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GSA to Launch New Journal in 2026

Wen Delivering Boston Keynote



GSA welcomes Leana Wen, MD, MSc, FAAEM, as the keynote speaker for the GSA 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting. Her address is part of the President's Opening Plenary Session on Wednesday, November 12, at 4 p.m. in Hynes Convention Center Ballroom ABC.

Wen is an emergency physician, clinical associate professor at The George Washington University, and nonresident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. She is also a columnist for The Washington Post and previously served as Baltimore's Health Commissioner.

Starting next year, GSA will begin accepting submissions for Aging Research and Insights, a new GSA fully open access journal dedicated to advancing the fields of gerontology and geriatrics through the publication of sound science from around the world.

In launching this new title, GSA will provide a platform for original, rigorous, and high-quality scholarship that does not currently

have a home in the GSA journals due to the nature of the results or the scope of the study.

"This new journal will allow us to capture the depth and breadth of research conducted by the global community of scholars in our field," said GSA President Marilyn R. Gugliucci, MA, PhD, FAGHE, FGSA, AGSF, FNAOME. "By adding it to our already rich catalog of peer-reviewed journals,

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GSA Will Advance Geroscience Education with New Support from NIA

GSA has received a three-year grant award from the National Institute on Aging (NIA) of the National Institutes of Health to establish the Geroscience Education and Training (GET) 2 Network.

The work under the grant will be led by a multiple principal investigator (MPI) team consisting of GSA member George A. Kuchel, MD CM, FRCP, AGSF, FAAAS, FGSA, and Christine Thatcher, EdD, of



the University of Connecticut; and GSA Vice President of Policy and Professional Affairs Patricia M. "Trish" D'Antonio, BSPharm, MS, MBA, BCGP, who is serving as contact MPI.

"We envision the GET2 Network Collaborative as an innovative

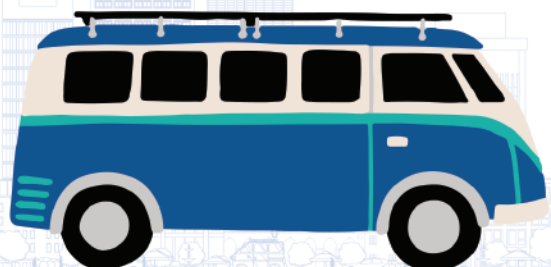
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NATIONAL CENTER TO REFRAME AGING



Our team is looking forward to connecting with you at GSA 2025!



Sign up for our workshop November 14 at 8AM

The Fundamentals to Reframe Aging: Harnessing Data to Tell a More Complete Story About Aging



We will also be exhibiting November 12-15 at booth #410

Led by the Gerontological Society of America (GSA), the National Center to Reframe Aging is the trusted source for proven communication strategies and tools to effectively frame aging issues.

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Featured Partnership: We are currently partnering with the Pennsylvania Department of Aging to reframe communications on senior centers, setting a national example for strengthening awareness and investment.



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Learn more by scanning the QR code, and contact us at reframingaging@geron.org to see how we can work together to advance your organization's goals to reframe aging.

Report Yields Roadmap for Americans to Age with Health, Wealth, and Social Equity

To take maximum advantage of the added days, months, and years people enjoy because of modern health care and healthier habits, they need to achieve competency in several areas necessary for longer lives, states a new GSA report, “Health and Wealth in the Era of Longevity.” It’s viewable at gsaenrich.geron.org/longevity.

The areas covered by the report include:

- Financial literacy: Having the knowledge, skill, and competence to make informed decisions about money, including how to earn, save, spend, borrow, and invest it effectively.
- Longevity literacy: Having a clear and objective understanding of life expectancy in combination with financial literacy.
- Longevity fitness: Having the social, health, and wealth equity needed to thrive, not just survive, during an extended lifetime.

By making sound decisions across the lifespan, “individuals can be prepared to fully embrace older adulthood through whatever path they choose,” the report explains. “These are not, however, only decisions for individuals to make; we also need to find ways to support individuals as they age. Health, financial, demographic, and social factors will inevitably pose challenges throughout life, but we can mitigate their impact by reshaping society to support an aging population and by promoting financial and longevity literacy – equipping individuals with an actionable roadmap that begins at birth, continues through young and middle adulthood, and culminates in a healthier older adulthood.”

The report explores the complexities of estimating life expectancy based on factors such as sex, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and education. It also explores how the United States health care system needs to be updated and upgraded to meet the needs of a growing population of older adults, including specialized training in geriatrics for a wide variety of health care disciplines.

The report brings forth the concept of “living



insurance,” rather than just life insurance, to ensure that people have enough wealth and income regardless of how long they live.

“No one can predict the future,” the report notes. “However, individuals can take steps to understand their life expectancy and develop the resources needed to make the most of their remaining years.”

The TIAA Institute provided support for this report, which includes recommendations for actions by individuals and families, employers, researchers, nongovernmental organizations, leaders in higher education and health care systems, and policymakers. This is the seventh GSA report in a series on longevity and the impact of longer lifespans on modern society.

Advisors for this report were Chairperson David Rehkopf, ScD, MPH, of Stanford University; Tamara Cadet, PhD, LCSW, MPH, of the University of Pennsylvania; David Hayes-Bautista, PhD, of the University of California, Los Angeles; and Surya Kolluri, MBA, MS, CRPC, and Anne Ollen, MED, CEBA, of the TIAA Institute.

From the CEO

Innovative Horizons in Gerontology: 2025 Successes We Can Celebrate Together



By James Appleby, BSPharm, MPH
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GSA members were instrumental in all of the Society's top accomplishments in 2025. While we're together for the Annual Scientific Meeting in Boston, I hope you'll join me in celebrating the many ways we've advanced the field of gerontology in meaningful ways this past year.

GSA has published the field's preeminent journals for 80 years, and we are fulfilling the needs of our members by launching a new open access journal: **Aging Research and Insights**. This new journal will be an outlet for original research studies that are outside the scope of the Society's current titles. Stay tuned for announcements as we welcome applications for editor-in-chief and issue our first call for papers.

GSA has launched new tools to help its members be advocates for aging research as we collectively navigate federal research funding uncertainty, delays, and other disruptions. In April, we mobilized 77 members to speak up for aging research and programs during the Society's inaugural **Capitol Hill Day**, meeting with offices of 52 House members and 33 members of the Senate. Our Federal Policy Pulse e-newsletter offers news and guidance to members every Monday. And we became an active partner in advocacy groups like the Coalition for Trust in Health and Science and Research!America's Americans for Medical Research campaign.

GSA was awarded a new grant from the National Institute on Aging (NIA) to advance geroscience education through the **GET2 Network Collaborative**. We look forward to working with NIA and expert GSA members, as well as private-sector partners, as we spread awareness of geroscience – the study of mechanisms that make aging a major risk factor and driver of common chronic conditions and diseases.

GSA collaborated with AARP to launch **Recognizing and Addressing Ageism in Health Care**, a new curricular resource for faculty preparing future health professionals in medicine, nursing, pharmacy, physical therapy, social work, and other disciplines. This 45-minute intervention is being tested and evaluated at 12 higher education institutions (with plans for expansion in 2026). By integrating these resources into all levels of health professions programs, GSA aims to enhance health outcomes and promote equitable care for older adults.

GSA's Academy for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) Program Resource Development Workgroup and its sub-committee led a process this year to revise the AGHE gerontology education competencies and expand their scope and reach. Coming early in 2026, the new **GSA Gerontology Competencies for Undergraduate and Graduate Education** will send a clear signal of the Society's commitment to the development and rigor of gerontological education in the U.S. and internationally. Learn more on page 11.

The National Center to Reframe Aging, led by GSA, received grant support from The John A. Hartford Foundation, The SCAN Foundation, RRF Foundation for Aging, and Archstone Foundation. The National Center has recently established multiple new state partnerships to strengthen multisector plans on aging and community programs. And it has begun working with Pennsylvania to position senior community centers as visible, in-person hubs connecting older people to vital resources, services, and communities.

MemberNews

In Memoriam

GSA honors the memory of those members who have passed away in the last year.

A memorial service is taking place on Friday, November 14, at 7 a.m. in room Republic B of the Sheraton Boston Hotel.

Honoring

Leonard D. Cain Jr., PhD, FGSA

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Members in the News

- **Steven N. Austad, PhD, FGSA, Pinchas Cohen, MD, FGSA, and S. Jay Olshansky, PhD, FGSA**, were quoted in The Washington Post in an article titled "[The \\$1 billion wager riding on whether a human will live to 150.](#)"
- On September 7, The New York Times quoted **Thomas M. Gill, MD, FGSA**, and **Donovan T. Maust, MD**, in an article titled "[Why Are More Older People Dying After Falls?](#)"
- An October 14 Vice article titled "[Your Friends Could Literally Be Keeping You Young](#)" quoted **Luigi Ferrucci, MD, PhD, FGSA**.



Member Spotlight

GSA's website features monthly Q&A sessions with distinguished members. The current spotlight shines on:

[Layla Katharine Santana, BS](#)

Read the full interview at www.geron.org/memberspotlight.

New Books by Members

Seniorland: Aging in a Retirement Metropolis," **by Galit Nimrod, PhD**. Published by Cambridge University Press, 2025.

Member Referral Program

This month's \$25 Amazon gift certificate winner:

Jennifer T. Stanley, PhD, MS, FGSA (who referred new member **Julia Brooks, BA**)

To learn how you can become eligible, visit www.geron.org/referral.

We welcome member submissions at news@geron.org.

A Year of Impact: Our Fight for Aging Research and Programs



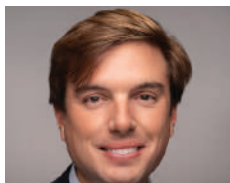
By Brian Lindberg, MMHS, FGSA
GSA Policy Advisor

It has been a demanding year – well, not quite a year, but it certainly feels like it. I have never been prouder to be part of this organization. This year, the GSA policy team and GSA members stepped up to make our voices heard in response to funding threats, grant terminations, indirect cost caps, international research restrictions, targeting of certain research areas, and disrespect for the scientific enterprise.

Led by GSA Vice President of Policy and Professional Affairs Patricia M. “Trish” D’Antonio, BSPHarm, MS, MBA, BCGP, and Director of Policy Thomas Jordan Miles III, BA, and with support from the GSA executive team and Board of Directors, we ensured our values and work were represented on many fronts. As we gather in Boston for the Annual Scientific Meeting, we want to share some of the many actions GSA has taken. We’re grateful for all your contributions to advance our vision of meaningful lives as we age and making innovative horizons in gerontology a reality.



D’Antonio



Miles

As you see from the list below, GSA has many education and advocacy tools at our disposal, ranging from Capitol Hill meetings with members of Congress and staff; letters from GSA, its individual members, and coalitions; Capitol Hill days; committee testimony; constituent stories;

partnerships with influential members and institutions; podcasts and webinars; and social media to spread the word about our activities and positions.

National Institutes of Health and the National Institute on Aging

Early in the year, GSA leadership expanded direct engagement with Congress. Two Capitol Hill days were arranged: the first was for the GSA Board of Directors in March with key committee staff; in April we invited all members to engage with their members of Congress, resulting in more than 70 constituent meetings and greater awareness of how aging policy and harmful National Institutes of Health (NIH) proposals affect us all. The policy team provided advocacy training, scheduled meetings, and talking points for both events. Throughout the year we provided opportunities to advocate in-state or through call-in and letter writing campaigns.

Additional inroads were made when GSA members Dawn Carr, PhD, FGSA, and Susan L. Hughes, PhD, FGSA, testified at a U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging hearing on “Improving Wellness Among Seniors: Setting a Standard for the American Dream,” addressing the need to expand aging policy scope and reframe our approach to health promotion and access to services and supports for older adults.

Throughout the year, GSA staff conducted our own Capitol Hill outreach and collaborated with other national research organizations, including



signing an amicus brief appealing termination of the NIH's Maximizing Opportunities for Scientific and Academic Independent Careers grant program, which serves as a career catalyst for emerging researchers at key inflection points.

On budget and appropriations, GSA engaged key decision-makers for NIH/National Institute on Aging (NIA) funding. We submitted a statement supporting NIH and the aging and health research ecosystem to the Senate Appropriations Committee, noting NIH's status as the crown-jewel research institution and how proposed cuts and research terminations will deeply impact global scientific research, the U.S. economy, and our population's health and well-being.

GSA submitted testimony to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health, Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies regarding fiscal year 2026 funding and issued a statement responding to the chair of the House Appropriations Committee, highlighting risks the proposed cuts present for adequate NIH and NIA funding. In October, GSA reiterated our positions in letters to the chair and ranking member of both the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health, and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies and the House Appropriations Committee, requesting a minimum of \$51.3 billion for NIH and \$4.75 billion for NIA, consistent with the advocacy community's requests.

Speaking Up for the Value of Vaccination

2025 has been a year of continuous vaccine drama. GSA remains a strong advocate for ensuring older adults have access to quality vaccines and pharmaceuticals that protect and improve their lives. GSA submitted comments to the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) regarding the decision to dismiss all seventeen ACIP voting

members days after providing official notice for its June meeting – questioning the process and its impact on committee integrity and credibility. We submitted a letter urging the new committee to remain true to its charter offering advice to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director on vaccine use to control vaccine-preventable diseases. In a separate letter, we joined the National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit, highlighting that trustworthy vaccine clinical guidance should be unbiased, transparent, and scientific.

Actions on Obesity, Medicaid, and Social Isolation

GSA submitted letters to key congressional committees and federal agencies on longevity and aging research; protecting and strengthening Medicaid; geriatric education; supporting researchers, scientists, and academics; scientific integrity and research funding; NIH's artificial intelligence strategy; immunization strategies; obesity care coverage and legislation; Alzheimer's research, care, and services; Medicare's physician fee schedule; caregivers; the Older Americans Act; social isolation and loneliness; and more.

I hope you can now see, at least, a partially completed painting of what this year has been like on the policy front lines. We continue to track and engage in numerous legislative, regulatory, and court actions. The DC team truly appreciates all that you as GSA members have done to make this education and advocacy possible.

It is your research, teaching, policy development, and practice that tells the story policymakers need to hear. Thank you for your support, and please share your advocacy experiences when you see us at the ASM! You can find all the aforementioned documents at www.geron.org/advocacy.

Meeting Schedule-at-a-Glance

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Scientific Sessions
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Workshops
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Scientific Sessions
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Scientific Sessions, Award Sessions, Industry Supported Symposium
2:00 PM - 3:15 PM	New Member and First-Timer Orientation
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Scientific Sessions
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	President's Opening Plenary Session
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	President's Welcome Reception and Exhibit Hall Opening
6:00 PM - 7:15 PM	Poster Session

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7:00 AM - 8:00 PM	ESPO Breakfast and Community Meeting
7:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Pollack Award Breakfast and Presentation
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Scientific Sessions
8:00 AM - 9:45 AM	BioSci Presidential Symposium and Recognition
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Workshops
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Scientific Sessions, Award Sessions, GSA Interest Group Convener Meeting
8:00 AM - 8:00 PM	AgeTech: Life Course Innovations & Implications
11:30 AM - 3:30 PM	Exhibit Hall Open
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Scientific Sessions, Award Sessions, Industry Supported Symposium
1:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Poster Session
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Momentum Discussions
3:00 PM - 4:15 PM	Interest Group Meetings
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Scientific Sessions
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM	BSS Presidential Symposium and Recognition
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM	Interest Group Meetings

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

6:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Industry Supported Symposium
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Memorial Service
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Scientific Sessions, Award Sessions
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Workshops
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	GSA Business Meeting
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Kent, Kleemeier, and Jackson Award Lectures
11:30 AM - 3:30 PM	Exhibit Hall Open
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Scientific Sessions, ESPO Presidential Symposium, Industry Supported Symposium
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	"Redefining Health Care Education: Innovations in Addressing Ageism" Presidential Symposium
1:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Poster Session
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	"Aging in America: Survive or Thrive" Movie Presentation
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Momentum Discussions
3:00 PM - 4:15 PM	Interest Group Meetings
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Scientific Sessions
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM	HS Presidential Symposium and Recognition
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Minority Issues in Gerontology Advisory Panel Award and Reception
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM	Interest Group Meetings
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	GSA Fellows, ESPO, and International Reception

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	GSA Fun Run and Walk
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Scientific Sessions, Minority Issues in Gerontology Networking Coffee
8:00 AM - 9:45 AM	SRPP Presidential Symposium and Recognition
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Workshops
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Scientific Sessions
10:00 AM - 11:45 AM	AGHE Presidential Symposium & Recognition
11:30 AM - 3:30 PM	Exhibit Hall Open
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Scientific Sessions, Award Sessions
1:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Poster Session
2:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Interest Group Meetings
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Scientific Sessions
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Scientific Sessions

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EducationalNews

Coming Soon: The New GSA Competencies for Undergraduate and Graduate Education



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In 2012, the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education – now GSA's Academy for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) – began to develop the Gerontology Competencies for Undergraduate and Graduate Education.

Following their release in 2014, many institutions have incorporated the competencies into gerontology programs at a variety of academic levels. Recognizing the need to maintain the relevance of the competencies and seeking to expand their application, AGHE-affiliated members recently initiated the process to review and update the competencies and elevate this educational tool to a GSA-wide resource.

In the spring of 2025, eight workgroups, including U.S.- and internationally based members from across GSA's member groups, and representatives from the Accreditation for Gerontology Education Council, joined together to update the competencies. An iterative process ensured that feedback, including from employers, current students, and alumni, was meaningfully incorporated and fostered the continued relevance of the competencies to drive academic excellence throughout society and the wider discipline.

Competency-based education and assessment require the specification of anticipated knowledge and skill development for varying program levels. We adapted the definitions of competency-based education from the U.S. Department of Education and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing to include the "system of instruction, assessment, feedback, self-reflection, and academic reporting based on students demonstrating

that they have learned the knowledge, attitudes, motivations, self-perceptions, and skills expected of them."

The competencies focus on the knowledge, abilities, experiences, and skills of gerontologists and apply to programs with majors, minors, and certificates at the associate, bachelor's, and master's levels. They are specific to gerontology education programs rather than gerontology or geriatric focus or specialization within other disciplinary programs (e.g., gero-psychology or geriatric nursing), as disciplines typically have their own set of competencies.

Updates to the competencies include simplification of the structure of the competencies, making this tool easier for programs to use. The bio-psycho-social model was clarified as being inclusive of culture, built and lived environments, political systems and social policy, economics, and other social determinants that impact the experience of development and aging. A core competency focused on professionalism (demonstration of workforce-ready skills for the wide variety of aging-related career pathways) was added. Advocacy is now highlighted more clearly as a vital skill for gerontologists.

Educators will be able to access the new competencies in early 2026. With these revisions, the competencies transition from an AGHE resource to a society-wide framework of GSA, in line with GSA's current strategic plan, which includes a heightened focus on education. This is the first time that GSA has adopted such a framework and sends a clear signal of the Society's commitment to the development and rigor of gerontological education in the U.S. and beyond.

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Work of ESPO's International Task Force Benefits Members Worldwide



*By Lien T. Quach
PhD, MD, MS*

In 2025, the ESPO International Task Force (ITF) continued its mission to strengthen global engagement, mentorship, and professional development for international scholars within GSA. These activities reflect ITF's commitment to capacity building, collaboration, and advancing cross-cultural scholarship in aging research.

Informal GSA Conference Chat

An informal session at the GSA Annual Scientific Meeting will allow members to connect with international colleagues, share updates, discuss challenges, and strengthen collaboration. This is taking place on Friday, November 14, from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. in room Back Bay D of the Sheraton Boston Hotel.

GSA ESPO Webinar on Non-Academic Career Paths

The ITF partnered with the GSA Webinar Task Force to host a workshop for international graduate students exploring non-academic careers in healthcare, social sciences, and social services. Panelists shared insights on transitioning from academia to applied professional roles. ITF members coordinated speakers, promoted participation, and supported planning.

GSA Abstract Review

ITF members contributed to the Abstract Review Committee, providing feedback to international scholars and students. This work improved abstract quality, increased familiarity with submission guidelines, and encouraged early-career researcher engagement worldwide.

Journal Reviews and Peer Mentoring

Through peer review training, members participated in guided review sessions to strengthen manuscript evaluation skills, fostering mentorship, professional growth, and collaboration within the task force.

Mentor-Mentee Program

Building on the 2024 program, survey data were analyzed to assess satisfaction and identify improvements. A 2025 survey is under IRB review, with plans to combine both cohorts to evaluate program impact and support future publications.

Research Dissemination and Systematic Review

ITF members are preparing abstracts for conferences, including the 2026 IAGG Congress, and launched a systematic review on international aging research. Members are refining the scope, defining roles, and compiling literature for a joint publication.

Reflections

Through these efforts, the ITF continues to advance mentorship, collaboration, and professional growth, supporting GSA's mission of inclusion and international partnership in aging research.

The ITF is composed of eight members: Lien T. Quach, PhD, MD, MS, of the University of Massachusetts Boston (lead); Calvin Tran, PhD Student, University of Massachusetts, Boston (co-lead); Zeyu Liu of Cornell University; Eunjung Ko, PhD, of New York University; Yuka Fukata, MHSc, of Osaka University; Shally Zhou, PhD candidate, of Neuroscience Research Australia); Usha Dhakal, PhD, of Georgetown University; and Ariunsanaa Bagaajav, PhD, of CUNY York College.

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academic-professional society partnership which will strengthen and broaden the impact of our efforts in geroscience education,” D’Antonio said. “As importantly, we also believe that the involvement of GSA, together with potential future private sector partners will help facilitate the longer-term sustainability of this important work beyond the NIA award.”

Kuchel and colleagues previously developed foundational curricular materials and a Certificate in Geroscience Research Program (CGRP) for medical students, PhD students, and geriatrics fellows. The new NIA funding offers GSA an opportunity to build upon these achievements and lessons learned by enhancing the Society’s efforts in geroscience education.

“Aging is the main risk factor for conditions that jointly account for most morbidity, mortality, and health care costs,” Kuchel said. “Many gerotherapeutics targeting biological aging are in early-stage clinical trials. The discovery, validation, and implementation into clinical care of such transformational therapies will require the creation of a robust training pipeline to build a sustainable geroscience workforce.”

Goals of this new GET2 Network Collaborative will be achieved through the following aims:

- Enhance access to the CGRP via a centralized virtual-hybrid option based at GSA.
- Increase the geroscience workforce in terms of institutions engaged and research and clinical disciplines engaged. This will be accomplished in part through the creation of an innovative GET2 Geroscience Ambassadors Program.
- Systematically evaluate the quality, adoption and impact of all geroscience curricula with the assistance of educational experts.

The GET 2 Network Collaborative builds on two other NIA-funded projects. Kuchel developed the first Geroscience Education and Training Network in collaboration with Iman Al-Naggar, PhD, of UConn Health, John Newman, MD, PhD, of the University of California San Francisco/ Buck Institute for Research on Aging, Sara Espinoza, MD, FGSA, of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Robert Pignolo, MD, PhD, of the Mayo

Clinic, and Miranda Orr, PhD, of Washington University in St. Louis. To strengthen the geroscience researcher pipeline, Kenneth G. Campellone, PhD, of the University of Connecticut, established the Education in Aging and Geroscience program in 2023.



Eugenia Bachaleda

GSA Director of Digital Programs and Events Eugenia Bachaleda will serve as a co-investigator on this new grant. She will leverage her expertise in digital media design, dissemination, and learning technologies, together with an ability to curate and deliver high-quality educational content that addresses the evolving needs and interests of the gerontology community.

The GET 2 Network Collaborative is supported by the National Institute on Aging of the National Institutes of Health under Award Number R25AG091038. The content is solely the responsibility of the authors and does not necessarily represent the official views of the National Institutes of Health.

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Seven Momentum Discussions to Focus on Trending Topics

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Thursday, November 13, 3 to 4 p.m.

Innovating for Impact: Vaccinations in a Shifting Health Landscape (Hynes Convention Center Room 309)

Patient Perspectives of Disease-Modifying Therapies for Alzheimer's Disease (Hynes Convention Center Room 304)

Social and Economic Implications of Increased Longevity (Hynes Convention Center Room 302)

Trends in Obesity Care for Women as They Age (Hynes Convention Center Room 306)

Friday, November 14, 3 to 4 p.m.

Opioid Overdose in Older Adults (Hynes Convention Center Room 306)

Prescription for Change: Doctors with Dementia - Flipping the Script (Hynes Convention Center Room 302)

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Angie Perone, PhD, JD, MSW, MA, University of California
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David A. Peterson Award

Dellasega, C., George, D. R., & Lokon, E. (2023). The
transformative power of participating in Opening Minds
Through Art (OMA), an expressive arts program for medical
students. *Gerontology & Geriatrics Education*, 45(4),
524-536.

Student Leadership Award and Graduate Student Paper Award

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Wake Forest University School of Medicine congratulates
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Wake Forest University School of Medicine is proud to recognize Dr. Jeff Williamson as the recipient of the 2025 Joseph T. Freeman Award. This prestigious honor is awarded to a prominent clinician in the field of aging, both in research and practice.

"I am eager to share how collaboration across specialties can drive meaningful improvements in clinical outcomes for older adults. I look forward to exploring how we can continue to integrate aging-focused perspectives into clinical trials to ensure that the care we provide is truly aligned with the needs of an aging population."

— Jeff D. Williamson, MD, MHS



GSA Welcomes New Journal Editors-in-Chief

GSA has selected new editors to lead three of its peer-reviewed journal titles, effective January 1.

"After three rigorous and competitive searches with outstanding interdisciplinary candidates, it is a pleasure to welcome these immensely talented GSA members and scientists as incoming editors-in-chief within our journal portfolio," said Abraham A. Brody, PhD, RN, FGSA, the chair of GSA's Program, Publications, and Products Committee. "The committee looks forward to their stewardship of the growth, scientific advancement, and real-world impact of these three important journals in the GSA portfolio."

Social Sciences Section of The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences



Jason (Jace) D. Flatt, PhD, MPH, is an associate professor and director of the Center for Health Disparities Research at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Public Health.

"I am honored to be the next editor-in-chief of the Social Sciences section of The Journals of Gerontology, Series B," Flatt said. "I want to express my gratitude to Dr. Jessica Kelley for her exceptional leadership, which has expanded our journal's reach and advanced rigorous social science research on aging. I look forward to continuing our journal's legacy of fostering interdisciplinary work that explores the complex social dimensions of aging and supporting scholarship that centers the voices and experiences of underrepresented and marginalized populations. I am excited to work alongside such an incredible community of contributors, reviewers, and Editorial Board members as we shape the journal's future."

Gerontology & Geriatrics Education



Karen Kopera-Frye, PhD, FAGHE, FGSA, is a professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences at New Mexico State University.

"As incoming editor in-chief for Gerontology & Geriatrics Education, I am thrilled to work with all of you to continue supporting the excellence of the journal and its contributing scholars. This journal has been home to high quality, cutting edge, innovative practices and science in gerontological and geriatric education," Kopera-Frye said. "I am humbled to be elected EIC and follow a long line of scholarly giants in our field. I look forward to working with the many associate editors, reviewers, contributors, board members, and supporters who make this journal the premier outlet that it is. I am excited to collaborate with Dr. Rona Karasik, prior EIC, who has grown the journal significantly in readership and impact. I welcome contributions from our outstanding scholars in gerontological and geriatric education – let's continue this legacy of excellence!"

Medical Sciences Section of The Journals of Gerontology, Series A: Biological Sciences and Medical Sciences



Joyce Siette holds a senior research theme fellowship in health and wellbeing at Western Sydney University and is the deputy director of the MARCS Institute for Brain, Behaviour and Development.

"As the incoming editor-in-chief of The Journal of Gerontology: Medical Sciences, I am both humbled and energized to take up this responsibility," Siette said. "Under the outstanding leadership of Professor Lewis Lipsitz, the journal has become a cornerstone of excellence in aging research, recognized for its rigor, reach and influence. I look forward to working closely with GSA, our editorial team, and the broad community of scholars to maintain this legacy while expanding the journal's global presence and ensuring that our work continues to address the pressing ethical and scientific issues of our time."



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They represent a wide range of general audience, ethnic, and community media outlets, including local and national publications and online outlets. This year's group brings the program's total number of participating reporters to 258. The new fellows were chosen – by a panel of gerontological and editorial professionals – based on their proposals for an in-depth aging-focused story or series.

The program is supported by funding from [Silver Century Foundation](#), [The Commonwealth Fund](#), [The John A. Hartford Foundation](#), and [National Institute for Health Care Management Foundation \(NIHCM\)](#), and a donation from John Migliaccio, PhD, MEd, FGSA.

The participating journalists will convene during the GSA 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting. Continuing fellowship grants also are being provided to allow several previous fellows to participate in the program and GSA's meeting. A continuously updated list of more than 850 stories generated by the program's alumni is available on GSA's website at www.geron.org/coverage.



The New Fellows

Swe Swe Aye (Myanmar Gazette)

Project: Series on "Hearing Loss, Treatment Side Effects, and Dementia Risk: A Deep Dive into Parkinson's Disease and New Treatments" and "The Vital Role of Caregivers"

Marla Broadfoot (Scientific American)

Project: The biology of aging-related loss of smell and taste, and its broad implications.

Ambar Castillo (Epicenter NYC)

Project: "In New York's Gathering Deserts, Older Adults Face Greater Climate Risk"

Daschel Chavez (Telemundo Oklahoma)

Project: "Still Working: Navigating Aging and Employment – The Rise of Latino Older Adults in Oklahoma's Labor Force"

Madeline Isabel de Figueiredo (The Daily Yonder)

Project: "Digital Dead Ends: Healthcare Barriers for Aging Texans in Rural Areas"

Yiming Fu (AsAmNews)

Project: "How the 2023 Lahaina Wildfires Disproportionately Affected Filipino Elders."

Elizabeth Gotthelf-Othot (Saco Bay News)

Project: Series on the impact of ride programs for older rural Maine residents.

Lorie Konish (CNBC)

Project: "Impact of Big Beautiful Bill on Personal Finances of Average and Low-Income Older Americans"

Julia Métraux (Mother Jones/Center for Investigative Reporting)

Project: Series on aging with disability, such as struggling with complex health issues and/or disabilities to remain at home and avoid institutional care.

Victor Rodriguez Tafoya (Palabra)

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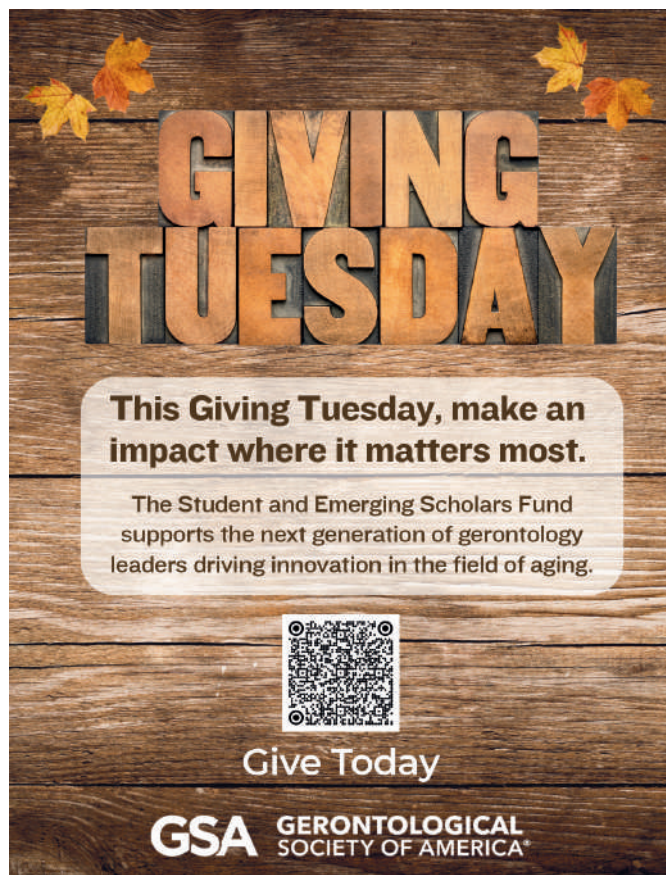
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