



# UNCG Gerontology Research Network

Facilitating Transdisciplinary Aging-related Research at UNCG

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Sigma Phi Omega Careers in Aging Event**

-Tuesday, **March 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 will have several tables with exhibits and a few tables with experiential learning activities that relate to age related changes. As the students stop by the tables they will be given a door prize ticket. The more tables they stop at- the greater their chances of winning a door prize. This will be a fun event! Please plan to stop by.

**-Please help by donating a door prize at a value of \$20+ or just donate money to aid in purchasing a door prize. After donating, you will be recognized on the Gerontology website as a sponsor for our Careers in Aging event. Please let Amanda May, [almay@uncg.edu](mailto:almay@uncg.edu), know if you will be able to help.**

### **The UNCG Gerontology Research Network's Lunch and Learn Series featuring Dr. Peng Du** \*Press Release Attached\*

-Tuesday, **April 6, 2010** from 12:00-1:00pm following an 11:45 a.m. luncheon held in the Kirkland Room in the UNCG Elliot University Center. The presentation title is "Population Aging and Social Gerontology Research in China".

-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. Du's talk on the UNCG Gerontology webpage: <http://www.uncg.edu/gro> will be posted on Tuesday, April 6, 2010. Once you are on the Gerontology website, click on the web-link to Dr. Du'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 Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at noon.

### **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](http://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*

**-LinkedIn:** To help market the upcoming 2010 Summit: "Aging is Good Business: Opportunity for Entrepreneurs," please add this link to your LinkedIn websites: <http://www.uncg.edu/gro/aigb/aigb2010/index.html>. In addition, please connect with the UNCG Gerontology Department on LinkedIn: <http://www.linkedin.com/in/uncggerontology>.

## LOCAL

### **AmeriCorps: Learn, Give, and Belong to your Community - Greensboro, North Carolina** \*Information Attached\*

-The Project SHINE-Immigrant Health Literacy Program (IHELP), is recruiting AmeriCorps members to help implement a new health-focused program for immigrant and refugee senior adults in Greensboro. Members will promote a healthy community by teaching English, providing citizenship tutoring, teaching health literacy workshops, providing health screenings, and/or teaching and participating in various recreational activities such as exercise, knitting, music, and other classes that strengthen social connections.

AmeriCorps members have the opportunity to be placed at sites with elders from Africa, Asia, Bhutan, Iraq, and Latin America. Bilingual applicants are encouraged to apply! Members will gain valuable leadership experience, learn about other cultures, and improve the lives of hundreds of immigrant and refugee elders in Greensboro. Members serve part-time (approximately 10 hours a week) for 8 months (April-November 2010). Members will receive a \$1,500 stipend and a \$1,132 end-of-term education award.

-For more information, contact Mandy Benson, MPH at 336-334-4677 or [mmbenson@uncg.edu](mailto:mmbenson@uncg.edu); Apply at [www.americorps.gov](http://www.americorps.gov)

### **Mental Health and Addictive Disorders: Paths to Recovery**

On **April 16, 2010** in Greensboro, NC. Sponsored by the Mental Health Association of Greensboro. For more information contact Jamie Stephens at [jstephens@mhag.org](mailto:jstephens@mhag.org) or (336) 373-1402.

### **1st Annual Creative Aging Symposium: Connecting Arts and Aging**

On **May 6-7, 2010** in Greensboro, NC. The Creative Aging Symposium offers both artists and healthcare professionals the opportunity to learn about how to incorporate creative programs and advance culture change in aging service environments. For more information visit [http://www.cca-nc.org/ccanc\\_specialevents\\_symposium.html](http://www.cca-nc.org/ccanc_specialevents_symposium.html).

### **A Matter of Balance Coach Training**

Training on **May 12 & 13, 2010** in Lexington, NC. A Matter of Balance is an evidence-based program designed to help older adults manage concerns about falls and increase physical activity. This course will teach participants to lead A Matter of Balance Classes for older adults in their local communities. For more information contact Kim Johnson at [kjohnson@ptcog.org](mailto:kjohnson@ptcog.org) or (336) 294-4950

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## STATE

### **NC Study Commission on Aging in Jamestown, NC** \*Press Release Attached\*

-The public is invited to address the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging during a public hearing on issues involving older adults in North Carolina. The hearing will be held from **10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.** on **Wednesday, March 24, 2010**, at the Jamestown Town Hall, located at **301 E. Main St., Jamestown, NC.**

-If you would like to speak, it is first come first served. Each speaker can sign-up at the Public Hearing and speak up to 2-3 minutes in length. If you plan to speak I suggest you bring at least one copy of your notes to share with the NC Study Commission on Aging.

### **Spring 1068 Training: Adult Care Home Admission/Discharge Rules**

Workshop on **March 19, 2010** in Asheboro, NC. The focus of this workshop is on the areas of admission and discharge to promote a higher degree of understanding between the providers and regulators and to reduce inconsistencies in the survey process. The training is designed for all staff (i.e. administrators, supervisors, med. aides, PCA's, resident care coordinators) of adult care facilities. For more information visit <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/acls/training/index.html>.

### **Pet Partners Course (12 hours)** \*Registration Attached\*

-On **Saturday, April 10** from 8:30 am – 8:30 p.m. (Bring or buy nearby: lunch, dinner, and snacks ) at the YWCA (new location on Spring Garden Street) in Greensboro, NC. Pre-registration is requested.

-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.

-This course is designed for **human handlers ONLY**. NO PETS ON THIS DATE. Minimum age is 10 years (student less than 17 must have parent onsite).

-Participants will be able to work with any registered Pet Partner animal after completion of course and screening through the Delta Society program. (extra fee to register and pay for liability insurance) See [www.deltasociety.org](http://www.deltasociety.org)

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

-Please visit: <http://www.deltasociety.org/> Visit the Pet Partners section of the program.

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### **National Lab Day**

-This event is a new program that will make it easy for you to spend some time with a local middle or high school science teacher and her or his classroom. It's a bit weird that it's called a "day," since it really helps you link up with teachers who are asking for help at any time during the year. But that is good, because it gives you plenty of flexibility, and maybe you will want to build a continuing relationship with the school.

-While we aspire to ignite a flame in the next generation of scientists, we may not have known where to start—until now. We have created the *NIH Science Education Nation* Web site, where you can learn more about today's schools, teachers, and students and how to establish effective partnerships: <http://science.education.nih.gov/NIHSciEdNation>. When you are ready to join in volunteering, sign up at <http://www.nationallabday.org>.