Member Support Keeps Spotlight on Mentoring

Within the first year following its launch, the GSA fundraising initiative known as The Mentoring Effect is yielding several programs designed to further the careers of emerging scholars and professionals in gerontology. Members looking to receive, give, or support mentorship within GSA will now have several options to choose from at the upcoming Annual Scientific Meeting and beyond, including mentoring sessions, small grant offerings, and general donations.

The Mentoring Effect was formally announced in November 2013 — as a special project of the GSA Innovation Fund — in order to jumpstart new activities and pilot innovative means for mentoring within the organization. It was conceived and developed by GSA Fellows Deborah T. Gold, PhD, and Keith E. Whitfield, PhD.

Survey Results Steer AGHE Action on Accreditation

GSAs educational unit, the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE), is furthering its exploration of establishing a system of accreditation for gerontology programs, guided by an analysis of survey results gathered from GSA and AGHE members earlier this year.

Member feedback was solicited following a motion approved at the 2013 Annual Scientific Meeting in New Orleans, which read, “The GSA Council supports the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) developing a programmatic accreditation process for gerontology education programs, provided external funds can be secured to support this multi-year endeavor.”

Council members considered it imperative to seek the views of members from both organizations to assist with identifying the focus of the accreditation initiative — and thus they approved a subsequent motion to initiate a comment period.

AGHE took its first steps related to accreditation more than five years ago. Based on the recommendations of the AGHE Study Committee formed in 2009, the AGHE Accreditation Task Force was created in June 2010. At GSA's 2011 Annual Scientific Meeting in Boston, the GSA Council formally approved AGHE’s exploration of the accreditation process, which led to the motion introduced at the 2013 meeting and subsequent solicitation of input from members.

“The leadership of GSA and AGHE wanted to make sure members of both organizations
From the Executive Director

Past Year’s Successes Keep Future Forecast Bright

By James Appleby, RPh, MPH jappleby@geron.org

There’s a GSA Annual Scientific Meeting around the corner, and longtime Gerontology News readers know that I always take this opportunity to reflect on GSA’s top achievements since we last met. I hope you will join me in celebrating the following in Washington, DC.

Online Benefits Enter New Era: The GSA website relaunched this summer, paired with the major addition of GSA Connect, an online networking platform that allows members to work together more productively than ever before. We were also proud to provide free access to GSA’s Public Policy & Aging Report for all members.

GSA Moves Forward on Mentorship: As described on page 1, a special project known as The Mentoring Effect launched at last year’s meeting to establish and support a coordinated and continuing program of mentoring activities for GSA members. Substantial funds have already been received for new opportunities at the Annual Scientific Meeting and beyond.

Change AGeNts Networks Established: The Hartford Change AGeNts Initiative, based at GSA, set up its first two interdisciplinary networks: The Dementia Caregiving Network is now working to achieve improvements in services, supports, and care for persons with dementia and their caregivers; and the Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Network is working to ensure that PCMHs are able to provide ideal care to older adults.

Cognitive Impairment Detection Workgroup Launches: GSA assembled the Workgroup on Cognitive Impairment Detection and Earlier Diagnosis, which has been charged with summarizing available evidence-based cognitive impairment detection tools for use by primary care providers, and recommending how more uniform detection can be adopted. Its ultimate goal is to establish earlier detection, improved diagnosis, and links for post-diagnosis support services.

GSA Co-Founds Immunizations Initiative: GSA and Pfizer, Inc. teamed up to develop I-CAMP (Immunization Champions, Advocates, and Mentors Program), the goal of which is to significantly improve adult immunization rates. Guided by an expert workgroup, this partnership is striving to identify, train, and empower professional advocates to help educate and encourage patients to receive the immunizations recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Training Modules Released: Based on its publication “Communicating with Older Adults: An Evidenced-Based View of What Really Works,” GSA developed online training modules to help health care professionals meet the needs of their aging patients. Free to members through GSA’s website, these tools can be useful to gerontologists seeking to have optimal interactions with the aging population. The four currently available modules focus on the basics of aging and communication, medication safety, mild cognitive impairment, and pain management.

Journals Maintain Field Dominance: For the fourth consecutive year, The Journals of Gerontology, Series A: Biological Sciences and Medical Sciences placed first in impact factor rankings in the gerontology category as reported by Journal Citation Reports: Social Sciences Edition. The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences and The Gerontologist took the sixth and seventh spots, respectively.

New Partners Join Journalism Program: The Journalists in Aging Fellows Program welcomed AARP as the new major funder and also received a substantial grant from the Silver Century Foundation, joining existing support from the John A. Hartford Foundation. Overseen by GSA and New America Media, this program welcomes 19 new fellows in 2014 for a total of 84 participants to date. These reporters have produced more than 250 stories largely based on GSA members’ expertise and research — with more to come from the Washington meeting.

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Below are highlights from recent discussions on the GSA Connect online networking platform. Join the conversation at www.geron.org! Here’s what members have been talking about:

- Sudha Shreeniwas, PhD, addressed service learning (SL), writing, “SL is a very good way to increase students’ interest in and grasp of gerontology content (lots of articles documenting this). I would love to hear about your/others’ experiences with SL, as I too am interested in ideas I can incorporate.”
- Congratulations to our five August contest winners who were randomly selected for Amazon gift cards after completing their GSA Connect profile: Fumiko Hosokawa, PhD, Jenny van der Steen, PhD, Laura Gillen, BS, Salom Teshale, and Zachary Domire, PhD.

\[\text{In Memoriam}\]

GSA Fellow Diane Levande, PhD, passed away July 26 at the age of 76. She was a professor emeritus of social work at the College of Social Science at Michigan State University (MSU). Her achievements included teaching human behavior and social environment theory, serving as acting director of the university’s School of Social Work, and doing major research in the care and treatment of older adults. Levande also established and supported the Diane Levande Endowed Fund for Work with Older Adults at MSU. She was a member of the City of East Lansing’s Senior Commission and was an advocate for women’s education and women’s studies education. She received a BS degree at Purdue University in 1960, an MA degree at MSU in 1968, and a PhD from MSU in 1971.

\[\text{New Publications by Members}\]


\[\text{Members in the News}\]

- On June 5, GSA Fellow Harvey Sterns, DrPH, was quoted in an article appearing on akron.com that reported on his induction to the 2014 Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.
- Former GSA President Michèle Saunders, DMD, co-published a guest post in Community Catalyst’s Dual Agenda Newsletter on July 23 titled “Dually Eligible Older Adults Deserve a Well-Trained Workforce.” The piece discussed quality care for older adults regardless of chronic conditions or insurance.

\[\text{GSA Connect Corner}\]

\[\text{Member Spotlight}\]

GSA’s website features monthly Q&Asessions with distinguished members. The current spotlight shines on: Cathy Bodine, PhD
Visit www.geron.org/membership to ask questions and read previous interviews.

\[\text{Colleague Connection}\]

This month’s $25 amazon.com gift certificate winner: R. Corey Remle, PhD
The recipient, who became eligible after referring new member Holly Tyrrell, BA was randomly selected using randomizer.org. For more details on the Colleague Connection promotion, visit www.geron.org/connection.

\[\text{Wagner Named Interim Dean}\]

Association for Gerontology in Higher Education President and GSA Fellow Donna Wagner, PhD, has been named interim dean of the New Mexico State University (NMSU) College of Health and Social Services. She has been the associate dean of academic affairs for the College of Health and Social Services at NMSU since January 2011. Wagner is one of the country’s leading experts in the field of elder care.

\[\text{Members Tapped for Policy Fellowship}\]

Four GSA members have been named to the 2014–2015 class of Health and Aging Policy Fellows: Rachel Roland, PhD, RN, William Hung, MD, MPH, Amanda Lehning, PhD, MSS, and GSA Fellow Lori Simon-Rusinowitz, MPH, PhD. This one year fellowship a unique opportunity for professionals in the health and aging field to receive the experience and skills necessary to make a positive contribution to the development and implementation of health policies that affect older Americans.

\[\text{Jackson Takes NSB Post}\]

President Barack Obama has appointed GSA Fellow James Jackson, PhD, to the National Science Board (NSB) of the National Science Foundation. Jackson, director of the Institute for Social Research and the Daniel Katz Distinguished University Professor of Psychology at the University of Michigan, was one of six new members Obama tapped to join the policymaking body, which advises congress and the president on science and engineering policy.

\[\text{Barr Co-Edits Physical Therapy Journal}\]

John Barr PT, PhD, FAPTA, recently served as co-editor of a special issue of the Journal of Physical Therapy Education focused on geriatrics education. He co-authored a guest editorial and two papers in this issue: “Forecasting Health Care Delivery for Older Adults in the Midst of Change: Challenges and Opportunities for the Physical Therapy Profession in an Evolving Environment,” with Andrew Guccione, DPT, PhD, and Jody Frost, DPT, PhD; and “Building the Physical Therapy Workforce for an Aging America,” with Rita Wong, PT, EdD, and Corrie Odom, DPT.
**Policy Series Prep: What to Expect in Washington, DC**

Convening in our nation's capital on the heels of the 2014 midterm elections, GSA's 67th Annual Scientific Meeting offers a unique opportunity to learn about the most pressing policy issues affecting older adults, as well as the latest ideas and innovations in aging research.

GSA's popular Policy Series sessions will include several symposia on timely topics challenging the field of gerontology. These sessions will feature some of the nation's foremost researchers, policy analysts, entrepreneurs, and aging advocates.

Two presentations will focus on the upcoming 2015 White House Conference on Aging, including an official listening session with its executive director, Nora Soper.

Finally, to mark a year of exciting news in the area of business and aging — including the rise of aging-focused startup business accelerator programs and investment funds such as Aging 2.0 — we've assembled a panel featuring key thought leaders, investors, and entrepreneurs in the 50+ market who are driving innovations in science, technology, and design to enhance the lives of older adults.

Please remember to check your conference bag for a special Policy Program insert that details these and many other policy-focused posters, papers, and symposia at our meeting in Washington, DC. Also be sure to double check the Program Book to confirm room locations.

**Education and Advocacy: If You Don’t Do It, Who Will?**

Wednesday, November 5 • 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Scarlet Oak, Marriott Marquis

(Pre-conference workshop; No fee, but registration is required)

Research advocates across the country are well aware of the challenging funding environment in Washington, DC. With Congress making tough decisions on how to fund research, health, education, and social services programs, researchers need to step forward and advocate for research funding and other aging programs that make a difference in the lives of older adults. This session will provide attendees with the tools to understand and navigate the federal budget and appropriations process, frame your research and issues for policy makers, and advocate for programs at congressional meetings.

**Elder Justice: Still on the Congressional To Do List**

Wednesday, November 5 • 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Liberty Salon, Marriott Marquis

The Elder Justice Act was passed in 2010 and is due for reauthorization this year. The president’s Fiscal Year 2015 budget proposal called combating the rising scourge of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation in America one of the Administration for Community Living’s top priorities. This session will explore elder justice legislation and funding, the Elder Justice Roadmap Project, as well as the work of the federal Elder Justice Coordinating Council.

Speakers: Brian Lindberg, GSA public policy advisor (moderator); Robert Blancato, national coordinator, Elder Justice Coalition; Marie Therese Connolly, senior scholar, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; and an invited representative from the Administration for Community Living.

**Back on the Agenda: Advanced Illness and End of Life Policy**

Thursday, November 6 • 8 to 9:30 a.m.

Liberty Salon, Marriott Marquis

A recent edition of GSA's policy journal, Public Policy and Aging Report, explored the complex issues of advanced illness and end of life care. This panel will discuss how to ensure that persons and their families get the care they want, what strategies and models are effective in delivering that care, and what tools are available to help ensure that one's wishes are followed.

Speakers: Brian Lindberg, GSA public policy advisor (moderator); Chris Dawe, president, Dawe Health Strategies, and former health policy advisor, the White House; Elizabeth Jurinka, chief health policy advisor, U.S. Senate Finance Committee (invited); David Longnecker, executive director, Coalition to Transform Advanced Care; and Mickey Maclntyre, chief program officer, Compassion and Choices.

**Elder Financial Exploitation: New Federal and State Initiatives for Prevention, Detection and Response**

Thursday, November 6 • 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Liberty Salon, Marriott Marquis

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), launched in 2011, has an Office for Older Americans — the only federal office specifically dedicated to the financial health of Americans age 62 and over. The office is collaborating with a multitude of stakeholders and experts to enhance protection for older adults and their nest eggs through policy and practice. CFPB staff and experts from several disciplines will present key projects including: guides for “financial caregivers” handling finances for older adults who can no longer manage their money; strengthening the role of financial institutions in preventing financial abuse; tools for assisted living and nursing facilities to protect residents; and supporting state-level coalitions working to strengthen state policy and services.

Speakers: Naomi Karp, policy advisor, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; Iris C. Freeman, president, Minnesota Elder Justice Center; Daniel Marson, professor of neurology, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine; Charles Sabatino, director, American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging.

**Post-Election Analysis: Funding and Policy Implications for Aging Research and Services**

Thursday, November 6 • 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Liberty Salon, Marriott Marquis

This session will provide up-to-the-minute information on and analysis of the 2014 mid-term election results. Polling data will be
presented on the election outcomes, including how age segments voted and what issues were most important to their decisions. Authorities on aging policy and entitlement programs will review the implications for Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Older Americans Act, and the aging network, and discuss how the election results will affect the congressional leadership, committee chairs, and the agenda for the 114th Congress. Another panelist will suggest how the election results are likely to affect the budget and appropriations process and affect funding for basic research in aging and program evaluation. The symposium will devote at least 30 minutes for questions and comments from the audience.

Speakers: Brian W. Lindberg, GSA public policy advisor (moderator); Tresa Undem, partner, PerryUndem research/communication; Robert Blancato, president, Matz, Blancato & Associates; Ellen Nissenbaum, senior vice president for government affairs, Center on Budget & Policy Priorities; Debra Whitman, executive vice president, policy, strategy, and international Affairs, AARP.

GSA Section Leaders Reflect Back and Look Forward to the Next Phase of Aging Policy Action
Friday, November 7, 8 to 9:30 a.m.
Liberty Salon, Marriott Marquis
This session is sponsored by GSA’s Public Policy Committee.
Medicare, Medicaid, the Older Americans Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act celebrate significant anniversaries in 2015. In this session, thought leaders from each of GSA’s sections will describe key milestones in their field that have impacted aging policy and what they envision for the future of aging policy from their field’s vantage point.

Speakers: Gretchen Alkema, the SCAN Foundation (chair); Robert B. Hudson, Boston University (moderator); Steven Austad, University of Alabama at Birmingham Department of Biology; Claudia Beverly, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging; Laura Carstensen, Stanford Center on Longevity; Fay Cook, National Science Foundation.

Supporting the Working Caregiver with Employer Programs, a Therapeutic Nutrition Toolkit, and Policy Guidance
Friday, November 7 • 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Liberty Salon, Marriott Marquis
This session is supported by Abbott Nutrition.
Today’s American families are the primary providers of long-term care in their own homes and many of these family caregivers also work. Because nutrition significantly impacts an older adult’s health outcomes, it also often influences the ability of working caregivers to handle the dual challenges of work and caregiving. This session highlights a new online toolkit for employers that provides therapeutic nutrition information and links to services to help workplaces better support their employees who are caregivers.

Speakers: Mary Beth Arensberg, director, health policy and programs, Abbott Nutrition Products Division, Abbott; Robert Blancato, president, Matz, Blancato & Associates; Kenneth Matos, senior director, Employment Research & Practice, Families and Work Institute.

Gerontology 2.0: Advancing Innovation in Aging
Friday, November 7 • 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Liberty Salon, Marriott Marquis
This session is co-sponsored by GSA’s Interest Groups on Business and Aging and Technology and Aging.
Gerontology is at a unique crossroads as the demographic shifts of our aging society are now interacting with other major societal changes— particularly in the areas of business and technology innovation. This session will provide a unique opportunity for gerontological researchers to hear from leading thought leaders, entrepreneurs, and researchers who are working at the intersection of health care, caregiving, finance, technology, and business. In addition to participating in this dynamic discussion, attendees will be able to learn about emerging research topics and new sources of funding, as well as identify colleagues interested in collaborative, interdisciplinary research.

Speakers: Greg O’Neill, National Academy on an Aging Society (chair); David Linderman, director of health care, Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society (moderator); Scott Collins, president and CEO, Link-age; Stephen Johnston, co-founder, Aging 2.0; Anthony Sterns, CEO, iRxReminder LLC.

The 2015 White House Conference on Aging: Listening Session
Friday, November 7, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Liberty Salon, Marriott Marquis
This listening session is an official 2015 WHCoA event.
Nora Super, executive director of the 2015 White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA), joins GSA’s Annual Scientific Meeting to discuss plans for the WHCoA events over the next year. The White House has held this event each decade since the 1960s to focus on national aging policy. Super will conduct a listening session to secure input from GSA members on the four primary themes that have been identified for the conference and its preconference activities to be held around the country: retirement security, long-term services and supports, healthy aging, and realizing the vision of the Elder Justice Act.

Self-Employment and Entrepreneurship: The Aging Workforce’s “Encore”?
Saturday, November 8, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Liberty Salon, Marriott Marquis
This session is sponsored by Age UK.
This session will provide a profile of older self-employed adults and entrepreneurs; proposals for policies to promote self-employment and entrepreneurship in later life; and insights from senior-focused entrepreneurship training and education programs.

Speakers: Greg O’Neill, National Academy on an Aging Society (moderator); Kevin Cahill, research economist, Sloan Center on Aging & Work, Boston College; Elizabeth Isele, co-founder, Senior Entrepreneurship Works; Christian Weller, professor of public policy, McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies, University of Massachusetts Boston; Sara Rix, AARP Public Policy Institute (discussant).
high priority and value to members, they truly stepped up!” The contributions are overseen by the Task Force on Mentoring (soon to become the Committee on Mentoring), which Gold chairs.

“The task force is beginning an enhanced mission at the Annual Scientific Meeting in Washington, DC, and encourages all attendees to take advantage of the mentoring opportunities listed in the program,” Gold said.

Several existing activities at the meeting are now united under the banner of The Mentoring Effect. These include the Mentoring Consultancies, GSA Fellows Mentoring Event, and Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSS)/Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization (ESPO) Emerging Scholars Workshop.

On the evening of Saturday, November 8, GSA will hold a kick-off session for an invitation-only pilot project called Mentoring Through the Academic Life Course. Members from ESPO will join members and fellows classified as early, middle, and late career, as well as emeritus members, to come together to define their needs for GSA mentoring throughout an academic career and into retirement.

Beyond the meeting, the Task Force on Mentoring currently is soliciting applications for a newly established Small Grants Program supported by funds from The Mentoring Effect. GSA sections, interest groups, task forces, and committees can apply for grants of $3,000 intended to advance mentoring opportunities for GSA members. The task force will review the applications, which are due November 15, and fund those that most clearly focus on mentoring within GSA. For example, funding proposals could include sponsorship of a unique event or a pilot study of some component of GSA mentoring. Awarded grants will commence January 1, 2015. For further details, visit The Mentoring effect page on the GSA website at www.geron.org/mentoringeffect.

The website also includes information on how to donate to The Mentoring Effect.

“Many ESPO members have recently donated $25 in response to a challenge from an anonymous donor, who has agreed to match up to $1,000 given by ESPO members,” Whitfield said. “The match remains in effect until the 2014 Annual Scientific Meeting.”

ESPO members were also the focus of a recent installment in GSA’s Professional Development Webinar Series, “Navigating the Mentor-Mentee Relationship,” which was supported by The Mentoring Effect. Gold and Whitfield led the discussion, which focused on finding mentors, delineating roles and responsibilities of mentors and mentees across career stages, and managing potential challenges. The webinar has been archived at www.geron.org/webinar.

Mentoring and collaboration have always been central to the mission of GSA and its educational unit, the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education. Gold and Whitfield have long recognized the value of mentorship. Both are recipients of the Distinguished Mentorship in Gerontology Award given by GSA’s BSS Section, of which they are former chairs. (Both are also affiliated with Duke University, where Gold is an associate professor of psychiatry & behavioral sciences, sociology, and psychology & neuroscience, and Whitfield is Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, a professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, and research professor in Geriatrics.)

“GSA established the Task Force on Mentoring in 2009 to plan and organize year-round mentoring opportunities,” Gold said. “However, significant financial support for such opportunities remained elusive until Keith approached me with an intriguing proposal in January of 2013.”

Whitfield, who had just conferred on the subject with GSA Executive Director and CEO James Appleby, RPh, MPH, told Gold that “I am proposing a different sort of fundraising effort — one that will provide support for GSA mentoring efforts.”

As chair of the task force, Gold said she found the idea provocative. “One of the biggest challenges to GSA mentoring is that it has not been well coordinated, and has not had sufficient financial support for mentoring efforts,” she told Whitfield at the time.

Thus, the two laid the groundwork for the project that was to become The Mentoring Effect. The objective of their campaign was to raise funds to promote, support, and encourage mentoring activities at the Annual Meeting and throughout the year. The design began with a “silent” phase targeting Society leaders and long-term members, followed by a general funding request to other fellows and the membership at large.

“We contacted these long-time GSA supporters and invited them to be founders of The Mentoring Effect by making a significant three-year financial contribution to the project. The positive response was overwhelming,” Whitfield said. “The contributions of the ESPO members show everyone at any level can help to strengthen the Society.”

Former GSA President Laurence Rubenstein, MD, officially announced The Mentoring Effect at the opening session of the 2013 GSA Annual Scientific Meeting in New Orleans. There, the Exhibit Hall offered a unique opportunity to mentees who wanted to thank their mentors. For a nominal donation at the GSA booth, they could send an e-mail to their mentors with a picture of themselves and a message included. Attendees will have the same opportunity at the meeting in Washington, where general contributions to The Mentoring Effect also can be made.

“Contributions of all sizes are welcome, and all contributions will be used for programmatic efforts on mentoring said Whitfield. “Our hope is that the fund will provide the critically needed financial support to drive innovation in one of the central strengths of the Society: mentorship.”

Gold added, “We are thrilled at the Society-wide support for The Mentoring Effect. Training the next generation of researchers, clinicians, and policymakers in aging is perhaps our most important mission.”
ESPO’s Guide to GSA’s Meeting in Washington, DC

Thanks are given to Margie Schustack for co-authoring this month’s column.

We hope many of you will be able to attend the upcoming Annual Scientific Meeting in Washington, DC, from November 5 to 9. To help you make the most of your time, we highlight activities that emerging scholars may find valuable. Make sure to check out the excellent online resources and meeting planner for more events, locations, and times at: www.geron.org/2014.

ESPO Lounge
Thursday, November 6 • 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday, November 7 • 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, November 8 • 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
The ESPO Lounge provides a place for scholars to rest from the hectic conference pace, network with fellow ESPO members, enjoy refreshments, and check e-mail.

ESPO Breakfast and Community Meeting
Thursday, November 6 • 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.
All ESPO members are welcome and encouraged to attend this informational breakfast meeting that provides a review of the year’s activities, honors volunteer leaders, and discusses current business news. This is a great way to learn about opportunities to get involved in ESPO leadership, meet the executive committee members, and network with your colleagues.

How to Publish
Thursday, November 6 • 3 to 5 p.m.
This session will focus on how to get published in peer-reviewed journals in the field of aging and will include presentations by the editor of two GSA journals and roundtables organized by GSA and AGHE editors to meet informally to discuss specific questions about getting published.

ESPO Awards Presentation and Reception
Thursday, November 6 • 7:30 to 9 p.m.
This event brings together ESPO members and GSA fellows for the presentation of the Interdisciplinary Paper Award and Poster Awards. Please join us at the networking reception afterwards.

Careers in Aging Week Users Meeting
Friday, November 7 • 1 to 2 p.m.
Careers in Aging Week is an annual event that brings greater awareness to the wide-ranging career opportunities in aging and aging research. Universities and colleges participate by sponsoring events at their schools or in their communities. Join us to learn how other institutions promote the field and support their respective programs, as well as bring home new ideas to support an event on your campus.

GSA Ambassador Program Meeting
Friday, November 7 • 2 to 3 p.m.
Current and prospective GSA ambassadors are invited to attend this meeting to discuss this networking program for GSA members. The GSA Ambassador Program aims to spread awareness of the field of aging, GSA, ESPO, and to serve as a networking tool linking individuals with an interest in gerontology.

ESPO International Task Force Networking Event
Saturday, November 8 • 9:30 to 11 a.m.
This networking event is for international junior scholars and those interested in international aging research. Come join us in the ESPO Lounge and meet other members interested in international aging issues.

ESPO/Section Sponsored Research Symposia
Behavioral and Social Sciences & HIV Interest Group: “HIV and Resilience: Examining the Essence and Effect of Living with HIV from the Experiences of Older Adults”
Saturday, November 8 • 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Social Research, Policy and Practice: “Informing Nursing Home Quality and Policy Using Assessment Data”
Friday, November 7 • 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Biological Sciences: “Late Breaking News Featuring Junior Investigators”
Wednesday, November 5 • 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Health Sciences: “The Frailty Connection: Association with Chronic Disease and Health Outcomes”
Thursday, November 6 • 10 to 11:30 a.m.
International Task Force: “Different Approaches to Cross-National and International Research on Aging”
Saturday, November 8 • 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Mentoring Events

Mentoring Consultancies
Thursday, November 6 • 3:30 to 5 p.m.
The mentoring consultancies bring students and junior faculty members together with senior faculty, experienced researchers, and GSA leaders to focus on professional challenges, share experiences, and develop problem-solving strategies that will enhance professional and career development. Pre-registration is required.

BSS Fellows/ESPO Mentoring Workshop
Friday, November 7 • 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
During this informal yet structured workshop, emerging scholars and Behavioral and Social Sciences Section fellows will have an opportunity to discuss strategies in preparing for successful scholarly and professional careers.

GSA Fellows Mentoring Breakfast
Saturday, November 8 • 7 to 8:30 a.m.
Thirty mentees will have the opportunity to interact with GSA fellows in discussing key topics to help foster interdisciplinary connections that may continue beyond the breakfast. If you would like to attend as a mentee, please contact Helen Lach at lachh@slu.edu for additional information.
GSA and New America Media (NAM) have selected 19 reporters for the Journalists in Aging Fellows Program, now in its fifth year. They represent a wide range of general audience and ethnic media outlets, including several daily newspapers, national publications, and public radio affiliates.

The fellows will convene during GSA’s Annual Scientific Meeting in Washington, DC, and utilize the more than 400 presentations and 4,000 expert attendees to develop a major aging-focused story or series. These proposed projects, to be published in 2015, will span such concerns as elder abuse, aging in ethnic populations, and financial security.

“These distinguished reporters will be covering issues that most Americans will face at some point in their lives, whether as a caregiver for a loved one or as an older adult themselves,” said GSA Deputy Executive Director Linda Harootyan, MSW. “Our meeting provides a unique venue to help them understand everything from the latest discoveries in the health sciences to social and policy debates related to aging.”

The fellows program receives major funding from AARP plus a substantial grant from the Silver Century Foundation and additional support from the John A. Hartford Foundation.

“This fellowship bridges reporters to diverse experts across a wide range of subjects in aging, some of which can be difficult — even taboo topics, such as mental illness or end-of-life care,” said NAM Executive Director Sandy Close. “Our collaboration with GSA enables reporters to bring multicultural perspectives on these issues to their media audiences in voices they can trust.”

In Washington, the fellows will report on new discoveries in aging and participate in a day-long workshop, where experts will discuss the latest research and provide insight on key issues facing older Americans. Continuing fellowship grants also are being provided to allow previous years’ fellows to participate in the meeting. A continuously updated list of stories generated by the program’s participants is available at www.geron.org/journalistsfellow.

Harootyan co-directs the program with Paul Kleyman, senior editor of NAM’s ethnic elders newsletter. Kleyman is also the founder and national coordinator of the Journalists Network on Aging and Participating in the Media (JANAPIM), which includes more than 1,000 writers on aging.

The new fellows and their projects:

**Melody Miranda Aulet** (Digital reporter, Cox Media Group’s Mundo Hispánico, Atlanta): The lack of geriatric physicians (especially Spanish speakers), Hispanic elders’ participation in clinical trials, such as for Alzheimer’s disease, and in community programs.

**Frank Browning** (Contributor, Kaiser Health News and California Magazine): Emerging approaches to aging in place, such as the Village Model, through the lens of gender; also, an examination of how U.S. demographic shifts, especially in Asian and Latino communities, could affect the lives of older women.

**Jennifer L. Boen** (Health Columnist and Writer, Fort Wayne News-Sentinel, Indiana): Transforming culturally-relevant elder care, focusing on the growth of refugee and immigrant populations in the American heartland, such as from Burma, West Africa, and Latin America.

**Jenny Chen** (Editor, Asian Fortune Newsmagazine, Washington, DC): Mental health in the Asian American senior population.

**Jen Chien** (Senior producer, “Crosscurrents,” KALW Public Radio, San Francisco, and NPR contributor): Social connections for seniors — from ethnic elders dancing for health to cultural barriers for ethnic elders to technology and social media.

**Erica Curless** (Features and age beat reporter, Spokesman-Review, Spokane): The lives of elders in small towns and in the countryside, from diehard individualists to those on Indian reservations.


**Sandra J. Larson** (Staff writer, Bay State Banner, Boston): The impact of gentrification on elders’ housing.

**Frederick H. Lowe** (Founder/editor, NorthStar News & Analysis, Chicago): Series on older, African American men such as those with little or no Social Security income, often due to low lifetime wages; family caregiving challenges; and prison release at older ages.

**Lisa Wong Macabasco** (Contributor/former chief editor, Hyphen Magazine): The trend in remarriage among Chinese seniors, especially widowers and widows, who have remarried from Asia, focusing on life and cultural challenges in America today for the aging Chinese population.

**Laura McCamy** (Freelance contributor, Oakland Local, California): Impact of gentrification on seniors in Oakland’s Chinatown and the African American community on income security for seniors.

**Greggory W. Morris** (Contributor, BQ Brew, Brooklyn and Queens, New York): Ethnographic, street-level stories profiling the quality of life of elders in one of the most dangerous neighborhoods in New York City: East New York, Brooklyn.


**Encarnacion Pyle** (Human-services reporter, The Columbus Dispatch, Ohio): Elder abuse in personal and public policy terms.

**Sarita Sarvate** (“Last Word” Columnist, India Currents Magazine): How modern pressures are rapidly changing multigenerational family structures, often leaving older adults isolated, facing cultural, language, transportation and economic barriers, even in the affluent Silicon Valley.


**Elizabeth Simpson** (Health writer, Virginian-Pilot, Norfolk, Virginia): Project: Disruptive blending in assisted living facilities of seniors with younger mentally ill people often due to economic downsizing.

**Mark Taylor** (Chicago-based contributor to the Philadelphia Inquirer): How the Affordable Care Act is impacting the way hospitals treat patients with chronic conditions.

**Pamela Yip** (Business and personal finance reporter/columnist, Dallas Morning News): The growing challenges of financial elder abuse for cognitively challenged seniors.
NSF Offers Doctoral Dissertation Awards
The National Science Foundation (NSF) is soliciting proposals for its sociology Program Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Awards. The Sociology Program supports basic research on all forms of human social organization — societies, institutions, groups, and demography — and processes of individual and institutional change and encourages theoretically focused empirical investigations aimed at improving the explanation of fundamental social processes. As part of its effort to encourage and support projects that explicitly integrate education and basic research, the Sociology Program provides support to improve the conduct of doctoral dissertation projects undertaken by doctoral students enrolled in U.S. universities when the dissertation research is conducted in a scientifically sound manner and it offers strong potential for enhancing more general scientific knowledge. Projects are evaluated using two foundation-wide criteria: intrinsic merit and broader impacts. In assessing the intrinsic merit of proposed research, four components are key to securing support from the Sociology Program: the issues investigated must be theoretically grounded; the research should be based on empirical observation or be subject to empirical validation or illustration; the research design must be appropriate to the questions asked; and the proposed research must advance our understanding of social processes, structures and methods. Full proposals are due November 25. Complete information may be obtained at 1.usa.gov/1sZ2HRC.

Program Offers Summer Research Training for Medical Students
Applications are being welcomed for the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), which is designed to help ensure that a diverse pool of highly trained scientists is available in appropriate scientific disciplines to address the nation’s biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research needs. NRSA research training activities can be in basic biomedical or clinical sciences, in behavioral or social sciences, in health services research, or in any other discipline relevant to the NIH mission. This short-term research training program is intended to expose medical students, early in their training, to ongoing research; encourage medical students to consider pursuing, and to plan for over time, either a basic science, health-services, or clinical-research career in the areas of research that are important to the National Institute on Aging; and increase the pool of physician scientists engaged in biomedical, clinical or health services research in those areas necessary to continue the mission of the National Institute on Aging. Submit applications by October 30; view the full announcement at 1.usa.gov/1so29Ej.

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had an opportunity to provide their ideas and suggestions to the Accreditation Task Force,” said GSA President Rosemary Blieszner, PhD. “We appreciate the time survey participants took to compose and submit their very thoughtful and helpful responses.”

Although the number of survey participants was not sufficient to be considered representative of either the GSA or AGHE membership as a whole, some common responses emerged across the surveys. There was general endorsement of the importance of establishing standards, visibility, and credibility for gerontology education. Some GSA and AGHE members supported accreditation of undergraduate and master’s programs, especially those named “gerontology” that had an applied and professional focus. At the same time, a subset of individuals from both organizations opposed accreditation. The analysis uncovered the need for more clarity on the focus, foundations, and goals of accreditation.

With the aid of the comments received in the surveys, the Accreditation Task Force members expect to move forward on two fronts.

Firstly, the initial focus of their work will be on gerontology master’s and undergraduate degree programs, followed by attention to accreditation of graduate and undergraduate certificate programs. Doctoral programs will not be included in the competency development or accreditation plan. (The task force is planning a meeting of the leadership of doctoral gerontology programs at the upcoming GSA conference in November to solicit their input on accreditation considerations in the future.)

Secondly, the task force will engage a larger group of stakeholders — such as program leaders in gerontology and related disciplines, representatives from professional and practice organizations, and future employers of gerontology graduates — to inform them of the accreditation effort and to seek their input. GSA Executive Committee members will be invited to recommend stakeholder groups as well. The Task Force will also encourage more engagement of AGHE members in the planning process.

“AGHE’s leadership is excited about the progress made on the development of competencies, an essential first step in the exploration of accreditation,” said AGHE President Donna Wagner, PhD. “We expect that there will be a lot of interest in the final draft of these competencies and the larger review by stakeholders. Our process is designed to foster engagement of the larger gerontological community as well as our colleagues in GSA in order to ensure that we have a high quality initiative endorsed by the gerontological educators.”

According to the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Postsecondary Education, the goal of accreditation is to ensure that education provided by institutions of higher education meets acceptable levels of quality. Programmatic accreditation applies to the evaluation of programs, departments, or schools which usually are parts of a postsecondary institution. Accreditation differs from certification, in that accreditation assures the quality of educational programs, whereas certification or licensure attests to the quality of preparation of individuals. AGHE efforts pertain only to the development of an accreditation process for gerontology education programs, and not to certification or licensure of individuals.
Educational Tool Helps LGBT Residents of LTC Facilities

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Administration for Community Living (ACL) has released an online training and learning tool called Building Respect for LGBT Older Adults. It is designed to increase awareness of the issues faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) individuals living in long-term care (LTC) facilities. There are approximately 1.5 million adults over the age of 65 who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual and by 2030, those estimates are expected to rise to nearly 3 million; estimates further indicate that there are currently hundreds of thousands of older adults who are transgender. This resource is available online through the National LGBT Resource Center at lgbtagingcenter.org/training/buildingRespect.cfm. Each of the six training modules includes video testimonials, quizzes, and helpful information on how to make LTC more inclusive for older LGBT adults. Each module lasts approximately 10 minutes and can be viewed over multiple sittings. After completion of the online training, program participants will be prepared to increase visibility of the issues facing LGBT individuals in LTC facilities; provide easy access to information on serving LGBT individuals in LTC facilities; encourage LTC facilities to provide opportunities for staff to take the online training; and change the way individuals and facilities approach older LGBT adults.

DOJ Creates Elder Justice Website

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has launched a new website dedicated to elder justice at www.justice.gov/elderjustice, which offers resources for victims of elder abuse and financial exploitation and their families; practitioners who serve them; law enforcement agencies and prosecutors; and researchers seeking to understand and address this silent epidemic plaguing the nation’s elders. Victims and family members will find information about how to report elder abuse and financial exploitation in all 50 states and the territories. Federal, state, and local prosecutors will find three different databases containing sample pleadings and statutes. Researchers in the elder abuse field may access a database containing bibliographic information for thousands of articles and reviews. Practitioners (including professionals of all types who work with elder abuse and its consequences) will find information about resources available to help them prevent elder abuse and assist those who have already been abused, neglected, or exploited.
New Analysis Looks at State of the Nation’s 65-and-Older Population

A new report released by the U.S. Census Bureau with the National Institute on Aging (NIA) provides the latest comprehensive look at the nation’s population aged 65 and older, comprising 40.3 million in 2010. The “65+ in the United States: 2010” report contains many findings about the 65-and-older population on topics such as socioeconomic characteristics, size and growth, geographic distribution, and longevity and health. For example, Americans 65 and older living in a nursing home fell 20 percent between 2000 and 2010. Meanwhile, the share in other care settings has been growing. In this report, a number of trends and characteristics are separated by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin for the older population. The report incorporates research and findings from many recent studies that draw heavily from the 2010 Census and nationally representative surveys, such as the Current Population Survey, American Community Survey, and National Health Interview Survey. This report includes an assessment of the impact of the December 2007 to June 2009 recession on older Americans. Between 2000 and 2010, Internet usage for the 65-and-older population increased from 14.3 percent to 44.8 percent. While Internet usage among the older population made steady gains, it remained lower than among the younger population as 75.8 percent of those aged 3 to 64 went online in 2010. Diversity among the older population is increasing, though the majority (nearly 85 percent) still reported as single-race white in the 2010 Census. In 2010, 50 countries had a higher proportion of people age 65 and older than the United States. By 2050, this number is projected to reach 98, almost half the countries in the world. The west and south regions of the US experienced the fastest growth in their 65-plus and 85-plus populations between 2000 and 2010. For further information and details, access the report at 1.usa.gov/TKo4rt.

GSA’s Mentoring Webinar Recording Available

“Navigating the Mentor-Mentee Relationship,” the latest entry in GSA’s Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization (ESPO) Professional Development Webinar Series, has now been archived on the GSA website at www.geron.org/webinar. Led by GSA Fellows Deborah T. Gold, PhD, and Keith Whitfield, PhD, this presentation addresses finding mentors, delineating roles and responsibilities of mentors and mentees across career stages, and managing potential challenges. The webinar was supported by The Mentoring Effect, a special project of the GSA Innovation Fund.

Interdisciplinary Research in Aging.

The Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) in Aging Sciences program is supported by funding through the National Science Foundation (NSF), The Oregon State University Graduate School and the College of Public Health and Human Sciences. This program continues and expands Oregon State’s vital commitment to gerontology education with a wide range of supporting scientific research. It is the first and only IGERT program in the nation with a focus on aging sciences!

The program provides a $30,000 stipend and support for tuition and research. Students are mentored by faculty in existing research cores at Oregon State’s Center for Healthy Aging Research:
1) Diet and Genetics
2) Gerontechnology
3) Population, Social and Individual Health
4) Musculoskeletal

Students from diverse disciplines including Human Development and Family Sciences, psychology, sociology, public health, nutrition, exercise sciences, engineering, computer sciences, chemistry, biology, design, and other disciplines, may apply. Dr. Karen Hooker is the program’s Principle investigator. For more information, visit: http://www.hhs.oregonstate.edu.igert/; or contact holly.lenz@oregonstate.edu.

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WHO Highlights Pharmaceutical Issues for Aging Conditions

For the first time, European Union (EU) countries have more people over 65 years of age than under 15 years of age. Echoing the trend seen in Europe, much of the rest of the world, including low- and middle-income countries, is moving in a similar direction. A new World Health Organization (WHO) report calls for pharmaceutical researchers to adjust their research and development efforts to account for this shifting demographic. The publication, “Priority Medicines for Europe and the World 2013 Update” (www.who.int/medicines/areas/priority_medicines/en/), emphasizes that this shift in EU countries is a bellwether for the rest of the world as globally more people will be aging and face similar health challenges in the future. The report also focuses on pharmaceutical gaps, where treatments for a disease or condition may soon become ineffective, are not appropriate for the target patient group, does not exist, or are not sufficiently effective. From a public health view, the trend of an increasing population over 65 leads to greater prevalence of diseases and conditions associated with aging, such as heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes, osteoarthritis, low-back pain, hearing loss, and Alzheimer disease. In combination with health promotion and disease prevention initiatives, these conditions also require more investment in research and innovation to bridge the pharmaceutical gaps. This report is an update to the 2004 version and is a collaborative product of the experts from WHO, EU Member States, industry, academia, and other interested stakeholders including patients.

Thais Slow in Saving for Retirement

An article appearing in The Nation in July reported that on average, the average citizen of Thailand only begins saving for retirement at age 42, with the potential of leaving the person poor beyond the age of 60. The average age of starting retirement savings in the U.S. is 30. The new study also found that most Thais underestimate their future expenses. Based on survey responses, many people indicated they needed to use potential retirement contributions for necessities such as cars and houses, as well as getting married and travelling. According to the study, the retirement savings gap minus the value of the real estate owned by people surveyed showed that 52 percent will be under-funded upon retirement. The report also indicated people who encounter retirement fund shortages tend to be women who earn less than men and are not as ready to take investment risks. It also showed that more Thais are under debt and that the average debt per household had also increased from last year.
OECD Focuses on Aging’s Economic Concerns
The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the Global Coalition on Aging convened an expert consultation in June in partnership with the Harris Manchester College at Oxford University to develop concrete solutions and accelerate innovation around creating an economy where aging populations are part of the economic growth equation. Experts across business, academic, government, and non-profit sectors mapped out the opportunities of shifting perceptions of aging from dependent costs to society to active, engaged, and productive resources. The expert consultation followed as an outcome of the workshop on “Anticipating the Special Needs of the 21st Century Silver/Aging Economy” held in Tokyo in September 2012, which recognized the importance of viewing aging as an opportunity for innovation and growth. Currently 22 percent of the OECD population is 60 or older, and by 2050 this ratio will rise to 32.5 percent. Many OECD countries will be over 40 percent as birth rates continue to plummet and longevity is extended. The consultation participants identified possible solutions, forged new partnerships, captured views on key issues and developed concrete ideas for a reinvented view of how society can optimistically address the challenges presented by the world’s aging population. Some ideas discussed included overarching concepts such as a jobs and skills strategy that takes account of new technological developments and the economic and social potential of the older populations, awareness, and prevention programs to encourage longer and healthier lives.

International Dementia Rates Decline
As reported by multiple news outlets in July, an American over age 60 today has a 44 percent lower chance of developing dementia than a similar-aged person did roughly 30 years ago. These figures were reported by GSA member Kenneth Langa, MD, PhD, at the recent Alzheimer’s Association International Conference in Copenhagen. In the U.S., the federally funded Framingham study monitored new dementia cases using data from several thousand people over the age of 60. The study examined five-year periods starting in 1978, 1989, 1996, and 2006. Compared with the first period, new cases of dementia were 22 percent lower in the second period, and were 38 percent lower in the third period, and 44 percent lower in the fourth period, according to the article. Recent studies from the Netherlands, Sweden, and England have suggested a decline, and the new research extends this look to some other parts of the world. The average age of diagnosis also rose from 80 to 85 during the 30-year period.
WKU Aging Facilitates ‘Gathering’ of Age-Friendly Groups
On August 12, WKU Aging at Western Kentucky University, AARP Kentucky, the Barren River Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living and the City of Bowling Green hosted the second annual “Gathering,” a networking opportunity for organizations and businesses that have undertaken age-friendly initiatives. The event took place at the university and 30 groups had the opportunity to network and share their efforts with other business and community leaders. All businesses and organizations that work with seniors in any capacity were encouraged to attend. This event is part of the Age-Friendly Bowling Green initiative. This hands-on community initiative uses the World Health Organization’s framework for assessing the age-friendliness of Bowling Green.

SUNY Award Allows Exploration of Ties Between Frailty, Dementia
Through a $147,000 grant, the State University of New York (SUNY) Networks of Excellence Program has launched the SUNY Network Aging Partnership (SNAP): Investigating Frailty and Enhancing Lifespan Across the Health Spectrum. NSA member Bruce Troen, MD, of the University at Buffalo is serving as a co-investigator. He is working with colleagues at the other SUNY medical schools to establish a statewide infrastructure for strong interdisciplinary research on aging. SNAP will coordinate research across SUNY’s four medical universities to facilitate competition for scientific funding, accelerate publication of research and recruit and mentor trainees. The ultimate goal is to develop the expertise that will attract a national research center designation. Troen and his colleagues will develop and compare tools to assess frailty risk factors and determine how they correlate with cognitive assessments. The approach will be multidisciplinary, ranging from the identification of biomarkers to assessments that are neurological, psychiatric, and behavioral. The grant also will include the training of medical students and fellows. The goal is to address these and other gaps in understanding the connections between frailty and dementia that will result in maximizing patient outcomes and enhancing patients’ quality of life. A key aim of the project is to develop a unique database on frailty and dementia across the state’s diverse populations.

University of Florida to Develop Sepsis Research Center
The University of Florida (UF) Health has been awarded a $12 million, five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health to create a one-of-a-kind center to help generate treatments and prevention strategies for sepsis. The Sepsis and Critical Illness Research Center, the first of its kind in the nation, will study long-term outcomes in patients treated for sepsis in the surgical and trauma intensive care units at UF Health Shands Hospital, with the goal of developing clinical solutions for sepsis as well as illnesses that stem from it and their effects. Sepsis is a severe, systemic combination of infection and inflammation that can shut down organs, depress or overactivate the immune system and cause death. Death from sepsis was once common, but improved treatments help many people survive to leave the hospital after battling it. In 2012, UF researchers identified a condition known as persistent inflammation, immunosuppression, and catabolism syndrome after decades of research involving critically ill patients. They said the syndrome, also known as PICS, afflicts thousands of people each year, mostly older people who are successfully treated for sepsis. It prevents them from recovering fully and returning to a typical lifestyle. PICS will be a major focus of the UF Sepsis and Critical Illness Research Center. Four main projects will be initiated in the center’s first five years of operation: looking into long-term cognitive and physical effects in patients; how sepsis affects the kidneys and how these organs in turn may contribute to PICS and other forms of chronic illness; the possible role of immature immune system cells called myeloid-derived suppressor cells in the onset of PICS; and muscle wasting.

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