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

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POLICY SERIES SESSIONS

Listed below 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 New Orleans. All meeting sessions take place at the New Orleans Marriott and Sheraton New Orleans and are identified as follows:

(M) = New Orleans Marriott  (S) = Sheraton New Orleans.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

300 8:30a.m.-10:00a.m. | Galerie 2 (M)
Symposium: Policy Series: Aging and Health: Long-term Quality Alliance
Chair: Brian Lindberg, GSA Policy Advisor
The Long-Term Quality Alliance is a coalition of leading national organizations that seeks to develop a new, evidence-based narrative about the aging process and older adults’ roles and contributions in American society. The project’s research partner, found in preliminary work that the American public has a decidedly negative and deterministic view of aging, as well as an overall fatalism about society’s collective ability to find solutions to the challenges of an aging population. This presentation will discuss how the project developed and tested alternative ways to frame conversations about aging and older adults. The project found that alternative framing generated more balanced thinking about aging, which resulted in greater understanding of older adults’ needs, and support for policies and programs designed to address those needs. In addition to GSA, the reframing aging project coalition includes AARP, the American Federation for Aging Research, the American Geriatrics Society, the American Society on Aging, Grantmakers in Aging, the National Council on Aging, and the National Hispanic Council on Aging. Speakers will include Julie Sweetland, the vice president for strategy and innovation at the FrameWorks Institute.

515 1:30p.m.-3:00p.m. | Galerie 2 (M)
Symposium: Policy Series: Aging and Health: A Post-Election Analysis
Chair: Brian Lindberg, GSA Policy Advisor
Panelists: Bob Blancato, Matz, Blancato, & Associates; Andrew MacPherson, Healthsperien; and Larry Atkins, Long-Term Quality Alliance
With the presidential and congressional election results fresh in our minds (possibly for decades to come), this panel will look at potential ramifications for aging and health policy. As advocates prepare to submit policy analyses and proposals to the new administration’s transition team, the speakers for this session will address how the new administration and Congress should and will likely address issues of economic security, long-term supports and services, Social Security and Medicare, and other policies and programs serving older Americans. Key changes in Congress, the administration, and congressional committees will also be identified and explained. Presenters will include Washington, D.C., insiders and policy experts.

660 3:30p.m.-5:00p.m. | Galerie 2 (M)
Chair: Laura Robbins, Laura A. Robbins Consulting, LLC
This presentation describes results from a collaborative project involving GSA and seven other U.S.-based aging-focused organizations that seeks to develop a new, evidence-based narrative about the aging process and older adults’ roles and contributions in American society. The FrameWorks Institute, the project’s research partner, found in preliminary work that the American public has a decidedly negative and deterministic view of aging, as well as an overall fatalism about society’s collective ability to find solutions to the challenges of an aging population. This presentation will discuss how the project developed and tested alternative ways to frame conversations about aging and older adults. The project found that alternative framing generated more balanced thinking about aging, which resulted in greater understanding of older adults’ needs, and support for policies and programs designed to address those needs. In addition to GSA, the reframing aging project coalition includes AARP, the American Federation for Aging Research, the American Geriatrics Society, the American Society on Aging, Grantmakers in Aging, the National Council on Aging, and the National Hispanic Council on Aging. Speakers will include Julie Sweetland, the vice president for strategy and innovation at the FrameWorks Institute.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

950 8:00a.m.-9:30a.m. | Galerie 2 (M)
Symposium: Policy Series: Action in the States: LTSS Reform Moving Forward
Chair: John Cutler, National Academy of Social Insurance
Panelists: LaRhae Knatterud, Minnesota Department of Human Services; Aaron Tripp, LeadingAge; and Larry Atkins, Long-Term Quality Alliance
This session will be moderated by John Cutler, a senior fellow at the National Academy of Social Insurance and a leading expert in long-term care/long-term services and supports (LTC/LTSS) reform. Speakers will represent three major efforts in state-based LTSS: LaRhae Knatterud, director of Aging
Transformation within the Minnesota Department of Human Services, will report on various Minnesota LTC/LTSS initiatives. This includes active proposals to add home care to Medicare and alter the way life insurance is used to finance LTC and the state’s Own Your Future campaign. Aaron Tripp, director of LeadingAge’s Department of Long-Term Care Policy and Analytics, will talk about the 2016 Pathways Report and the various state initiatives in which LeadingAge is involved. Larry Atkins, executive director of the Long-Term Quality Alliance, will discuss the alliance’s study on LTSS integration, which involved 10 case studies of exemplary integrated programs around the country.

8:00a.m.-10:00a.m. | Balcony I (M)
Symposium: Policy Series: Part Two: National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine’s Study on Family Caregiving for Older Adults: Digging Deeper
Chair: Richard Schulz, University of Pittsburgh
The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine recently released a report on family caregiving for older adults with recommendations for public and private sector policies to support the capacity of family caregivers to perform critical caregiving tasks, to minimize the barriers that family caregivers encounter in trying to meet the needs of older adults, and to improve the health care and long term services and supports provided to care recipients. This second session on the topic will explore (in more detail and with audience participation) policy and advocacy opportunities related to several report topics such as family caregivers, the eldercare workforce, and minority population caregiving. Speakers will include report committee participants and experts in the field.

1230  2:30p.m.-4:00p.m. | Galerie 2 (M)
Symposium: Policy Series/Economics of Aging Special Interest Group Session: Widening Economic Inequality, Cumulative Advantage and Late-Life Outcomes: Trends and Policy Options
Chair: Christine Bishop, Brandeis University
Panelists: Edward Wolff, New York University; Richard Johnson, Urban Institute; Stephen Crystal, Rutgers University; Dennis Shea, Pennsylvania State University; and Adriana Reyes, Pennsylvania State University
The concentration of income and wealth at the top of our income distribution is attracting increasing concern. This symposium will focus on income and wealth inequalities among current and future older adults. In the United States, late-life economic well-being reflects the cumulative effects of life chances and choices as they interact with institutional structures. Outcomes evolve from health and economic status at birth through educational attainment, marital trajectory, labor market outcomes, and personal and family health. Social insurance programs buffer cumulative disadvantage but still leave substantial disparities, especially because those with lower lifetime incomes face poorer health and survival. The first presentation documents the rising economic inequality among older adults. Diverging trends in lifetime accumulation by race and ethnicity, by educational attainment, by age cohort, and by family status together create the wealth dispersion observed at older ages and portend increasing late-life inequality in coming years. The second presentation examines how episodes of illness and disability can create dramatic impacts on the wealth of older adults. When costs of disability-related services and personal health spending are considered, estimates reveal Medicare’s limitations in buffering health shocks to wealth for older adults and their survivors. The third presentation develops predictions of future late-life inequality and considers impacts of current and proposed public programs, such as Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare, and others on within-cohort income inequality. Proposed social insurance options would affect distribution as well as cohort levels of lifetime wealth.

1360  4:30p.m. – 6:00p.m. | Galerie 2 (M)
Symposium: The Politics of Aging and the 2016 Elections
Chair: Larry Polivka, Florida State University
Panelists: Martha Holstein, Spertus Institute; Larry Polivka, Florida State University; Robyn Stone, LeadingAge; Bob Blancato, Matz, Blancato, & Associates; and Eric Kingson, Syracuse University
Does the rapidly growing electorate over age 65 represent a monolithic voting bloc? Whether or not this cohort will eventually coalesce in support of an aging-oriented policy agenda is a subject of growing debate. Presenters in this symposium will address several different dimensions of aging politics in the U.S. Martha Holstein will present a paper on the relationship between age and gender and their impact on electoral results and political outcomes. Larry Polivka will discuss the political economy of aging and the growing conflict between a deeply entrenched neoliberal economic policy agenda and the aging-based social welfare system in the U.S. Robyn Stone will analyze the 2016 elections in terms of the role of health and long term care policy issues, the treatment of these issues in the campaigns, and the impact of election results on the trajectory of health and long term care policy over the next several years. Bob Blancato and Eric Kingson will be discussants for this session and will identify some common trends emerging from the presentations, briefly discuss interactions among them, and identify the policy debates and political divisions most likely to shape aging policy outcomes over the next several years.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

1490  8:00a.m.-9:30a.m. | Galerie 2 (M)
Symposium: Policy Series: Congressional Update
Chair: Brian Lindberg, GSA Policy Advisor
This popular annual session will provide cutting-edge information on what the 114th Congress did and did not accomplish, 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. Predictions for the 115th Congress will abound. Feel free to come and add your challenges and prophecies to the list. Hill staffers from the Senate Special Committee on Aging, House Energy and Commerce Committee, Senate Finance Committee, and Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee have been invited to present.

POLICY-FOCUSED PRESENTATIONS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

85  2:30p.m.-4:00p.m.; Rhythms 2 (S)
Elder Abuse: Innovative Strategies and Outcomes
Symposium: JoAnne Sirey

180  4:30p.m.-6:00p.m.; Rhythms 2 (S)
#DisruptAgeism
Symposium: Tracey Gendron

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

315  8:30a.m.-10:00a.m.; Galerie 5 (M)
International Aging and Migration Special Interest Group Session/ SRPP Highlighted Topic: A Global Perspective on Population Aging and Public Policy
Symposium: Larry Polivka

380  8:30a.m.-10:00a.m.; Studio 10 (M)
Gender Differences in the Economic Security of Aging Households
Symposium: Christian Weller, Michele Tolson
1075  9:30a.m.-11:30a.m.; Napoleon Ballroom (S)  Economics of Aging

58  Effects of Long Term Care Market Competition on Care Quality in Nursing Homes  Poster: Wei Lu; Gail Jensen

59  A Cost-Benefit Analysis of Long-Term Services and Supports for Dual-Eligible Elders in Texas  Poster: Selena M. Caldera; Jacqueline L. Angel

1105  9:30a.m.-11:30a.m.; Napoleon Ballroom (S)  Legal Issues, Adult Protection, and Elder Abuse

116  Program Policy for Vulnerable Adults: The South Carolina Vulnerable Adult Guardian Ad Litem Program  Poster: Marc A. Guest; Brenda Stalzer; Sarah Pace; Maria Patton

1175  1:00p.m.-3:00p.m.; Napoleon Ballroom (S)  Health Care

107  Medicare’s SNF Three-Day Waiver ACO Demonstration: Preliminary Findings from a Mixed-Methods Study  Poster: Rosanna M. Bertrand; Betty Fout; Ian Breunig; Alan White

110  Factors Associated With Not Enrolling in Medicare at Age 65  Poster: Sunha Choi

113  Evaluating the Impact of a Person-Centered and Participant-Directed Workforce Development Model  Poster: Nancy R. Hooyman; Mark Sciegaj; Kevin Mahoney

114  A Model for Dual-Eligible Care Training: Results from the South Carolina Dual-Eligible Demonstration  Poster: Marc A. Guest; Macie Smith; Kerry Spillane

1185  1:00p.m.-3:00p.m.; Napoleon Ballroom (S)  Long-Term Care

143  On Hawaii’s Proposed Public Long-Term Care Insurance Program and Regressivity  Poster: Wayne Liao; Lawrence Nitz

144  Massachusetts PACE Evaluation: Nursing Facility Residency and Mortality Rates  Poster: Alice Bonner; Daniel Gilden; Patricia Yu; Susan Ciccarrelli

1215  2:30p.m.-4:00p.m.; Bayside B (S)  The Erosion of Retirement: The Case of the United Kingdom  Symposium: Christopher Phillipson, John Simson Macnicol

1290  2:30p.m.-4:00p.m.; Rhythms 1 (S)  Presidential Symposium: Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP) Models Engaging Federally Qualified Health Centers  Symposium: Kathryn Hyer; Robyn Golden

1310  2:30p.m.-4:00p.m.; Studio 10 (M)  Lessons from the Field: Strategies to Change Employment Practices for an Aging Workforce  Symposium: Ruth Finkelstein

1320  2:30p.m.-4:00p.m.; Studio 7 (M)  Long Term Care Policy and Politics at the State and National Levels  Symposium: Robert Applebaum

1325  2:30p.m.-4:00p.m.; Studio 8 (M)  Aging, Technology and Healthcare Policy: Bedside to Classroom  Symposium: Tracie Harrison

1370  4:30p.m.-6:00p.m.; Galerie 5 (M)  Translating the Latest Evidence on Cognitive Health and Dementia into Practice and Policy  Symposium: Lesley Steinman

1460  4:30p.m.-6:00p.m.; Studio 9 (M)  Assisted Living Special Interest Group Session: Using Data to Dig Deeper into Assisted Living: Function, Engagement, and Quality  Symposium: Sheryl Zimmerman  Discussant: Lindsay Schwartz
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

1505  8:00a.m.-9:30a.m.; Galerie 5 (M)
SRPP Highlighted Topic, Ollie Randall Symposium:
Whose Responsibility Is It? Balancing Family and
Societal Supports in Caring for Older Adults
Symposium: Laura Gitlin, Eric Jutkowitz, Lynn Feinberg

1540  8:00a.m.-9:30a.m.; Mardi Gras Salon AB (M)
Research in Community-Based Care: The Hartford
Institute Highlights Emerging Geriatric Researchers
Symposium: Abraham Brody

1585  8:00a.m.-9:30a.m.; Bonaparte (M)
Expanding Possibilities Through Home, Health,
and Housing: How Research Can Inform Policy
Symposium: Lori Simon-Rusinowitz, Jon Pynoos

1595  8:00a.m.-9:30a.m.; St. Charles (M)
Advancing Aging Policy Pathways Across
Academic, Practice, and Virtual Settings
Symposium: Kathryn Kietzman, Judy Zerzan

1612  8:00a.m.-10:00a.m.; Galerie 4 (M)
Long-Term Care Needs and Services from Community-
Based to Institutionalized Care: East Meets West
Symposium: Megumi Inoue, Catherine Tompkins

1645  9:30a.m.-11:30a.m.; Napoleon Ballroom (S)
Health Conditions, Health Risks, and Disability
102 Triggers of Decline: Practice and Policy
Recommendations for Preventing Frailty
in Older Adults
Poster: Maria Brown, Kara Williams

11:30a.m.-12:45p.m.; Mardi Gras Salon (M)
Donald P. Kent and Robert W. Kleemeier Lectures
The Donald P. Kent Award Lecture will feature an address by
the 2015 Kent Award recipient, Eric R. Kingson, titled “Send a
Gerontologist to Congress?” The Robert W. Kleemeier Award
Lecture will feature an address by the 2015 Kleemeier Award
recipient, Kyriakos “Kokos” S. Markides, titled “Immigrant Health
and Aging in a Changing World.”

1685  8:00a.m.-10:00a.m.; St. Charles (M)
Advancing Intellectual Disability & Dementia into
US National Plan to Address Alzheimer’s Disease
Symposium: Matthew Janicki

1715  1:30p.m.-3:00p.m.; Galerie 2 (M)
Technology Track: Technology Research Initiatives
in the U.S. and Canada
Symposium: Margaret Campbell

1730  1:30p.m.-3:00p.m.; Galerie 5 (M)
SRPP Highlighted Topic: Highlights from Older
Americans 2016: Key Indicators of Well-Being
Symposium: Kathy Sykes, Traci Cook

1775  1:30p.m.-3:00p.m.; Rhythms 1 (S)
Presidential Symposium: Envisioning Long
Term Care: International Perspectives
Symposium: Norah Keating

1835  3:30p.m.-5:00p.m.; Balcony K (M)
Closing the Gap: Research and Policies to Increase
Evidence-Based Programs in Community Settings
Symposium: Margaret Campbell, Elena Fazio

1865  3:30p.m.-5:00p.m.; Galerie 2 (M)
Technology Track: Policy and Funding Barriers to
Advancing Technology-Based Innovation in Aging
Symposium: Charlene Quinn

1880  3:30p.m.-5:00p.m.; Galerie 5 (M)
SRPP Highlighted Topic: Healthy Aging in Action:
Advancing the National Prevention Strategy
Symposium: Amanda Lehning

1950  3:30p.m.-5:00p.m.; Bonaparte (M)
Aging in Place: How Can Policy and Practice Support
the Health Benefits of Aging at Home?
Symposium: Christine Stephens

1960  3:30p.m.-5:00p.m.; St. Charles (M)
Fall Prevention: Strategies to Increase Awareness,
Disseminate Proven Programs, and Sustain Networks
Symposium: Ellen Schneider, Kathleen Cameron

1965  3:30p.m.-5:00p.m.; Bacchus (M)
The Use of Consumer Data for Long-Term
Care Systems Policy and Planning
Paper: Brigitte Santos-Eggimann

1970  3:30p.m.-5:00p.m.; Balcony L (M)
Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Policy Lab:
Applications in Care Management and Research
Symposium: Wen-Chieh Lin

2030  5:30p.m.-7:00p.m.; Galerie 4 (M)
Steps Forward in Bridging Aging and Disability
Research, Policy and Practice
Symposium: Michelle Putnam

2040  5:30p.m.-7:00p.m.; Galerie 6 (M)
Diversity Training for Community Aged-Care
Workers-The Journey from Theory to Practice
Symposium: Claudia Meyer

2125  5:30p.m.-7:00p.m.; St. Charles (M)
Voices of Experience: The Value of Qualitative
Methods in Addressing Health Policy Issues
Symposium: Kezia Scales

2130  5:30p.m.-7:00p.m.; Balcony L (M)
The Evolution of Person-Centered Outcomes in Long-Term
Care: Measures, Predictors, and Implications
Symposium: Tetyana Shippee

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

2265  8:00a.m.-9:30a.m.; Balcony L (M)
Sustain: A Cross-European Project on Integrated
Care for Older People Living at Home
Symposium: Simone deBruin, Annerieke Stoop, Manon Lette

2330  10:00a.m.-11:30a.m.; Grand Ballroom D (S)
One-Two Policy Punch: Coordinated Efforts for
Advancing Evidence-Based Programs into Communities
Symposium: Myra Sabir, Allyson Brothers, Nathan Boucher

2380  10:00a.m.-11:30a.m.; Iberville (M)
National Evaluation Findings From the CMS Innovation
Awards: Implications for High-Risk Patients
Symposium: Sarah Ruiz, Lynne Snyder
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