20 Journalists from Across U.S. Awarded Aging-Focused Fellowships

GSA is welcoming 20 distinguished reporters for the next cohort of the Journalists in Aging Fellows Program, now in its ninth year. They represent a wide range of general audience, ethnic, and community media outlets, including several public radio affiliates, daily newspapers, and national publications. This year’s group brings the program’s total number of participating reporters to 156.

The new fellows were chosen — by a panel of gerontological and editorial professionals — based on their proposals for an in-depth aging-focused story or series. These projects, to be produced in 2019, span such concerns as retirement security, suicide among older adults, and immigration policies.

The participating journalists will convene during GSA’s 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting — scheduled for November 14 to 18 in Boston, Massachusetts — where they will have access to the latest aging research and approximately 4,000 expert attendees to help inform their reporting. The fellows program is supported by funding from AARP, The Silver Century Foundation, The Retirement Research Foundation, The Commonwealth Fund, and The John A. Hartford Foundation.

“GSA congratulates its new journalist fellows, who are demonstrating a commitment to serving their communities through vital stories about aging in America,” said Todd Kluss, GSA’s associate director of communications.

“We are happy to provide a unique venue where these reporters can interact with top authorities to better understand everything from scientific discoveries to social and policy debates.”

Kluss co-directs the Journalists in Aging Fellows Program together with Paul Kleyman, the founder and national coordinator of the program’s journalism partner, the Journalists Network on Generations.

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Experts Develop Guide for Getting More LTC Residents Immunized

A summit convened by GSA’s National Adult Vaccination Program (NAVP) has resulted in a roadmap for advancing immunization efforts in long-term care (LTC) facilities. A dozen recommendations — including five priority actions — have been outlined in a new white paper, “Charting a Path to Increase Immunization Rates in the Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Settings.”

The summit and white paper were developed by GSA with the support of Sanofi Pasteur. The summit, held in Washington, DC, in May, welcomed stakeholders from the government, immunization advocacy organizations, and professional societies representing those who work in long-term care.

“In addition to immunizing residents, it is necessary to immunize staff so that they do not increase resident exposure to viruses and so that staff are not missing days of work,” Resnick said.

“The white paper developed by GSA has recommendations for how to best motivate and engage staff in getting immunized themselves and making sure that all residents are immunized.”

As identified by the summit’s expert attendees, the top five recommended focus areas for future consideration in long-term care are:
With 2020 Vision, GSA’s Future Looks Bright

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After several years of hard work by GSA’s volunteer leaders, we’ve arrived at a very exciting phase in GSA’s continued growth and development. We’re on the cusp of making some important updates to GSA’s governance structure to position the Society for continued success, and we have the entire GSA membership to thank for that.

We certainly owe our gratitude to the GSA elected officers and appointees who, working with an experienced outside consulting firm, put together a plan that will facilitate a more strategic and efficient organization as we move towards the Society’s 75th anniversary in 2020. With the invited comments provided by the depth and breadth of GSA’s members, the GSA Executive Committee and Council are just about ready to finalize the plan — 2020 Vision for Growth & Impact. Once approved, there will be a vote by the membership in January 2019 to amend GSA’s bylaws and put the plan into action.

I extend my thanks to everyone who reviewed our “2020 Vision for Growth & Impact – Restructuring of GSA Governance” document. (This and other resources will continue to be available online at www.geron.org/2020vision.) We want the process to be as inclusive as possible, which is why we’ve issued a number of electronic communications about this recently.

In fact, inclusivity has been central to our vision throughout all the planning that’s taken place so far. Those who are spearheading this proposed governance update want to make sure that GSA is prepared to meet the future demands of our members, as well as the field of gerontology itself.

One outcome of the proposed restructuring will be increased member service opportunities for professional growth. There will be a number of new high-profile leadership roles available to members, and section officers will be better able to focus on professional, educational, and scientific activities. The rich diversity of disciplines within the GSA members will be represented at all levels of governance.

We also aim to stimulate greater interdisciplinary networking. For the first time, members will have the option to participate in more than one GSA section, should they desire. And committee tenure will provide rich networking opportunities.

Lastly, we aim to implement an enhanced board structure that will continue to be reflective of GSA’s diverse constituency. Multiyear terms will be standard, thus providing essential continuity. And multidisciplinary expertise will continue to be emphasized as the board begins working strategically to focus on long-term growth.

GSA President David Ekerdt has provided outstanding leadership as we have rolled out the plan for governance restructuring to the membership. If you haven’t done so already, I highly recommend listening to the webinar he recently hosted on this topic — it’s one of the terrific resources I mentioned above at www.geron.org/2020vision. And President-Elect Michal Jazwinski is eager to take up the mantle when he assumes office next month. I appreciate the work they’re doing to move this process forward, and I applaud the enormous efforts of our several workgroups and task forces who have helped to develop the vision for GSA’s future.

As we move toward the final phase of this iterative process, plenty of work remains to make this vision a reality — but all GSA members can take pride in the fact that they helped lay the groundwork for a successful next 75 years.

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In Memoriam

**Gregory S. “Greg” O’Neill, PhD**, who was part of the GSA staff for more than 20 years, passed away September 5, 2018, at the age of 51. He joined the 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, O’Neill served as associate editor of GSA’s policy journal, Public Policy & Aging Report, and the go-to person for Capitol Hill staffers working on aging-related issues. He led many of GSA’s research projects including work in the civic engagement arena, 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 50+ market. O’Neill 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. His family has requested that any donations in his honor be made to NIH/NIH Children’s Inn, the Lombardi Cancer Center at Georgetown University, the Alzheimer’s Association, or your favorite charity of choice.

Members in the News

- Toni Miles, MD, PhD, FGSA, was quoted in a September 4 article appearing in *The Washington Post*. She spoke about her work related to best practices in bereavement care in long-term care facilities.

- On September 11, Carole Cox, MSW, PhD, FGSA, was interviewed on Sirius XM’s Doctor Radio station. She discussed grandparents and grandchildren, specifically her work with custodial grandparents.

Colleague Connection

This month’s $25 amazon.com gift certificate winner: **Wingyun Mak, PhD**

The recipient, who became eligible after referring new member Andrew Baez was randomly selected using randomizer.org. For more details on the Colleague Connection promotion visit www.geron.org/connection.

Member Spotlight

GSA’s website features monthly Q&A sessions with distinguished members. The current spotlight shines on: **Matt R. Kaeberlein, PhD, FGSA**

Visit www.geron.org/membership to ask questions and read previous interviews. Connection promotion visit www.geron.org/connection.

Lamming Recognized with APS Award

Dudley Lamming, PhD, FGSA, an assistant professor at the University of Madison–Wisconsin, has received American Physiological Society (APS) Endocrinology and Metabolism Section New Investigator Award. The award recognizes an outstanding research investigator in the early stages of his or her career. Criteria include early-career stage and demonstrating a productive, independent research program in the field of endocrinology and metabolism. Lamming’s research focuses on understanding how nutrient-responsive signaling pathways can be harnessed to promote health and longevity. He also is the 2018 recipient of GSA’s Nathan Shock Award.

Erickson, Morrissey Earn SSANY Awards

At the 46th Annual Conference of the State Society on Aging of New York (SSANY), two GSA members were recognized with awards. Mary Ann Erickson, PhD, received the Walter M. Beattie Award, which honors a distinguished member for outstanding contributions to the work of SSA and for commitment to its goals. Erickson is an associate professor of gerontology and coordinator of integrative studies at Ithaca College. Mary Beth Quaranta Morrissey, PhD, MPH, JD, received SSANY’s President’s Award, which recognizes a leader in the field for outstanding service. Morrissey is a gerontological health and social work researcher, and founder and president of the Collaborative for Palliative Care, a consortium of professionals and health care providers dedicated to palliative care research, education and advocacy.

Browdie Announces Retirement from Benjamin Rose

Following a successful 16-year tenure as president and CEO of the Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging, Richard Browdie, MBA, FGSA, has announced his retirement from his leadership role, effective December 31. Under Browdie’s leadership, Benjamin Rose has continued to grow and serve as a thought leader and a driver of innovation in the delivery of services to older adults and caregivers. He has served in a leadership capacity on many national-level boards in the aging field, including the National Council on Aging, American Society on Aging, International Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing, and most recently, the American Bar Association’s Commission on Law and Aging.
Policy Series Preview: Boston Meeting Will Welcome Top U.S. Aging Official

This year's Annual Scientific Meeting again includes a policy series that I developed together with Greg O'Neill, the policy expert and 20-year veteran of the GSA staff who passed away in September. Many of you knew Greg and, with his passing, have felt the loss that I have experienced after more than two decades of friendship. The GSA family and I have truly appreciated the notes of condolence and the stories of your interactions with Greg. In the current climate of crass behavior and harsh treatment of our fellow human beings, Greg showed us how to live as a gentle man with intellect, thoughtfulness, humor, courage, and class.

We feel the enormity of this loss both personally and professionally, and I find myself contemplating the fleeting time we have here on earth and how to make the most of it. Greg loved working on aging and health policy and advocacy, and his work in the field will carry on far into the future.

The policy wonk in me wants to add that Greg's five-year illness brought with it a textbook worthy case study in family caregiving. Greg's wife, Anita Hattiangadi, and both of their families took center stage and provided the love and support that he needed. So, I look forward to seeing many of you in Boston and remembering with you the accomplishments and good times that we shared with Greg during his decades at GSA and in the field of gerontology. We also are pleased to announce that the Assistant Secretary for Aging and Administration for Community Living Administrator Lance Robertson will be leading a “Fireside Chat.” And here are some details on this and other offerings for 2018:

Thursday, November 15

A View of Women’s Economic Security: Policy Issues & Practical Steps • 8 to 9:30 a.m.
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 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.

Older Americans Act Reauthorization: A First Look • Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Chair: Brian W. Lindberg
Panelists: Amy Gotwals, Andrew MacPherson, Suzanne Kankel
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

The Opioid Epidemic and Older Adults: Pathways to Elder Abuse and Justice • 8 to 9:30 a.m.
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.
Momentum Discussion: Fireside Chat With Assistant Secretary for Aging and ACL Administrator Lance Robertson • 10 to 11 a.m.
Chair: Brian W. Lindberg
Panelist: Lance Robertson
The Older Americans Act (OAA) and the Elder Justice Act, administered by the Administration on Aging under the Administration for Community Living (ACL), 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 long-term services and supports 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. (Supported by GSAs Public Policy Committee.)

GSA Public Policy Priority Discussion • 3 to 4:30 p.m.
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.

National Family Caregiver Support Program: Evaluation Results and Practical Applications • 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Chair: Heather Menne
Panelists: Cindy Gruman, Alice Bonner, Joanne R. Campione, Lynn E. Feinberg
Established in 2000, the National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP) of the Older Americans Act Title III-E is administered by the Administration on Aging within the Administration for Community Living. The NFCSP supports caregivers through grants to States and Territories for a range of services that assist unpaid family and friend caregivers to care for someone at home for as long as possible. A growing expectation for quality federal programs is a requirement for rigorous evaluation. This session will highlight results from the first national evaluation of the NFCSP. The first paper sets the stage by describing NFCSP services, participating caregivers, funding levels, and the rationale for the recent process and outcome evaluations. The second paper, focusing on results of the Process Evaluation, highlights program operations based on results of surveys with state units on aging, area agencies on aging (AAA), and local service providers. The third paper presents the experience of Massachusetts, and how NFCSP is integrated with other programs in the state to support family caregivers. The final paper takes a multi-level approach by combining data from the process study and the caregiver outcomes study to look at the association between AAA assessment processes and outcomes of caregivers. To close the session, an expert in federal policy related to unpaid family caregiving will lead discussion about next steps for researchers, practitioners, and policy makers in light of the evaluation results.

Saturday, November 17

Congressional Update • 8 to 9:30 a.m.
Chair: Brian W. Lindberg
Panelists: Erica Solway, Sarah Khasawinah. (others invited)
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.

Aligning Research With Public Policy: Recommendations From Experts in Policy and Aging • 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Chair: Shani H. Bandach
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 U.S., 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 GSAs Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization 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 for improving the lives of older adults and their families in an aging society. This symposium will highlight best practices in aligning research with the public policy arena. Presenters will examine the intersection between public policies and older adults, describe the difference between conducting research in aging relevant to policy and actual policy research studies, and discuss how to conceptualize public policy upfront in research. Presenters will also offer examples of how research informs policy, using family caregiving, long-term services and supports, and livable communities as examples of relevant policy areas from a research perspective. Implications of how research informs policy for an aging society, including how an advocacy organization looks to research to support its policy agenda for older adults, and lessons learned from aging advocacy will be addressed.

Follow @aging_society on Twitter and visit GSAs Policy Center (www.agingsoociety.org) to subscribe to the free bimonthly e-newsletter for updates on aging and policy issues throughout the year.
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• Increase use of mandatory staff vaccination policies.
• Make vaccination a condition of hire.
• Implement mandatory resident vaccination policies across all long-term care settings.
• Create financing tip sheets (e.g., roster billing, best practices, algorithms, calculator of outbreak costs).
• Examine tools and resources for opportunities to weave immunizations into other priorities for post-acute and long-term care facilities.

The other recommended actionable items included: increase use of renewable consent documents; publish resident vaccination rates on facility websites; compile and share state law best practices; create sample score cards/dashboards/standing orders for facilities; work with legal consultants to clarify the why and how of consent; develop tips on staff incentives and processes (e.g., visual performance gauge, survey) and how to combine educational messages with strategy; and develop infomercials for staff and residents — use consistent messaging for all.

The recommendations and white paper will be used as the basis for future efforts in partnership with the National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit. The white paper is accessible at www.navp.org.

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The new fellows:

Rodney A. Brooks (USA Today)
Project: “Aging While Black” — the health, retirement prospects and finances of aging African Americans.

Kevyn Burger (Star Tribune)
Project: The devastating financial impact of frontotemporal degeneration, a form of dementia.

Laura Castaneda, EdD (NBC Latino)
Project: The latest research about aging Latinos in the U.S., as well as some of the model programs and interventions that are helping this population.

Cassie M. Chew (The Chicago Reporter)
Project: Older ex-offenders facing barriers to community reintegration.

Richard Eisenberg (Next Avenue)
Project: What Americans can learn from residents of the world’s high-longevity “Blue Zones” to ensure their money lasts throughout their increasing lifespans.

Elizabeth Fite (Chattanooga Times Free Press)
Project: Suicides among older Tennessee residents, including an overview, personal stories, and potential solutions.

Lisa V. Gillespie (WFPL News Louisville)
Project: Series on legal medical malpractice; end-of-life care disparities for Medicaid long-term care patients; the rural eldercare gap; older minority women working longer; and aging with hunger.

Mariel Toni Jimenez (Positively Filipino)
Project: Changes in Filipino family relationships following the death of a loved one.

Chunxiang Jin (World Journal)

Xavier Juan Jones (Telegram Newspaper)
Project: The effects of childhood stress on mental illness in African Americans aged 65 and older in the Detroit area.

Mary Kane (Kiplinger’s Retirement Report)
Project: Changes in eldercare reflecting medical and scientific advances for cognitive stimulation, and the strengths that remain even at advanced ages.

Shira Laucharoen (Sampan)
Project: The immigration stories of older Asians, and Asian models for independent living in Boston’s Chinatown.

Rhonda J. Miller (WKU Public Radio)
Project: Older Kentucky residents facing challenges of language, hunger and isolation.

P. Christine Nguyen, MD (KALW Public Radio)
Project: Vietnamese older adults with dementia in Northern California, and the aspects of their culture that make it harder for them and their caretakers to cope.

Brad Pomerance (Jewish Life Television)
Project: Mental health in the Jewish community’s older population and dispelling the stereotype of the “neurotic Jew.”

Samantha Diaz Roberts (MundoHispanico)
Project: New immigration policies and how they are affecting older generations in the Atlanta area.

Viji Sundaram (India West)
Project: How South Asian cultural beliefs, as well as ignorance, keep many older Indian Americans from writing advance health care directives to state their end-of-life wishes.

David K. Wahlberg (Wisconsin State Journal)
Project: Why Wisconsin leads the nation in the rate of deadly falls and what the state is doing to address it.

Cheryl Platzman Weinstock (The New York Times)
Project: Under-recognized factors in older adult suicides.

Peter White (Tennessee Tribune)
Project: Challenges faced by African Americans aging in the South, including social isolation as a result of gentrification.
ESPO's Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization (ESPO) is designed to serve both students and transitional members who are early in their careers. This year’s Annual Scientific Meeting has opportunities for all stages of ESPO members to learn valuable information and network with colleagues. Here are a few highlights:

**ESPO Breakfast**
Thursday, November 15, 7 to 8 a.m.
Rise and shine early to kick off the meeting by meeting fellow ESPO members and participating in engaging breakout tables to explore topics such as how to make the most of your conference experience, work-life balance, searching for a job, writing and publishing, gerontological education, getting involved in GSA leadership, and exploring international interests.

**The ESPO Presidential Symposium**
Friday, November 16, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

**Wine and Cheese Networking Reception**
Friday, November 16, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Please join us for an engaging and interdisciplinary scientific session, “Emerging Perspectives on Extending Healthy and Purposeful Life,” followed by an opportunity to network and enjoy some light refreshments. Check out the other ESPO symposia throughout the conference by viewing your program guide for times and details.

**Informal Chats**
Throughout the conference we will be offering a series of informal chats to bring together ESPO members in conversation about important topics. These chats will include valuable information and tips as well as interactive discussion. Please join us for as many as you are able:

- Finding and Landing an Academic Job (Thursday, November 15, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.)
- Writing, Dissertations, and Publications...Oh, My! (Thursday, November 15, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., followed by an informal dinner outing)
- Lifelong Learning: Addressing the Diverse Educational Needs of Gerontology Students and Stakeholders (Friday, November 16, 1 to 2 p.m.)
- International Task Force Roundtable: A Focus on International Members and Interests (Saturday, November 17, 8:30 to 10 a.m.)
- The Road to Independence: GSA/ESPO and NIA Collaborative Chat on Strategies for Successful Career Transition (Saturday, November 17, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., followed by an informal dinner outing)

**ESPO Lounge**
Thursday, November 15, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, November 16, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, November 17, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Need a place to take a break? Want a place to sit and chat? Throughout the conference, feel free to escape to the ESPO Lounge. This laid-back setting provides opportunities to meet other ESPO members or just enjoy a few quiet moments to check email or enjoy refreshments.

I would like to thank all of the ESPO volunteer leaders for their hard work in putting together these various conference offerings. We hope that these add to your conference experience. As you head to Boston, remember that the conference offers not just valuable scientific information, but also many opportunities to build and strengthen connections with others. I look forward to seeing you in November! If you have any suggestions for future meetings or other offerings throughout the year, please share them with me or any of your other ESPO leaders.

For more information on events for ESPO members at the GSA Annual Meeting, please visit geron.org/2018 and click on the link to the left titled “Activities for Emerging Scholars and Students.”
Meeting Agenda Features
Ample Networking Activities

**Educational Site Visit: Fenway LGBT Aging Project**
Wednesday, November 14 • 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. • Fee: $55 • Separate registration is required
Fenway Health, the Fenway Institute, and the LGBT Aging Project are leaders in LGBT healthcare, research, education, training, policy and programming for LGBT older adults. Join us to learn about LGBT healthcare, HIV & Aging, Massachusetts’ LGBT Aging Commission, and programs for LGBT older adults and caregivers. Space is limited.

**New Member and First Timer Orientation**
Wednesday, November 14 • 4:30 to 6 p.m. • No fee but separate registration is required
New GSA members and first time meeting attendees are invited to an informational session with GSA officers and staff. GSA leadership will be on hand to discuss how to navigate your first GSA meeting, find various networking opportunities, and become involved in the Society.

**President’s Welcome Reception and Exhibit Hall Opening**
Wednesday, November 14 • 6 to 8 p.m.
Meet your colleagues and help kick off the GSA 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting with a stroll through GSA’s Exhibit Hall and a visit to the first poster session of the meeting. Posters will be on display from 6 to 8 p.m. and presenters will be at their boards from 6 to 7 p.m. Hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar will be available.

**Educational Site Visit: Innovating to Improve Complex Care - Senior Care Options (SCO) Program/Commonwealth Care Alliance (CCA)**
Thursday, November 15 • 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. • Fee: $55 • Separate registration is required
CCA is a not-for-profit, community-based health care organization dedicated to improving care for individuals with complex medical, behavioral health, and social needs. Its unique interprofessional teams provide and coordinate a full spectrum of health services to address its members’ needs and minimize gaps in care. During this visit, you will meet members of the CCA team and learn more about its model of care.

**Gerontologists Giving Back: Friendship and Flowers**
Thursday, November 15 • 1 to 3:30 p.m. • No fee but separate registration is required
Join the Gerontologists Giving Back annual service event and be part of the Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly Friendship & Flowers Program, delivering flowers to residents of a long-term care. Participants will meet at the Boston Marriott Copley Place and travel together by public transit to Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts.

**Gerontologists Giving Back Toiletry Drive**
Bring in unused toiletries (including travel size), such as soap, shampoo, and toothpaste, and drop them in the donation bin by the registration area (at the Convention Center). All items collected will be donated to Rosie’s Place, which provides a safe and nurturing environment that helps poor and homeless women between the ages of 18 and 80 through wide-ranging support, housing and education services.

**GSA Fellows and International Reception**
Thursday, November 15 • 7 to 9 p.m. • Invitation only
This reception is held annually to honor current and new GSA fellows, as well as international attendees of the Society. Only fellows and international attendees are invited.

**Minority Issues in Gerontology Award Presentation and Reception**
Thursday, November 15 • 7:30 to 9 p.m.
The Minority Issues in Gerontology Committee Outstanding Mentorship Award recognizes individuals who have exemplified outstanding commitment and dedication to mentoring minority researchers in the field of aging. Join us at a reception to honor the 2018 recipient.

**Humanities and the Arts Committee Event: Swansongs with John Zeisel and the Longwood Symphony Orchestra**
Thursday, November 15 • 8 to 10 p.m. • No fee but separate registration is required
Swansongs is a live program of musical performance and reflections on caregiving and living with Alzheimer’s disease, a key age-related syndrome. Developed by John Zeisel, an architect and a specialist in Alzheimer’s care, along with the late Paul Robertson, founder and principal violinist of the Medici Quartet, the program navigates the journey of a family living with a loved one who has dementia. Swansongs addresses the deep emotional challenges of dementia caregiving through musical metaphors. The music exemplifies various aspects of the joys and challenges of dementia care from the perspective of the patient, the family, and the community. This multi-perspective view of dementia has been illuminated by Zeisel, whose experience in Alzheimer’s care spans more than 30 years. Members of the Longwood Symphony Orchestra, the orchestra of Boston’s medical community, will perform. This performance replaces the usual Humanities and Arts Committee film in order to showcase local nonprofit partners in the ongoing work of humanizing care for people with dementia.

Mentoring Consultancies for Emerging Scholars
Friday, November 16 • 8 to 9:30 a.m. • No fee but separate pre-registration is required
In partnership with the Mentoring Committee, the mentoring consultancies bring students and junior faculty members together with senior faculty, experienced researchers, and GSA leaders to discuss a variety of topics. Each table will have an assigned mentor to discuss and share experiences about job searching, publishing, finding and applying for funding, navigating the tenure and promotion process, and achieving success as a mentee or mentor. The consultancy provides each participant the opportunity to move from table to table to develop problem-solving strategies and enhance professional and career development. This roundtable format reinforces the idea that when people face a challenge together, the answer is already in the room.

Educational Site Visit: Memory Support Program With Middle School Student Volunteers
Friday, November 16 • 10 am to 1 pm • Fee: $55 • Separate registration is required
Hebrew SeniorLife’s CCRC in Dedham, Massachusetts, NewBridge on the Charles, is a share-site with a K-8 Jewish Day School. Join us to see the Making Memories program in action — 8th grade students trained to engage with Alzheimer’s and dementia patients in assisted living and long-term chronic care. Space is limited.

Section Business Meetings and Award Presentations
Friday, November 16 • 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. • Fee: $25 • Separate registration is required for lunch
Join your colleagues at the section business meeting to celebrate award recipients and our newest fellows. This event also offers a great opportunity to discover how to get involved in section activities. The fee includes lunch; however, limited general seating is available for those who want to listen and not purchase a meal.

Humanities and Arts Committee Open Meeting and Reception
Friday, November 16 • 6:30 to 8 p.m. • Fee: $10 • Separate registration is required
The Humanities and Arts Committee invites you to join them at their annual meeting and networking reception. Gather with your colleagues to celebrate the accomplishments of the committee and learn more about how to get involved in GSA’s humanities and arts activities.

GSA Fun Walk and Run
Saturday, November 17 • 6 to 7 a.m. • Fee: $25 • Separate registration is required
Runners, joggers, and walkers of all skill levels are invited to participate in a fun-filled morning experiencing the historic Back Bay neighborhood and views of the Charles river. Everyone is a winner in this race . . . and no timing will be done. Come out simply for the health benefit and for fun. All proceeds from this event will go to The Doris Schwartz Gerontological Nursing Research Award.

Minority Issues in Gerontology Committee Concept Coffee
Saturday, November 17 • 8 to 9:30 a.m.
Join the Minority Issues in Gerontology Committee for our annual concept coffee.

The Blues and Older Minority Musicians: More Than Just Music
Saturday, November 17 • 8 p.m. • No fee but separate registration is required
Join us for one of GSA’s most popular events and head on over to nearby Wally’s Café, Boston’s cozy, old-school jazz and blues club since 1947 for performances by students from the famous Berklee School of Music, local musicians, and maybe a little 1950s West Philly a-capella! Group cabs and transportation from the Sheraton lobby will be arranged. Potential cover charge at Wally’s Café.

Visit www.geron.org/2018 for more information.
New Online Tools Provide Best Practices in Surgical Care for Older Adults

The American Board of Medical Specialties and the American Geriatrics Society (AGS), with funding from The John A. Hartford Foundation, unveiled one of the field’s first suites of online tools to aid surgeons and related medical sub-specialists who care for older people. The new series of nine AGS’ Geriatrics Virtual Patient Cases (VPCs) for Surgical and Related Medical Sub-Specialties are geared toward helping the entire healthcare system to better understand and respond to the unique care needs of older adults. The VPCs will be available for free through 2020 to the first 1,000 subscribers at geriatricscareonline.org. The VPCs focus on aspects of surgical care unique to older individuals, a growing patient population for all healthcare professionals, including those without formal geriatrics training. Both continuing medical education and member boards’ maintenance of certification (MOC) credit are available to those who successfully complete each VPC. The nine interactive multimedia clinical scenarios explore key challenges and opportunities that health professionals may encounter when working to improve care for older people facing surgery — from the proper management of medications to issues surrounding surgical delirium and the need to document end-of-life care preferences and expectations. The VPCs were developed by a diverse group of content experts that included medical specialists from general surgery, urology, ophthalmology, orthopaedics, geriatrics, anesthesiology and emergency medicine. For more information or assistance establishing an account on GeriatricsCareOnline.org, contact GCOinfo@americangeriatrics.org.

Census Bureau Issues Latest SAGE Report

The U.S. Census Bureau has released the “Trends in Health and Well-Being of the Older Populations in SAGE Countries: 2014-2015” report, which is based on data from the World Health Organization’s Study on Global Ageing and Adult Health (SAGE). The report looks at the health and well-being of older populations in Ghana, Mexico, and South Africa. This report uses wave 2 from SAGE, following an earlier Census Bureau report using Wave 1 of SAGE data, and examines the trends and patterns of health and well-being of the older populations. It provides information on a selection of health outcomes and their impacts, including health status, noncommunicable diseases, risk factors, disability, and health insurance coverage. The report can be accessed at bit.ly/2IBvoRw.
New Series B Virtual Collection Focuses on Intergenerational Relationships

The Social Sciences section of the September 2018 issue of The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences features a new virtual collection that includes online-only articles on important and timely topics in aging. This compilation focuses on intergenerational relationships and influences over the life course. Papers focus both on how adult children affect their aging parents, and how parent-child relationships shape adult children’s outcomes. Specific studies explore how adult children’s education affects their aging parents’ health, gender differences in the links between parent-child ties and older parents’ cognitive health, and how early-life parental favoritism affects adult children’s mental health decades later. The studies extend beyond the U.S., with one paper showing how intergenerational living arrangements affect older men’s and women’s disability in rural South Africa. Look for other virtual collections focused on qualitative and mixed methods, late-life mental health, and other essential topics in social gerontology. The collection can be accessed at https://academic.oup.com/psychsocgerontology/pages/virtual_collection.

Innovation in Aging Plans Special Issue on Aging, Public Health

Innovation in Aging has issued a call for papers for a special issue on aging and public health, and is interested in research that takes a population, program, and partner focus to address questions posed in the World Health Organization’s “2015 World Report on Ageing and Health”: Which interventions work to foster healthy aging and in which population subgroups do they work? What is the appropriate timing and sequencing of these interventions? To these, the journal editors add: What are the most common constellations of risk factors to target? How do interventions work and what effects do they have? Who are the optimal partners for such efforts? How well do programmatic efforts to enhance primary prevention address key aging challenges, such as falling, depression, social isolation, or preparation for the end of life? How solid is the evidence base for current health promotion programs for older adults? Finally, what kind of population-level benefits can we expect from integration of social and medical care in terms of health, functioning, and quality of life? Abstracts are due by January 11, 2019. Open access waivers will be available for all articles published in this special issue. Review the full call for papers at bit.ly/IACFP-PublicHealth.
NIA Issues New iCare AD/ADRD Challenge

The Improving Care for People with Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias Using Technology (iCare-AD/ADRD) Challenge is a Eureka Prize competition in which the National Institute on Aging (NIA) rewards and spurs the development of solutions for a technology-based application, fostering connections between relevant stakeholders to use technology, or the development of new technology applications to improve dementia care coordination and/or care navigation. Though the solution should foster connections between relevant stakeholders to use technology or develop new technology applications, it may be targeted at consumers, healthcare providers, healthcare service organizations, and/or health systems, and/or community, local, or state governments. Specific methods for stimulating uptake and use of the product must be included with the proof-of-concept demonstration. A working demonstration of the product is required. This competition is intended to stimulate innovation in use of technology to improve care coordination and/or navigation and/or aid with the care experience so that overall dementia care quality is improved. Visit nia.nih.gov/challenge-prize for full information, including submission requirements, the registration process, challenge rules and more. The submission period began October 1 and will end June 30, 2019. Winners are to be announced September 2019.

San Antonio Shock Center Issues Call for Applications

The San Antonio Nathan Shock Center is soliciting applications to support the research of any investigator who is developing a new project in the basic biology of aging. Applications are accepted from investigators at any US academic institution. Junior investigators are encouraged to apply. Applications will be considered from any investigator who is eligible to receive National Institutes of Health (NIH) grants according to the rules of their home institution. The projects should utilize one or more cores of the Center. Projects that propose creative uses of more than one core are encouraged. Center cores, described in full at nathanshock.barshop.uthscsa.edu, are: Aging Animal Models and Longevity Assessment; Bioanalytical Pharmacology and Drug Evaluation; Healthspan and Functional Assessment; Pathology. Applications must include one-page hypothesis and specific aims of the proposed project, and an NIH biosketch of the primary applicant and any proposed collaborators. A budget is not initially required. If a proposal is selected for further consideration, a budget will be developed. Awards will be
made for the next budget year (July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020). Funds will be allocated for core services. Applications are due January 15, 2019. Full details can be found at nathanshock.barshop.uthscsa.edu/rfa-support-core-service.

NIA Will Support Late Stage Clinical Trials for Cognitive Decline Interventions
The National Institute on Aging (NIA) is inviting research grant applications that enable the testing of promising pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions for cognitive and neuropsychiatric symptoms in individuals with age-related cognitive decline and in individuals with Alzheimer’s disease across the spectrum from pre-symptomatic to more severe stages of disease. This funding opportunity will support Phase III clinical trials testing pharmacological (small molecules and biologics) and non-pharmacological interventions, using a combination of biomarkers (fluid and imaging), cognitive, and functional measures as outcomes. These applications may include trials testing combinations of interventions that may act synergistically to produce a more robust and long-lasting response, as well as combinations of interventions that attempt to address multiple risk factors simultaneously (e.g., obesity, hypertension, diabetes, physical inactivity, anxiety, and depression). Investigators will be expected to collect DNA and other biosamples from these studies to enable subsequent interrogation of treatment responsiveness, as well as examination of predictors of decline in the groups receiving placebo. Standard application due dates apply. View the full funding opportunity announcement at bit.ly/2mZoZW2.

RRF Accepting Applications for Projects in Aging
The Retirement Research Foundation’s (RRF) is a private foundation devoted exclusively to aging and retirement issues. Throughout its history, RRF has awarded more than $200 million for innovative projects that benefit older Americans. Through its responsive grants program, RRF supports advocacy; direct service; education and training programs for professionals working with elders; and research to seek causes and solutions to significant problems of older adults. Proposals for direct service projects are considered from organizations based in seven states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Wisconsin, or Florida. Advocacy, training, and research projects, all with national relevance, are considered from organizations located anywhere in the U.S. Letters of inquiry should be submitted by December 1. The proposal application deadline is February 1, 2019. To learn more, visit www.rrf.org or email info@rrf.org.
Inaugural Director
Center for Healthy Aging

The Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, a unit of Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, is seeking an inaugural Director of the Rutgers Center for Healthy Aging. This is a senior, full-time, twelve-month position. The Director will have a faculty appointment in an appropriate school or department with credentials and a track record commensurate with the academic rank of full Professor in the candidate's field. This newly created position has a large administrative component and will be responsible for developing the Center for Healthy Aging into a nationally and internationally recognized entity. This will include developing strategic partnerships, alliances and collaborations both on and off-campus; coordinating activities across campus and community; taking responsibility for representing the University through networking and professional collaboration with external constituents, industry stakeholders, schools and organizations; and developing resources for programmatic growth and sustainability.

The ideal candidate will have a strong research program in aging research that we expect to move to Rutgers University. The candidate will demonstrate strong leadership skills and must be an effective communicator who is able to convey the vision for the Center to multiple audiences. Candidates should demonstrate strategic thinking skills, organizational savvy and should be visionary, creative and inspirational. Effective group communication skills and capacity to assimilate organizational vision, mission, values and goals are highly desirable traits and instrumental for the success of the Center. Experience in directing a research center and evidence of leadership in the context of interdisciplinary research teams are highly desirable. We seek to identify a solution-oriented decision maker able to lead others effectively toward common goals.

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For additional information, contact Natalie Tuseth, administrative coordinator, at ntuseth@ifh.rutgers.edu.

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• A PhD, MD or other advanced degree(s) plus a minimum 5 years of relevant administrative level experience.
• Credentials and track record commensurate with academic rank of full Professor in the candidate’s field.
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• Evidence of significant contributions to successful large interdisciplinary scientific initiatives and/or entrepreneurial activities.
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