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Online Store Offers Excellent Summer Reading Choices

Improving Aging & Public Health Research: Qualitative & Mixed Methods
By Leslie Curry, Renée Shield, and Terrie Wetle
This book enhances researchers’ capacity to design, conduct, and publish scientifically sound qualitative and mixed methods research in aging. GSA members are eligible for a reduced price of $25.

Journal of Aging, Humanities, and the Arts
Edited by Anne M. Wyatt-Brown and Dana Burr Bradley
As the official journal of the GSA’s Humanities & Arts Committee, the Journal fosters a dialogue between the humanities and arts and the biomedical, psychological, behavioral, and social sciences. GSA members only pay $20 for a yearly subscription of four issues. Visit GSA’s Online Store at www.geron.org to purchase.

Society Debuts New Online Membership Records, Renewals

Thanks to recent database upgrades, GSA members can now use the website to renew their membership or make changes to their personal records. Users can also choose to include their information in a forthcoming online directory — a feature that will be exclusive to members.

What kind of information can I change online?
In addition to membership renewals, individuals can change their mailing addresses, e-mail addresses, degrees, titles, phone numbers, Section affiliation, demographics, and information for GSA’s Expert Referral Service.

What is the Expert Referral Service?
GSA maintains a listing of its members’ areas of expertise. It is used when the media, policymakers, researchers, etc. want to speak with experts on a particular aging topic. By selecting your own areas of expertise, your name will become part of the list and you may be contacted by these parties. It is an excellent method for members to gain further recognition for their work. See www.geron.org/referrals.htm for more details.

Why should I change my record online?
Changing your record via the website is the fastest way for information to be updated in the GSA membership database.

How do I change my record online?
To change your member record, visit www.geron.org and click on the box in the upper right-hand corner labeled “Member Login.” On the next page, enter the username and password you received in the recent mailing from GSA. If you have successfully entered your information, you will be given the option to update your profile or renew your membership.

What are my username and password? Can you e-mail them to me?
When prompted for your username, enter the e-mail address you have on file with GSA. Your password is your eight-digit member number. Alternatively, members can have their usernames and passwords automatically e-mailed to them. To make a request, click the “Forgot Password?” on the Member Login page. (You must have an e-mail address already on file with GSA to use this feature.)

Who can I contact if I have any problems or questions?
For more information, call (202) 842-1275 or e-mail geron@geron.org.

GSA Headquarters To Change DC Location

The Society’s staff office will soon be moving to a new site in downtown Washington, DC. The location is only a few short blocks from the present building, where GSA has operated for the past eight years.

The move is expected to take place at the end of July 2007. Stay tuned to Gerontology News and GSA listserv postings for information on the new mailing address.
For the past 60 years, GSA’s peer-reviewed journals have been the organization’s most visible product. Making them a reality is currently the responsibility of two full-time staffers and several part-time production assistants. With guidance from editors and the Publications Committee, this team oversees all four Journals of Gerontology and The Gerontologist.

Publications director Patricia Walker, a Washington, DC native, has been with the Society for five years. Her duties include, but are certainly not limited to, coordinating with authors, editors, typesetters, and printers to meet deadlines; designing and overseeing special publications as approved by the Publications Committee; negotiating payment with sponsors of special journal issues; planning issues of journals to meet page allotments as approved by the Publications Committee and Council; copy editing and proofreading articles; and working with authors and editors on queries. Walker also investigates new technology and systems used by other publications departments through literature, site visits, and meetings.

Production Editor Michelle Norris, who grew up in Everett, PA, is Walker’s right-hand woman. She’s been with GSA for 3 years and is primarily responsible for supervising publications and projects from manuscript stage through to the finished product. Norris also copy edits articles for authors’ approval and edits them for style, clarity, and consistency; proofreads page proofs and works with editors on final changes; hires and evaluates work of freelance editors; develops and maintains schedules in conjunction with the director of publications, typesetter, printer, and other vendors; communicates with authors, editors, typesetters, and printers concerning queries, schedules, deadlines, and other relevant issues. She also assists with granting permission for article reprint requests.

Minority Issues in Gerontology:
Celebrating 20 Years of Research

In 2007, the GSA Task Force on Minority Issues in Gerontology celebrated its 20th anniversary. In January 1989, each of the four Journals of Gerontology carried an editorial related to issues of minority aging research. During GSA’s Annual Meeting in San Francisco, a distinctive panel of four key speakers (Arline D. Bohannon, Paul A. Cernin, Letha Chadiha, and Karen Hubbard) will revisit each of the areas addressed in the articles, examining what has happened since they were written and discussing opportunities and challenges for the future. Darlene Yee-Melichar, chair of the GSA Task Force on Minority Issues in Gerontology and chair of the Health and Human Services Office on Women’s Health Minority Women’s Health Panel of Experts, will serve as moderator. Terry L. Mills, chair of the National Institute on Aging Minority Taskforce on Aging, will serve as discussant. A 20th Anniversary reception honoring GSA leaders in minority aging will follow. This event is sponsored by the GSA Task Force on Minority Issues in Gerontology and the GSA Local Arrangements Committee.

Celebrating Lou Glasse: Older Women, Social Movements, and Social Policy

Lou Glasse has contributed a lifetime of service and activism on behalf of older women. She is the former president and current president emerita of the Older Women’s League. She has also served as the director of the New York State Office for Aging, the president of the National Association of State Units on Aging, and a member of the National Academy of Social Insurance. For the past six years, Glasse has been the head of the GSA Women’s Task Force. During GSA’s Annual Meeting in San Francisco, a panel will aim to honor all that she has contributed to the field of aging over the course of her career. Each panelist will touch on a topic related to Glasse’s work and achievements in the field of aging, including perspectives on the moral economy of aging, gender and social policy, social movements, and broadly critical gerontology.
AGS Taps Hanlon for Henderson Award
Joseph T. Hanlon, a professor of pharmacy and geriatric medicine at the University of Pittsburgh and VA Research Health Scientist (Pittsburgh VA CHERP and GRECC), has received the American Geriatrics Society’s (AGS) 2007 Edward Henderson Award. The Henderson Award goes to an individual whose research and publications elucidate and help remediate the problems inherent in elder care. The prize is named for the late Edward Henderson, who helped establish the field of geriatrics and held many leadership positions in the society. As this year’s recipient, Hanlon delivered a “State-of-the-Art Lecture” during the AGS annual meeting in Seattle in May. Hanlon is currently the chair of the GSA Health Sciences Section.

New Professorship Honors Wykle at Case Western
Case Western Reserve University has raised money to fund its first endowed chair named after an African American. The May L. Wykle Professorship at the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing is named for that school’s dean, who has worked in various capacities at Case Western for nearly 40 years. Wykle also received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in nursing and her Ph.D. in education at the university.

Gravenstein Appointed to Post at AMDA Foundation
The American Medical Directors Association (AMDA) Foundation recently announced the appointment of Stefan Gravenstein as director of the organization’s Long Term Care Research Network. Gravenstein began his position on April 1, 2007. As Research Network Director, he will lead efforts to study diseases and conditions of aging, including physician attitudes and practices, and translate this research into practice. In addition to his role with the Network, he is the clinical director of the National Nursing Home Quality Improvement Organization Support Center (NHQIOSC) at Quality Partners of Rhode Island and Professor of Medicine, Chief of the Division of Geriatrics, and John Franklin Endowed Chair at the Glennan Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology at Eastern Virginia Medical School.

In Memoriam
Darby Northway, the former administrative director of the Division on Aging and associate director of Maine’s Geriatric/Gerontology Education Center at the University of New England, passed away on March 28th after a battle with leukemia. In addition to GSA, she was active with several other organizations including the American Medical Directors Association and American Health Care Association.

Members in the News
» Jacqueline Angel, Maren Jimenez and Ronald Angel received mention in an UPI wire story based on their recent article in The Gerontologist. The study showed that U.S. minority widows are at a particularly high risk of poverty in late life.

» A number of papers ran a Reuters wire story that detailed Helen Vlassara’s recent research published The Journal of Gerontology: Medical Sciences. She found that foods cooked at extremely high temperatures can increase oxidative stress and inflammatory responses in humans, especially older people.

» A lack of vitamin D may encourage disability in older adults, according to research published by Denise Houston and her colleagues in the April issue of The Journal of Gerontology: Medical Sciences. News of this study found its way into numerous papers and websites after Health Day News ran a press release on the article.

New Member Publications
Aging Parents, Aging Children: How To Stay Sane and Survive,
by Miriam K. Aronson and Marcella Bakur Weiner. Published by Rowman and Littlefield.

Planning for Uncertainty: Living Wills and Other Advance Directives for You and Your Family,
by David John Doukas and William Reichel. Published by The Johns Hopkins University Press.

In-Home Assessment of Older Adults: An Interdisciplinary Approach (Second Edition),
by Charles A. Emlet, Jeffrey L. Crabtree, and Victoria Ann Condon. Published by PRO-ED.

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

Jon F. Nussbaum
(He became eligible after referring new member Carla Fisher.)

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

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National Health Information Technology Coordinator Named

Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Mike Leavitt has announced the appointment of Robert M. Kolodner to head the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) at HHS. In this position, Kolodner will serve as principal advisor to Leavitt on all health IT initiatives. He will also continue to develop, maintain, and direct the implementation of the strategic plan to guide nationwide adoption of interoperable health IT to reduce medical errors, improve quality, and produce greater value in health care.

Zerhouni Establishes NIH Women’s Work Group

National Institutes of Health Director Elias Zerhouni has created a new committee, the Working Group on Women in Biomedical Careers, to examine issues raised in the recent National Academies report, “Beyond Bias and Barriers, Fulfilling the Potential of Women in Academic Science and Engineering,” and to respond to the challenges issued to government funding agencies to maximize the potential of women scientists and engineers. He will co-chair the new group with Vivian Pinn, Associate Director for Research on Women’s Health and Director of the Office of Research on Women’s Health at NIH.

MIDUS Study Offers Potential Grants

The MIDUS (Midlife in the United States) Pilot Grant Program is offering grant opportunities for innovative interdisciplinary research on adult health and well-being, with an emphasis on integrative approaches to understanding life course and subgroup variations in physical, socio-emotional, and cognitive functioning. All research must be based on the National Survey of Midlife Development in the United States MIDUS I or II data sets, or its satellite studies including the National Study of Daily Experiences (NSDE) and sibling/twin subsample studies. Grants of up to $15,000 will be awarded to investigators from a variety of disciplines. For complete information about the application requirements and the MIDUS study, see: www.rci.rutgers.edu/~carrds/midus/midus_home.htm. The application deadline is July 9, 2007.

Fellowship Encourages US-Australian Collaboration

On behalf of the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, The Commonwealth Fund is pleased to announce the 2008-09 Packer Policy Fellowship, an Australian-American health policy fellowship program. The Packer Policy Fellowships offer a unique opportunity for outstanding, mid-career U.S. professionals—academics, physicians, decision makers in managed care and other private health care organizations, federal and state health officials, and journalists—to spend up to 10 months in Australia conducting research and working with leading Australian health policy experts on issues relevant to both countries. The Fellowships provide up to $55,000 (AUD) for six to 10 months in Australia. In addition, a supplemental allowance is provided to fellows accompanied by a spouse and/or children. The deadline for receipt of applications for the 2008-09 fellowships is August 15, 2007. For further information on the 2008-09 Packer Policy Fellowships and to obtain an application, please see www.commonwealthfund.org/fellowships/. For questions, contact Robin Osborn, The Commonwealth Fund, 212-606-3809 or ro@cmwf.org.

Foundation Offers Grants To Enhance Elderly Life Quality

The Borchard Foundation Center on Law & Aging annually awards up to 4 grants of $20,000 each. Applications for the grant are due September 30, 2007 and selections will be made on or about December 15, 2007. The grant purpose is to further scholarship about new or improved public policies, laws and/or programs that will enhance the quality of life for the elderly. Applicants may include all interested and qualified legal, health science, social sciences and gerontology scholars and professionals. Organizations per se, whether profit or non-profit, are not eligible to apply, although they may administer the grant. Two or more individuals in the same institution or different institutions may submit a collaborative proposal. Each grant recipient is required to publish an article on the subject of their research in a top flight journal. The request for proposals, which includes information on how to apply, the application and prior recipients can be found on line at www.borchardcenter.org/argp.html. The contact information follows: Borchard Foundation Center on Law & Aging, 307 West 200 South, Suite 3002, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101; info@borchardcenter.org.

The Forum is made up of leaders from 15 federal agencies that share a common interest in improving statistics related to this country’s aging population. Together, this group produces the *Older Americans* chartbook series that highlights key indicators of seniors’ health and well-being (see www.agingstats.gov).

The workshop participants were presented with a unique opportunity to describe current social support, social network, and civic engagement research and to identify existing data gaps. Specifically, they were able to help shape the development of a new “Social Activity” indicator for the chartbook – a measure that appeared in the 2000 edition, but could not be updated in 2004 due to the discontinuation of the data source.

The event brought together researchers from government and academia. Among the presenters were Lisa Berkman (Harvard University), Marc Freedman (Civic Ventures), Bob Grimm (Corporation for National and Community Service), and David Weir (University of Michigan), as well as several GSA members, including moderator Jim Hinterlong (Florida State University), closing speaker Nancy Morrow-Howell (University of Washington in St. Louis), Toni Antonucci (University of Michigan), Linda K. George (Duke University), Linda Fried (Johns Hopkins University), Stephen Golant (University of Florida) and Tom Glass (Johns Hopkins University).

The workshop was supported in part by a grant from The Atlantic Philanthropies.
Digital Archive Highlights Lawton’s Work
An online collection of a selection of presentations by the late M. Powell Lawton is now available on the AccessPA Digital Repository at http://www.accesspadr.org. These documents represent presentations that Lawton made throughout his career at conferences for researchers on aging. The principles he developed in his studies in environmental psychology influenced design innovations in nursing homes, special dementia units, and community-based programs all over the world. A survey about users’ opinions about the collection will be available through October 2007 at www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=406072837115. This online collection is a project of the library of the Polisher Research Institute. The planning and implementation were partially funded with federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds administered by the Pennsylvania Office of Commonwealth Libraries.

Promotion Programs Hold Promise of Saving Medicare Money
Health promotion programs for older people can improve health, prevent disability, delay mortality, improve the quality of life, and save Medicare money by reducing the need for medical services, according to a new study sponsored by the Centers for Medicare and Medicare Services. A report on the subject was published in the April 16th issue of Clinical Interventions in Aging. A press release is available here: www.thomson.com/content/pr/home_press_releases/195583.

Aging Workforce of Concern to Some Employers
The Center for Retirement Research at Boston College has released a new Issue in Brief titled “Employers Lukewarm About Retaining Older Workers,” by Andrew D. Eschtruth, Steven A. Sass, and Jean-Pierre Aubry. Survey data showed that firms that view older workers as costly are less likely to accommodate them. However, firms that expect employment growth and/or value older workers’ knowledge are more likely to retain them. This report is available online at www.bc.edu/centers/crr/wob_10.shtml.

Partnership Unites Senior-Focused Agencies
The Center for Medicare Advocacy and the National Senior Citizens Law Center announce a new affiliation called the “Justice Partnership.” The two groups are planning a major conference to focus advocates and policymakers on the challenges facing lower income older people and people with disabilities. The conference will be held at the Kaiser Family Foundation in Washington, DC on October 19th, 2007. It will assemble advocates, policy-makers, and academicians to examine creative solutions to meet the needs of an aging society. Stay tuned to www.medicareadvocacy.org and www.nsclc.org for further details.

Older Women’s Health Trends Tracked

Report Tackles Provider Payment Issues
In a report published by The Commonwealth Fund, researchers describe a promising new payment model designed to make payment of health care providers more efficient. Developed by the nonprofit Prometheus Payment, the model is based on the “evidence-informed case rate” — a single, risk-adjusted payment given to providers across health care settings to care for a patient diagnosed with a specific condition, like colon cancer, or for a specific procedure, like knee replacement. Payment amounts are based on the resources required to provide care as recommended in the best available clinical guidelines. To further promote quality care, the Prometheus model calls for a portion of the payment to be withheld and distributed according to various performance measures. Read the report at www.cmwf.org/publications/publications_show.htm?doc_id=478278 to learn more about how the new payment model works, how evidence-informed case rates are developed, and what the plans are to test this new payment model.

Public Policy & Aging Report
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PPAR Brings Seniors and Science Together
Be sure to check out the latest Public Policy and Aging Report, “The Longevity Revolution: How Science Centers Can Engage an Older America.” This issue features the following articles and authors:
- The Longevity Revolution: New Opportunities for Science Centers
- Overview of Science Organizations
- Science Centers and the Aging Network
- Growing Old or Living Long: A New Perspective on the Aging Brain
- Responding to the Longevity Revolution: How Can Science Centers Engage an Older America?
- Confronting Demographic Denial: Retaining Relevance in the Millennium
- Staying Sharp: Learning for Longevity
- Encompassing Diversity: Engaging Older Adults Through New Partnerships
- What Research Says About Learning and the Aging Brain

Copies of this Public Policy and Aging Report, as well as copies of past issues, may be ordered online by visiting the National Academy on an Aging Society’s web site at www.agingsociety.org or by calling 202-842-1275.
Careers in Aging Week increases the awareness and visibility of career opportunities that exist in aging and aging research.

Inside: 2007 Highlights
GSA and AGHE would like to thank all the organizations for their participation and the imaginative ways they promoted gerontology on their campuses. For detailed summaries, please visit www.careersinaging.org.

University of Nebraska, Omaha

The Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging & Longevity of Hunter College in New York City held a free seminar on Elder Law.

At Kennesaw State University, Gerontology Alumni Alliance President Matt Weaver credits the 2004 Careers in Aging Week networking reception for landing him his current job.

Rhode Island College’s Gerontology Student Club organized an essay contest for school children on the theme of “An older person I know.”

San Jose State University hosted a panel of three inspiring baby boomers who are reinventing themselves and providing mentorship to graduates in aging fields.

Kennesaw State University

Kapiolani Community College
Week 2007 Highlights

Greetings for their participation and the imaginative ways they summarized all the activities, please visit www.careersinaging.org.

Virginia Tech

The Southern Gerontological Society’s (SGS) Annual Conference ran concurrently with Careers in Aging Week.

The University of North Carolina – Greensboro’s Gerontology Program used the SGS meeting to encourage networking and career opportunities.

West Virginia University organized an “Aging Roundtable & Networking Night,” where four speakers hosted his or her own “theme table” — allowing students to ask questions and learn more about each host’s career.

Winston-Salem University students and faculty participated in that city’s Mayor’s Physical Fitness Days. Older adults were assessed on physical functioning to project their level of independence in the later years.
Careers in Aging Week 2007 Participants

* Assumption College  
* Ball State University  
* Boston College  
Bowling Green State University  
* Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging & Longevity at Hunter College  
California State University - Northridge (Delta Epsilon Chapter of SPO)  
* Central Connecticut State University  
Clark University  
* Cleveland State University  
College of the Holy Cross  
College of William and Mary  
Columbia University  
Cornell University  
East Stroudsburg University  
* Eastern Michigan University  
Kapi‘olani Community College  
* Kennesaw State University  
Kent State University  
Lindenwood University  
Mansfield University  
* Michigan State University  
* Midwestern University  
* Nazareth College  
North Shore Community College - Danvers  
North Shore Community College - Lynn  
* Northeastern Illinois University  
Pennsylvania State University, Altoona  
Portland State University  
Rhode Island College  
Saint Joseph College  
* San Jose State University  
* Scripps Gerontology Program at Miami University  
Simon Fraser University - Vancouver Campus  
* Slippery Rock University  
Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville  
* St. Bonaventure University  
* St. Cloud State University  
* State University of New York - Oswego  
* University of Akron  
* University of Alabama at Birmingham  
* University of Alaska, Anchorage  
University of Denver  
University of Evansville  
* University of Hawaii at Manoa  
University of Houston  
* University of Iowa Center on Aging  
* University of Massachusetts - Boston  
* University of Montana  
University of Nebraska at Lincoln  
* University of Nebraska at Omaha  
* University of Nevada - Las Vegas  
* University of North Carolina, Charlotte  
* University of North Carolina, Greensboro  
University of San Francisco  
* University of Utah  
* University of Wisconsin - Madison  
* Utica College  
* Virginia Commonwealth University  
* Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
* Webster University  
* West Virginia University  
Winston Salem State University  
Worcester State College

The 2008 Careers in Aging Week will take place from April 13th through 19th, so now is the perfect time to get your institution involved.

Please e-mail ciaw@geron.org for more information!
Get Involved with an AGHE Committee!

If you would like to serve on an AGHE committee, if you are currently serving and want to continue, or if you want to change committees, please notify the AGHE office by June 15. Those appointed to AGHE committees must be able to attend at least one of the two 2007-08 committee meetings to be held during The Gerontological Society of America’s 60th Annual Meeting (November 16-20 in San Francisco, CA) or AGHE’s 33rd Annual Meeting (February 21-24 in Baltimore, MD). The following committees are soliciting members: Academic Program Development, Faculty Development, Geriatric Education, Membership, Program (Annual Meeting), Public Policy, Publications, and Student.

If you want to know more about the activities of these committees, contact the AGHE office or go to our website at www.aghe.org and select the “Committees” menu on the left hand side of the home page. Send to the AGHE office your first, second, and third choices and include your mailing address, phone and fax numbers, and e-mail address (if available). If you already filled out a committee sign-up card at the AGHE annual meeting in Portland, you do not need to notify us again. Committee appointments will be made this summer by AGHE’s Committee on Committees, and President Marie Bernard will mail letters of invitation to nominees in September.

Faculty are also encouraged to consider any students at the baccalaureate or graduate level interested in gerontology/geriatric education as possible members for an AGHE committee. Please submit the names of any interested students in a memo to Marie Bernard, c/o the AGHE office. Please include the student’s address, phone and fax numbers, e-mail address (if available), and committee preference. This information may also be e-mailed to the AGHE office at dstepp@aghe.org.

Many thanks to all those who served on AGHE’s committees in 2006-07!
Meet the 2007 Hartford Faculty Scholars

Ten outstanding geriatric social work faculty members have been chosen as the newest inductees into the Hartford Faculty Scholars Program, a venture funded by the John A. Hartford Foundation, administered by The Gerontological Society of America, and directed by Barbara Berkman. The individuals who receive this distinction are provided with opportunities for professional development and $100,000 in funding over the next two years. Now in its eighth year, the award aims to improve the well-being of older adults by increasing the number of adequately trained geriatric social workers. Listed below are the new faculty scholars and the primary topics of their research.

**Malitta Engstrom, PhD**
The University of Chicago
School of Social Service Administration
Research Topic: Women, Incarceration, and Substance Abuse: Caregiving Grandmothers as a Missing Link in Family Intervention
Institutional Sponsor: Sydney Hans
National Research Mentor: Nancy Hooyman

**Hee Yun Lee, PhD**
University of Minnesota
School of Social Work
Research Topic: Exploring Quality of Care and Quality of Life Among Elderly Asian American Immigrants and Refugees
Institutional Sponsor: Rosalie Kane
National Research Mentor: Victoria Raveis

**Anna Faul, PhD**
University of Louisville
Kent School of Social Work
Research Topic: A Multilevel Existing Data Study on Health Utilization for Older Adults Suffering From Diabetes
Institutional Sponsor: Michiel van Zyl
National Research Mentor: Namkee Choi

**Jean Correll Munn, PhD**
Florida State University
College of Social Work
Research Topic: Social Work Involvement at the End of Life in Long-term Care
Institutional Sponsor: Linda Vinton
National Research Mentor: Ron Toseland

**Caroline Rosenthal Gelman, PhD**
New York University
School of Social Work
Research Topic: Evaluating a Community-based, Multi-component Intervention for Latino Family Caregivers of Patients with Alzheimer’s Disease
Institutional Sponsor: Deborah Padgett
National Research Mentor: Letha Chadiha

**Joseph Pickard, PhD**
University of Missouri-Saint Louis
School of Social Work
Research Topic: Mental Health Counseling and Referral of Older Adults: Clergy Experience
Institutional Sponsor: Margaret Sherraden
National Research Mentor: Ruth Dunkle

**Faith Hopp, PhD**
Wayne State University
School of Social Work
Research Topic: Barriers and Facilitators to Heart Failure Care in Urban Settings
Institutional Sponsor: Anna Santiago
National Research Mentor: Deborah Waldrop

**Cecilia Thomas, PhD**
University of North Texas
Department of Rehabilitation, Social Work, & Addictions
Research Topic: Trauma and Relocation Experiences of Older African American Katrina Survivors: Understanding Long-term Coping and Adaptation
Institutional Sponsor: Cecilia Williamson
National Research Mentor: Aloen Townsend

**David Jenkins, PhD**
Texas Christian University
Department of Social Work
Research Topic: Family Relationships in Older Adulthood: Step-grandparents who are Lesbian or Gay
Institutional Sponsor: Dennis Cheek
National Research Mentor: Berit Ingersoll-Dayton

**Catherine Tompkins, PhD**
George Mason University
Department of Social Work
Research Topic: Grandparent-headed Households: The Long-term Caregiving Relationship Among Grandparents and Grandchildren
Institutional Sponsor: William McAuley
National Research Mentor: Philip McCallion

Berkman, the Helen Rehr/Ruth Fizdale Professor at Columbia University’s School of Social Work, works together with a national program committee, which plays a role in selecting the Scholars. This board consists of David E. Biegel of Case Western Reserve University, Letha Chadiha of the University of Michigan, Namkee Choi of the University of Texas at Austin, Nancy R. Hooyman of the University of Washington, Amy Horowitz of the Jewish Home and Hospital Lifecare System, Rosalie A. Kane of the University of Minnesota, James Lubben of the Hartford Doctoral Fellows Program, Philip McCallion of the State University of New York at Albany, Victoria Raveis of Columbia University, and Jack R. Sellers of the University of North Alabama.
Meet the Newest Hartford Doctoral Fellows

Eight outstanding doctoral students have been chosen as the newest recipients of the prestigious Hartford Doctoral Fellowship in geriatric social work. The program is funded by the John A. Hartford Foundation, administered by The Gerontological Society of America, and directed by James Lubben.

Each of the Hartford Doctoral Fellows receive a $50,000 dissertation grant plus $20,000 in matching support from their home institutions, which enables recipients to more fully concentrate on their dissertation research projects over the next two years. Fellows also receive supplemental academic career guidance and mentoring, as well as professional development enabling them to more successfully launch an academic career in gerontology and social work.

Elana Buch  
University of Michigan  
Joint Program in Social Work & Social Sciences  
**Dissertation Topic:** "Home care quality in practice: A comparison of publicly and privately funded home care"

Avani Shah  
The University of Alabama  
Psychology Department  
**Dissertation Topic:** "Efficacy of an audio-based cognitive behavioral treatment for depression in older adults"

Kimberly McClure Cassie  
University of Tennessee  
College of Social Work  
**Dissertation Topic:** "The organizational culture & climate of nursing homes"

Mary Lindsey Smith  
University of Pittsburgh  
School of Social Work  
**Dissertation Topic:** "Just one more: An examination of the prevalence, correlates, and consequences of concurrent alcohol and medication use in older adults"

Leslie K. Hasche  
Washington University in St. Louis  
GWB School of Social Work  
**Dissertation Topic:** "Exploring the potential of aging network services to improve depression care for older adults"

Katherina Nikzad  
University of Kentucky  
Graduate Center for Gerontology and the College of Social Work  
**Dissertation Topic:** "Dementia caregiving outcomes: The impact of caregiving onset, role occupancy, and care-recipient decline"

Mei Kit Tang  
The University of Alabama  
School of Social Work  
**Dissertation Topic:** "Cultural values, informal support, and caregiving outcomes among Chinese American caregivers"

Wanda White  
University of California, Los Angeles  
Social Welfare  
**Dissertation Topic:** "The intersection of religion, aging, and sexual orientation from the perspective of lesbian older adults"

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.

Lubben, Professor Emeritus at UCLA and the Louise McMahon Ahearn University Chair at Boston College, works together with a national program committee, which plays a role in selecting the Fellows. A national program advisory committee plays a central role in selecting the Fellows. This year’s committee consists of Iris Chi of the University of Southern California, Namkee Choi of the University of Texas at Austin, Ruth Dunkle of the University of Michigan, Jan Greenberg of the University of Wisconsin, Jeanne Marsh of the University of Chicago, Nancy Morrow-Howell of Washington University in St. Louis, and Deborah Waldrop of the State University of New York at Buffalo. Ad hoc members include Barbara Berkman of the Hartford Faculty Scholars Program and Carmen Morano of the Hartford Pre-Dissertation Award Program.
**Tips for Emerging Scholars**

Oprah once stated that “doing the best at this moment puts you in the best place for the next moment.” The pursuit of excellence is a continuous process. Becoming a scholar requires tireless efforts and dedication now to ensure a prosperous future. Here are a few tips and suggestions to aid in your development as an emerging aging scholar:

**Stay current with as many areas in aging and gerontology as possible**
- It is important to have an area that you are well versed in but it is also important to also have knowledge about other subjects within the field.

**Attend professional conferences**
- During annual meetings you can network with and meet other professionals and young scholars. Even if you do not present your own research you can obtain useful information by attending the sessions.

**Connect with student organizations**
- Student organizations disseminate opportunities specifically for students and recent graduates.

**Take advantage of the opportunities presented to you**
- Take the time to apply to research or development programs because it is these experiences that can have an impact on your future. You do not know what kind of opportunity you are missing if you do not apply.

**Identify strong mentors and advisors**
- Align yourself with faculty and other professionals so that they can provide you with guidance for your future career.

**Keep an updated CV or Resume readily available**
- This keeps the faculty in your department up to date on the activities that you are doing and it also shows those that are reviewing it your most recent accomplishments.

**Do more than the minimum requirement**
- If you have the opportunity, take additional courses that may strengthen the research skills that you have.

**Utilize the summer**
- Take a class, attend a training workshop, establish a list of articles or books to read, or complete an internship.
Position: Assistant, Associate or Full Professor in Gerontological Nursing
Institution: University of California, San Francisco
Location: California

Nursing: Faculty position. The Department of Physiological Nursing (DPN) announces a national search for two tenure track faculty positions in gerontological nursing. Open until filled. The appointments will be at the Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor rank, depending upon the finalist’s level of scholarship and experience. The DPN is one of four academic departments in the School of Nursing and offers master’s and doctoral preparation with areas of study in gerontology/geriatrics, cardiovascular, critical care trauma, acute care, and oncology. The gerontology specialty includes both clinical nurse specialist and gerontological nurse practitioner tracks at the master’s level.

Qualifications: Minimum Criteria – Education: Doctoral degree in nursing or related field with experience in teaching and research in gerontological nursing; Licensed or eligible for licensure in the State of California.

Qualifications: Preferred Criteria – 1. Two or more years of experience in gerontology.
2. Educator with a strong foundation in biological, social and/or behavioral science, experience teaching graduate students, and expertise in gerontology. Expertise in gerontology is broadly defined to include some or all of the following: primary gerontologic/geriatric care, chronic illness in older adults, long-term care, care of the acutely ill older adult, or other area of expertise related to the health and well-being of older adults and their families.
3. Prepared through experience, teaching, research, or community service to contribute to the School of Nursing’s commitment to diversity and excellence.
4. Research experience as a principal investigator and/or extensive experience on funded projects documented by publications and other modes of disseminating research findings.
5. Publications and research experience are in areas related to gerontology.

Areas of Responsibility: 1. Teaching and advising master’s (Clinical Nurse Specialist and Gerontological Nurse Practitioner Tracks) and doctoral nursing students. 2. Engaging in ongoing programs of research that are gerontology focused and include student mentorship.
3. Contributing to department leadership in the area of gerontology, including participation in the activities and initiatives of the UCSF/John A. Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence.
4. Participating as a faculty member in activities of the Department of Physiological Nursing, School of Nursing and the University of California, San Francisco, including committee appointments.
5. Engaging in professional activities at a local, state, regional, and national level.
6. Disseminating knowledge in gerontology/geriatrics and related areas through publications as well as participating and presenting at interdisciplinary and scientific meetings.

Lines of Responsibility: Responsible to the Chair, Department of Physiological Nursing.

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On November 15-16, 2007, the National Institute on Aging (NIA) will hold the Technical Assistance Workshop for Minority and Emerging Scientists and Students, a two-day interactive forum where minority and emerging scientists and students receive feedback from NIA staff on their current or planned research as well as general information about applying for NIA grants. The workshop will be held immediately prior to the annual scientific meeting of The Gerontological Society of America in San Francisco, CA. Participation is by competitive application.

NIA encourages applications from members of groups under-represented in aging research and investigators committed to research careers related to minority aging issues. Applicants should be pre- or post-doctoral students or recent recipients of Ph.D., M.D. or related doctoral degrees; new to the NIH application process and/or embarking on an independent program of research; investigators with less than five years of research experience; and U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals or permanent residents.

Applications are due by July 16, 2007. For information and application forms, please contact Jamie Gulin at 301-496-0765; gulinj@nia.nih.gov.