



# UNCG Gerontology Research Network

Facilitating Transdisciplinary Aging-related Research at UNCG

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## NEWS - LOCAL

### **Two classes being offered at Central Orange Senior Center**

Participant series being offered:

#### Living Healthy

Beginning October 19th, 26, November 2, 9, 16 and 23rd

From 1:00pm-3:30 p.m.

#### Matter of Balance

October 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, November 2 and 4

From 9:30 a.m-11:30 a.m.

Location for all classes is at Central Orange Senior Center, 103 Meadowland Rd., Hillsborough, NC.

To register for either class, please call (919) 245-2015

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## NEWS - STATE

### **Alzheimer's Association—Western Carolina Chapter**

Would you like to help those in your area by becoming a support group leader? A support group can be a lifesaver for many caregivers.

Understanding friends who are experiencing similar struggles can make a world of difference to those who face this tremendous stress. For more information, call 1.800.272.3900 or contact [Emily.Jones@alz.org](mailto:Emily.Jones@alz.org).

### **Fall Caregiver Education Conferences**

Learn about research, diagnosis, care-giving techniques and community resources by attending a conference in your area.

Cleveland County - October 15

Moore County - October 21

Cherokee County - November 16

Jackson County - November 15

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### **Alzheimer's Association Partnership with ACN Affinity Program**

A new way to support to the Alzheimer's Association of Western Carolina and the people and families we serve with a partnership with ACN, the largest direct-selling telecommunications company in the world. ACN provides the communications services you need and use every day: Digital Phone, Wireless, Local & Long Distance, Internet, Satellite TV or Home Security. By transferring you existing or purchasing any of these services from ACN, the Alzheimer's Association of Western Carolina will receive a direct financial contribution from ACN!

### **Compassion Fatigue**

A session that Sarah Johnson personally attended on the last day of the NC Conference on Aging in October, it was about the fatigue that caregivers of older adults experience who become too fatigued because of how much work they have with care-giving and other life responsibilities. It was the best session that she attended the entire conference! For more information, please contact David Kahn at [handyman4u@bellsouth.net](mailto:handyman4u@bellsouth.net).



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## **Future Research Opportunities With Alzheimer's Disease**

Are you over age 55? Are you interested in participating in future research opportunities? Join the Alzheimer's Disease Prevention Registry to help us reach our goal: a world without Alzheimer's. Please call the Joseph and Kathleen Bryan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at Duke for more information. Contact Michelle McCart, registry coordinator, at 1.866.444.2372 or 919.668.1605 or visit the website.

## **NCPP—North Carolina Pet Partners \*Newsletter and Membership Form Attached\***

NCPP October 15 2010 Newsletter, MinutesOctober2010, Membership Form

## **IRB certification workshop, "Research Using Human Subjects." \*Flyer Attached\***

The workshop's dates are Wednesday, November 3 (AM session) and Thursday, November 11 (PM session). These are the only two workshops until mid-spring. Please post this flyer and distribute to your students as appropriate. For more information, please contact Cat Collins at [cecolli2@uncg.edu](mailto:cecolli2@uncg.edu)

## **Internet Marketing to Baby Boomers and Seniors**

Website: <http://www.immersionactive.com>

## **New UNCG Class Offered \*Flyer Attached\***

With UNCG, the Recreation, Tourism, and Hospitality Program is offering RPM 316, Leisure and Older Adults this Spring 2011 AND it is now listed as a GSB. Please share this info with your students and other faculty. For more information, contact Dr. Leandra Bedini, UNCG Professor, at [bedini@uncg.edu](mailto:bedini@uncg.edu).

## **Job Opportunity**

Associate Director, Programs ENC

### General Summary

The purpose of the Associate Director, Programs for Eastern North Carolina region, position is to provide coverage for program activities, including information and referral, care consultation, support groups, education programs, safety services and early stage programs in territories covered by the national office.

Click here to apply online (preferred): <https://home.eease.com/recruit/?id=515582>

Or mail resume and cover letter to:

Alzheimer's Association of National Office  
225 N. Michigan Ave, Suite 1700  
Chicago, IL 60601

## **Job Opening at River Landing**

Direct care worker for adult day program. Work part time Monday-Friday. Experience working with frail adults or adults with developmental disabilities preferred. Paid holidays, sick leave, vacation and more. Please forward resume to [rdraper@acecare.org](mailto:rdraper@acecare.org)

## **Job Opportunity: Carolinas HealthCare System**

Educational Programs Coordinator - Huntersville Oaks

Click on the link above, or go to <http://careers.carolinashealthcare.org/> to learn more about the great opportunities at Carolinas HealthCare System.



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## **ICPSR Social Sciences Data Fair—Registration is Open**

You are cordially invited to attend ICPSR's fall Social Sciences Data Fair.

Registration Links to Sessions: <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/datafair/program.jsp>

### What is a "Social Sciences Data Fair?"

ICPSR has invited representatives and users of several intriguing social sciences data organizations to provide in-depth orientations to the data and teaching resources developed by those organizations. Presenters have been asked to answer two primary questions: "What data/teaching resources are available from the organization(s)?" and "How does the data user access those resources?"

You are encouraged to stroll through the social sciences data fair and sample what each organization has to offer by attending the webcast associated with that organization. An [At-A-Glance program](#) (Excel 59K) is available for review.

### Who should attend the ICPSR Social Sciences Data Fair?

This data fair has been organized for the social sciences data community at large including researchers, librarians, teaching faculty, students, and policymakers from around the world who are interested in the use of social sciences data.

### Who is eligible to attend the data fair?

This **free** fair is open to everyone, including members and non-members of ICPSR.

### How do I participate in the fair?

You participate in the data fair directly from your desktop computer during the week of November 8, 2010! Live sessions will be broadcast using [GoToWebinar](#) technology. This webinar technology requires no downloads to your computer. All sessions will be recorded and the recordings and presentation slides posted should you desire to view the presentations at a later date.

### How can I promote the data fair?

ICPSR has developed a [Data Fair Flyer](#) (PDF 586K) that you can print and post at your institutions.

We look forward to seeing you virtually in November

## **Study: Alzheimer's and Diabetes Continue to be Linked**

More and more research is showing a clear relationship between insulin resistance/type 2 diabetes and Alzheimer's disease. We need more studies to determine exactly what that is. A newly published article suggests insulin resistance may be connected to the amyloid plaques characteristic of Alzheimer's.

## **Study: Proteins Found In Spinal Fluid May be an Early Indicator of Alzheimer's Disease**

In a newly published research study, scientists identified a "signature" combination of amyloid and tau of proteins in cerebrospinal fluid that may be characteristic of Alzheimer's disease, and that they also found in most of the people in the study who had mild cognitive impairment, a condition that often precedes Alzheimer's. They also found it in nearly forty percent of cognitively normal people in the study. This supports the idea that we may in the future be able to detect brain changes related to Alzheimer's before we see outward symptoms, taking us a step closer to early detection and treatment. Watch the CBS News Story.

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