



UNCG Gerontology Research Network

Facilitating Transdisciplinary Aging-related Research at UNCG

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Gerontology Department is selling t-shirts

The shirt pattern is located below. We have sizes Small through XX-Large. The price is \$15.00 a shirt and an extra \$5.00 if you need the shirt mailed. We will accept payment by cash, money order, or check (in that order). Please e-mail your order to Amanda May at almay@uncg.edu and she will respond with information about payment and shirt pick-up. (Please put T-SHIRT in the subject line)



Brief Review of Dr. Christina Lengyel's Lunch n' Learn Presentation

-There is a strong association of older men's self-reported life satisfaction and self-reported good health with the daily consumption of many fruits and vegetables, according to research of Dr. Christina Lengyel, Assistant Professor at the University of Manitoba, CA, who addressed our Gerontology Research Network on Monday, November 16, 2009. Because Dr. Lengyel was employed at UNCG several years ago, her past associates enjoyed the research presentation as well as renewing friendships.

-Lengyel's research cohort of over 1,200 men, with average age of 85, profits from its origins in a health study of almost 4,000 men of the Royal Canadian Air Force returning to Canada immediately after WWII. Since 1996, remaining survivors have replied to a Successful Aging Questionnaire, which since 2000 also includes a nutritional survey. Receiving an impressive 80% survey return rate, Lengyel's research team has a great deal of data about self-reported intake of food groups, self-reported health, and nutritional risk significance of these older men in Canada.

-To read more of Lengyel's research, visit http://www.serdi-fr.com/jnha/documents/05_lengyel.pdf or visit her website at http://www.umanitoba.ca/faculties/human_ecology/staff/hn_sciences/156.htm

Upcoming GRN "Lunch and Learn" Series *Flyer Attached*

-Tuesday, Feb 2, Community Aging Services of Eastern Africa presented by Dr. Suda Shreeniwas of the UNCG Human Development & Family Studies program

-Friday, February 26, 2010 when Bob Wallace of the University of Iowa presents the NIH Health and Retirement Study and Multidisciplinary Team Building. Visit geroresearch.uncg.edu for additional details.

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UNCG Office of Leadership & Service Learning *Flyer Attached*

-On Dec. 1st from 12:30 to 1:30pm at the UNCG Faculty Center, a presentation on "Evaluate and Manage the Risks of Researching with Communities" featuring speaker Eric Allen, Director, Office of Research Compliance.

-Allen will present real-life examples of community-based research and elaborate on common IRB concerns and struggles. He will also cover IRB flexibility in reviewing community based research.

-Bring your lunch! Dessert and drinks will be provided.

-RSVP to Amanda Keith, Graduate Assistant, Office of Leadership and Service-Learning at alkeith@uncg.edu

ITEMS OF INTEREST

My Medicare Matters Campaign Seeks Summer Intern

-Who we are: My Medicare Matters is an education and outreach initiative that helps people with Medicare and their families better understand Medicare. It is sponsored by the National Council on Aging (NCOA) and supported by AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, LP.

-The My Medicare Matters national campaign has three goals: (1) to maximize the number of people who are “informed consumers” of Medicare, including Part D and who are able to take appropriate next steps; and (2) to maximize the number of eligible people who enroll in the Medicare Savings Programs, Part D Extra Help/Low-Income Subsidy (LIS), (3) maximize access to related benefits for elders of modest financial means. (For more information about My Medicare Matters, please visit our Web sites:

www.MyMedicareMatters.org for consumers and www.MyMedicareCommunity.org for professionals and volunteers who work with people with Medicare.

-Intern Position: The My Medicare Matters campaign is looking for dynamic, detail-oriented graduate (public administration, policy, law, or other) students for a 10 week fulltime internship program with My Medicare Matters and related programs at the National Council on Aging in Washington DC during the Summer of 2010. Prior demonstrated interest in Medicare, Medicaid and/or poverty among older persons is a prerequisite to be considered for this position.

-We provide a stipend or cooperate with externship programs that enable students to earn academic credit.

-To apply: Interested candidates should forward a cover letter, resume, and short writing sample (5 pages maximum) to Hilary Dalin at hilary.dalin@ncoa.org. Selected candidate will be contacted to schedule an interview.

-Deadline: January 15, 2009. Applications will be considered as they arrive.

-For more information, please contact us: My Medicare Matters, National Council on Aging, 1901 L Street, NW 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20036, hilary.dalin@ncoa.org

National Investment Center and GE Healthcare Financial Services *Flyer Attached*

-New Investigator Scholarship Award - \$2,500

-The National Investment Center for the Seniors Housing & Care Industry and Mather LifeWays are pleased to announce the **New Investigator Scholarship Award** to be presented to a graduate student or new investigator for an original, evidence-based paper that addresses critical issues faced by professionals, providers, or investors in the field of senior living. The original paper should demonstrate scientific rigor and make a contribution to the senior living industry. The winning paper will be published in the 2010 issue of *Seniors Housing & Care Journal*.

-Eligibility: Applicants must either be currently enrolled in a doctoral degree program or must have completed all requirements of their doctoral program no more than one year before time of submission. The scientific paper must be based on completed research and demonstrate application to the senior living industry. Topics of interest include: macro trends and market analysis; senior housing issues; risk management; operations; government, policy, or regulatory issues; and, service/care outcomes data. As an original work, applicants must assure that the paper (or a version of it) has not been published elsewhere and is not being considered for publication elsewhere. Applicants should be the first author on the paper. Applicants are required to have a letter of support from their advisor or another faculty member accompanying the paper submission.

-Requirements: The deadline for scientific paper submittal is Monday, May 3, 2010. The scientific paper must follow the **2010 manuscript guidelines** of *Senior Housing & Care Journal*. Please contact Scott King, Associate Managing Editor at sking@matherlifeways.com for a copy of the guidelines. The letter of support from the advisor or research mentor should state that the advisor/mentor endorses the submitted paper as one that merits consideration for this award, and that the paper represents the applicant's original work based on completed research. The letter of support should also confirm that the applicant is either currently enrolled in a doctoral degree program or has completed all requirements of their doctoral program no more than one year before time of submission.