Varied Workshops Slated for November; Online Registration Approaching

GSAs meetings department has announced the list of pre-conference workshops taking place during its November conference in San Francisco (see below). Signing up in advance is strongly suggested. On-site registration for these sessions will be on a first-come/first-served basis. All workshops are scheduled for Friday, November 16th and the fees are non-refundable. Please refer to www.agingconference.com for pricing and schedules.

2007 Pre-Conference Workshops
- Advancing Interdisciplinary Mentoring in Research
- Aging and HIV Infection: A Synthesis of Gerontology and Infectious Disease
- Designing and Testing Interventions
- How to Publish
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- Scholarly and Practical Insights into the Findings and Challenges of Assisted Living Research
- Survival Guide to Clinical Research: Using Existing Data
- The Tenure Waltz: Aligning Research, Service and Teaching

We Need Your Feedback!
GSA is conducting a survey about Gerontology News. Visit www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?p=WEB226NEA6BYHV to participate. Respondents will have a chance to win a $25 amazon.com gift certificate!

Meet the New GSA Officers
See pages 6-7 for complete election results!

Fellows Mentor Program Launched
Attention: Post Docs and Junior Faculty

A message from Keith Whitfield, chair of the GSA Fellowship Committee

Ever want to find out about how those at the top of our discipline made it? Ever want to know where their great ideas came from? Ever want to know how things change as your career matures? Ever want to bounce your ideas off someone with a different point of view? Ever wonder how senior faculty balance family and career?

The GSA Fellows are the keepers of much information that is vital for the development of junior scholars but a connection between senior and junior GSA members is not always an easy thing to accomplish. To this end, the GSA Fellowship Committee is initiating a new Mentor Program. This will be its inaugural year.

To learn more about and apply for the program, go to http://www.geron.org/FellowsMentorApp.doc. If you would like to be part of this new initiative, complete the form and attach your curriculum vitae. We will match applicants to GSA mentors (dependent on available mentors and specific career interest areas).

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The National Academy on an Aging Society (www.agingsoociety.org), under the direction of Greg O’Neill, is GSA’s public policy institute. The Academy conducts research on issues related to population aging and publishes the quarterly Public Policy & Aging Report (PPAR). O’Neill also directs GSA’s Civic Engagement in an Older America project, an initiative funded by The Atlantic Philanthropies to promote the study of civic engagement by experts in the field of aging. One of the project’s first activities was to convene a series of forums and focus groups across the country — in conjunction with the 2005 White House Conference on Aging — to learn more about current civic engagement initiatives, existing barriers, and to determine potential solutions for enhancing and expanding volunteer opportunities for older adults. O’Neill’s recent publications include The State of Aging and Health in America, a national and state-by-state report card on healthy aging. A native of Toronto, he received his PhD in Sociology (1998) with a concentration in Population Studies from Duke University.

Ellyn Emsley joined the Academy three months ago as its program assistant. She is originally from Rochester, MI and graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor’s degree in communication studies. She works with O’Neill on PPAR, the civic engagement and public policy e-newsletters, the Academy’s website, and numerous other ventures.

Help Us Celebrate!
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Fellows Mentor Program Continued
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Once we have determined suitable “matches,” your name and contact information will be sent to the mentors. We will also share the mentors’ information with you so that you can begin a dialogue prior to the GSA annual meeting. During the November meeting in San Francisco, we will hold a breakfast meeting for the Fellows Mentor Program. Using a small round table discussion format, mentors and mentees will have the opportunity to meet and discuss ideas and interests.

Don’t miss your opportunity to learn more from our discipline’s most valuable resource, our senior faculty.
**Mahoney Earns Prestigious Flynn Prize**

Kevin J. Mahoney of Boston College has been awarded the 2007 Flynn Prize for Social Work Research, which recognizes interdisciplinary research and scholarship that is distinguished by its rigor and creativity, focuses on severe and persistent problems of society, and has societal impact. University of Southern California Dean Marilyn Flynn established the award to recognize scholars whose interdisciplinary studies have significantly shaped modern social policy. Mahoney is the Director of Boston College’s Center for the Study of Home and Community Life in the Graduate School of Social Work. He also serves as the national program director for Cash & Counseling, a national program sponsored by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation in the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and the Administration on Aging.

**Bourgeois Honored for Work with Memory Aids**

Michelle Bourgeois of Florida State University has been named recipient of the prestigious 2007 Barry Reisberg Award for Non-Pharmacologic Research, Theory, and Clinical Practice. The distinction honors an accomplished clinician and researcher for distinguished contributions to the field on non-pharmacologic Alzheimer’s disease treatment and care. A book about her research, *Memory Books and Other Graphic Cuing Systems*, will be available shortly from Health Professions Press.

**Quandt Wins Researcher of the Year Award**

Sara Quandt, a professor of public health sciences at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, has been named this year’s “Outstanding Researcher” by the National Rural Health Association. The organization annually recognizes rural health leaders “whose dedication and commitment exemplify the highest standards of care and service in health.” The winners were nominated by and selected from their peers around the country. Quandt has directed a program of research on the nutrition and health self-management of rural older adults for the past two decades. She is considered a national and international leader in research to address the occupational and environmental health of immigrant workers in rural communities.

**In Memoriam**

GSA Fellow Janet Sainer passed away on June 3rd at the age of 88. She had previously served as chair of the Society’s Social Research, Policy and Practice Section in 1977 and treasurer from 1982-1987.

Sainer was most well-known as New York City’s commissioner of its Department for the Aging between 1978 and 1990, as well as founding the city’s Alzheimer’s Resource Center, the first municipal Alzheimer’s center in the nation. She also created the pilot for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), a national organization that deploys older volunteers as teachers, builders, and relief workers. In 2005, RSVP participants logged more than 60 million volunteer hours. The program grew out of Sainer’s work using senior citizens as volunteers during the 1960s, when she was a social worker at the Community Service Society of New York. She received a presidential citation for her work on RSVP.

For the past 16 years, Sainer worked as a consultant to the Brookdale Foundation, where she focused on programs to help relatives act as surrogate parents.

**Members in the News**

Debra Street, Jill Quadagno, and Anne Barrett were recently mentioned in *Provider* magazine for their *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* article on “The Salience of Social Relationships for Resident Well-Being in Assisted Living.” Their research found that positive social interactions appear to be the greatest indicator of an assisted living resident’s well-being, life satisfaction, and quality of life.
Publication Details Strategies for Heat Emergencies

Extreme heat events can increase the number of deaths and nonfatal outcomes in vulnerable populations, including older adults, the very young, the homeless and persons with cognitive and physical impairments. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has worked with federal, state, local, and academic partners to develop guidance to assist communities in preparing for and responding to excessive heat events. As a culmination of this work, the EPA has released a new “The Excessive Heat Events Guidebook.” The publication provides information to local health and public safety officials with information they need to develop criteria to forecast extreme heat events and extreme heat event notification and response actions. A copy of the guidebook and the “Guidebook in Brief” are available at: http://epa.gov/aging/resources/epareports.htm#ehe_hw.

Booklet Outlines Alternative Medicine Options for Cancer Patients

To address the needs of cancer patients seeking Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) information, the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) have developed a publication to guide a patient’s process in seeking CAM resources. “Thinking About Complementary and Alternative Medicine” features basic descriptions of CAM modalities, guidance for evaluating CAM information, a list of reliable CAM resources, tips for talking with traditional healthcare providers about CAM, and suggestions for finding certified CAM providers. Free copies of this book are available in print from NCI’s Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER or online at http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/thinking-about-CAM.

Study Finds Volunteering Generates Health Benefits

A new report from the Corporation for National and Community Service shows that older Americans who volunteer receive significant health benefits for their charitable efforts, including added years to their lives. ”The Health Benefits of Volunteering: A Review of Recent Research” compiles compelling findings from more than 30 scientific studies that examined the relationship between health and volunteering, with particular emphasis on studies that seek to determine the causal connection between the two factors. The studies, which were controlled for other factors, found that volunteering leads to improved physical and mental health. To read the 17-page report, visit http://www.nationalservice.gov/pdf/07_0506_hbr.pdf.

Database Compiles AD Data

The Alzheimer’s Disease Neuroimaging Initiative (ADNI) is a 5-year public-private partnership to test whether serial magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), positron emission tomography (PET), other biological markers, and clinical and neuropsychological assessment can be combined to measure the progression of mild cognitive impairment and early Alzheimer’s disease. Researchers need to complete an online application in order to access the database. More information is available here: http://www.loni.ucla.edu/ADNI/.

NIH Publishes HRS Materials

In June, the National Institute on Aging released “Growing Older in America: The Health & Retirement Study,” a book which offers a snapshot of research findings based on analyses of the study’s data. A copy of this report can be found online at http://www.agingsoociety.org/agingsoociety/links/hrf.pdf.

NAAS Site Debuts ‘Hot Topics’ Page

The National Academy on an Aging Society has added an online resource section to its website. This new “hot topics” page features links to information on subjects such as ageism, anti-aging, the aging brain, baby boomers, geriatric and long-term care, global aging, healthy aging, housing options for seniors, minority aging, older workers, and social security. Visit http://www.agingsoociety.org/agingsoociety/links/index.html to see these items.

Journal Furthers Civic Engagement Discussion

What does civic engagement mean? Why does it matter now? And what are the implications of a civically engaged older population for older people themselves, for those who work with them and their families, and for the larger community? The latest issue of Generations, the American Society on Aging’s quarterly journal, brings the topic of civic engagement into sharper focus. The guest editors are two of the most respected voices on the topic: Nancy Morrow-Howell from Washington University and Marc Freedman, founder and CEO of Civic Ventures. To read more or purchase a copy, visit http://www.generationsjournal.org/generations/gen30-4/toc.cfm.

Correction

The article “Promotion Programs Hold Promise of Saving Medicare Money” in the New Resources section of June’s issue of Gerontology News contained an expired link. The full press release on the topic can be viewed here: http://www.medstat.com/News/view/?id=750.
New Graphic Maps Civic Engagement Network

National Academy on an Aging Society Director Greg O’Neill has designed an interactive diagram that portrays a visual representation of an emerging network known as "The Civic Enterprise." The image contains links to the growing number of organizations — in the private, public, and nonprofit sectors — that are working with the business, media, and philanthropic communities to define a new vision of aging that focuses on the older adult population as an untapped asset. This endeavor is part of GSA’s Civic Engagement in an Older America Project.

The online version of this graphic can be found at www.civicengagement.org.

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"Cognitive Interventions and Aging"
A special issue of The Journal of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences

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NIH Set To Examine Peer Review
National Institutes of Health (NIH) Director Elias A. Zerhouni has announced the formation of two working groups — one external, the other internal — to examine the NIH peer review process, with the goal of maximizing its effectiveness. Over the last 60 years, the peer review process has been examined several times with the goal of making sure peer review identifies the best possible scientific research for NIH to fund. The two new NIH working groups will seek input from the scientific community, including investigators, scientific societies, grantee institutions, voluntary health organizations, and from within NIH as well. The groups will study the context, criteria, and culture of peer review to make sure the most talented individuals and reviewers are engaged in the process.

Hartford Foundation Solicits New Doctoral Fellows
The Hartford Doctoral Fellows Program is funded by the John A. Hartford Foundation and administered by The Gerontological Society of America. It is a component of the nationwide Geriatric Social Work Initiative, which seeks to expand the training of social workers who can improve the health and well-being of older persons and their families. The grant is intended to enhance quality research and professional development, supplement academic career guidance, and build upon peer networking opportunities through various institutes and meetings. Two-year grants of $25,000 per year will be provided to those awarded. For more information, visit www.gswi.org. Applications are due August 1, 2007.

Federal Monies Earmarked for Women’s Retirement Resources
The U.S. Administration on Aging (AoA) plans to award one cooperative agreement to support a National Resource Center on Women and Retirement Planning. The federal share will be up to $248,376 per year, for a project period up to three (3) years, contingent upon the availability of federal funds. Through the Center, the grantee will partner with the AoA to assist the National Network on Aging to implement objectives in support of “Choices for Independence,” the 2006 Amendments to the Older Americans Act. The deadline date for receipt of applications is July 25, 2007. Visit http://www.aoa.gov/doingbus/fundopp/fundopp.asp for further details.

RWJF Seeks Physician Faculty Scholars
The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Physician Faculty Scholars program is designed to strengthen the leadership and academic productivity of junior medical school faculty dedicated to improving health and health care. In 2008 the Foundation will make up to 15 awards of up to $300,000 each over three years to help young physicians develop their careers in academic medicine. Applications, which can be found at http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/efp.jsp?ID=19860, are due by August 31, 2007.

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The Gerontological Society of America Announces 2007 Hartford Pre-Dissertation Award Winners

The Gerontological Society of America is pleased to introduce the twenty recipients of the 2007 Hartford Doctoral Fellows Pre-Dissertation Award. With funding from the John A. Hartford Foundation, the program provides this cohort with the opportunities for successful careers in gerontological social work.

The awards are administered by The Gerontological Society of America and co-sponsored by the Association for Gerontological Education and Social Work (AGE-SW). The program is overseen by National Hartford Doctoral Fellows Director James Lubben of Boston College and Carmen Morano of Hunter College.

Each awardee will be given stipends to attend both GSA’s November 2007 Annual Scientific Meeting in San Francisco, CA and The Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) January 2008 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. There they will attend workshops designed to develop their research skills.

The recipients are listed below:

- **Gail Adorno**  
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- **Charissa Eaton**  
  University of Minnesota  
  School of Social Work

- **Kathryn Frahm**  
  University of Central Florida  
  School of Social Work

- **Ellen Frank**  
  University of Chicago  
  School of Social Service Administration

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The Professional Portfolio

In addition to maintaining an up-to-date resume or curriculum vitae (CV), young scholars and professionals should consider developing a professional portfolio. This is a visual representation of your accomplishments, skills, and experience. Taking your portfolio with you on interviews allows potential employers to see some additional information about you that you may not be able to convey in your resume or CV. It also provides you with an opportunity to present items that you have developed such as a copy of a conference presentation. The University of Wisconsin-River Falls has recommended that the following items be included in your portfolio:

- Title Page
- Table of Contents
- Resume
- Letters of Recommendation
- Education & Training
- Skill & Experience Sections
- Achievements & Awards
- Personal Statements
- Captions or Reflective Statements

In addition to these items some other items that can go in your portfolio include:

- Philosophy Statement
- Professional Goal Statement
- Values Statements
- Transcripts
- Proposals
- Research Projects
- Samples of Work Experiences
- Internship Experiences & Projects
- Evidence of Community Involvement
- Professional Organization Involvement
- Campus Involvement
- Certificates & Awards
- Professional Growth Activities
- Evidence that You Are a Life-Long Learner
- Class Assignments or Projects

Depending on your specific field and your career goals some additional items should be included, such as specific certifications. Portfolios can also be in an electronic format. For more information access the following website: www.uwrf.edu/ccs/assets/documents/handouts/Professional_Portfolio_Development.pdf

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For position description and requirements, please visit www.wright.edu/hr/job.

Salary will be commensurate with the successful candidate’s qualifications and professional experience and joint medical school/VAMC standards. Applicants should submit their curriculum vitae and names of three references to: Larry Lawhorne, M.D., Chair, Department of Geriatrics, WSU Boonshoft School of Medicine, P.O. Box 927, Dayton, OH 45401-0927. Review of applications will begin July 30, 2007 and continue until the position is filled. WSU and the VAMC are AA/EO employers and promote diversity in their workforce.

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