Longitudinal Surveys

Oxford University Press
Panel Study of Income Dynamics
Penn State University Gerontology Center
Psychology Press
Purdue University Center on Aging and the Life Course
RAND
Routledge Journals
Scripps Gerontology Center, Miami University
SLACK Incorporated
Springer
Springer Publishing Company
Syracuse University Gerontology Center
The Gerontological Society of America
The Johns Hopkins University Press
The University of Michigan, Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research
UCLA Geriatrics and Gerontology
UMass Boston Gerontology Department and Gerontology Institute
University of Michigan Geriatrics Center
University of Michigan Retirement Research Center
University of South Florida
University of Utah, Hartford Center for Geriatric Nursing Excellence
University of Wisconsin Institute on Aging
US EPA Aging Initiative
USC Davis School of Gerontology
UTMB Galveston-Sealy Center on Aging
Wayne State University - Institute of Gerontology
Westat
Wiley-Blackwell
Wisconsin Longitudinal Study/CDHA

*As of September 10, 2009

As one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas, Atlanta has an abundance of restaurants, art and entertainment, much within walking distance. If you're interested, the Atlanta CityPass offers the city's top attractions for less. For good deals on food and nightlife, look into the Southern Hospitality Savings Card. To see all offerings on affordable Atlanta, visit www.geron.org/annualmeeting!

Hotel



Make your reservations online at www.geron.org/annualmeeting to get the special GSA attendee rate!

The Hilton Atlanta and Atlanta Marriott Marquis hotels will host GSA's 62nd Annual Scientific Meeting, "**Creative Approaches to Healthy Aging.**" Connected by a skywalk and located across the street from one another in downtown Atlanta, these hotels are conveniently located near the Georgia Aquarium, World of Coca-Cola, CNN Center, Centennial Park, and the Peachtree Center.

GSA recognizes that you have a variety of choices when arranging accommodations for the Annual Scientific Meeting. The Society has made a major financial commitment to the conference hotels—the Hilton Atlanta and the Atlanta Marriott Marquis—to secure a large block of quality rooms at a special group rate. Please support GSA by using the contracted hotels.

Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Single/Double: \$195 + 15% tax
Each Additional Person: \$20

Policies:

Check-in: 4:00pm. Check-out: 12:00pm.
A credit card number will be requested at the time of reservation.

Reservations must be cancelled by 6:00pm on the day of arrival in order to be eligible for a refund. Please contact the hotel for more details.

Room reservations received by October 23, 2009 will be confirmed at the rates listed above. After October 23, reservations will be confirmed on a space and rate-available basis.

Hilton Atlanta

Single/Double: \$189 + 15% tax
Triple/Quad (students only): \$209 +15% tax

Policies:

Check-in: 3:00pm. Check-out: 11:00am.
One night's deposit is required at the time of reservation in order to hold a room.
Reservations must be cancelled 72 hours prior to schedule arrival in order to be eligible for a refund. Please contact the hotel for more details.

Early check-in fee of \$25. Early departure fee of one night rate plus tax will be charged if guests check-out earlier after confirming the original date at check-in.

Room reservations received by October 23, 2009 will be confirmed at the rates listed above. After October 23, they will be confirmed on a space and rate-available basis.

Travel

Traveling around Atlanta is very easy and convenient. From the airport, hop on MARTA, Atlanta's rail system, to the Peachtree Center Station; once you arrive, follow the connecting bridge for access to either hotel. A one-way fare from the airport to the meeting location costs under \$2! To read more about how to get there or where to stay, visit www.geron.org/annualmeeting.

Travel with MARTA's Breeze Ticket

The Breeze Card is a reusable, plastic card designed to be used by most MARTA customers. Breeze Cards can store cash value or discount passes, like 7-day or 30-day Passes.

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- 4 day=\$13

AirTran Airways and American Airlines are providing discounts to GSA Meeting attendees. Both airlines and Hertz offer discounted air travel and unique benefits for our meeting. The Society is pleased to offer the following for our members:



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AirTran Airways EventSavers Desk at 1.866.68EVENT (1.866.683.8368).
Event Code: ATL111809 (GSA ANNUAL Meeting).



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Hertz, through its Meetings Service desk, also has discounted rates for GSA members. Call 1.800.654.2240 and use Authorization Code: 022Q4364.



Atlanta Link Transportation shuttles run continually from the airport to the hotels from 6:00am–midnight, with a 15-minute wait or less. Clients who use these shuttles experience a comfortable relaxing ride being dropped off and picked up directly at the front door of the hotel.

Due to airport construction the shuttles depart the airport from the South Terminal Baggage Claim (Delta), exit Door S5 or S6 and cross out to the middle island. (You may purchase your tickets at this location as well, if not booked in advance, at our regular fare price).

Visit the Travel & Hotel page at www.geron.org/annualmeeting to receive \$2 off a round trip fare when you book online.

For more information visit www.theatlantalink.com. If you are unable to book online, call 404.524.3400 and select Option 1 or 2 for assistance. Be sure to mention the code: GSA. For group bookings of ten or more, contact group sales: 404.524.3400 and select Option 2 for assistance.



“GSA provides a unique opportunity to meet face-to-face with colleagues from all over the world. If I can only attend one meeting in the next year, this will be the one.”

Online:

Register online at www.geron.org/annualmeeting.

Via mail or fax:

Please note that there will be a \$15 processing fee applied to all faxed and mailed registrations. To avoid this fee, please register online at www.geron.org/annualmeeting.

Mail:

The Gerontological Society of America
 c/o Annual Meeting Registration
 1220 L Street, NW, Suite 901
 Washington, DC 20005

Fax:

202.842.2088

Regular/On-Site
 (Sept 23–Nov 10)

GSA Member	\$358
Non-Member	\$592
GSA Student Member	\$99
Student Non-Member	\$195
Transitional Member	\$137
Spouse Member	\$358
Emeritus Member	\$176

The final pre-registration deadline is November 10, 2009. All registrations received thereafter will be processed on-site.

Payment of Registration Fees

All presenters and participants must register for the Annual Scientific Meeting. Registrations cannot be processed without a check or complete credit card information. All payments must be made in US currency. Make checks payable to The Gerontological Society of America. You may also charge your registration fee to your Visa, MasterCard, or American Express by using the appropriate section of the registration form.

Optional Events and Pre-Conference Workshops

Advance registration for pre-conference workshops and optional events is recommended as on-site registration will be on a space-available basis. All payments for events and workshops are nonrefundable.

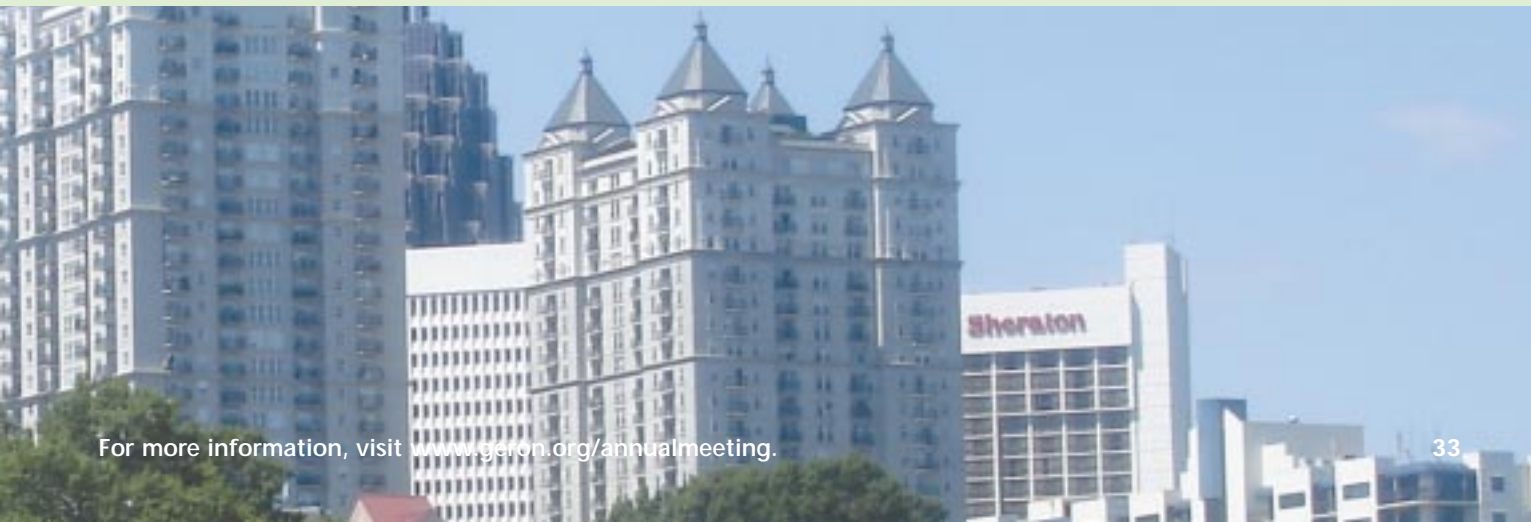
Cancellation Policy

The meeting registration fee will be non-refundable in the event of cancellation of the meeting due to circumstances beyond the control of GSA. Payments for continuing education credits, optional event tickets, and pre-conference workshops are non-refundable. Registrations are non-transferable. Refunds will not be granted after October 15, 2009. No exceptions will be made.

Written requests for refunds must be sent to the GSA Meetings Department by email at meetings@geron.org. Refunds will be issued no sooner than 45 days following the Annual Scientific Meeting and will adhere to the schedule below.

Registration Cancellation Requests Received:
 Before September 15, 2009: \$50 processing fee
 September 15–October 15, 2009: 50% refund of paid meeting registration fee.

After October 15, 2009: No refunds will be issued.



Registration Form

How to Register:

Web: Register online at www.geron.org.

Mail: The Gerontological Society of America, c/o Annual Meeting Registration, 1220 L Street, NW, Suite 901, Washington, DC 20005. **Payment must accompany form in order for registration to be processed.**

Fax: 202.842.2088. **Special Instructions for Faxed Registrations:** Do not submit your registration more than once. This will result in duplicate processing and duplicate charges. If faxing your registration, payment must be made by credit card.

Please type or print clearly. For Parts 1-4, please check your selections.

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This is my first year attending this meeting.

PART 1 MEETING REGISTRATION

	Early Bird (Until September 22)	Regular/On-Site (September 23 – November 10)*
GSA Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$275	<input type="checkbox"/> \$358
Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$455	<input type="checkbox"/> \$592
GSA Student Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80	<input type="checkbox"/> \$99
Student Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150	<input type="checkbox"/> \$195
Transitional Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$105	<input type="checkbox"/> \$137
Spouse Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$275	<input type="checkbox"/> \$358
Emeritus Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$135	<input type="checkbox"/> \$176

*After November 10th, registration is only available on-site.

PART 1 TOTAL \$ _____

PART 2 CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS (non-refundable)

- Physicians Category 1 CME- \$60 Nursing Credits- \$45
 Social Work CEHs- \$45 Certificate of Training- \$45

PART 2 TOTAL \$ _____

PART 3 PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS (non-refundable)

Pre-Conference Workshops are concurrent. Please do not sign-up for more than one.

Assisted Living in the Context of Alternate Housing Options

Wednesday, November 18 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm
 GSA Member- \$70 GSA Student Member- \$50 Non-Member- \$85

Evaluating Programs Delivered at Multiple Sites: Integrating Results in a Geriatrics Education Center Context

Wednesday, November 18 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm
 GSA Member- \$70 GSA Student Member- \$50 Non-Member- \$85

Introduction to the Health and Retirement Study (HRS)

Wednesday, November 18 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm
 GSA Member- \$70 GSA Student Member- \$50 Non-Member- \$85

Methods for Studying Older Persons at the Neighborhood Level

Wednesday, November 18 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
 GSA Member- \$140 GSA Student Member- \$100 Non-Member- \$170

The Science of Translation: Can Implementation of Evidence-Based Interventions into the Community also be "Good Science"?

Wednesday, November 18 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm
 GSA Member- \$70 GSA Student Member- \$50 Non-Member- \$85

Using, Adapting, and Modifying Existing Measures for Studies of Diverse Population Groups

Wednesday, November 18 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
 GSA Member- \$140 GSA Student Member- \$100 Non-Member- \$170

PART 3 TOTAL \$ _____

PART 4 OPTIONAL EVENTS (non-refundable)

Aging Means Business in Atlanta

Friday, November 20, 8:30 am - 6:00 pm \$79

Gerontologists Giving Back Service Event

Wednesday, November 18, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm \$15

Humanities and the Arts Committee Feature Film: "Shine a Light"

Friday, November 20, 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm \$10

Fun Run/Walk

(in support of the Doris Schwartz Gerontological Nursing Research Award)
 Saturday, November 21, 6:00 am - 7:00 am \$25

Bo Diddley Outing

Saturday, November 21, 9:00 pm \$20

Mentoring Consultancy for Emerging Scholars

Session I: Wednesday, November 18, 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm no fee

Session II: Friday, November 20, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm no fee

PART 4 TOTAL \$ _____

TOTAL (PARTS 1-4) \$ _____

PROCESSING FEE: \$15. To avoid paying the print registration form processing fee, visit www.geron.org to register online.

PROCESSING FEE \$ 15

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Pay by Check. Make checks payable to The Gerontological Society of America.
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Business Forum: Aging Means Business in Atlanta

Taking place during GSA's Annual Scientific Meeting, this one-day business and aging forum will provide a unique opportunity to learn how to do business with a growing senior demographic. Presentations will address the psychology and economics of consumption, effective marketing strategies, industry-specific discussions, and more – visit www.geron.org/businessforum today.

*Additional fee required

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- Eligibility to apply for Fellowship in the Society**
- Opportunity to join cross-disciplinary Interest Groups
- Voluntary inclusion in our popular Database of Experts
- Plus much more...

*Foreign Members: by request only
**After 5 years

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