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Reserve Your Annual Meeting Exhibit Space Today!
GSA is now accepting reservations for exhibit booths at this November’s Annual Scientific Meeting. Please visit www.agingconference.com and click "Exhibits" for complete details. All space will be located at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, MD.

Transitional Membership Available for Recent Graduates
GSA is continuing to offer a transitional category of membership for recent graduates. Anyone who has previously been a part of the Society’s Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization is eligible to receive a reduced annual membership fee of $90 as they transition into full-time gerontology careers. This rate is available for two years. When renewing your membership, please check the "Transitional Student" box.

Varied Workshops Slated for November; Online Registration Approaching

GSA has finalized the list of pre-conference workshops for the 2008 Annual Scientific Meeting (see below). Participants are encouraged to sign up in advance, because on-site registration for these sessions — all scheduled for Friday, November 21 — will be on a first-come/first-served basis. Please refer to www.agingconference.com for fees (which are non-refundable) and times.

During August, GSA members will find several other important meeting updates on the website. Registration will go live by the end of the month. At the same time, the 2008 Preliminary Program will be posted online. Hotel arrangements can already be made electronically. Stay tuned to Gerontology News and GSA Announcements for the latest developments about the meeting — the theme of which is “Resilience in an Aging Society: Risks and Opportunities.”

2008 Pre-Conference Workshops

- Designing and Testing Interventions (Organizer: Susan L. Hughes, DSW)
- Evaluating Geriatrics Education with Multiple Stakeholders: Using Logic and Intuition to Link Secondary and Tertiary Outcomes (Organizer: LaWanda Crawl, MPA)
- Translating Evidence-based Dementia Caregiver Interventions to Social Service Agencies (Organizer: Louis D. Burgio, PhD)
- Analysis of Daily Diary Data using Multilevel Modeling (Organizer: Shevaun D. Neupert, PhD)
- Using MEPS Data in Gerontological Health Services Research (Organizer: Jeffrey Rhoades, PhD)
- Women’s Health and Retirement Security: How Far Have We Come and Where Do We Need to Go? (Organizer: Pamela Herd, PhD)
- Recruitment for Minority Aging Research/An NIA Translational Conference to Promote the National Research Council’s Recommendations for Minority Aging Research (Organizer: Janet C. Frank, DrPH)
- How to Publish (Organizers: GSA Journal Editors)

Conference To Weave DC-Themed Events from Start to Finish

From an opening session with America’s premiere political satire group to a grand finale in the halls of Congress, this year’s Annual Scientific Meeting will offer attendees the chance to share the latest aging research in the midst of our nation’s capital — just two weeks after an historic presidential election. This rare confluence of events has allowed the Program Committee to craft a schedule unlike any previous conference.

From November 21-25, GSA and its guests will be hosted by the Gaylord National Resort Hotel & Convention Center in National Harbor, MD. (This location is not to be confused with the Inner Harbor in Baltimore, MD.) The Gaylord — a brand-new waterfront property located across the Potomac River from downtown Washington, DC — is a facility set in the heart of National Harbor’s top-tier restaurants, retail shops, live entertainment, and world-class recreation. GSA has negotiated an excellent hotel rate that includes free wireless Internet access and health club privileges. As always, the most current information on the meeting can be found at www.agingconference.com.

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From The Executive Director

Ready, Set, Go!
Destination: DC

By Interim Executive Director Linda Harootyan, MSW

The first thing I’d like to address in this month’s column is the location of our 2008 Annual Scientific Meeting. National Harbor, MD — not to be confused with the Inner Harbor in Baltimore, MD — is a newly constructed waterfront development next to Washington, DC, on the shores of the Potomac River. Its anchor property is the Gaylord National Resort Hotel & Convention Center, where GSA’s conference activities will take place. I have personally visited the site and assure you it is spectacular! With 470,000 square feet of meeting space, the Gaylord is the largest combined hotel and convention center on the East Coast. The closest airport, Ronald Reagan Washington National (DCA), is less than 15 minutes away.

I know that many of you are starting to think about your travel plans. So you can make your arrangements accordingly, I want to share the exciting activities scheduled for both the beginning and end of the conference. The first day, Friday, November 21, starts with eight pre-conference workshops. (See page 1 for more details.) That night’s opening session will feature a performance by the nationally-renowned Capitol Steps, a wonderfully funny political satire group comprised largely of former congressional staffers.

On Monday, November 24, the Humanities and Arts Committee has organized a special half-day trip to the Washington National Cathedral for a program on “Aging, Spirituality, and the Visual Arts.” At the Gaylord that evening, you are invited to attend "Aging and the Blues: More Than Just the Music," the successor to our popular Bo Diddley Outing series. The conference’s noteworthy features continue even into the final day. On Tuesday, November 25, The National Academy on an Aging Society (GSA’s policy institute) is organizing a breakfast briefing on Capitol Hill that will focus on civic engagement across the life course. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit Capitol Hill and observe Congress in action. For a nominal fee, buses will be available to take attendees to Capitol Hill and then on to local airports following the event.

By the time you read this, GSA staff will have gone on an outing to the Gaylord. We will test the various transportation options and tour the property so we can offer tips to make your experience more enjoyable. Our “review” will be featured in the August issue of the newsletter.

The Program Committee and Local Arrangements Committee are planning many more activities to make this meeting one of the best ever. Be sure to watch Gerontology News, GSA Announcements, and the website for continuing updates.

Linda

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In Memoriam

GSA Fellow and former Biological Sciences Section Chair Calvin A. Lang, PhD, passed away on February 1, 2008. He was a long-time faculty member at University of Louisville School of Medicine, where he developed a program on biological aging. Lang was noted for his exploration — through experiments on mosquito, mouse and man of the hypothesis — that glutathione (GSH) is a key determinant and index of health and aging. He also endowed scholarships to the Johns Hopkins University Institute of Public Health for malaria studies and funded research at the University of Louisville School of Medicine.

New Publication by Member

Love Stories of Later Life: A Narrative Approach to Understanding Romance, by Amanda S. Barusch. Published by Oxford University Press.

Members in the News

• Peter Lichtenberg, PhD, was quoted in a June 2 article in the Detroit Free Press. He was featured as an expert in the area of gambling addiction among seniors.
• A May 26 story in the Cleveland Plain Dealer featured quotes from both Robert Binstock, PhD, and S. Jay Olshansky, PhD. They were interviewed for their expertise on the current state of longevity science.

Colleague Connected!

This month’s $25 amazon.com gift certificate winner:

Iveris Martinez

She became eligible after referring new member Donneth Crooks.

The winner 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/ColleagueConnection.htm

Bernard Ascends to Prominent NIA Office

Marie Bernard, MD, president of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, has been named the new deputy director of the National Institute on Aging, effective October 12, 2008. She currently serves as the founding chairman of the Donald W. Reynolds Department of Geriatric Medicine at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Bernard is also a GSA fellow and former chair of the Health Sciences Section.

Bass Becomes American’s New Provost

As of July 1, 2008, Scott Bass, PhD, has been appointed the newest provost of American University (AU) in Washington, DC. He was formerly the vice president for research and dean of the graduate school at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). During his tenure at UMBC, Bass oversaw the more than doubling of external grants and contracts (from $36 million to $89 million) and a tripling of federal research and development funding. In graduate education, he created recruitment strategies and new program initiatives that resulted in an 83 percent growth in graduate enrollments, and he launched campus-wide efforts that increased the representation of minorities and women in graduate education. Bass is also a GSA fellow.

Whittington Takes New Post at George Mason

GSA Fellow Frank Whittington, PhD, formerly the director of the Gerontology Institute at Georgia State University in Atlanta, has taken a new position as associate dean for academic affairs in the College of Health and Human Services at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA, effective July 1, 2008. Whittington was also a program co-chair for GSA’s 2006 Annual Scientific Meeting in Dallas, TX.

Atlantic Philanthropies Welcomes McConnell

Stephen McConnell, PhD, currently Vice President for Advocacy and Public Policy at the Alzheimer’s Association, will soon join The Atlantic Philanthropies to lead its Ageing Program policy and advocacy work in the U.S., effective July 21, 2008. McConnell, a GSA fellow, will be responsible for strategic planning and management for policy and advocacy efforts, including health-related and civic engagement initiatives. He is also a previous recipient of GSA’s Maxwell A. Pollack Award for Productive Aging.

Bucknell Taps Smyer for Provost

Michael Smyer, PhD, who has served as co-director of the Center on Aging & Work at Boston College since 2005, has been named provost at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA, effective July 1, 2008. Smyer, a GSA fellow, has more than 30 years of experience in higher education both as a faculty member and an administrator. His research and teaching have focused on adult development and aging, with special attention to the impact of the contexts of aging (e.g., workplaces; nursing homes). He has written extensively on aging and mental health, particularly the policy aspects of this area.

Burgio Slated To Take Michigan Gerontology Chair

The University of Michigan has appointed GSA Fellow Lou Burgio, PhD, as its new Harold R. Johnson Chair in Gerontology, beginning September 1, 2008. He is considered a research pioneer in the care of Alzheimer’s patients, their families and professional caregivers, having developed effective protocols for the treatment of caregiver stress and the improvement of nursing home resident quality of life. He was the 2007 recipient of the Rosalynn Carter Institute Award for Excellence in Caregiving Research.
Meet Your Representatives!

The election results are in. These members will take their offices at the conclusion of the 2008 Annual Scientific Meeting.

GSA President-Elect
Peggye Dilworth-Anderson, PhD
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

GSA Secretary
Jacqueline Angel, PhD
University of Texas at Austin

GSA Wide Chair-Elect
Keith Whitfield, PhD
Duke University

Behavioral and Social Sciences Secretary-Treasurer
Steven Albert, PhD
University of Pittsburgh

Member-At-Large
Susan Charles, PhD
University of California, Irvine

Member-At-Large
A. Lynn Snow, PhD
University of Alabama

Member-At-Large
Scott Hofer, PhD
Oregon State University
These members will representatives! in. These members will the 2008 Annual Scientific Meeting.

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As I left you at the end of last month's column, the success of several critical aging-related bills hung in the balance. Here are a few updates.

Civic Engagement

Legislation to reauthorize the national service programs in the House — the Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act (GIVE) Act (H.R. 5366) — has run into serious political problems unrelated to the substance of the bill. The House legislation includes a definition of “Baby Boom generation” in federal law; specific inclusion in the mission of the Corporation for National and Community Service which encourages members of the baby boom generation to take part in service opportunities; requirements that a state’s national service plan include specific consideration of the role of baby boomers; authority for “time-banking” initiatives to spur service by older adults in exchange for service credits; a Silver Scholarship authorization that would provide for educational awards to older adults who contribute a fixed minimum of hours in service on an annual basis; and planning for Next Chapter grants to enable older adults to receive counseling, education, and job retraining as they transition to the next phase of their work life and commitment to civic engagement.

The House of Representatives brought the GIVE Act to the floor on March 6, but due to issues unrelated to the substance of the legislation, that effort stalled. On March 12, House Democratic leaders attempted to bring the measure back to the floor under an alternative legislative procedure but were rebuffed when the measure fell one vote short of a needed 2/3 majority to pass the bill (277-140) on the suspension calendar. As of this writing, the national service reauthorization is still pending final floor action and agreement on sidebar issues by the respective Democratic and Republican leadership in the House of Representatives. Once passed, the measure would go to the Senate for consideration of either the same measure or companion legislation.

Although the Senate appears to be committed to reauthorization of the service programs, staff has indicated that they may be drafting a more expansive bill that will be used as the foundation for passage next year. Thus, the future of national service reauthorization in the 110th Congress remains in the air, particularly with the uncertainty of Senator Edward Kennedy’s (D-MA) role on the Health, Labor, Education, and Pensions Committee since his illness. With election year politics, a full “must do” legislative agenda, and the Senate’s interest in a much more comprehensive look at service, the next Congress looks more likely for passage. Further, both Senators Barack Obama (D-IL) and Hillary Clinton (D-NY) have extensive plans for service legislation, which might bode well for delaying action until next year. Senator John McCain (R-AZ) also has a track record in support of national service.

Passage of lifelong learning accounts legislation this year does not look hopeful (S. 26 and H.R. 2901), but the Senate plans to take up the Trade Adjustment Assistance Act (TAA), which could serve as a vehicle for lifelong learning accounts. Senators Cantwell and Snowe have been pushing to have lifelong learning accounts included in the TAA Act. On the House side, Representatives Rahm Emanuel (D-IL) and Jim Ramstad (R-MN) just introduced a new national lifelong learning accounts bill.

The recently introduced Incentives for Older Workers Act (S. 2933), by Senators Gordon Smith (R-OR), Herb Kohl (D-WI), and Kent Conrad (D-ND), and other older worker bills are unlikely to be considered this year.

Medicaid Regulations (Cuts)

In addition to, but separate from proposed cuts to Medicaid in the President’s budget proposal, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has proposed seven regulations to restrict services provided under Medicaid, including case management services. These regulations represent unilateral CMS action designed to alter longstanding Medicaid policies. In most cases, Congress has previously declined to act on these policies.

According to CMS, these proposed regulations would reduce federal Medicaid payments to states by more than $15 billion over the next 5 years. In reality, they will cause large costs to be shifted to states.

On January 16, 2008, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform requested each state to provide a state-specific analysis of the proposed reforms. Forty-three states and the District of Columbia responded to the survey. The states estimated that the fiscal impact of the CMS regulations would result in lost federal funding of $49.7 billion over the next 5 years (more than three times the government’s estimate).

The various regulations restrict Medicaid payments by imposing cost limits or eliminating payments for: public providers, graduate medical education, outpatient hospital services, provider taxes, rehabilitative services, school administration and transportation services, and case management services.

Aging advocacy groups have mounted campaigns to protest the CMS regulations. On April 22, the House Energy and Commerce Committee approved legislation — the Protecting the Medicaid Safety Net Act of 2008 (H.R. 5613) — to block for one year these longstanding Medicaid policies. In most cases, Congress has previously declined to act on these policies.

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The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the bill’s one-year delay would cost about $1.8 billion. To pay for part of the cost of delaying these regulations, the Energy and Commerce Committee included a provision to mandate that states verify assets electronically for the aged, blind, and disabled. This purports to save money by discovering assets through web-based searches,
ultimately delaying or denying Medicaid eligibility to applicants. Such a provision would normally face some opposition given its apparently broad scope, threat to privacy, and the potential that family members of beneficiaries may have to provide access to information on their resources, but the House was intent on moving quickly and some feared that another committee might use the potential savings that had been identified.

On April 23, the full House passed H.R. 5613 by a vote of 349-62, which represents enough votes to override a presidential veto. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) put the bill directly on the Senate calendar, bypassing the usual procedure of having the committee of jurisdiction, in this case, the Finance Committee, review the bill. The Finance Chairman, Senator Max Baucus (D-MT) agreed to Reid's fast-tracking of the legislation, but the top Republican of the Finance Committee, Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA) disagrees with the legislation and believes that the CMS regulations should go into effect. A similar bill to H.R. 5613 (S. 2819) has been introduced in the Senate by Senators Kennedy, Jay Rockefeller (D-WV), and Olympia Snowe (R-ME).

Clearly, the Senate Democrats would have had their work cut out for them to muster enough votes to override a presidential veto of the bill. However, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved a $193 billion war supplemental spending bill containing about $10 billion in domestic spending not sought by President Bush. It also contained the one-year moratorium on the Medicaid regulations. The full Senate passed this bill and it now awaits House action. The President has said he will veto the bill because of the additional spending, including an expansion of benefits for veterans. It is not known whether the Medicaid provision will also be attached to any other vehicles this year, such as the Medicare physicals payment corrections bill. Delaying these regulations is a very high priority of the Democrats.

(On a related topic, see the recent analysis “Medicaid, SCHIP and Economic Downturn: Policy Challenges and Policy Responses” conducted for the Kaiser Family Foundation's Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, which reveals some interesting relationships between a rise in the national unemployment rate and increases in the number of uninsured, Medicaid and SCHIP enrollment, and the costs to state and the federal government. Kaiser also released the brief, “Medicaid in a Declining Economy: Limited Approaches for States to Control Spending,” which analyzes results from its annual 50-state budget surveys of Medicaid directors from 2003 to 2007.)

Elder Justice Act – a footnote to last month’s column

On June 11, 2008, the House Judiciary Committee by a unanimous vote passed and reported out the Elder Justice Act (EJA, H.R. 1783). This was a first for any House committee and provides some hope that the bill could still become law this year. The Judiciary Committee also passed and reported out the Elder Abuse Victims Act of 2008 (H.R. 5352), sponsored by Representative Joe Sestak (D-PA).

Several amendments were made a part of the bill, including two offered by Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) to combat telemarketing and internet fraud; and an amendment by Representatives Maxine Waters (D-CA), Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX) and Adam Schiff (D-CA) to expand the Alzheimer's Missing Patient Alert program.

The closer it seems that the EJA gets to passage by the full House and Senate, the more potential hurdles seem to surface. The Ways and Means Committee has now taken a serious look at the bill and has several concerns that its sponsors and advocates will need to address in the weeks ahead.

On the Senate side of the capitol, Chairman Baucus of the Finance Committee decided not to include the EJA in his draft of the Medicare Physician Payment legislation despite the urging of the Elder Justice Coalition. There does, however, seem to be a commitment to mark up the EJA and the criminal background check bill in the Finance Committee as soon as possible, but that is likely to take place after the Medicare bill is completed.

The Farm Bill – a footnote to last month’s column

You may recall that on May 21, 2008, the President vetoed the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (a.k.a. the farm bill, H.R. 2419), but both the House and Senate had passed the bill with large enough veto margins to override the veto, which they did at 318-106 and 81-15, respectively. This was only the second veto override by Congress since President Bush took office; the other was on a popular water projects funding bill. The bill includes important increases in food stamps and nutrition programs. For more specifics on the bill see last month’s article or view the bill online at http://thomas.loc.gov.

One section of the farm bill relating to agriculture trade was inadvertently left out of the bill sent to the President, so Congress will have to send that back to the White House separately.

Conclusion

There appears to be good reason for the Democrats to wait until next year for much of their agenda. With the growing number of Republican retirements, a weak economy, and an unpopular war, the Democrats are likely to pick up several seats in the Senate and a handful in the House. This will strengthen their ability to move bills, particularly in the Senate where they will need fewer Republicans to help them move legislation and prevent filibusters.

Many believe there is a good chance of a Democratic White House, as well, which would nearly eliminate the concern of vetoes next year. Historically, however, Democrats have often failed to successfully address their priority issues (e.g. health care reform) even when the White House was in their control. If Senator McCain is elected, there are more issues that he and Congress can agree upon than there are under President Bush. Part of his “maverick” reputation is that he is willing to build bipartisan coalitions to support his viewpoints. Either way, the 111th Congress will provide interesting times for those of us in Washington, DC and GSA members across the nation. But maybe we’ll still get a few things done this year.
AGHE Endowment Campaign Goes Public

By Graham D. Rowles • Advancement Committee Chair

As an organization, AGHE is moving into the big leagues! At the February 2008 meeting in Baltimore, our endowment campaign went public. The brainchild of Past President Suzanne Kunkel, planning for an endowment began in 2003. In July 2005 a prospectus for establishing such an endowment to generate income “to fund special programs and projects that support AGHE’s mission” was approved by the AGHE Executive Committee. The endowment is designed to complement AGHE’s highly successful annual Tree of Knowledge campaign, which has raised funds to support the ongoing operation of our organization. As we grow and prosper, it is time to build on more than thirty years of accomplishment and to move toward a level of fiscal strength and stability that will allow our organization to grow in exciting new directions.

For the past two years, the endowment has been in the quiet period of a campaign designed to raise $100,000 in its first phase. Past President Carolyn Rizza is serving as campaign chair. Extensive support materials have been developed, an endowment account has been established with Merrill Lynch, and an effective fiscal management and donor monitoring and recognition program has been tested and implemented. In addition, campaign sub-committees have been established under the leadership of Harvey Sterns and Gloria Heinemann. To date, commitments totaling $57,613 have been received, with donations ranging from $50 (received from a student) to $10,000. Each of the initial donors to the endowment will be named a “founder,” a permanent recognition that cannot be received once the first $100,000 has been pledged.

There are many alternative ways of pledging. Gifts can be all-at-once or spread over time and paid on a periodic basis. For example, a gift of $1,000 spread over four years would be a commitment of $250 per year or just under $21 per month. There are also options for planned giving. As the endowment grows and we expand outward from the core membership of AGHE to solicit large donations from foundations and corporate entities, it is especially important to show that there is a high level of support for this initiative from the membership. Organizations with close to 100 percent giving participation from their membership tend to be particularly well-favored by potential corporate donors.

Please consider becoming a founder and make a donation that will provide a lasting legacy to AGHE. Let’s exceed our $100,000 target so that we can make our participation at the next GSA and AGHE meetings a time for celebration of a goal achieved and our commitment to the advancement of gerontology and geriatrics education. Let us plant the seeds of trees that will provide shade to future generations. With your help, we can and we will do it!

For prospectus materials and information on how to make a tax-deductible contribution to the endowment, visit the AGHE website or contact Graham D. Rowles at growl2@uky.edu or (859) 257-1450 x80145.

Thanks to the generous commitments of the following Endowment Founders, we are well on our way to achieving our $100,000 goal:

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- Sarinnapha Vasunilashorn
- Leland Waters
- John Watkins
- Joan Wood
The Geriatric Social Work Initiative (GSWI), supported by the John A. Hartford Foundation, is celebrating 10 years of success. The Initiative is a unique collaboration between social work programs aimed at preparing aging-savvy social workers and improving the care and well-being of older adults and their families. The Gerontological Society of America is proud to serve as the coordinating center for the GSWI and administers the Hartford Faculty Scholars and Doctoral Fellows Programs.

Specifically, what does the Geriatric Social Work Initiative do?

Cultivates faculty leaders in gerontological education and research through:
- **The Faculty Scholars Program**, which is training academic leaders to teach, mentor, do cutting-edge research, and prepare the next generation of social workers to serve older adults,
- **The Doctoral Fellows Program**, which is recruiting, sustaining, and preparing a cadre of talented doctoral students in geriatric social work, and
- **The Doctoral Fellows Pre-Dissertation Awardee Program**, which aims to expose more doctoral students to gerontological social work research.

Infuses gerontological competencies into social work curricula and teaching through:
- **The National Center for Gerontological Social Work Education (Gero-Ed Center)**, which is promoting institutionally-driven, sustainable changes in foundation curricula and social work programs and developing policy initiatives for the broader adoption of gerontological educational resources.

Develops excellent training opportunities in real-world settings through:
- **The Hartford Partnership Program for Aging Education**, which is developing high-quality models of, and disseminating new knowledge about, aging-rich field education at schools of social work and community agencies across the country.

The Anniversary kick-off celebration was held at the Hartford Geriatric Social Work Translational Research Conference from April 4-6, 2008, in Chantilly, VA. The conference brought together approximately 150 past and present Hartford Doctoral Fellows and Faculty Scholars from across the country. Featured speakers included Russell Glasgow, senior scientist at Kaiser Permanente Clinical Research Unit; Richard Hodes, director of the National Institute on Aging; and Lynda Anderson from the Centers for Disease Control. There was also a distinguished panel of social work scholars engaged in translational research including Kevin Mahoney (Boston College), Lynn McDonald (University of Toronto), and Sheryl Zimmerman (University of North Carolina). Photos and slide presentations from the conference are available on the GSWI website at: www.gswi.org/Translational_Research_Conference_2008.htm.
The Hartford Geriatric Social Work Faculty Scholars Program was established in 1999. Since then, 81 Scholars have been selected and there has been:

- Significant progress in advancing knowledge that will help older adults and their families.
- Success in obtaining research and program funding in health and aging. The sixty Scholars in the first six cohorts have received $38.4 million in new grants. For example, one Scholar received significant funding from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to study patient and family participation in hospice interdisciplinary teams. Another Scholar received funding from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to study the bio-psychosocial assessment of diabetes and treatment in the state of Tennessee.
- Increased visibility for geriatric social work at major conferences. Scholars in the first six cohorts have made over 1,605 presentations at national and international conferences.
- Outstanding records of peer reviewed publications. Scholars in the first six cohorts have published 612 articles in top-tier journals.
- Recognized leadership in universities, communities and in professional organizations. Scholars are assuming major administrative positions and are sitting on editorial, agency and public boards, as well as consulting with community leaders. For example, seven Scholars have assumed roles as deans, associate deans, and directors of doctoral programs.
- Significant efforts in attracting students to geriatrics.
- Demonstrations of their expertise on policy issues in aging. In the last seven years Scholars have met with congressional legislators and their staff to raise awareness of geriatric issues on Capitol Hill.

Barbara J. Berkman, DSW, PhD  
Principal Investigator and National Director  
Hartford Faculty Scholars Program

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The Hartford Doctoral Fellows Program & Pre-Dissertation Awardees

The Hartford Doctoral Fellowship program was established in 2001 to identify, recruit, and prepare a select group of doctoral students who show promise to become faculty leaders in geriatric social work. Since then, there have been 69 Fellows selected.

- Almost half (32) were selected in the last two cohorts and therefore they are still engaged in dissertation research.
- 35 of the 37 Doctoral Fellows selected prior to 2006 have graduated.
- 31 former Doctoral Fellows hold full-time faculty or post-doc appointments.
- 10 former Hartford Doctoral Fellows have become Faculty Scholars.

The Hartford Pre-Dissertation Award program was established in 2005 to enhance and expand the pool of applicants for the Hartford Doctoral Fellowship. So far there have been 60 Pre-Dissertation Awardees selected.

- 14 of these Pre-Dissertation Awardees have already become Doctoral Fellows.
- 15 more have definite plans to apply for a Hartford Doctoral Fellowship this year.
- The others are early in their studies and are still developing dissertation proposals.

James Lubben, DSW, MPH
Principal Investigator and National Director
Hartford Doctoral Fellows Program

James Lubben has promoted the development of gerontology and social work by serving as principal investigator or collaborator on over $32 million (direct costs) of research and training grants. Lubben is a professor emeritus at UCLA where he was a former chair of the Department of Social Welfare. He now holds the Louise McMahon Ahearn Chair at Boston College. In 2002, the Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGE-SW) presented him with their Leadership Award. In 2006 he received an honorary doctor of humane letters from his alma mater, Wartburg College (Iowa). His research examines social support networks among older populations and he is the developer of the Lubben Social Network Scale (LSNS), an abbreviated measure designed for both research and clinical use. Lubben has been a visiting scholar in Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, and the U.K.
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Submissions Due: October 5, 2008

For the complete contest guidelines, please visit: www.gswi.org
GSA Announces 2008 Hartford Pre-Dissertation Award Winners

The Gerontological Society of America is pleased to introduce the twenty recipients of the 2008 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, DSW, MPH, of Boston College and Carmen Morano, PhD, MSW, of Hunter College.

Each awardee will be given a stipend to attend GSA’s Annual Scientific Meeting, held every November, in both 2008 and 2009. At these conferences, awardees will attend workshops designed to develop their research skills.

This fellowship program is a component of the nationwide Geriatric Social Work Initiative, which seeks to expand the training of social workers in order to improve the health and well being of older persons and their families. It was created to help social work doctoral students overcome their greatest obstacles, such as limited teacher training and career guidance. These fellowships cultivate the next generation of geriatric social work faculty as teachers, role models and mentors for future generations of geriatric social workers.

The recipients are listed below:

**Troy Christian Andersen**
University of Utah
College of Social Work

**Christine Greer**
New York University
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**Adria Emberson Navarro**
University of Southern California, LA
School of Gerontology

**Louanne Bakk**
Michigan State University
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**Kimberley Ann Gryglewicz**
University of South Florida
School of Social Work

**Julie Anette Norstrand**
Boston College
School of Social Work

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**Daniel Kaplan**
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School of Social Work

**Lydia Ogden**
Columbia University
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**Skye Nichole Leedahl**
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**Alicia Margaret Stinson**
University of South Florida
School of Social Work

**Dahlia Fuentes**
University of Southern California
School of Social Work

**Brian Maloney**
The University of Alabama
School of Social Work

**Tiffany Renee Washington**
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
School of Social Work

**Arminda Gomes**
Columbia University
School of Social Work

**Gina M. McCaskill**
The University of Alabama
School of Social Work

**Patricia Yu**
Boston College
School of Social Work

**Ernest Gonzales**
Washington University in St. Louis
School of Social Work

**Jody Miesel**
University of Washington, Seattle
School of Social Work
Annual Hartford Doctoral Fellows Deadline Approaching
The Hartford Doctoral Fellows Program, which GSA administers, is accepting applications until August 1. This component of the nationwide Geriatric Social Work Initiative (GSWI) provides substantial financial support and professional development enhancements, prepares fellows for a tenure track faculty position at a major university, and provides the opportunity to become a leader in an elite network of scholars. Grants of $25,000 a year for up to two years are available for students doing dissertations in gerontological or geriatric social work field. For more information, visit www.gswi.org.

NCOA Award Designated for Health Promotion Experts
The National Council on Aging’s Health Promotion Institute (HPI) is seeking nominations for the 2009 Molly Mettler Award for Leadership in Health Promotion. Mettler was the founding chair of HPI in 1990. The annual award recognizes an outstanding professional leader who enhances the health promotion profession in the field of aging. Nominees may work in health promotion, screening, assessment, or identifying high-risk seniors or senior wellness programs. The deadline for nominations is September 5, 2008. See www.ncoa.org/content.cfm?sectionID=37&detail=2452 for complete details.

EPA Earmarks Monies for Active Aging Neighborhoods
The Environmental Protection Agency’s Aging Initiative is spearheading a multi-agency Building Healthy Communities for Active Aging Award. The goal is to raise awareness about healthy synergies that can be achieved by communities combining smart growth and active aging concepts. Awards will be presented to communities that demonstrate the best and most inclusive overall approach to implementing smart growth and active aging at the neighborhood, tribe, municipality, county, and regional levels. Applicants must be public sector entities and coordinate with their local area agency on aging. Applications are due September 12, 2008, and full details are available at www.epa.gov/aging/bhc/about.htm.

AAGP to Award $10,000 for Mental Health Outreach
The American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry (AAGP) has created a new award to encourage programs to provide and/or expand services for meeting the mental health needs of the frail elderly in their homes. As part of the new AAGP Deirdre Johnston Award for Excellence and Innovation in Geriatric Mental Health Outreach Services, the association will grant $10,000 to a program based on its excellence and/or innovation in providing mental health services to older adults in the community. The Johnston Award will be presented at the AAGP Presidential Plenary and Awards Dinner on March 5, 2009, in Honolulu, Hawaii, in conjunction with the AAGP Annual Meeting. For further information about the award, please contact ddisque@aagponline.org. Applications must be received by October 15, 2008.

FCA Awards Address AD Caregiver Needs
Bestowed with a grant from The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation, The Family Caregiver Alliance (FCA) is overseeing the first annual Rosalinde Gilbert Innovations in Alzheimer’s Disease Caregiving Legacy Awards program. It is intended to stimulate innovation in the field of Alzheimer’s caregiving by recognizing and rewarding those efforts which lead the way in addressing the needs of Alzheimer’s caregivers. 2008 is the first year of the award program, which is envisioned to be an annual affair. Three awards of $20,000 each will be awarded to nonprofit organizations, government agencies, or universities responding to a community need with a program or project that focuses primarily on family caregivers of adults with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias. Online applications are now available at www.carer.org, with a deadline of August 15, 2008.

US-UK Venture Seeks Joint Research Teams
The National Institute of Health’s (NIH) Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research and The United Kingdom’s Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) have begun cooperating with the intention to enhance and expand cooperative efforts in health and the behavioral and social sciences. They anticipate employing such activities as workshops, thematic seminars, networking opportunities, coordinated scientific programs and research projects, and the joint support of collaborative research projects. They aim to encourage and facilitate the establishment of direct relationships between appropriate institutions and individuals in their two countries. As a first step, the ESRC and the NIH will jointly support collaborative research on health disparities/inequalities in the United Kingdom and/or the United States involving collaborative UK-USA research teams. The ESRC and the NIH anticipate supporting up to six awards, each of total costs (direct and indirect) not exceeding $250,000 per year for up to five years, subject to the availability of funds and receipt of a sufficient number of meritorious applications. The receipt deadline for Applications is September 19, 2008. Please see www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/internati onal/esrc-nih.aspx for complete details.

NIA Funds To Foster Anemia Research
The National Institute on Aging (NIA) invites applications for a clinical trials consortium to facilitate clinical trials on anemia in older persons consistent with the recommendations of the NIA Advisory Panel. During the six-year support period, the awardee will develop protocols and study procedures and implement several phase II clinical trials on effects of interventions against anemia or low normal hemoglobin levels on hematologic, clinical, and functional outcomes in older persons. It is expected that studies with different protocols will run concurrently at a given clinical site. The topics of these protocols will be decided and prioritized cooperatively by the Consortium Steering Committee and implemented after review and approval by the Data and Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB) and NIA. Awardees can also develop and implement pilot translational and exploratory studies informing designs of the future trials. First year of the award will provide funds to structure consortium operations and finalize protocol, data collection forms, and manual of procedures for the first trial. For more details, see http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AG-09-003.html. Letters of intent are due by October 7, 2008.
WHO Releases Data on Falls Worldwide
The World Health Organization has published “The WHO Global Report on Falls Prevention in Older Age,” a report that discusses the prevalence of falls around the world and provides an action plan for making progress in reducing falls among the older adult population. The model proposes specific strategies for building awareness of the importance of falls prevention and treatment; improving the assessment of individual, environmental, and societal factors that increase the likelihood of falls; and facilitating the design and implementation of culturally-appropriate, evidence-based interventions that will significantly reduce the number of falls among older persons. The report is available online at www.who.int/ageing/publications/Falls_prevention7March.pdf.

CDC’s Report Details Death Statistics
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued “Deaths: Final Data for 2005,” a report that presents a wide range of data about dying in 2005. Overall, in 2005, a total of 2,448,017 resident deaths were registered in the United States. The report also finds that life expectancy at birth was 77.8 years, the same as in 2004. More specifically, life expectancy was 80.4 years for females and 75.2 years for males. In addition, life expectancy increased 0.1 year for the black population to a record high of 73.2 years, and for the white population remained the same as that in 2004 at 78.3 years. The difference in life expectancy between the white and black populations in 2005 was 5.1 years, which was a 0.1-year decrease from the 2004 gap between the two races and was the smallest gap ever recorded. The report is available online at www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr56/nvsr56_10.pdf.

Longevity Institute’s Research Outlines Latest Discoveries
The Kronos Longevity Research Institute, headed by GSA member S. Mitchell Harman, has released “2008 State of the Science,” a report that discusses the latest findings in the field of longevity research. The publication primarily focuses on three aspects of aging: oxidative stress, hormonal changes, and nutrition and its effects on age-related deteriorations and diseases. Longevity scientists across the country are studying how the interrelated, degenerative processes of aging contribute to the downward spiral in health and aging. The report can be downloaded at www.kdri.org.

Many Caregivers Lack Insurance, Study Finds
Health Care for Health Care Workers has issued a new report, “Invisible Care Gap: Caregivers without Health Coverage,” which provides a snapshot of the health insurance status of the caregiving workforce in the United States, 90 percent of which is female. Their research finds that direct-care workers have one of America's most dangerous jobs. Rates of job-related injury and illness among this professional exceed those of construction workers, truck drivers, firefighters, and police officers. Yet the study found that one in three direct-care workers has no health insurance. The full report is available at www.coverageiscritical.org.

Changes Underway in Assisted Living Facilities
The National Center for Assisted Living’s “2008 Assisted Living State Regulatory Review” found that in 2007, significantly more states changed their assisted living regulations than in 2006 or 2005. Analysis of the 2008 report found that more than 20 states made statutory and or regulatory changes affecting assisted living communities and residents, up from about one third of the states in 2006. Of these, about 12 states either overhauled or made significant changes to their assisted living regulations in 2007 — many more than in each of the previous two years. The report includes important contact information and the website information for each state's oversight agency. To obtain the report, visit: www.ncal.org/about/state_review.cfm.

Website Explores World of Retirement Policy
The Urban Institute has launched a new web site, www.RetirementPolicy.org, to help policymakers and the public sort through retirement trends and policy options. The site highlights the Institute’s latest research on Social Security, private pensions, employment and volunteerism at older ages, medical and long-term care costs, and how all these issues affect federal budgets. Special web features show how the older population is growing and changing, and describe options for revitalizing Social Security.

DVD Tool Aimed at Social Workers
The Council on Social Work Education has released a new DVD teaching resource, “Rewarding Challenges: Social Work With Older Adults,” which was published to help meet the growing need for social work resources pertaining to working with older adults. By 2020, it is estimated that one in six Americans will be 65 or older. Because people are living longer, there is a higher demand for gerontological social workers. To have the most positive impact, general practitioners and those in other specialties must also have a strong foundation in older adult issues. The DVD can be ordered through CSWE's online bookstore at www.cswe.org.

Geriatrician Supply Shrinking as Population Booms
There could be just three geriatricians for every 20,000 older patients by the year 2050, according to a recently published report from the Association of Directors of Geriatric Academic Programs. This research found that there are currently 4.7 geriatricians for every 10,000 seniors. Low pay rates in both private practice and academic settings are turning potential geriatricians towards more lucrative posts in dermatology, urology and orthopedics, according to the report. The study was conducted on behalf of the Association of Directors of Geriatric Academic Programs by faculty and researchers from the University of Cincinnati’s Institute for the Study of Health. To view the report, go to www.adgapstudy.uc.edu/Home.cfm.
For many of us, these summer months are an opportunity to rest, regroup, and enjoy time with family and friends. After an intense year of studies and scholarship however, it is often hard to unwind; to spend a day, or even an hour, reading for pleasure, going to a movie, or taking a nap. This month’s essay-ette builds on the theme of self-care introduced in February in this column.

Because the academic year is spent filled with over-scheduling and meeting deadlines, allowing ourselves time without these constraints can become another task: Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. — RELAX!! Fortunately, summer is summer for everyone. Schools are on summer schedules, at agencies and in organizations staff is on vacation, dress is relaxed, and so is the atmosphere in these places.

Replenishing the mental and emotional resources we have relied on all year to support us in our scholarship and our careers is essential. Sooner than it may seem, the academic year begins and we are again juggling career commitments, deadlines, scheduling demands, and wishing for a 25th hour to sleep or catch up on the routines of living. Without nourishing ourselves with the opportunities summer provides to reconnect with ourselves and with others, we have fewer resources to meet the demands and challenges that confront us continually as emerging scholars and professionals.

So, it’s summertime and the livin’ must be easier so that we can continue to bring our whole selves to our endeavors; to meet challenges and to find success.


In a workshop specifically designed for GSA, participants will visit Washington National Cathedral to learn about resilient aging through engagement in the arts in a spiritual context. A series of presentations, discussions and time for personal reflection will have multi-dimensional implications for professionals working with older people. These experiences will include extensive interaction with Cathedral artists and leaders in the field of creative aging and spirituality; collegial hospitality of a shared meal; and the opportunity to participate in a pilgrimage through the Cathedral and its grounds, experiencing directly the arts and architecture in this magnificent spiritual setting. The cost will be $75 per person and includes transportation, lunch and an afternoon snack.

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This closing session will take GSA members to Capitol Hill for a congressional briefing on civic engagement and the challenges for promoting intergenerational and lifelong opportunities and incentives to serve. With both presidential candidates voicing support for an expanded federal commitment to volunteer service, the House and Senate will be preparing to move civic engagement legislation forward early in the 111th Congress. This event will be a forum where policy makers, civic engagement experts, advocates, and volunteers can share their visions of a more perfect environment for service. For a nominal fee, GSA will provide bus service to the Hill and local airports following the session.
Number of Elderly in Japan Hits Record High
Japan's government announced that, in 2007, the country has reached a record-high number of 27 million elderly citizens, according to TransWorldNews. More than 20 percent of the country's population is aged 65 or older, with those over 75 accounting for 10 percent. Since 2005, fertility rates have dropped in Japan as long life spans have dramatically increased its aging population. In a report issued this month, officials said the number of children in the country was at its lowest since 1908.

Finland Teams with Japan on Aging Issues
The leaders of Japan and Finland have agreed to work more closely together on issues such as population aging, climate change, the global food crisis and rising oil prices, according to the Associated Press. Japan and Finland are among the world's fastest aging countries, and the situation has caused concern over possible strains on government services and future labor shortages. Japan's government said Japanese aged 65 or over made up 21.5 percent of the country's population last year. In Finland, the proportion of the same age group has doubled to 15 percent from 7 percent in the 1950s.

Multilingual Children May Slow Aging Process
A study published in the journal Psychology and Aging has suggested that children who speak more than one language may protect the brain against the effects of aging. The Israeli-based team of researchers who published the report discovered that senior citizens who speak more languages test for better cognitive functioning. The research, which surveyed people between the ages of 75 and 95 and compared bilingual speakers to tri- and multilingual speakers, found that the more languages a person spoke, the better his or her cognitive state was.

German Homes Develop Fake Bus Stop for Alzheimer’s Patients
According to the UK Telegraph, German nursing homes are using a novel strategy to stop Alzheimer’s patients from wandering off: phantom bus stops. The facilities enacted this plan to prevent residents from wanting to wander home to visit their non-existent homes and families. They found that the patients were now more likely to simply wait at the replicas of familiar-looking bus stops.
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The Sealy Center on Aging of the University of Texas Medical Branch provides significant infrastructural support, including a manuscript office, and has a long history of successes in interdisciplinary research and research training on aging, including the award of prestigious ongoing Federal grants such as the UTMB Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Center. The University of Texas Medical Branch has also one of the largest Acute Care for Elders Units, which has been recently designated as an inpatient research unit for clinical and translational studies on hospitalized older patients.

The tenured academic appointment will be made at the associate or full professor level, and will include a highly competitive start-up package. The University of Texas Medical Branch is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Applications from women and individuals from diverse racial, ethnic and cultural backgrounds are encouraged. Nominations and letters of intent, including curriculum vitae, can be submitted in confidence to the attention of:

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