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GSA Welcomes Meeting Abstracts
Abstracts for GSA’s 65th Annual Scientific Meeting will be accepted until March 15. This event is taking place from Wednesday, November 14, to Sunday, November 18, in San Diego. The Call for Abstracts and submission form are currently available online at www.geron.org/abstracts.

GSA Observes Aging Committee’s 50th
As reported in last month’s issue, GSA played a major role in the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Senate Special Committee on Aging. A chronicle of these activities is now available at www.geron.org/opportunity, including a special issue of Public Policy & Aging Report; a video presentation hosted by GSA Fellow Laura Carstensen, PhD; a complete video recording of a committee-hosted forum; and photos from a special reception hosted by GSA.

GSA Launches New Effort To Boost Adult Immunization Rates

GSA has embarked on a multi-year national campaign to improve adult immunization rates and deliver sustainable change. It will focus on such areas as adopting a clear adult immunization schedule and driving greater public, provider, and payer awareness of the health benefits of adult immunizations.

Charting New Frontiers in Immunizations Across the Aging Continuum, as the project is called, will link key experts and stakeholders in the field. Support has been provided by GlaxoSmithKline.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 included several provisions that emphasize the value of preventive services for older adults, including immunizations. GSA’s campaign, to the extent possible, will focus on already identified and accepted factors that drive high pediatric immunization rates and translate them to the adult population. Those successful pediatric factors include a clear immunization schedule, a medical home, high provider awareness of the need to immunize, and adequate reimbursement.

R. Gordon Douglas, MD, an adjunct professor of medicine at Cornell University Medical College, has been chosen to chair the workgroup that will oversee the development of the project and its objectives, goals, and metrics.

“There are a number of important organizations and stakeholder experts working on this complex issue,” Douglas said. “Our goal is to establish links to those experts and initiatives in a meaningful way that will enhance and leverage their efforts and drive the public health interest to significantly improve rates of adult immunizations.”

Joining Douglas on the workgroup are Paul Etkind, DrPH, MPH, of the National Association of County & City Health Officials; Walter A. Orenstein, MD, of the Emory University School of Medicine; GSA Fellow Barbara Resnick, PhD, RN, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP, of the University of Maryland School of Nursing; and Paul Etkind, DrPH, MPH, of the National Association of County & City Health Officials.

Series A Expands To Include Translational Research

Readers of the Journals of Gerontology Series A: Biological Sciences and Medical Sciences will now find content within its pages designed to create a bridge between basic and clinical science.

A new section, Translational Articles, launched in the January issue. It was conceived by Journal of Gerontology: Biological Sciences Editor Rafael de Cabo, PhD, and former Journal of Gerontology: Medical Sciences Editor Luigi Ferrucci, MD, PhD. They said their intention was to create a format that would improve communication between those who study the biology of aging and animal models of aging and those conducting research with the human population.

“This was accomplished by imagining a series of articles that would scan one single issue from multiple perspectives, spanning from cell biology to social application,” Ferrucci said. “This is actually unique — I think that no other journal currently is taking this approach, which theoretically is pushed by many scientific societies.”

The first two installments in the Translational Articles section focused on muscle function and sarcopenia and drugs and drug metabolism. Future issues will explore such topics as extreme longevity, genetics and aging, and cognition and behavioral psychology.

Translational research, as defined by the National Institute on Aging, is a
From the Executive Director


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GSA’s relationship with its members is a strong one, as certainly evidenced by your generosity in 2011. On page 8 and 9, you will find a list of everyone who made financial contributions during the past year. I must express my gratitude, and that of the entire organization, for the level of support you showed. In return, GSA will continue to enhance the membership experience in 2012 while also heightening the influence of members’ work.

This year, a significant number of our projects will demonstrate the direct impact that your aging research has on the older population — and they will do so in a manner that highlights not only the value of interdisciplinary collaboration, but also the integration of research and practice.

As you read on the front page, GSA is about to embark on a major initiative focused on immunizations in the adult population. A high percentage of vaccine-preventable deaths occur in the older population. For example, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that about 85 percent of deaths attributed to influenza occur in persons 65 years of age and older. This project, Charting New Frontiers in Immunizations Across the Aging Continuum, will be informed by research from all four of GSA’s professional sections and will result in applications that bolster a key preventive service for people as they age.

This month’s Gerontology News also reports on a significant new addition to the Journals of Gerontology Series A: Biological Sciences and Medical Sciences. With the introduction of a section featuring translational research articles, we hope to provide a multidisciplinary outlet that bridges the gap between laboratory studies and clinical research — by examining a series of issues from multiple perspectives.

Later this year, we’re due to a release Evidence-Based Review of What Really Works,” a special publication that will serve as a guide for best practices in face-to-face interaction with older adults. This 32-page resource offering case studies and bibliographies will be informed by existing research in the aging literature.

GSA also will do its part to sustain the research that drives these projects. One of the ways we achieve this is by attracting new talent to the field. Every April, GSA and its educational branch, the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE), sponsor Careers in Aging Week. As in past years, dozens of colleges and universities across the country are participating by sponsoring events at their schools or in their communities. The 2012 dates are April 1 to 7.

With a large percentage of GSA members affiliated with institutions of higher education, we are in an ideal position to bring greater awareness of the many job opportunities in the field to potential career gerontologists. At www.careersinaging.com, we have many resources to help plan successful events. Each institution is entitled to a free Careers in Aging Week toolkit, which includes booklets, brochures, and promotional items such as pens, highlighters, notebooks, bags, and keychains. It also offers advice for organizing informal gatherings, panel discussions, poster sessions, career fairs, and film screenings.

We would greatly appreciate your support during Careers in Aging Week. If you feel there’s a way GSA can be a planning resource to you, or if you would like to discuss any of the other forthcoming projects I’ve mentioned, please feel free to get in touch with me at jappleby@geron.org.

Sincerely,

James

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In Memoriam

GSA Fellow T. Franklin Williams, MD, died at his home in Rochester, NY, on November 25, 2011, one day short of his 90th birthday. Among Williams’ many career roles, he was a professor emeritus at the University of Rochester Medical Center, the second director of the National Institute on Aging (from 1983 to 1991), director of Monroe Community Hospital, and scientific director of the American Federation for Aging Research. As director of the National Institute on Aging, he established several programs that continue today, including an increased research effort on Alzheimer’s disease, the longitudinal Health and Retirement Study, promotion of specialized training for geriatric researchers, and collaboration with international organizations. Williams was the 1986 recipient of GSA’s Donald P. Kent Award.

New Publications by Members


“30 Lessons for Living: Tried and True Advice from the Wisest Americans,” by Karl Pillemer. Published by Hudson Street Press.

Members in the News

• On December 7, 2011, an article in Forbes reviewed “30 Lessons for Living: Tried and True Advice from the Wisest Americans,” the new book by GSA Fellow Karl Pillemer, PhD.
• A recent article that appeared in the Windsor Beacon included comments by former GSA President Vern Bengtson, PhD, as well as a report on the results of a recent study by Jamilla Bookwala, PhD. Bookwala found that more than 40 percent of unmarried U.S. residents under the age of 60 reported that they were more than happy to spend the holidays with friends and away from biological family due to conflicts on familial relationships and holiday gatherings.
• A December 17, 2011, wire story from United Press International focused on new research from GSA Fellow Karen A. Roberto, PhD. She discovered that 31 percent of news articles on elder abuse that were published between November 2010 and January 2011 specifically focused on financial abuse.

Member Spotlight

GSA’s website features monthly Q&A sessions with distinguished members. The current spotlight shines on: Roger J. M. McCarter, PhD
Visit www.geron.org/Membership/member-spotlight to ask questions and read previous interviews.

Colleague Connection

This month’s $25 amazon.com gift certificate winner: Marcia G. Ory, PhD
The recipient, who became eligible after referring new member Kate Lorig, DrPH, was randomly selected using randomizer.org.
For more details on the Colleague Connection promotion, which includes a chance to win free lodging at the annual meeting, visit www.geron.org/connection.
New Year Starts on Hopeful Note

At the end of 2011, Congress agreed to President Barack Obama’s request for an extension of the payroll tax cut. H.R. 3765, the Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act of 2011, included a two-month extension of the Social Security payroll tax cut and the emergency federal unemployment benefits. Also included was an extension of the Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate, known as the “doc fix.” The doc fix has been approved by Congress every year since 2003. Without it, physician payments for Medicare services would be cut by 27 percent this year. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services was nervous enough about agreement that it informed physicians that it was holding their claims until the 10th business day in January. Both chambers agreed to this legislation using a procedure called “unanimous consent,” but don’t be fooled by that collegial sounding term — most legislators had already left Washington for their home districts at that point.

Social Security and SSI recipients (more than 60 million Americans) received their own special gift from Congress, the first cost-of-living adjustment (3.6 percent) in three years.

Another hopeful sign for the new year was the passage in mid-December of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, an omnibus bill that appropriates funds for the remaining nine federal agencies (three had already been funded) of the federal government. Now the federal agencies and the programs that depend on them will be able to spend their funds responsibly for the rest of their fiscal year, which ends on September 30. The total appropriation of $1 trillion represents a decrease of $1.1 billion (or 0.7 percent) from FY 2011. No one is talking about spending much more than this in 2013, but things could have been worse.

Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education

In order to fall within the spending cap set in August, the overall Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Departments’ budgets will be about $1.4 billion less for FY 2012 than in FY 2011. Most of the Labor/ HHS agencies face an additional .189 percent across-the-board cut due to spending caps set by the debt limit law enacted in August, PL 112-25. (This automatic cut is known as a rescission.)

This funding level means that many programs face cuts, while those that received increases may end up with flat funding due to the mandatory .189 percent across-the-board cut. For example, for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the conference agreement appropriates $30.69 billion, an increase of $1.7 million over FY 2011. However, once the rescission is applied, NIH will receive essentially flat funding in FY 2012. The appropriations legislation does include the creation of the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS), and provides NCATS with up to $10 million for the Cures Acceleration Network. Also, the National Institute on Aging (NIA) received a line item increase in the omnibus appropriations bill of approximately $5 million for a funding level of $1.105 billion.

Geriatric education programs saw a 7.8 percent cut from last year’s funding to $30.94 million for FY 2012 (including the rescission). We have not been told by the Health Resources and Services Administration how these cuts will be applied across programs.

The Administration on Aging (AoA) gained funding for program administration, but faces flat funding for caregiver support, preventive health services, and nutrition programs. AoA lost funding completely under Title IV for multigenerational civic engagement programs, national resource centers, community innovations for aging in place, and the National Alzheimer’s Call Center. Alzheimer’s disease demonstrations were cut by 65 percent. The Elder Justice Act was not funded, nor was the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), as AoA had requested.

The Corporation for National and Community Service received flat funding, as did elder falls prevention under the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the SCSEP under the Department of Labor.

The conference report for the bill states that the .189 percent rescission shall be applied proportionately to each discretionary account and each item of budget authority, and to each program, project, and activity. There seem to be few exceptions to this.

It feels like flat funding is hopeful, even positive, in these times of program cuts and elimination.

The Older Americans Act

Another bright spot in Washington is the steady work of one of my recent interviewees in this column, Senator Bernie Sanders (D-VT), who chairs the Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee. He and his staff have been working on the Older Americans Act (OAA) reauthorization for more than a year. They have held listening sessions and have come up with many policy improvements and funding increases for the OAA programs. Sanders is working with Senators Robert Casey (D-PA), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), and Al Franken (D-MN) — who have introduced or will introduce OAA reauthorization bills — and other Democrats to create a bill or package for OAA reauthorization that the HELP Committee will consider.

The following is a brief outline of the major OAA amendments proposed by Sanders:

1. Increased funding levels in four core areas throughout the act:
   a. Meals programs by 50 percent ($1.2 billion)
   b. SCSEP program increased by 50 percent ($660 million)
   c. Supportive services increased by 50 percent ($551 million)
   d. Health promotion and disease prevention increased by 50 percent ($32 million)
2. Meals program improvements and streamlining
3. Preventive health care through innovative models and access to primary care:
   a. Include greater collaboration with federally qualified health centers
   b. Allow states to give all preventive services funding to area agencies on aging
   c. List out the seven tested clinical preventive services and diabetes screening
4. Jobs through Seniors Helping Seniors:
   a. Increase the number of seniors placed in jobs
   b. Require that the Department of Labor and AoA complete a feasibility study in response to the administration’s suggestion that SCSEP be moved to AoA;
   c. Allow some National Caregiver Support Program dollars to be used to support family and resident councils in nursing homes
5. Update the Consumer Price Index for Elderly Americans (CPI-E):
   a. Adopt recommendations from General Accounting Office on how the CPI-E can be expanded and improved to be used in the future for the cost of living adjustmen;
6. Economic Security:
   a. Re-define “greatest economic need” to 200 percent of the federal poverty level
7. Safety and protection through ombudsman program and legal services improvements
   a. Strengthen the independence of the ombudsman program
   b. Increase funding by 25 percent
   c. Allow some National Caregiver Support Program dollars to be used to support family and resident councils in nursing homes
   d. Give states flexibility to select an agency to coordinate legal services contracts
8. Modernize Senior Centers and Community Planning for an aging population
9. Re-define “greatest social need” to include lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and HIV-positive older individuals, and persons with Alzheimer’s disease.

The Big Medicare News, So Far

Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Representative Paul Ryan (R-WI) created quite a stir (on the heels of the uproar about Ryan’s budget plan) when they floated a plan to revamp Medicare through a combined premium support (voucher) and fee-for-service program. According to the daring duo, the plan would promote competition and choice while retaining traditional Medicare as an option. The proposal would not make any changes to traditional Medicare for those who are 55 and older; for everyone else, starting in 2022, the plan would create a “Medicare exchange,” which would offer traditional Medicare along with private insurance.

One could argue that the Wyden and Ryan proposal is based on the notion that health care is better served by a “free market” system that has fewer cost controls and less regulation. They believe that this will result in better quality for lower cost. Many of us believe that Medicare already is able to hold some costs down and make doctors and hospitals accountable for the care they provide. Considering the sheer number of people joining the Medicare rolls each year, our approach should be to strengthen, not weaken, Medicare.

An interesting study published in the New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM) on January 12 found that Medicare Advantage plans were able to “select” lower risk enrollees by offering gym memberships. As Sarah Kliff pointed out in an article in The Washington Post, “Think about who signs up for a Medicare Advantage plan with a fitness club membership: As the NEJM study shows, it’s probably the senior who is active, relatively healthy, and has the ability to work out. Where this could actually become most significant isn’t necessarily in Medicare Advantage, but under a Medicare reform plan like the one that [Ryan and Wyden] proposed late last year, where seniors would get a set amount of money to shop for a Medicare plan, the government-run plan being one of their options.”

Ryan and Wyden have not drafted their plan into legislative language and do not expect to introduce it until 2013, after the 2012 elections.

More News

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) announced in December 2011 that it has established the Pledge to Protect and Strengthen the OAA. Borrowing from Grover Norquist’s anti-tax tactic, the NCOA is asking members of Congress to sign the pledge.

Implementation of the Elder Justice Act is largely on hold as the president’s request for funding has been thwarted. However, the Elder Justice Coalition will continue to fight for funding and for the creation of the Elder Justice Coordinating Council and the Advisory Board by AoA. On a positive note, AoA was recently able to fund the National Adult Protective Services Resource Center and the Resource Center on Elder Abuse. AoA also created the National Resource Center on LGBT Aging, which has been up and running for several months.

The health care reform law, known as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), is facing an uphill climb in Congress this session. As readers of this column know, the Community Living Assistance Services and Supports (CLASS) Act implementation was shelved by the Department of Health and Human Services last fall and there is a movement by congressional Republicans to repeal CLASS entirely. A bill to repeal the Independent Payment Advisory Board has been introduced and it has 218 bipartisan cosponsors. An even greater threat to the PPACA is the suit before the U.S. Supreme Court, which concerns the constitutionality of the individual mandate and the requirement that states expand Medicaid.

Looking Ahead

Aging and Alzheimer’s disease researchers, educators, and clinicians are urging the NIH to include an increase of $300 million for NIA in the FY 2013 budget. They have secured signatures from across the country for a letter supporting the increase and will use this when meeting with NIH administrators.

Finally, please keep in mind that Congress must still find $1.2 trillion in savings over the next 10 years or face sequestrations of that magnitude in January 2013.
call for award submissions

The Gerontological Society of America recognizes outstanding individuals through a host of awards. For a full description of nomination requirements and the list of past awardees, visit www.geron.org/Membership/Awards or e-mail GSA’s awards coordinator at awards@geron.org.

CAREER AWARDS
Nominations for these awards must be submitted by the first Monday in May (with the exception of the Social Gerontology Award). Self-nominations are not accepted.

**Society Wide**

**Donald P. Kent Award:** This award is given annually to a GSA member who best exemplifies the highest standards for professional leadership in gerontology through teaching, service, and interpretation of gerontology to the larger society.

**Robert W. Kleemeier Award:** This award is given annually to a GSA member in recognition for outstanding research in the field of gerontology.

**M. Powell Lawton Award:** This $2,500 award honors contributions from applied gerontological research that have benefited older people and their care.

**Maxwell A. Pollack Award for Productive Aging:** This $8,000 award recognizes instances of practice informed by research and analysis, research that directly improved policy or practice, and distinction in bridging the worlds of research and practice.

**Margret M. and Paul B. Baltes Foundation Award:** This $1,000 award acknowledges outstanding early career contributions in behavioral and social gerontology.

**Doris Schwartz Gerontological Nursing Research Award:** This $300 award is presented to a GSA member who has a record of outstanding and sustained contribution to geriatric nursing research.

**Task Force on Minority Issues in Gerontology Outstanding Mentorship Award:** This award recognizes outstanding commitment and dedication to mentoring minority researchers in the field of aging.

**Gene Cohen Creativity and Aging Research Award:** This award, given in association with the National Center on Creative Aging, recognizes a professional whose research clearly shows that creative activities, particularly arts programs, can maintain and even improve the physical, emotional, and cognitive well-being of older adults.

**Theoretical Developments in Social Gerontology Symposium and Paper Award:** Original concept papers or letters of intent on social gerontology theory are due on March 15 to the awards coordinator for consideration. The best concept papers/letters of intent will be invited to participate in the symposium, and some may be invited to submit a full paper for award consideration.

**Biological Sciences (BS) Section**

**Nathan Shock New Investigator Award:** This $1,500 award recognizes innovative and influential publications. It acknowledges outstanding contributions to new knowledge about aging through basic biological research.

**Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSS) Section**

**Distinguished Career Contribution to Gerontology Award:** This award recognizes career contributions that have articulated a novel theoretical or methodological perspective or synthesis that addresses a significant problem in the literature.

**Distinguished Mentorship in Gerontology Award:** This award is given to an individual who has fostered excellence in, and had a major impact on, the field by virtue of their mentoring, and whose inspiration is sought by students and colleagues.

**Richard Kalish Innovative Publication Award:** This award recognizes insightful and innovative publications on aging and life course development in the behavioral and social sciences in two categories: (1) The Book Category, which provides a $250 award; and (2) The Article Category, which provides a $250 award.

**Health Sciences (HS) Section**

**Joseph T. Freeman Award:** This $250 award is given for lecturership in geriatrics to a prominent physician in the field of aging, both in research and practice.

**Excellence in Rehabilitation of Aging Persons Award:** This $250 award is designed to acknowledge outstanding contributions in the field of rehabilitation of aging persons.

**PAPER AND POSTER AWARDS**

Applicants for these awards also must submit an abstract for GSA’s Annual Scientific Meeting. The deadline is March 15; visit www.geron.org/abstracts for details.

**Society Wide**

**Senior Service America Awards for Research Related to Disadvantaged Older Adults:** These awards, sponsored by Senior Service America, Inc., acknowledge outstanding applied research that advances understanding of disadvantaged older adults. There are two levels: (1) The Senior Scholar Level, which provides a $1,000 award given to a GSA member at least with five years after receiving a terminal graduate degree; and (2) The Junior Scholar Level, which provides a $500 award given to a GSA member within five years of receiving a terminal graduate degree.

**Biological Sciences (BS) Section**

**George Sacher Student Award:** This $500 award is given to the best student presentation by a GSA member from the BS Section at the Annual Scientific Meeting.

**Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSS) Section**

**Student Research Awards:** These awards are given for completed empirical studies dealing with a topic of relevance to GSA’s BSS Section. There are two levels: (1) The Dissertation Level, which provides a $1,000 award for an exemplary paper by a student member who received a doctorate no more than 18 months before the submission deadline; and (2) The Pre-Dissertation Level, which provides a $500 award for an exemplary paper by a student member who has yet to attain a doctoral degree.

**Social Research, Policy, and Practice (SRPP) Section**

**Student Research Awards:** These manuscripts must address a significant research, policy, or practice topic; be research-based, conceptual, or analytical; and contribute to the body of knowledge. There are two levels: (1) The Carroll Estes Senior Scholar, which provides $500 award for an exemplary paper by a student member who received a doctorate no more than 18 months before the submission deadline; and (2) The Elaine Brody Junior Scholar, which provides a $300 award for an exemplary paper by a student member who has yet to attain their doctoral degree.

**Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization (ESPO)**

**Interdisciplinary Paper Award:** This $250 award is given for the best interdisciplinary empirical or theoretical research paper on an aging-related topic.

**Poster Award:** ESPO offers five awards for exemplary posters.

**Douglas Holmes Award for Quality of Life/Quality of Care:** This $500 award solicits original papers that exhibit outstanding research in improving social services for the elderly.

**Task Force on Minority Issues in Gerontology Student Poster Award:** The Task Force for Minority Issues in Gerontology offers a $300 award to recognize student members of GSA for innovative and demonstrated research focusing on issues surrounding diverse racial and ethnic population groups (Blacks, Hispanic/Latinos, Asian/Pacific Islander, Native Americans).
The following awards were announced during GSA’s 64th Annual Scientific Meeting in Boston, MA. The Society salutes the outstanding researchers below for their contributions to gerontology and thanks the selection committees for their time and efforts in choosing the winners. For information on how to apply for GSA’s awards, visit www.geron.org/Membership/Awards.

**Biological Sciences Section**

**George Sacher Award**

Tyesha N. Burks, BS, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

“Losartan Restores Skeletal Muscle Remodeling and Protects Against Disuse Atrophy in Sarcopenia”

**Behavioral and Social Sciences Section**

**Student Research Award – Dissertation**

Burcu Demiray Batur, PhD, University of Zurich

“Time Since Birth and Time Left to Live: Future Time Perspective and Psychological Well-Being in Young Adulthood and Midlife.”

**Student Research Award – Pre-Dissertation**

Hunhui Oh, MSW, MA, University of Florida

“Social Support Network Changes and Their Role in Adaptation and Mental Health Among Korean Elderly Immigrants”

**Health Sciences Section**

**Research Award**

Marcela Davalos-Bichara, MS-IV, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

“Vestibular Dysfunction and Gait Speed in Older Individuals”

**Person-In-Training Award**

Lisa Reider, MHS, University of Maryland, Baltimore

“The Association Between Body Mass Index, Weight Loss and Physical Function in the Year Following a Hip Fracture”

Yu Taniguchi, MHS, Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Gerontology


**Social Research, Policy, and Practice Section**

**Carroll L. Estes Award – Senior Scholar**

Kali S. Thomas, PhD, MA, Brown University

“Patient Safety Culture and the Association with Safe Resident Care in Nursing Homes”

**Carroll L. Estes Award – Honorable Mention**

Alexis Coulourides Kogan, BS, University of Southern California

“To Refer or Not to Refer: Looking Beyond Physician Demographics to Identify Factors that Influence Patient Referrals to End-of-Life Care”

**Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization Interdisciplinary Paper Award**

David Anthony Bann, BSc, University College London

“Is Prenatal Growth Associated with Body Composition in Later Life? Findings from a British Birth Cohort Study”

**Poster Award**

Shoshana Bardach, MA, University of Kentucky

“The Relationship Between Colorectal Cancer Screening Adherence and Knowledge Among Vulnerable Rural Residents of Appalachian Kentucky”

Xin Zhang, MPhil, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

“Perspective Taking in Older Age: A Motivational Perspective”

Maricruz Rivera-Hernandez, MEn, ABD, Miami University

“Uses of Health Care Services among Older Adults That Have Been Diagnosed with Cancer in Mexico”

Kate C. Prickett, MPAff, The University of Texas at Austin

“Contextualizing Elderly Mexican American Living Arrangements: The New Old Age and the Constraints of Culture”

Eunhee Choi, MSW, University of Pittsburgh

“Do Older Workers Enjoy Working in Old Age? Individual and Occupational Factors Affecting Work Enjoyment”

**Task Force on Minority Issues in Gerontology Student Paper Award**

Marguerite Riparetti-Brown, BS, University of Southern California

“Prevalence and Risk Factors of Elder Abuse among Low Income Latinos”

**Elaine M. Brody Award – Junior Scholar**

Heejung Jang, BA, Washington University in St. Louis

“Volunteerism among Older Adult Immigrants in the United States”

**Task Force on Minority Issues in Gerontology Student Poster Award**

Kate C. Prickett, MPAff, The University of Texas at Austin (See photo above)

“Contextualizing Elderly Mexican American Living Arrangements: The New Old Age and the Constraints of Culture”

Douglas Holmes Award for Quality of Life/Quality of Care

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Are you considering submitting an abstract for a poster, paper or symposia presentation for the 2012 Annual Scientific Meeting in San Diego? Abstracts are now being accepted and it is time to plan and submit your work for this year’s conference, “Charting New Frontiers in Aging.” Attending and presenting at GSA provides many opportunities for students. Conference presentations allow students to interact and network with peers and other interested scientists. Not only is GSA a great opportunity to present research and network, but GSA and the various groups and sections within the Society offer numerous awards designed specifically for student and postdoctoral members. As the deadline for abstract submission neares, we have provided some helpful information in this issue for students preparing abstracts for the 2012 GSA meeting, as well as additional information regarding student and postdoctoral awards.

**Submitting your Abstract**

1. Read the Call for Abstracts brochure posted www.geron.org/abstracts for information you need to correctly format and submit your abstract.
2. Discuss your plan for your abstract with your mentor and plan ahead to allow enough time to have your colleagues and mentors read your work.
3. Submit your abstract on the GSA website by **March 15.**

**Student and Postdoctoral Awards**

When you submit your abstract, check the submission form for any opportunities to have your work considered for an award. There are many opportunities for students to submit their work for awards, and the awards listed below are specifically for student and postdoctoral researchers. The deadline for most of the awards is the last Monday in September, but the specific eligibility criteria may vary by award. More specific information for these awards and any additional awards is listed at www.geron.org/Membership/Awards.

**ESPO Awards**

The Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization (ESPO) offers an **Interdisciplinary Paper Award**, along with $250, for the best interdisciplinary research paper written by a GSA student member on any aging-related topic. ESPO also offers five **Poster Awards** to student members.

In collaboration with its RESQCARE Interest Group, GSA offers the **Douglas Holmes Award for Quality of Life/Quality of Care**, which includes a $500 cash prize, to the researcher with the best paper focusing on the improvement of long-term care. The Task Force for Minority Issues in Gerontology offers Paper and Poster Awards to recognize student members of GSA for innovative research focusing on issues surrounding diverse racial and ethnic population groups.

**BS, HS, BSS, and SRPP Section Awards**

The Biological Sciences (BS) Section offers the **The George Sacher Student Award** to the best student paper or poster contribution at the annual meeting, and the award includes a $500 cash prize.

The BS and Health Sciences (HS) Sections offer **The Austin Bloch Postdoctoral Fellow Award** to an outstanding paper or poster contribution by a postdoctoral fellow in biomedical sciences. The award consists of a certificate and a cash prize of $400.

The Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSS) Section presents both a **Pre-Dissertation and Dissertation Level Student Paper Award**. The pre-dissertation award winner receives a $500 cash prize and the dissertation level award winner receives a $1,000 cash prize. Both winners receive a copy of “The Handbook of Aging” and a one-year GSA membership.

The **$500 Person-in-Training Award** is given to a student of the HS section for the best student presentation at the annual meeting.

The **HS Research Award**, designed to encourage postdoctoral research, is given to a new investigator in the HS Section and includes a $1,000 prize.

The Elaine M. Brody Award, which carries a prize of $300, is offered by the Social Research, Policy, and Practice (SRPP) Section to a student enrolled in a master's level program in recognition of excellence in research as reflected in an outstanding paper.

**The Carroll L. Estes Award** is offered by the SRPP section to graduate students enrolled in doctoral programs in recognition of excellent research in an outstanding paper and includes a prize of $500.

**Presenting at GSA** is truly an enriching experience, and it provides students the opportunity to develop research and presentation skills as they work towards becoming scholars in the field of gerontology. The culture of GSA is very supportive and encourages student and postdoctoral participation, and the various awards offered by GSA sections and groups are meant to help foster the growth of ESPO members. Good luck in your abstract submission, and remember to submit by March 15!

Special thanks are given to Allison Lindauer for her contribution to this column.
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Report Examines Women's Retirement Planning
Women typically live longer and, therefore, face unique risks in retirement including aging single, lower annual retirement incomes, and greater healthcare costs and caregiving responsibilities. “The MetLife Study of Women, Retirement, and the Extra-Long Life: Implications for Planning,” a new report from the MetLife Mature Market Institute and the Scripps Gerontology Center, finds that women have done less to plan for adequately addressing these concerns, leading to a significant gap between women's retirement income security needs and their response to them. The report suggests that women do a better job of getting serious about retirement planning, but policy implications are also important to consider given the distinctive experiences of women. To view this publication, visit www.metlife.com/assets/cao/mmi/publications/studies/2011/mmi-women-retirement-extra-long-life.pdf.

Scorecard Tracks Long-Term Services Across States
“The State Long-Term Services and Supports Scorecard” examines state performance across four key dimensions of LTSS system performance: affordability and access; choice of setting and provider; quality of life and quality of care; and support for family caregivers. This report from AARP, The Commonwealth Fund, and The SCAN Foundation finds generally that states with the highest level of performance have enacted public policies designed to improve access to services and choices in their delivery, establish a single point of system entry, and improve support for family caregivers. To access this report, visit assets.aarp.org/rgcenter/ppi/ltc/ltss_scorecard.pdf.

PHI Provides Comprehensive Picture of America’s Home Care Workforce
PHI has published a new in-depth analysis of the home care workforce. The 2.5 million home care and personal assistance aides who provide long-term services and supports to elders and people living with disabilities make up the largest and fastest-growing workforce in the nation. The report, “Caring in America — A Comprehensive Analysis of the Nation’s Fastest-Growing Jobs: Home Health and Personal Care Aides,” presents a complete picture of the home care workforce in nine footnoted sections, with various tables, charts, and graphs. The report concludes that in spite of being the nation's most high-demand occupation, the home care and personal assistance workforce is confronted with poor wages, inconsistent training requirements, inadequate health care coverage, high injury rates, unpredictable hours, and reliance on public benefits. To access this report, visitphinational.org/policy/guideto-americas-home-care-workforce.

Training Series Focuses On Generational Diversity, Sensitivity
The Center for Aging with Dignity at the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing has released a free generational diversity and sensitivity training series online at www.lookcloserseeme.org. This five-part series is designed to help health care professionals, social service workers, and others who interact with the older population to become more generationally sensitive.

AMDA Joins CDC for Get Smart About Antibiotics Week
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently partnered with AMDA (formerly the American Medical Directors Association) and several other groups for Get Smart About Antibiotics Week, which was held from November 14 to 20, 2011. This event was designed to create a broad public awareness of the appropriate use of antibiotics across care settings. As part of Get Smart About Antibiotics Week, the CDC published a wide array of special information, including when antibiotics work, antibiotic questions and answers, and antibiotic “fast facts.” These resources are available at www.cdc.gov/getsmart/. Additionally, the Get Smart campaign page includes print materials such as brochures and posters, treatment guidelines for upper respiratory tract infections, and radio and TV materials. They can be accessed at www.cdc.gov/getsmart/campaign-materials/index.html.

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of Nursing; and William Schaffner, MD, of the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. GSA member Stefan Gravenstein, MD, MPH, of the Alpert Medical School of Brown University will serve as the program director.

This multi-year project will result in two GSA publications; a National Adult Immunization Scientific Summit in April with a follow-up white paper and symposia at the 2012 GSA Annual Scientific Meeting in San Diego; and a 2013 invitational conference for states who are successfully improving their adult immunization rates to share their promising practices with other states interested in creating programs.

During the entire course of the Charting New Frontiers in Immunizations Across the Aging Continuum campaign, GSA expects to establish links and access to key immunization experts and existing relevant initiatives; diffuse the promising practices from all existing initiatives focused on improving immunization rates in relevant states with best practices; implement a broad tactical mix of solutions that promote the economic impact, health, lifestyle, and productivity benefits of adult immunizations; and establish a new evidence-based paradigm for adult immunization rates that focuses on aligning incentives and performance metrics.

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The National Institutes of Health Pain Consortium is seeking accredited medical, dental, nursing, and/or pharmacy professional schools to create Centers of Excellence in Pain Education (CoEPEs). These centers will develop pain management curriculum resources for health care professionals that will advance the assessment, diagnosis, and safe treatment of pain. CoEPEs will act as hubs for the creation, development, evaluation, integration, promotion, and distribution of pain management curriculum resources, as well as be leaders for change in the pain management education of health professionals nationwide. Each CoEPE will develop and promote high-quality, scientifically reviewed and evaluated educational resources for the teaching of pain management. They will be expected to market its own resources as well as other resources developed through this initiative. Collaborations among schools within institutions as well as between different institutions are encouraged, as are interdisciplinary curriculum resources that promote teamwork among medical, dental, nursing, and/or pharmacy professionals. Proposals are due by March 5. To access the full request for proposals, visit www.altarum.org/project-highlights-pain-education.

Grant Provides Support for Social Network Analysis
A new funding opportunity announcement of the National Institutes of Health encourages research that aims to accomplish one or more specific goals: to generate new theories that would enhance the capabilities and value of social network analysis; to address fundamental questions about social interactions and processes in social networks; to address fundamental questions about social networks in relation to health and health-related behaviors; to develop innovative methodologies and technologies to facilitate, improve, and expand the capabilities of social network analysis. The deadline for applications is May 11. Additional details may be found at grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-10-145.html.

New NIA Grant Sets Sights on Senior Asthma
The National Institute on Aging (NIA) is seeking grant applications that propose to study the pathophysiology, epidemiology, diagnosis, and/or management of asthma in older adults, with the intention of stimulating research to address knowledge gaps and research opportunities in asthma in later life. Much of what is known about asthma in adults is based on studies in younger adult populations; however, the mechanisms underlying asthma in some older adults may differ, which may impact on diagnostic, treatment, and prevention strategies. The deadline for applications is September 7, 2013. Visit grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-264.html for further details.

Funds Aim To Advance Women’s Health Research
A new grant from the National Institutes of Health’s Office of Research on Women’s Health (ORWH) aims to promote innovative, interdisciplinary research that will advance new concepts in women’s health research and the study of sex/gender differences. Recent research reports have established the importance of studying issues specific to women, including the scientific and clinical importance of analyzing data separately for females and males. ORWH is particularly interested in encouraging extramural investigators to undertake new interdisciplinary research to advance studies on how sex and gender factors affect women’s health; however, applications in all areas of women’s health and/or sex/gender research are invited. The deadline for new applications is October 16. Please visit grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAS-10-226.html for additional details.

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multidisciplinary effort that creates a two-way loop between basic science laboratory studies and clinical research. It allows valuable knowledge from the laboratory to be applied to potential new tests or interventions in clinical trials, and findings from clinical trials to be taken back to the lab and investigated in basic science studies to refine the nature of future clinical trials. Translational research also serves as a crucial means for collaboration among scientists who focus on understanding the cellular, molecular, and pathologic dimensions of disease, and clinicians who focus on treating people.

GSA members can read these new articles by logging in at www.geron.org/Publications. (In 2011, GSA began granting members electronic access to all of its journals, regardless of which print subscriptions they have.) Additionally, one study in each Translational Articles section will be featured in the online Editor’s Choice series, which showcases new and interesting research in the field of aging through articles that are free to the general public. The Gerontologist and the Journals of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences also offer Editor’s Choice entries for each issue on their respective websites.

Individuals may also register to receive customized alerts from all of GSA’s journals, including electronic tables of contents, plus advance access, CiteTrack citation, and keyword alerts. These and other updates are a free service of Oxford Journals’ My Account. Visit www.oxfordjournals.org/register to sign up.

The addition of the Translational Articles section to the Journals of Gerontology Series A follows some recent changes to one of its sister publications. In 2011, The Gerontologist launched an International Spotlight section, re-instated the tradition of publishing some of GSA’s award-winning lectures, and separated and expanded the Practice Concepts and Policy Analysis sections.

The most recent edition of Journal Citations Reports: Social Sciences Edition ranked the Journals of Gerontology Series A as the number one periodical in the Gerontology category based on its impact factor for the past two years.
Baby Boomers Again Influence South African Property Market
As reported in Business Day, a South African news source, baby boomers are having an impact on the housing market in that country for the third time. The first time was post-World War II, when boomers’ parents were buying homes; the second wave was in the 1980s, when many of the boomers were buying their own homes; and now, boomers are helping their own children buy homes. Due to the difficulty of obtaining mortgage loans and acquiring the necessary down payments, boomers are assisting their children in the purchase of a home.

Canada’s Aging Inmates Straining Prison System
According to the Lethbridge Herald, Canada’s aging prison population needs attention. The prison system is increasingly handling aged inmates; however, the prisons are not equipped to properly handle older adults and the health issues often associated with aging, such as heart and respiratory problems, dementia, declines in mobility, vision, and hearing. Due to these conditions, older adults are in need of the prison healthcare services more often than the remaining prison population.

Technology Advances May Lead to Isolation for Older People
A recent article in The Telegraph described how older people in the U.K. are having difficulty obtaining information about public services and pension payments due to the lack of technology access among this demographic segment. Additionally, telehealth systems and ordering groceries online rather than receiving Meals on Wheels are contributing to the decline of person-to-person interaction among older adults.

U.K. Sees Increase in Dementia Patients’ Emergency Admissions
The Telegraph has reported that 25 percent of hospital beds in the U.K. are occupied by dementia patients. Emergency admissions of those suffering from dementia have increased 12 percent, while subsequently increasing costs. In addition, a recent report has found that doctors are failing to diagnose dementia patients when they are admitted, leading to the lack of specialized care that is available for these individuals once they are released. New strategies to improve the care for dementia patients under a reformed health service, the Health and Social Care Bill, are being recommended.

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York College Nursing Program To Add Geriatric Content
The Donald and Dorothy Stabler Nursing Program at York College in Pennsylvania has received a $600,000 federal grant from the Health Services Resource Administration to include additional geriatric content in the adult nurse practitioner track in the master’s of nursing program. A geriatric nurse practitioner will join the faculty, and a consultant will be hired to evaluate curriculum changes.

Wayne State Prepares Conference on Creative Expression
Wayne State University’s Institute of Gerontology is celebrating its 13th Art of Aging Successfully conference on March 22. Each year hundreds of seniors attend the art displays and breakout sessions, and all attendees receive a creative expressions booklet that contains older adults’ prose, poetry, and memoirs. There are workshops that display pieces of art and crafts, such as weaving, glassblowing, paintings, and jewelry. The Art of Aging Successfully promotes creative expression as a way to communicate all older adults’ life experiences. More information is available at www.iog.wayne.edu/artofaging.php.

College of the Canyons Launches Certificate Program
Valencia’s College of the Canyons in California is offering a new semester-long pilot program designed to train students to help older individuals cope with chronic medical conditions, remain healthy as they age, prevent falls, improve nutrition, reduce stress, and many learn many other important skills useful for aging professionals. Students who complete the program will receive a certificate in Skills for Healthy Aging Resources and Programs. The new program is also planned for Santa Barbara City College.

Miami University Partnership Measures Art Program’s Effectiveness
The Scripps Gerontology Center at Miami University has teamed up with the Cedar Village Retirement Community to measure the effectiveness of a new arts therapy program using music, visual arts, and writing to help enhance the lives of dementia patients. The program was funded by a donation from David and Nancy Wolf, and the CEO-president of Cedar Village has indicated that residents have been engaged in the art therapy program.

Bowling Green State University Offers Gerontology Master’s Degree
In early October, the Faculty Senate at Bowling Green State University approved the creation of a Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Gerontology degree.

Concordia University Begins Two Master’s Programs
Concordia University in Nebraska now offers two new online graduate degree programs, one in public health one in and human services. The public health degree provides students with knowledge and skills in biostatistics, epidemiology, environmental health, research, and health policy management. Students may specialize in community health education or health policy and administration. The human services program is designed to address the service demands of the rapidly growing older adult population. This program will offer courses in aging studies, lifespand development, ethics, and intercultural communication. Three specializations are offered for those pursuing the human services degree. Students can specialize in gerontology, human services leadership and management, and community and public health, or they can combine courses from these specializations for a more broad-based expertise.

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