Ethics Reform, Quicker Research Releases Headline 2005 NIH Agenda

The office of National Institutes of Health Director Elias Zerhouni delivered two news items of significance to GSA members in the first week of February – announcing a sweeping reform of ethics policies and calling for scientists to speed the public release of research publications. The latter policy is designed to accelerate the public’s access to published articles resulting from NIH-funded research. It calls on scientists to release manuscripts from research supported by NIH as soon as possible to the public, and within 12 months of final publication.

These peer reviewed, NIH-funded research publications will be available in a web-based archive to be managed by the National Library of Medicine, a component of NIH. The online archive will increase the public’s access to health-related publications at a time when demand for such information is on a steady rise.

“With the rapid growth in the public’s use of the Internet, NIH must take a leadership role in making available to the public the research that we support,” said Zerhouni. “While this new policy is voluntary, we are strongly encouraging all NIH-supported researchers to release their published manuscripts as soon as possible for the benefit of the public. Scientists have a right to see the results of their work disseminated as quickly and broadly as possible, and NIH is committed to helping our scientists exercise this right. We urge publishers to work closely with authors in implementing this policy.”

Two days prior, Zerhouni’s office also issued a new supplemental ethics regulation that seeks to address the concerns raised by the activities of some of its employees, particularly regarding outside consulting with the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries. The regulation was developed by the Department of Health and Human Services, with the concurrence of the Office of Government Ethics, the federal agency that prescribes executive branch-wide ethics standards.

Cognitively Impaired Adults Find Greater Hospitalization Risks

GSA’s ongoing article collaboration with the American Journal of Nursing this month outlines ways to identify older adults with cognitive impairment and ease their transition from the acute care setting.

Lead authors Mary D. Naylor and Caroline Stephens state that research shows cognitively impaired older adults hospitalized for acute illness or surgery are at risk for prolonged hospital stays, increased complication rates, delayed rehabilitation, increased mortality, increased readmission, and poor outcomes. Despite the risks involved, cognitive impairment in older adults often goes undetected by health professional and caregivers. Complicating the issue, and influencing the care and recovery of these individuals, is the capacity of their caregivers whose understanding of the situation may be incomplete and whose own needs during and after hospitalization are not often fully understood or addressed.

Found in the February 2005 issue of AJN, the article is the fourth in the “A New Look at the Old” series, a grant project funded by Atlantic Philanthropies designed to provide evidence-based information on the nursing care of older adults. Over the next three years, these articles will provide readers with cutting-edge research and best practice information designed to stimulate changes in institutional as well as individual practice. Readers can apply for CE credits that are applicable to recertification requirements for Gerontological Nurse Practitioners and Gerontological Nurses, as well as other specialty certification and state RN relicensure requirements.
Election Slate for 2005

The ballots for the election of next year’s officers have now been finalized. They will be mailed to all members on April 1st, so please keep an eye out to make sure your vote counts. The candidates are as follows:

**GSA PRESIDENT**
- Steven Austad, University of Texas
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- Carol Kemp, Swedish Medical Center-Seattle, Washington

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**Careers in Aging Week**

Please contact Lindsay McCartney at lmccartney@geron.org if you are interested in participating in this year’s Careers in Aging Week, to be held April 11-15, 2005. Visit www.careersinaging.com to see a list of the 2005 participants!

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Greetings from GSA’s Treasurer

I am delighted to be your new Treasurer, and humbled by the size of the shoes I must fill. Ruth Dunkle has been Treasurer for the past six years, and she is a hard act to follow. Many thanks to Ruth for making my transition such a smooth one.

One of the things my colleagues ask me frequently is: What happens to my dues money? So, I thought I’d start my term by attempting to answer that question. The first two pie charts represent the sources of revenue and expenses for GSA, including AGHE and the National Academy on Aging, for the fiscal year ending 2003 (final 2004 will be out in a few weeks).

First, important though they are, membership dues accounted for only about 10% of revenues for GSA in 2003. The single highest revenue stream we had came from Grants, Contracts, and Contributions, representing over one-half of GSA revenues. These grants and contracts are often dedicated to specific projects and therefore not available as operating funds. Contributions are available and provide for activities of the Society. In 2003, our revenue from the Annual Scientific Meeting in San Diego generated slightly more than membership dues (revenues from Annual Meeting include exhibit revenues). The next biggest source of revenue came from GSA publications: the Journals of Gerontology, the Gerontologist, and other GSA, AGHE, and National Academy publications. Finally, small amounts were also generated by investment income and miscellaneous other sources (2% combined).

Second, where did dues money go? It’s hard to answer that question directly because membership dues, along with the other sources of revenue, are part of our cash flow in any one year, which is then used to support specific activities. These activities are summarized in the second chart. As you can see, in 2003, membership activities used up approximately 25% of our expense budget. The revenue for these activities from membership dues and annual meeting revenues nearly cover these expenses, but not quite. Publication expenses amount to 15% of expenses; in contrast, they generate 21% of our revenue. The single biggest expense was for Grants and Contracts, which accounted for 41% of our expenses in 2003, which accounted for 56% of our revenues. Management expenses (salaries, fringe benefits for staff) accounted for 15% of our expenses in 2003, and nominal amounts were required to support governance of GSA, and Development efforts.

The other important thing I’m often asked is: what do we have in reserves? Here is another chart that will show you what we have invested aside from money market accounts that we use to manage cash flow (approximately $1.4MM). Our money is invested quite conservatively – of the $1.9MM we have invested, over half is in Certificates of Deposit (CDs), a fourth is in Mortgage- or Asset-Backed Securities, and the rest is divided among equity securities, mutual funds, and government bonds. Part of my agenda for my term will be to undertake a review of our portfolio to ensure that we are receiving as much of a return on our funds as possible, at a risk level that we can tolerate.

As your Treasurer, I am committed to making the finances of GSA more “transparent” to the members. The budget process goes through formal semi-annual review by GSA’s finance committee and also by the GSA Council. While this means that financial matters can only be officially addressed a limited number of times each year, I am available by phone or email, should you have any questions or burning issues. My “door” is always open – and I welcome your comments and suggestions.
Updated Careers in Aging Booklet Now Available!

Careers in Aging: Opportunities and Options is a 28-page booklet designed for upper-division undergraduate students and adults considering a career change. This booklet has just been updated and addresses questions such as: What are the implications of an aging society for employment of professionals? What does it mean to work in the “field of aging?” What types of jobs exist for gerontological specialists? What kinds of educational programs are available? What should you look for when you select a gerontology or geriatrics education program? The revisions of this booklet and the recently revised Careers in Aging: Consider the Possibilities are possible thanks to the generous support of the AARP Foundation. Single copies of this booklet are available free of charge. Multiple copies are $1.00 each for individuals (faculty, students, or administrators) from AGHE member institutions/organizations; $2.00 each for individuals from non-member institutions/organizations. Contact the AGHE office for the cost of postage and handling for multiple booklet orders.

2004-2005 AGHE FELLOWS ANNOUNCED

Fellow status is an honor conferred by AGHE in recognition of outstanding leadership in gerontology/geriatrics education by established scholars/educators. Fellowship status is open to individuals with well-established careers of achievement in gerontology/geriatrics education who are employed by an AGHE member institution. Qualifications include outstanding achievement in teaching, scholarship and research on educational issues, influential research publications or theoretical contributions used in gerontology/geriatric education and training, or leadership in administration and funding of gerontology/geriatrics educational programs, including development of new programs.

AGHE is pleased to announce the 2004-2005 AGHE Fellows in Gerontology and Geriatrics Education:

- John A. Belzer, PhD, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
- J. Kevin Eckert, PhD, University of Maryland Baltimore County
- Kathryn Elliott, PhD, Minnesota State University, Mankato
- Paul Roodin, PhD, State University of New York, Oswego
- Julia H. Rose, PhD, Case Western Reserve University
- Debra J. Sheets, RN, PhD, California State University, Northridge
- Anthony Traxler, PhD, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville
Antonucci Sheds Light on Impact of Successful Relationships

University of Michigan at Ann Arbor Psychology Professor and former GSA President Toni Antonucci received national attention last month in the Washington Post for her latest study on the lasting impact of relationships. She reported that individuals who were in happy marriages are much less likely to experience long-term depression after the death of a spouse. According to her research, this counterintuitive finding suggests that a stable emotional base in a relationship allows people to better cope with the loss of a loved one.

New Book By Members

Caregiving Among Older Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender New Yorkers by Prof. Marjorie H. Cantor, Dr. Mark Brennan, and R. Andrew Shippy. Published by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute.

Aging and Disability Highlighted in Recent Public Policy and Aging Report

Be sure to check out the latest Public Policy and Aging Report, “Aging and Disability: Congruence or Conflict?” This issue features the following articles and authors:

- Public Policy Writ Small: Coalitions at the Intersection of Aging and Lifelong Disabilities
- Issues in the Further Integration of Aging and Disability Service
- Disability and Aging: The Quest for Coherent Public Policy
- Coalitions Between Aging and Disability Interests: Potential Effects on Choice and Control for Older People

Authors:
Edward F. Ansello, Elias S. Cohen, Rosalie Kane, Michelle Putnam

Copies of this Public Policy and Aging Report, as well as copies of past issues, may be ordered on-line by visiting the Academy’s web site at www.aging.society.org or by calling 202-842-1275.

Little Rock GRECC presents -

BEST PRACTICES IN THE CONTINUUM OF CARE: Hip Fractures
DoubleTree Hotel
April 27, 2005
Little Rock, AR

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This is a one day conference that will address timely issues in hip fracture, including prevention, treatment and rehabilitation in older adults. This will include the epidemiology of, and costs associated with, hip fracture; biological processes of healing; surgical, pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical strategies for the prevention and treatment of hip fracture; and options for rehabilitation in older adults. CME credits will be offered. This meeting is sponsored by the Little Rock VA Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center (GRECC) and the Arkansas Geriatric Education Center. Contact: Kay Guthrie (501/257-5547 or guthrieckay@uams.edu). Call for registration: 501-661-7962 or visit our website at www.litterockgrecc.org

In Memoriam

Ethel Shanas Perlman, former GSA president and longtime gerontology researcher, passed away in January at the age of 90 in Evanston, Illinois. She served as a professor of sociology at the University of Illinois at Chicago from 1965 to 1982. She was president of the Society in 1974, the year which saw legislation passed to create the National Institute on Aging. In her report to Council that year, she said, “The enactment of this legislation was the culmination of a concerted effort on the part of many members of the two scientific organizations, the American Geriatrics Society and the Gerontological Society, and the mass organizations of older people.”

the Journals of gerontology

Call for Editor Nominations

Journal of Gerontology: Biological Sciences
Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences

GSAs’s Publications Committee is seeking nominations for two positions: Editor of the Journal of Gerontology: Biological Sciences and Editor of the Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences.

Both positions will become effective January 1, 2006. The Editor makes appointments to the journal’s editorial board and develops policies in accordance with the scope statement prepared by the Publications Committee and approved by Council (see the journal’s masthead page). The Editor works with reviewers and has the final responsibility for the acceptance of articles for his or her journal. The editorship is a voluntary position. Candidates must be dedicated to developing a premier scientific journal.

Nominations and applications may be made by self or others, but must be accompanied by the candidate’s curriculum vitae and a statement of willingness to accept the position. All nominations and applications must be received by April 1, 2005. Nominations and applications should be sent to the GSA Publications Committee, Attn: Patricia Walker, GSA, 1030 15th St. NW, Suite 250, Washington, DC 20005-1503.
New Hartford Program Builds Social Work Awareness for Doctoral Students

The Gerontological Society of America has joined forces once again with the John A. Hartford Foundation in the form of a new program aimed at PhD candidates. The Hartford Doctoral Fellows Pre-Dissertation Award Program, administered by GSA, aims to expose more doctoral students to gerontological social work research. A main goal of the program is to expand the number of social work doctoral dissertations that identify and examine a set of research questions that seek to improve the health and well-being of older persons and their families.

Twenty students will be selected for the program. Awardees will be brought to GSA’s Annual Meeting and will attend an institute there conducted by the Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGE-SW). These same students will also attend the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) conference, where they will participate in an all-day institute that focuses on grant writing and research funding. Pre-Dissertation stage doctoral students are invited to apply. Awardees will be encouraged to subsequently apply for the Hartford Doctoral Fellowship that supports dissertation research in social work and aging. Applications are due May 2, 2005.

More information and an application are available online at: http://www.gswi.org/predissertation_description.htm.

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“Nothing is more important to me than preserving the trust of the public in NIH. It is unfortunate that the activities of a few employees have tainted the stellar reputation of the many thousands of NIH scientists who have never compromised their integrity and have selflessly served the nation with great distinction through their discoveries,” Zerhouni said. “I am confident that these new rules will prevent the recurrence of past abuses and will go a long way in preserving the historic role of NIH as the primary source of unbiased scientific health information for the country.”

Under the new rules, all NIH employees are prohibited from engaging in certain outside employment with: 1) substantially affected organizations, including pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies; 2) supported research institutions, including NIH grantees; 3) health care providers and insurers; and 4) related trade, professional or similar associations. Investments in organizations substantially affected by the NIH, such as the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries, are also not allowed for those employees who are required to file public and confidential financial disclosure reports, and are restricted for other staff.

Funding and Scholarship Opportunities

For those of us who are students pursuing a career in social, clinical, or biomedical gerontology, I highly encourage you to take advantage of these available funding opportunities. Whether you are in need of financial assistance for tuition, dissertation funding, or postdoctoral assistance, these options may be helpful:

American Cancer Society (ACS)
• Postdoctoral Fellowships. Awards are available for one to three years with stipends of $35,000, $37,000, and $40,000 per year to encourage basic, pre-clinical, psychosocial, behavioral, and epidemiological cancer research.
• Doctoral/Master’s Degree Scholarships in Cancer Nursing. Awards are available for two to four years with a stipend of $15,000 per year for doctoral nursing students and $10,000 for master’s students studying cancer research, education, administration, or clinical practice.

American Society on Aging (ASA)
• Student Research Award. $500 award given to the best graduate research project in the field of aging.

American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR)
• Glenn/AFAR Scholarships for Research in the Biology of Aging. Offers $5,500 to conduct a three-month project in the area of biomedical research in aging.
• Merck/AFAR Fellowship in Geriatric Clinical Pharmacology. Two two-year fellowships at $120,000 each available for those with an interest in geriatric medicine and the role of clinical pharmacology as it relates to the care of the aged.

Keep in mind the funding opportunities that our very own Gerontological Society of America offers its students:
• Hartford Geriatric Social Work Doctoral Fellowship Program. Eight advanced doctoral students in geriatric social work will be selected each year to receive a grant of $20,000 a year for up to two years to protect 50% of the Fellow’s time for concentration work on his or her dissertation.
• Hartford Pre-Dissertation Award in Geriatric Social Work. Up to twenty doctoral students will be selected each year to attend both the GSA and the Society for Social Work conferences.

For more information, visit http://www.gswi.org/funding_opportunities/students.html, where there are available links, phone numbers, and additional information on each of these and many other funding opportunities. Remember, deadlines are approaching! Good luck to all applicants.
NIH Director’s Pioneer Award Open for 2005 Nominations
The National Institutes of Health have just announced the 2005 NIH Director’s Pioneer Award, a key component of the NIH Roadmap for Medical Research. The award supports scientists of exceptional creativity who propose pioneering approaches to major challenges in biomedical research. The program is open to scientists at all career levels who are currently engaged in any field of research, interested in exploring biomedically relevant topics, and willing to commit the major portion of their effort to Pioneer Award research. Women, members of groups that are underrepresented in biomedical research, and individuals in the early to middle stages of their careers are especially encouraged to nominate themselves. Awardees must be U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals, or permanent residents. In September 2005, NIH expects to make 5 to 10 new Pioneer Awards of up to $500,000 in direct costs per year for 5 years. The streamlined self-nomination process includes a 3- to 5-page essay, a biographical sketch, a list of current research support, and the names of three references. Nominations may be submitted on the Pioneer Award Web site, http://nihroadmap.nih.gov/pioneer, between March 1 and April 1, 2005. For more information, visit the Pioneer Award Web site or e-mail questions to: pioneer@nih.gov.

AcademyHealth Issues New Ethical Guidelines
Health services researchers and policy analysts face conflicts of interest in conducting, analyzing, reporting, and disseminating research. Health services researchers strive to produce valid and reliable research that informs policy and practice, however, secondary interests such as administration, funding obligations, and political advocacy can create conflicts that may undermine the credibility of the research, and ultimately harm the reputation of the field. It is important that health services researchers and policy analysts be able to identify and manage conflicts of interest when they arise. To assist the field in maintaining ethical standards in research, AcademyHealth is releasing “Ethical Guidelines for Managing Conflicts of Interest in Health Services Research,” which can be found at http://www.academyhealth.org/ethics/index.htm.

NCEA Launches E-Newsletter
The National Center on Elder Abuse has announced the released of its new monthly e-newsletter. It aims to feature the latest news and new developments in the field each month. To be added to the mailing list, simply visit www.eldercenterabuse.org and click on “NCEA e-NEWS.” You will be added to their subscriber list and the most recent issue will be immediately delivered to your inbox. Future issues will be delivered as soon as they are published.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Seeks Proposals
Prescription for Health: Promoting Healthy Behaviors in Primary Care Research Networks is a five-year national program designed to develop, test, evaluate, and disseminate creative, practical strategies to promote healthy behaviors in primary care practices by targeting four behaviors: lack of physical activity, poor diet, tobacco use, and risky use of alcohol. The goal of this second round of funding is to understand and measure the extent to which comprehensive strategies are effective in improving patients’ health behaviors and result in improved practice. Up to nine 24-month grants of up to $300,000 will be awarded in this round of funding. Proposals are welcomed from any practice-based research network (PBRN) with headquarters located in the United States. More information on PBRNs can be found on the program’s website (www.prescriptionforhealth.org).

Joint Commission Seeking Award Nominees
The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations is now welcoming nominations for its 2005 Ernest A. Codman Individual Award. Now in their ninth year, the Codman Awards are presented annually to both an individual and to health care organizations for exemplary accomplishments in the use of performance measurement to achieve improvements in the quality of health care services. Potential Award candidates include those who have made major contributions to the development and testing of performance measures; those who have made major contributions to the science and art of quality improvement; and those who have played significant leadership roles in promoting the use of performance measures to improve health care services. If you have questions about any aspect of the 2005 Ernest A. Codman Awards, please contact Teena Wilson at (630) 792-5562 or Evelyn Lockett Woods at (630) 792-5570.

HHS Solicits Applications for Perimenopause-Related Grant
The US Department of Health and Human Services has announced it is seeking applications for research studies to better understand underlying biologic mechanisms associated with the increased risk for, or decreased protection leading to, health problems and conditions associated with the menopausal process in middle-aged women. The total amount to be awarded is $2.5 million. The anticipated number of awards is between 4 and 6. Eligible organizations include: for-profit and non-profit, domestic and foreign public or private institutions, units of State and local governments, and eligible agencies of the Federal government. Eligible principal investigators include any individuals with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research. Individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Applicants may submit as many scientifically different applications as desired. The deadline for applications is May 16th, 2005, and full details and requirements are available at http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AG-05-008.html.
The Gerontological Society of America
Call for Award Nominations

The Gerontological Society of America salutes outstanding and potential research through a host of awards. This year, GSA is proud to announce the addition of two paper awards from its Civic Engagement in an Older America Project, including the honoring of a paper from a senior scholar. Additionally, the SRPP Section and ESPO have added additional paper and poster awards. Award winners will be announced at the Society’s 58th Annual Scientific Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 18-22, 2005. All nomination materials must be sent to GSA’s office by the deadline date. Materials received after the deadline will not be eligible. For a complete description of nomination requirements and to obtain nomination forms, please visit the Society’s Web Site at www.geron.org or email GSA’s Awards Coordinator at cleone@geron.org.

SOCIETY-WIDE AWARDS

The Donald F. Kent Award is given to a member of the Society who best exemplifies the highest standards for professional leadership in gerontology through teaching, service, and interpretation of gerontology to the larger society. Nominees must be Fellows of the Society. Deadline: May 5th.

The Robert W. Kleemeier Award is given annually to a member of the Society in recognition for outstanding research in the field of gerontology. Nominees must be Fellows of the Society. Deadline: May 5th.

The M. Powell Lawton Award, sponsored by the Polisher Research Institute of the Madlyn and Leonard Abramson Center for Jewish Life, is presented to an individual to honor contributions from applied research that have benefited older people and their care. The award carries a cash prize of $2,500, a certificate, and a $1,000 award for travel and per diem expenses to the Annual Meeting. Deadline: May 5th.

The Maxwell A. Pollack Award for Productive Aging recognizes instances of practice informed by research and analysis, research that directly improved policy or practice, and destined to bridging the worlds of research and practice. This award carries a cash prize, certificate, and symbol totaling $10,000. Deadline: May 5th.

The Margret M. Baltes Early Investigator Award acknowledges outstanding early career contributions in behavioral and social gerontology. Eligible nominees must have a PhD and must not be more than 10 years past the date the PhD was awarded. Nominations made by others or self-nominations will be accepted. The award recipient will receive a plaque and a $1,000 cash award. Deadline: May 5th.

BIOLGICAL SCIENCES SECTION

The Geron Corporation - Samuel Goldberg Distinguished Publication Award is a $1,500 cash prize awarded to the best paper published in the Journal of Gerontology: Biological Sciences for the period of May 2004 to March 2005. The paper chosen is selected and determined solely by the editorial board of the Journal of Gerontology: Biological Sciences.

The George Sacher Student Award is given to the best ESPO presentation by a GSA member at the Society’s Annual Scientific Meeting. To be eligible, a member of the ESPO of the Society must have an abstract submitted and accepted for the Annual Scientific Meeting. After acceptance the ESPO member will be notified to submit additional award materials by September 10th. The $1,500 Nathan Shock New Investigator Award is given for outstanding career contributions to new knowledge about aging through basic biological research. Eligible nominees must have a PhD and must not be more than 10 years past the date the PhD was awarded. Nominations made by others or self-nominations will be accepted. The award recipient will receive a plaque and a $1,000 cash award. Deadline: May 5th.

Biological Sciences and Clinical Medicine Sections are offering the $400 Austin Bloch Post-Doctoral Fellow Award to recognize an outstanding paper or poster contribution by a Post-Doctoral Fellow in biomedical sciences. The Biological Sciences and Clinical Medicine Sections alternate annually in selecting the award from among their respective section’s submissions. In order to be eligible for the 2005 award, the final author’s abstract must be submitted to the Clinical Medicine Section and accepted for presentation at the GSA Annual Meeting. After acceptance students will be notified to submit additional award materials by September 10th.

SOCIAL RESEARCH POLICY & PRACTICE SECTION

The Social Research, Policy and Practice Section offers two student research awards: a $500 cash prize for doctoral level work and a $250 cash prize for advanced undergraduate/or master’s level work. All GSA ESPO members are eligible to apply. Applicants must first submit an abstract and have it accepted for the Annual Scientific Meeting. After being accepted students will be requested to submit additional materials by September 10th.

CLINICAL MEDICINE SECTION

The Joseph T. Freeman Award is a lectureship in geriatrics and is awarded to a prominent physician in the field of aging—who is a member of the Society’s Clinical Medicine section. This award carries a cash prize of $250. Deadline: May 5th.

The Person-in-Training Award is given to a student (enrolled in a graduate education program who does not have a doctoral degree) of the CM Section for the best student presentation at the Society’s Annual Meeting. To be eligible for this $500 award the student must have an abstract submitted and accepted for the Annual Meeting. After acceptance, the student will be notified to submit additional materials by September 10th.

The Clinical Medicine Research Award is given to a new investigator in the Clinical Medicine Section. Individuals eligible for this $1,000 research award are new investigators who have received a doctoral degree within the last seven years. Interested ESPO Clinical Medicine Section students, trainees, fellows, and junior faculty must submit an abstract accepted for presentation at the annual meeting. After acceptance, the student will be notified to submit further materials by September 10th.

The Doris Schwartz Gerontological Nursing Research Award, presented in collaboration with the John A. Hartford Foundation Institute for Geriatric Nursing, is given to a member of the Society in recognition of outstanding and sustained contribution to geriatric nursing research. This award carries a cash prize of $300. Deadline: May 5th.

BEHAVIORAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES SECTION

The Distinguished Career Contribution Award honors an individual whose contributions over the course of her or his career have articulated a novel theoretical or methodological perspective or synthesis that addresses a significant problem in the literature. To be eligible the individual must be (if retired, must have been a member of the BSS section and must have published within the past 5 years. Deadline: May 5th.

The Distinguished Mentorship in Gerontology Award is given to an individual who has fostered excellence in and had a major impact on the field by virtue of their mentoring, and whose inspiration is sought by students and colleagues. To be eligible for the award, the nominee must be a member of the BSS Section of GSA. Deadline: May 5th.

The Richard Kalish Innovative Publication Award recognizes insightful and innovative publications on aging and life course development in the behavioral and social sciences. This award is underwritten by the Baywood Publishing Company and carries a cash prize of $500. Deadline: May 5th.

The BSS Student Research Award recognizes student research at the pre-dissertation and dissertation level (degree to have been awarded within 18 months of date of submission). The award winner at the dissertation level receives a $1,000 cash prize and the award winner at the pre-dissertation level receives a $500 cash prize. Both winners receive a copy of the Handbook on Aging and a one-year membership in the Society. After abstract acceptance for the Annual Meeting, finalists will be requested to submit additional materials by September 10th.

EMERGING SCHOLAR & PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION

The ESPO Interdisciplinary Paper Award honors the best interdisciplinary research paper on a topic related to aging by a GSA ESPO member. To be eligible for this $250 award, ESPO members must have an abstract accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting. After abstract rejection for the Annual Meeting, finalists will be requested to submit an article-length manuscript for final judging by September 10th.

The Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization (ESPO) offers five Poster Awards this year. The applicant must be a GSA ESPO member. Posters from all sections will be considered. To be eligible, ESPO members must have a poster abstract accepted for presentation at the annual meeting. Finalists will be requested to submit a PDF or PowerPoint version of their poster for final judging by September 10th.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN AN OLDER AMERICA PROJECT

GSA’s Civic Engagement in an Older America initiative offers two cash awards to recognize outstanding papers on the topic of civic engagement as it relates to older adults. The Initiative will award $500 to one paper from a student or junior scholar (no more than five years post-doctorate on September 10, 2005). The Initiative will also award $1000 to one paper from a senior scholar. Finalists will be selected from among the abstracts accepted for presentation at the meeting and are requested to submit an article-length manuscript for final judging by September 10th. The author(s) must present the work during the Annual Meeting.
Research and Education Funding Under President’s FY 2006 Budget

In his State of the Union address, President Bush celebrated the doubling of the budget of the National Institutes of Health and thanked Congress for making it happen. Unfortunately, the President’s FY2006 budget, released in early February, fails to capitalize on, or sustain, this investment.

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research Funding (a coalition of more than 300 organizations, of which GSA is a member), while recognizing the need for fiscal restraint, maintains that the $196 million increase (.5%) proposed for FY 2006 is insufficient to address the pressing health needs facing the American people. The Ad Hoc Group points out that this request marks the third year in a row that the NIH budget has not kept pace with inflation, as measured by the Biomedical Research and Development Price Index. The NIH budget must grow by 3.5 percent, or nearly 1 billion, just to keep pace with inflation. The Group plans to work with the Administration and Congress to seek an NIH budget of at least $30 billion for FY 2006, a 6 percent increase over the FY 2005 level.

Under the President’s FY 2006 budget, the National Institute on Aging would receive a $5 million increase (.026 percent), the National Institute for Nursing Research would be increased by $1 million (.025 percent), and the Human Genome Research Institute would increase by $2 million (.022 percent). The President’s budget for Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) calls for a net decrease of $846 million from the FY 2005 level. Nurse training programs at HRSA would be reduced by $1 million from FY 2005 levels, while health professions training activities, funded at $252 million in FY 2005, would be zeroed out. The proposed budget for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is $7.5 billion, a net decrease of $491 million from FY 2005. CDC’s public health research would remain static at $31 million, the budget for chronic disease prevention and health promotion would be reduced by $59 million, and health statistics would remain at FY 2005 levels. The budget for the Administration on Aging would be $1.4 million, slightly below the FY 2005 level.

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