



UNCG Gerontology Research Network

Facilitating Transdisciplinary Aging-related Research at UNCG

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ANNOUNCEMENT

MRC Call for Research Proposals *see attached document*

-The McDowell Research Center for Global Information Technology Management (MRC) at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG) invites proposals for research grants relevant to its mission. A maximum of three awards from UNCG, each at US\$5,000.00, will be made. The deadline for an electronic submission is March 16, 2009. This invitation is open to only full time faculty members. Students are not eligible.

-Preference will be given to proposals in the primary focus area of MRC. The MRC's primary focus is to study management, behavioral, and people issues in the implementation of information technology (IT) in healthcare.

We are interested in issues at all levels: individual, local, regional, national, and international. Also of interest are issues in healthcare offshoring.

-Contacts: Dr. Prashant Palvia, Director, pcpalvia@uncg.edu and Mr. Rodney Ouzts, Administrative Assistant rmouzts@uncg.edu of the McDowell Research Center for Global Information Technology Management

-The submission deadline is March 16, 2009. Visit [The McDowell Research Center for Global IT Management, Bryan School of Business, UNCG](#)

LOCAL

Center for Creative Aging www.cca-nc.org

-During Older Americans Month, May 2009, CCA-NC will celebrate the creativity of older adults and people with dementia. The goal is to reduce the stigma associated with Alzheimer's and related dementia and to raise awareness of aging issues. Throughout the month there will be performances, discussions and exhibits highlighting the creative abilities of our diverse elders.

-We need volunteers and interested students to work with us to facilitate the artwork and get it to public places such as the library and certain restaurants and other public places that agree to display the artwork. Students will also assist in bringing history to the art pieces by labeling them with info about the artist and the story behind the artwork. It's going to be great fun and would love if any faculty or other professionals have the time to work on the committee with us, or at least to put some of your students in touch with me or Lia Miller to get involved.

-Contact info: Lia Miller at 336-253-0856 or lia@cca-nc.org or Eileen McGuinness-Vaillancourt at 336-725-3085 or Eileen.McGuinness@alz.org

Pet Partners Team Training Course *see attached registration*

-**Pet Partners**® are person-animal teams who have taken training about how to visit people in hospitals, nursing homes, schools, etc. **Pet Partner Handlers** are not required to have an animal in order to take the course or to be registered. Minimum age is 10 years (under 17 must have parent onsite). Participants will be able to work with any registered Pet Partner animal after completion of course and screening. <http://www.deltasociety.org/>

-Date: Time: Saturday, Feb. 21 8:00 am – 8:00 p.m. (Bring lunch, dinner, and snacks as there are no food venues close to the center)

-Event location: The Proposed Center for Healthy Aging and Living – Gym Building, Gateway University Research Park, 5900 Summit Ave, Brown Summit, NC 27214 FOLLOW THE POSTED SIGNS –left just before parking lot

-Fee: (includes) \$ 75 Course & workbook & \$ 35 UNCG Student price for course & workbook

-Local Contact for More Information: Amy Chandler amchandl@uncg.edu Or call Amy Chandler at 336-334-5327 to leave a message.

STATE

Friends of Residents in Long Term Care *See attached document*

Legislative Update for Friends of Residents in Long Term Care- February 6, 2009 By Paula A. Wolf, Paulatics, LLC

-Friday's national economic news is dismal. Employers cut 598,000 jobs in January, the most since the end of 1974. This raises the unemployment rate to 7.6 percent. If part-time employees, discouraged workers and others were counted, the unemployment rate would have been 13.9 percent in January, the highest on record. The US House passed an economic stimulus bill last week with zero Republican votes. The US Senate is poised to pare down the nearly \$920 billion price tag and make substantial cuts to their version – reportedly going to the Floor today for a vote. A conference committee will ultimately put together a compromise....

NATIONAL

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Newsletter *See attached document*

- Treating a patient enrolled in the federal Medicare Advantage health insurance program costs hospitals an average of \$10,800 compared with an average of \$11,100 for patients enrolled in Medicare's traditional fee-for-service program. [Source: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HCUP, Statistical Brief #66: Medicare Hospital Stays: Comparisons between the Fee-for-Service Plan and Alternative Plans, 2006.]
- Headlines: 1. Educating patients before they leave the hospital reduces readmissions, emergency department visits and saves money
- 2. Call for papers for AHRQ's Symposium on Clinical and Comparative Effectiveness Research Methods
- 3. AHRQ issues three updated career development Funding Opportunity Announcements
- 4. AHRQ director helps consumers navigate the health care system in a Web advice column
- 5. Health Policy Fellowship Announcement
- 6. AHRQ releases new evidence report on back pain
- 7. AHRQ's free notification service brings news and information to your e-mail inbox
- 8. AHRQ in the professional literature

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Elderhostel K. Patricia Cross Doctoral Research Grant

- Elderhostel invites applications from doctoral candidates researching lifelong or later-life learning for the Elderhostel K. Patricia Cross Doctoral Research Grant. This \$5,000 grant is awarded annually to a student in various disciplines including, but not limited to, psychology, education, gerontology, cognitive studies, neuroscience, leisure studies, aging and social work. Because the selection committee requires an abstract and description of your current research, you must already be engaged in your dissertation research.
- The application deadline is Tuesday, March 31, 2009. The recipient will be announced in June 2009.
- For further information, including requirements & online application, please visit: [Elderhostel : Elderhostel K. Patricia Cross Doctoral Research Grant](#).
- For any questions about the Elderhostel K. Patricia Cross Doctoral Grant, please email grants@elderhostel.org.

2nd year of the Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program, a unique professional fellowship opportunity

- Supported by The Atlantic Philanthropies and directed by Harold Alan Pincus, MD, Professor of Psychiatry at Columbia University (in collaboration with the American Political Science Association Congressional Fellowship Program), this national program seeks to provide professionals in health and aging with the experience and skills necessary to make a positive contribution to the development and implementation of health policies that affect older Americans.
- The program offers two different tracks for individual placement: (1) a residential track that includes a nine-to-12-month placement in Washington, D.C. (as a legislative assistant in Congress, a professional staff member in an executive agency or in a policy organization) or at a state agency; and (2) a non-residential track that includes a health policy project and brief placement(s) throughout the year at relevant sites. Core program components focused on career development and professional enrichment are provided for fellows in both tracks.
- The program is open to physicians, nurses and social workers at all career stages (early, mid, and late) with a demonstrated commitment to health and aging issues and a desire to be involved in health policy at the federal, state or local level. Other professionals with clinical backgrounds (e.g., pharmacists, dentists, clinical psychologists) working in the field of health and aging are also eligible to apply. Under special circumstances, exceptions may be made for non-clinicians who are in positions that can impact health policy for older Americans at a clinical level.
- The application deadline for the 2009-2010 fellowship year is April 15, 2009.
- For further information, please visit our website at [Health and Aging Policy Fellows](#) or contact Harold Alan Pincus M.D. (pincush@pi.cpmc.columbia.edu) or Phuong Huynh, Deputy Director of the program (huynhpt@pi.cpmc.columbia.edu or 212-543-6213) directly.
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