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POLICY SERIES PROGRAM

A GUIDE TO POLICY-FOCUSED PAPER, POSTER, AND SYMPOSIUM SESSIONS AT GSA’S ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

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GSA’s Annual Scientific Meeting offers a unique opportunity to learn about the most pressing policy issues generated by the aging population, as well as the latest ideas and innovations in aging research. We invite you to attend our special group of Policy Series sessions. In addition to the Policy Series, a collection of other policy-focused paper and symposium presentations are highlighted.

Have a wonderful meeting!

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policy series sessions

Listed here are GSA’s special Policy Series sessions, as well as selections from the wide range of policy-focused presentations that are available at GSA’s Annual Scientific Meeting in Boston. Attendees are encouraged to use the meeting mobile app and the electronic abstract book to learn about all the policy sessions at the meeting. All events take place at the Boston Marriott Copley Place (M), the Sheraton Boston Hotel (S), and the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center (CC).

thursday, november 15

965 8:00am-9:30am | Back Bay D (S)
Chair: Brian W. Lindberg
Panelists: Cindy Hounsell, Hector Ortiz, Janna Kaplan
Important changes across the retirement landscape that impact women’s financial security are making news every day. These changes can be complicated and confusing, but women need to become informed to ensure they make the best decisions and avoid costly mistakes that will affect the rest of their lives. Being financially prepared helps women build financial security and empowers them to make choices. This session will explore the different factors and policies that impact women’s economic security, including ways to measure financial well-being in later life. Also included will be steps and strategies older adults can take to plan for and manage their overall retirement journey.

1120 12:00pm-1:30pm | Back Bay D (S)
Older Americans Act Reauthorization: A First Look
Chair: Brian W. Lindberg
Panelists: Amy Gotwals, Andrew MacPherson, Suzanne Kunkel
With the Older Americans Act (OAA) programs due to expire at the end of fiscal year 2019, this session provides an early look at the OAA reauthorization process. Speakers from the aging network, and other stakeholders will address proposed changes to the OAA and its service delivery system and its relationship to other health care services and programs.

friday, november 16

1350 3:30pm-5:00pm | Back Bay D (S)
Missing from Medicare: Where Are We on Oral, Hearing, and Visual Health?
Chair: Brian W. Lindberg
Panelists: Michele J. Saunders, Nicholas S. Reed, Heather E. Whitson, Alice Bers
This session will highlight the policy changes needed to ensure that Medicare beneficiaries receive care in the critical areas of oral, hearing, and visual health, and beyond. The panel will discuss current policy proposals and advocacy efforts and will include experts and key stakeholders in the field.

1660 8:00am-9:30am | Back Bay D (S)
The Opioid Epidemic and Older Adults: Pathways to Elder Abuse and Justice
Chair: Brian W. Lindberg
Panelists: Pamela B. Teaster, Karen A. Roberto, Robert Blancato
Although no part of the country is spared, the opioid crisis has been particularly rampant in rural counties, where approximately one out of four adults aged 65+ live. As a group, older adults often have multiple chronic conditions and high rates of chronic pain for which opioids are frequently prescribed. Misuse of these drugs leads to devastating results, including premature death. In addition, the opioid crisis infiltrates the lives of older adults through the addiction of their family members. As a result, the potential relationship between opioid misuse and elder abuse is starting to receive national attention. The three papers in this symposium advance an understanding of the opioid epidemic as it exacerbates
the problem of elder abuse. The goal of this symposium is to examine the impact of the opioid crisis on older adults and their families living in rural America, its pathways, and intervention and prevention strategies. In the first paper, Karen Roberto uses both scientific and population literature to investigate health and well-being effects of opioids on the lives of older adults and their families. The second paper, presented by Pamela Teaster, discusses the results of four focus groups in four states with county-level agency participants knowledgeable about how the opioid problem affects elder abuse in rural areas. The third paper, by Robert Blancato, focuses on the need for action to address the problem on federal, state, and local levels in order to improve identification, awareness, and remediation of the opioid problem in late life.

10:00am-11:00am | Back Bay D (S)

Momentum Discussion: Fireside Chat with Assistant Secretary for Aging and ACL Administrator Lance Robertson
Chair: Brian W. Lindberg
Panelist: Lance Robertson
The Older Americans Act and the Elder Justice Act, administered by the Administration on Aging under the Administration for Community Living, are due for reauthorization. This will take place in the context of a new Congress, tight budgets, growing demand for services, and an evolving aging network and LTSS delivery system. This session will provide an opportunity to discuss these critical issues with Lance Robertson, who has spent his career advancing gerontology, serving older adults, and building coalitions. Robertson's commitment to the field was demonstrated at Oklahoma State University, where he co-founded the Gerontology Institute, and continued during his tenure as director of Oklahoma's aging services programs. He brings the same commitment to his role at the federal level, where he guides policy on the OAA, the Adult Protective Services program, elder justice activities, and programs for individuals with disabilities. Robertson will share his perspective on how evidence-based information can help make the case for high quality programs serving older adults.

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1895 3:00pm-4:30pm | Back Bay D (S)
GSA Public Policy Priority Discussion
Chair: Brian W. Lindberg
Panelist: Lynn F. Feinberg
This session provides both GSA section leadership and members an opportunity to have an open dialogue on hot public policy issues. Section leaders will present their top policy issues and Public Policy Committee Chair Lynn Feinberg will share input from the GSA public policy survey. This will be an interactive session with plenty of opportunity for audience feedback and input.

2180 8:00am-9:30am | Back Bay D (S)
Congressional Update
Chair: Brian W. Lindberg
Panelists: Erica Solway, Sarah Khasawinah
This popular annual session will provide cutting-edge information on what the 115th Congress has and has not accomplished to date, and what may be left for the lame duck session to address. Speakers will discuss key issues such as Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and the Older Americans Act, and how older adults rate the importance of various issues. Predictions for the 116th Congress will abound. Feel free to come and add your challenges and prophecies to the list. Hill staffers, advocates, and lobbyists will present.

2390 3:00pm-4:30pm | Back Bay D (S)
Aligning Research with Public Policy: Recommendations From Experts in Policy and Aging
Chair: Shani H. Bardach
Co-Chair: Lynn F. Feinberg
Discussant: Brian W. Lindberg
Panelists: Jean Accius, Brian Kaskie, Jennifer Wolff
Given the projected growth and diversity of the older population in the United States, researchers and clinicians are exploring ways to promote the health and well-being of older adults and their family caregivers through public policies. This symposium, co-sponsored by GSA's Emerging Scholars and Professional Organization (ESPO) and the Public Policy Committee, brings together national experts to discuss how and why to integrate policy in research studies. Emerging scholars have a unique opportunity to contribute to the development and implementation of policy at the federal, state and local levels, and engage in important discussions with policy-makers to advocate or improving the lives of older adults and their families in an aging society.

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POLICY-FOCUSED PRESENTATIONS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

545 12:30pm-2:00pm | Beacon A (S)
Symposium: Interest Group Session-Nutrition:
Evaluation of OAA Title III-C Nutrition Services
Program: Food Security, Dietary Intake, And Health Care Utilization
H.L. Menne

575 12:30pm-2:00pm | Gardner (S)
Symposium: Interest Group Session-Research on Quality of Care: Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program: An Overview of the Program and National Performance
L. Smith, Q. Li

685 2:30pm-4:00pm | Dalton (S)
Symposium: Developments in Understanding and Combating Senior Financial Exploitation
L. Bleier

6:00pm-8:00pm | Exhibit Hall C (CC)
President’s Welcome Reception and Exhibit Hall Opening

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:00am-8:00am | 210 (CC)
Maxwell A. Pollack Award Reception

955 8:00am-9:30am| 210 (CC)
Symposium: Maxwell A. Pollack Award Lecture
Coming of Age: Social Determinants Matter
R.L. Golden

1025 8:00am-9:30am | Republic A (S)
Symposium: Insider Perspectives: Key Trends and Issues in Aging Policy as Seen by the Health and Aging Policy Fellows
H. Pincus

10:00am-11:30am | Ballroom ABC (CC)
President’s Opening Plenary Session

11:30am-3:00pm | Exhibit Hall C (CC)
Exhibit Hall Open

11:30am-12:30pm | Exhibit Hall C (CC)
Exhibit Hall Spotlight Break

1110 12:00pm-1:30pm | Back Bay B (S)
Symposium: The Increasing Fragmentation of the U.S. Public Long-Term Care System and Growing Corporate Control
L. Polivka

1130 12:00pm-1:30pm | Beacon B (S)
Paper: Disparities in Health Status and Health Care
E. Gonzales

1175 12:00pm-1:30pm | Liberty Ballroom B (S)
Symposium: Shifting Paradigms: The Many Faces of Family Caregivers
S.C. Reinhard

1355 3:00pm-5:00pm | Beacon A (S)
Symposium: Productive Aging: Work and Its Relation to Caregiving and Self-Employment
S. Park

1405 3:00pm-5:00pm | Liberty Ballroom B (S)
E. Portacolone

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

1670 8:00am-9:30am | Beacon B (S)
Paper: Health Problems, Needed Services, and Promising Practices
E. Mahmoudi

1690 8:00am-9:30am | Commonwealth (S)
Presidential Symposium: Dynamics and Diversity of the Aging Workforce—Health, Training, Technology, Employers, and Policy
B. Harootyan

9:30am-3:00pm | Exhibit Hall C (CC)
Exhibit Hall Open

1925 3:00pm-4:30pm | Clarendon (S)
Symposium: Technical Assistance: Geriatrics Programming at the Health Resources & Services Administration
J. Weiss

1950 3:00pm-4:30pm | Liberty Ballroom B (S)
Symposium: Medicare for All: Proposals, Politics, and Trade-Offs
J. Rother

1970 5:00pm-6:30pm | 102 (CC)
C. E. Bishop

2050 5:00pm-6:30pm | Beacon A (S)
Symposium: Affordable Senior Housing: A Platform for Service Coordination, Wellness, and Successful Aging in Community
R. I. Stone

2055 5:00pm-6:30pm | Beacon B (S)
Paper: Health Services Funding and Policy Outcomes
S. T. Stewart

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

2170 8:00am-9:30am | 208 (CC)
GSA Women’s Issues in Gerontology Committee
Symposium: Interest Group Session—Women’s Issues: Revisioning Aging Women: Activism and Agency in the Second Half of Life
A. E. Barrett
Symposium: Interest Group Session—Disasters and Older Adults: Older Adults and Disasters: Vulnerable Population or Valuable Resource?
L. M. Brown
2185 8:00am-9:30am | Beacon A (S)
Symposium: Agengy in the Trump Era
E. A. Miller

9:30am-3:00pm | Exhibit Hall C (CC)
Exhibit Hall Open
9:30am-10:30am | Exhibit Hall C (CC)
Exhibit Hall Spotlight Break
10:00am-11:00am
Momentum Discussions

2230 11:30am-12:45pm | Grand Ballroom (S)
Symposium: Donald P. Kent and Robert W. Kleemeier Award Lectures
• Patient Priorities Care: Moving From Disease-Based to Patient Priorities—Aligned Decision-Making, M. Tinetti
• Reviewing 30 Years of Research on Aging and Health: Some Reflections on What I’ve Learned, N. Krause

2305 3:00pm-4:30pm | Back Bay B (S)
Symposium: ESPO/ Social Research, Policy, and Practice Symposium: Building an Evidence Base to Inform Responses to Elder Mistreatment: Perspectives From Emerging Scholars
J. Yonashiro-Cho, M. Berg-Weger

2395 3:00pm-4:30pm | Beacon A (S)
Paper: Falls: Risk Factors and Prevention Strategies
A. Herrera-Venson

2410 3:00pm-4:30pm | Beacon E (S)
Paper: Isolation, Housing, and Neighborhood
E. Portacolone

2450 3:00pm-4:30pm | Liberty Ballroom B (S)
Symposium: Activity Engagement in Later Life: Transitions, Patterns, and Variations
T. Amano, Y. Chen

2545 5:00pm-6:30pm | Back Bay B (S)
Symposium: Aging With Lifelong Disability: Social Engagement Across the Lifespan
C. E. Coyle

2560 5:00pm-6:30pm | Beacon A (S)
Symposium: Long-Term Services and Supports Reform: State Perspectives
L. G. Knatterud

2615 5:00pm-6:30pm | Liberty Ballroom B (S)
Symposium: Sustainable Aging or Symbolic Exclusion? New Perspectives on Older Adult Civic Participation and Public Policy
K. Walsh

2730 8:00am-9:30am | Independence East (S)
Symposium: An Overview of the New ACL/AR Evidence-Based Health Process and Disease Prevention Program Review Pro
E.C. Schneider

2735 8:00am-9:30am | Liberty Ballroom B (S)
Paper: Diversity: Factors Related to Service Disparities
S. C. Miller

2825 10:00am-11:30am | Back Bay B (S)
Symposium: Women’s Planning Decisions and Choices Affect Financial Wellness in Later Life
C. Hounsell

2835 10:00am-11:30am | Independence East (S)
Symposium: Age-Friendly Neighborhoods: Conceptualizing Urban Environments Responsive to the Needs of Older Adults
S. Frochen

IN MEMORIAM | GREG O’NEILL, PhD

GSA members and staff fondly remember our friend and colleague Greg O’Neill. Greg was a member of the GSA team for more than 20 years. He passed away on September 5, 2018, at the age of 51 after a long illness.

He joined the GSA staff in 1998 as a research associate and served in multiple roles related to research, policy, and practice in the field of gerontology. He had a passion for policy and went on to become director of GSA’s nonpartisan public policy institute, the National Academy on an Aging Society.

During his long tenure with the Society, Greg served as associate editor of GSA’s policy journal, Public Policy & Aging Reports, and was the go-to person for Capitol Hill staffers working on aging-related issues. Greg led many of GSA’s research projects, including work in the arenas of civic engagement, social isolation, and senior entrepreneurship (about which he testified before the U.S. Senate). In addition, he was the founder of GSA’s Aging Means Business initiative, a communications venture spotlighting breakthrough ideas, innovations, and strategies for the age 50+ market.

Greg earned his bachelor’s degree in psychology and biomedical ethics from the University of Toronto and his PhD in sociology with a concentration in population studies from Duke University, where he studied with many GSA members. Greg is survived by his wife, Anita Hattiangadi; siblings Daniela and Brendan; his father, John and many relatives in Canada, the U.S., and Switzerland.

Greg was a wonderful human being. He was a gentle man who embodied intellect, thoughtfulness, humor, courage, and class. The GSA family will sorely miss our friend and colleague, but fond memories and the impact of his research and policy work will live on.

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The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) is the oldest and largest interdisciplinary scientific organization devoted to the advancement of gerontological research, learning, and practice. Through the GSA Annual Scientific Meeting, nearly 4,000 international professionals in the field of aging take part in the opportunity to learn the latest trends and developments from industry leaders, build strategic partnerships to address aging challenges, and network with peers.