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**NEWS - LOCAL**

GRN Speaker for 2011 *flyer attached*
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2011
Location: UNCG Elliott University Center, Dogwood Room
Time: Noon-1:00pm
Hosted by the UNCG Gerontology Research Network
Guest Speaker: Geoffrey Dunbar, MD, Senior Vice President of Clinical Development and Regulatory Affairs and Chief Medical Officer of Targacept, Inc.
Topic: Dementia, Alzheimer's Disease, and Drug Delivery Efforts.
Reservations are recommended and appreciated. Contact Lori Kerr, lakerr@uncg.edu, or 336-256-1020. This event is free and open to the campus and the community courtesy of the UNCG Gerontology Research Network. Park in the Oakland Avenue parking deck at $1/hour, which is only one block from the event in UNCG's Elliott University Center.

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**NEWS - STATE**

Title: Alzheimer Disease Breakthroughs
Date: Thursday and Friday, February 10-11, 2011
Location: Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center, Research Triangle Park, NC
$100 Registration fee; One-day fee is $60. Registration closes January 21, 2011.
The Joseph and Kathleen Bryan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center 25th Anniversary Conference: Alzheimer's Disease Breakthroughs will emphasize new science and discoveries in Alzheimer's disease and frontal lobe dementias and their implications for diagnosis, prevention and practice. A research participant and family in dialogue with a featured speaker will bring home the message for a diverse, multidisciplinary audience, including persons with dementia and their family members. Special guest keynote speakers include Dr. Maria Carillo from the national Alzheimer's Association, Dr. Bruce Miller from the Memory Center at UCSF, and Dr. Andrew Saykin from Indiana University. Afternoon workshops offer interactive opportunities to learn and practice preparation for transitions in care or moves from home to hospital or residential settings, non-pharmacological approaches to reducing risk of cognitive impairment, best practice nursing strategies for assisted living and nursing home care, music therapy, modifying support for men, and positive strategies to enhance relationships for families caring at home.
This conference is designed specifically for families affected by Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, direct care staff, health care professionals, social workers, nurses, administrators, aging service professionals, and clinician-scientists.
Educational packet, Continental breakfasts, and lunches included in registration fee. Free parking.
ITEMS OF INTEREST

SU hosts Gerontology Education Workshop
This past summer, with support from the NIA-funded Center for Aging and Policy Studies, they hosted the 5th Gerontology Education Workshop. The purpose of this five-day workshop was to encourage instructors to incorporate public policy and related cutting-edge research into the gerontology curriculum. Seventeen instructors, faculty, and gerontology program administrators from across the United States gathered in Syracuse to attend presentations on specific old age policies and recent research in demography, economics, sociology, psychology, audiology, geriatric medicine, and elder law. In addition, the participants took part in a policy simulation exercise and collaborated to produce course modules on select topics. Additional information about the workshop is available at http://gerontology.syr.edu/caps/gero_ed/index.html

We look forward to the next workshop, which will be held in the summer of 2012. To be added to the mailing list for announcements, please contact Kelly Bogart, coordinator of the 2012 Gerontology Education Workshop, at kbogart@maxwell.syr.edu.