



# UNCG Gerontology Research Network

Facilitating Transdisciplinary Aging-related Research at UNCG

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **The Gerontology T-shirts are here!**

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](mailto:almay@uncg.edu) and she will respond with information about payment and shirt pick-up. (Please put T-SHIRT in the subject line)

### **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 [www.geroresearch.uncg.edu](http://www.geroresearch.uncg.edu) for additional details.

### **Congratulations Dr. Linda Buettner**

-Dr. Buettner was featured Fox 8 News morning show this past Tuesday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Dr. Linda Buettner and Sue Fitzsimmons, the Project Coordinator, demonstrated brain fitness exercises, described the impact of Alzheimer's and where the early stage damage actually occurs, and Dr. Buettner also talked about her Alzheimer's study and discuss opportunities for residents of the Triad to participate. Wake Forest University was represented by Kaycee Sink from the WFU School of Medicine, where both UNCG and WFU are receiving a \$200,000 grant for their Alzheimer's Research Project. Their research begins in January.

## STATE

### **Orange County Department on Aging Dementia Program**

- The Orange County Department on Aging will again be offering an 8 week program for individuals who have been diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment or mild dementia (with insight).
- The purpose of the group is to enable individuals to share their experience with mild cognitive losses in an accepting and supportive environment. Besides the weekly social connections, the group leaders want to facilitate member participation in exercise and other activities and artistic opportunities at the Seymour Center throughout the week.
- Pre-registration assessment interviews will begin in early January. This group will only be open to individuals who complete an admission interview process.
- This group will run from **February 5th through March 26th**. The group will take place each Friday from 10:00 AM -12:00 noon with lunch at the Seymour Center following group. Of course, caregivers will be encouraged to attend one of the three dementia caregiver support groups we offer each month.
- If you would like to make a referral to this program, please call 919-968-2087 or email [kbrrett@co.orange.nc.us](mailto:kbrrett@co.orange.nc.us) or [Mccullough.brandi@gmail.com](mailto:Mccullough.brandi@gmail.com).

### **Twenty-Fourth Annual Joseph & Kathleen Bryan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center Conference**

- "Alzheimer's 2010: Pathways to Discovery, Treatment, and Prevention" This conference will emphasize new science and discoveries in Alzheimer's disease, their implications for current practice, and their translation into community approaches most likely to have an immediate positive impact on public health. The focus is on research defining the earliest signs of AD and its related conditions and the potential of these findings to inform future prevention strategies and drug discovery.
- When: Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 7:30am – 4:30pm and Friday February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 7:30am – 3:00pm
- Location: Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center, Research Triangle Park, NC
- Fees: \$100 Two-day Conference and \$60 One-day Conference
- On-line registration: <http://adrc.mc.duke.edu/news.html>