



UNCG Gerontology Research Network

Facilitating Transdisciplinary Aging-related Research at UNCG

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sad News

-This past Wednesday afternoon, NC and the Southern Gerontological Society lost a long-time friend and staunch advocate for aging services. Betty Wisner died of cardiac arrest in Princess Margaret Hospital in Nassau, Bahamas. While on a cruise, her husband developed serious complications from an esophageal tear and was flown to Nassau for emergency surgery. Betty, unable to leave the ship with him, had to wait until the ship stopped in Jamaica. Wednesday morning, she flew via Miami to Nassau. Upon arrival she went into cardiac arrest and she died that afternoon following a pacemaker insertion.

-Betty was NC state Representative, long-time head of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Health and Natural Resources aging program, former SGS Board member, and tenacious advocate for older people.

Please attend the Dr. Bob Wallace presentation at the GRN Lunch and Learn Series *Flyer Attached*

-The UNCG Gerontology Research Network's Lunch and Learn Series is featuring Dr. Bob Wallace as our guest speaker. His presentation, The NIH Health and Retirement Study: Tribulations in Conducting a Multi-disciplinary Study, is scheduled for this Friday, **February 26, 2010 from 12:00-1:00pm** following an 11:45 a.m. luncheon. The presentation will be held in the Kirkland Room in the UNCG Elliot University Center. It is free and open to the campus and community.

-If you are unable to attend, there will be a link to the conference on the UNCG Gerontology website allowing you to listen to his presentation live while viewing his presentation slides. You'll have an opportunity to text in questions via a chat feature. A link to Dr. Wallace's talk on the UNCG Gerontology webpage: www.uncg.edu/gro will be posted on Friday, February 26, 2010. Once there click on the web-link to Dr. Wallace's presentation and provide the requested information to join the web conference. If you have any technical difficulties, please call 336.256.1020. Remember, the link will not be 'live' until Friday, February 26, 2010.

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Caregiver Lunch & Learn Series *Flyer Attached*

Are you caring for a loved one at home or in a facility? This FREE event is for you.

-Thursday, March 11, 2010 from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm at Senior Services, 2895 Shorefair Drive, Winston-Salem, NC.

-Attend your choice of one of these sessions: (1) Pain and Symptom Management (2) Dementia and Mental Illness

-Lunch will be provided at noon, then at 12:45, there will be a session for all on: Recreation Therapy

-Piedmont Home Health will provide care for your loved one on site during the program. You must reserve space for this when you RSVP.

-RSVP no later than the Monday, March 8, to (336) 608-3542

Sigma Phi Omega Careers in Aging Event

-Tuesday, **March 30th, 2010** from 11am to 1pm in the Commons Area of the UNCG Elliot University Center

-This event is in lieu of Careers in Aging Week (April 4-10, 2010), which is an annual event intended to bring greater awareness and visibility to the wide-ranging career opportunities in aging and aging research. Universities and colleges across the world participate by sponsoring events at their schools or in their communities.

-We need your help with exhibits representing a career in aging. By March 15th, please let Amanda May, almay@uncg.edu, know if you are available to participate. Tables for exhibits are limited!

Cultural and Diversity Health Care Issues in the Triad

-**April 7, 2010** from 3:00-5:00 pm in the Cone Ballroom of the UNCG Elliot University Center

-Presented by the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee of the School of Nursing

-This free event is open to all members of the UNCG Community

-This is a panel discussion that will explore issues relevant to health issues and problems of people from American Indian, African American, Hispanic and Montagnard cultures living in the North Carolina Triad area. Members of the UNCG community will have an opportunity to have open dialogue with the following representatives who have expertise with these cultural groups:

-**Ronny A. Bell, PhD, MS**, Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Prevention, Division of Public Health Sciences and Director, Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity at Wake Forest University Health Sciences

-**Sylvia A. Flack, PhD**, Executive Director, Center of Excellence for Elimination of Health Disparities, Winston-Salem State University

-**Marie Miranda, MPHE**, Public Health Consultant, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities

-**Y Hyn Nie**, Montagnard Outreach Coordinator, Senior Resources of Guilford

Aging is Good Business: Opportunities for Entrepreneurs!

-Wednesday, **April 14, 2010**; 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Cone Ballroom, Elliott University Center, UNC-Greensboro

-Details and the registration form to sponsor, exhibit, advertise, or attend are available at www.uncg.edu/gro.

-Invited speakers explore opportunities for not only those who serve aging populations, but also for "boomers" themselves initiating new careers. Afternoon break-out sessions, hosted by our morning speakers, entrepreneurs, and experts on aging, will engage participant's entrepreneurial aspirations and provide supportive feedback. Continental breakfast and luncheon are included.

-*Free Agent Aging: Reinventing Ourselves in the Second Half of Life* presented by H. R. Rick Moody, PhD, Director, Academic Affairs, AARP, Washington, DC, moderator/provocateur of the Morning Plenary Session.

-*Entrepreneurship Opportunities* presented by Dianne H.B. Welsh, SPHR, Ph.D., Director, North Carolina Entrepreneurship Center, Charles A. Hayes Distinguished Professor of Entrepreneurship, Bryan School of Business and Economics, University of North Carolina Greensboro

-*The Surprising Prevalence of Later-Life Entrepreneurship* presented by Edward G. Rogoff, MBA, PhD, Professor of Management, Baruch College, The City University of New York; and Co-Author, *The Second Chance Revolution: Becoming Your Own Boss After 50*

-*The New Entrepreneurial Models of Aging* presented by David L. Carroll, MA, Writer and Producer specializing in health and aging issues; and Co-Author, *The Second Chance Revolution: Becoming Your Own Boss After 50*

1st Annual Creative Aging Symposium: Connecting Arts and Aging *Registration Flyer Attached*

-**May 6-7, 2010** -Day 1: General Session is at the Marriott Downtown, 304 N. Greene Street, Greensboro, NC 27401

-Day 2: Workshops are at the Cultural Arts Center, 200 N. Davie Street, Greensboro, NC 27401

-The growing awareness of human potential in later life provides a unique opportunity for artists and healthcare professionals to proactively incorporate creative programs into the lives of older adults. The Creative Aging Symposium offers people in both professions ways to embrace creativity and advance culture change in aging service environments. We must find new ways to improve the quality of life for older adults of all ability levels as this population continues to "boom" and demand for meaningful opportunities increases. This highly interactive two-day Symposium will raise awareness of resources available at the national, state and local levels during the General Session on Thursday. Friday's Workshops will offer experiential concurrent sessions providing valuable hands-on tools to encourage innovative thought and implementation of new creative programs.

-**Objectives:** • Learn about the untapped potential of older adults and the growing field of creative aging, including research and programming at the national, state and local levels • Receive hands-on training in creative programs that you can take back to your community • Learn about the resources and creative opportunities that exist for older adults locally, regionally and nationally • Connect with other artists and aging service providers in your area

-Register Online: http://www.cca-nc.org/ccanc_specialevents_symposium.html

-Accommodations: Greensboro Marriott Downtown, 304 N. Greene Street, Greensboro, NC 27401

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/gsoDt-greensboro-marriott-downtown/> Phone: 336-379-8000. A block of rooms has been reserved for Wednesday (5/5) and Thursday (5/6) at a rate of \$105 plus tax. This reduced rate will also be available for those staying Friday (5/7). Please request the **Creative Aging Symposium room block** when reserving your room.

-**Questions:** Contact Lia Miller at lia@cca-nc.org or 336-253-0856.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

RN's & LPN's needed

-Adult Center for Enrichment is in need of call-in nurses to help in our adult day centers.

-Nurses take vitals, give medications and provide hands-on care to frail and impaired adults who attend our day programs for socialization and supervision.

-Hours are weekdays only, 4-5 hours a day.

-RN and LPN's- contact Rhonda Draper at 373-4301 or rdraper@acecare.org for more information.