



UNCG Gerontology Research Network

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

7th Annual Aging Exchange: On April 7th, 2011

When: Thursday, April 7th from 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Event Title: 7th Annual Aging Exchange, an event dedicated to recognizing and promoting research in the field of aging at UNC-Chapel Hill

The program with the complete schedule of events is available at:

<http://www.aging.unc.edu/events/agingexchange/index.html>

Where: The Friday Center, Chapel Hill.

Directions: on line at: <http://www.fridaycenter.unc.edu/directions/index.htm>.

Cost: Free and open to the public. Free parking is also available.

Reservations are required: email or call Diane Wurzinger: diane_wurzinger@unc.edu or call (919)843-2647.

The UNC Institute on Aging, in collaboration with its co-sponsors, will host this event.

The program will feature:

- A guest lecture by Dr. Margaret Moss, Yale University School of Nursing
- Poster presentations by UNC-Chapel Hill graduate students and faculty
- Presentation of the Gordon H. DeFries Career Development in Aging Research Awards
- A reception with light hors d'oeuvres
- An opportunity to network with colleagues, students, and other attendees with an interest in aging-related research

UNCG Gerontology Program 6th Annual Summit

Summit Name: Aging is Good Business: Fitness Pays!

Date and Time: Thursday, April 14, 2011, 1pm-4:30 pm

Summit Location: State Ballrooms, Raleigh Marriot Center City, Raleigh, NC

Summit Description: The UNCG Gerontology Program invites you to attend, sponsor, and advertise at our 6th annual summit, an afternoon pre-conference to the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society in Raleigh, NC.

Summit Topics: *The End of Aging as We Know It* by Colin Milner, founder and CEO of the International Council on Active Aging. *A Business Model for Aging Well* by Brenda Loubé, founder and Principal of Corporate Fitness Works. *Building Bridges to Shape the Brain Fitness Revolution* by Alvaro Fernandez, co-founder and CEO of SharpBrains

Cost: \$40 registration by April 6. \$60 registration on-site. \$20 registration for students.

Seating is limited. Preregistration is strongly advised.

Sponsorship/Advertising Opportunities/Registration Form: available at www.uncg.edu/gro.



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Southern Gerontological Society 32nd Annual Meeting

Details: May be found at <http://www.southerngerontologicalsociety.org/sgs/index.asp>.

Meeting Date: April 14th-17th, 2011

Meeting Location: Raleigh Marriott City Center in Raleigh, NC.

Here are some important points.

- There will be a number of important student events—see below, plus the club crawl on Friday evening (free transportation for all).
- Those who contact Lora Gage at LGage4SGS@aol.com and donate 4 hours at the conference will get \$50 off their registration, which by the way is a deal. Registration includes opening reception on Thursday night, breakfast Friday and Sat, lunch on Friday and brunch on Sun.
- See some of the student activities below:

New Career Opportunities in Aging

Date: Friday, April 15th

Time: 3:30 PM-4:15 PM

This session sponsored by the UNCG SPO Delta Gamma Chapter and The UNCG Gerontology Program

Looking to start or reinvent your career in aging education, service or research?

Invited speaker: Pauline Abbott, will overview the new career opportunities in aging.

Her presentation will focus upon where we've been, where we are, and where we are going in relation to careers and employment in the Field of Aging.

Location: At the SGS Conference, at the end of the SGS Business meeting, in Raleigh, NC

Pauline Abbott, Vice President of NAPG (the National Association for Professional Gerontologists), board member and past president of the California Council of Gerontology and Geriatrics, and Past National President of SPO, regularly speaks about the angst for gerontology on its move from a multi-discipline on the path to a profession.

Dr. Abbott is the Director of the Institute of Gerontology and Ruby Gerontology Center at California State University Fullerton where she conducts community based research and teaches in the academic gerontology program.

In her class on Professional Issues in Gerontology, Pauline focuses upon the critical need for articulating what you know how to do, communicating with employers not using jargon, and networking. Dr. Abbott has been recognized for her work by the Red Cross and has received the WomanSage Educator of the Year award and the Birren Senior Scholar Award from the CCGG.

Her book—Recreating Neighborhoods for Successful Aging—received a Silver Award from the publishing industry, and she is currently developing a Gero-Engineering Program related to Assistive Technology and maintaining older adults in the community.

Students who attend this session will be entered in a \$50.00 prize drawing from Barnes and Noble. The drawing will be held at the end of the presentation. The students must be present at the business meeting to win.



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Meet the Professionals: Student Networking Event

Date: Friday, April 15th

Time: 5:15pm-6:45pm

"Choose a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life." Confucius

Following the SGS business meeting, SPO Delta Gamma and The UNCG Gerontology Program will host a student network event.

This reception has an added feature this year. Professionals from a wide range of disciplines, practice and academic settings including entrepreneurial nutritionists, county and state government, the U.S. Census, hospice and more will be available for students to network and learn more about professional opportunities.

If you would like to share your professional knowledge with the students don't miss this student networking event that follows the SGS Business meeting.

The SGS student representative, Jessica Erricolo, is preparing information for this event so if you wish to participate and represent your professional interest, please email a short description of your current position to Jessica at jherrico@uncg.edu.

2011 SE4A Scholarship Announcement *Two Forms Enclosed*

The Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging has established a Scholarship to be awarded to a student interested in pursuing a career in Gerontology or Geriatrics.

Three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in the fall of 2011.

For more information, please email Dottie Lyvers, Director, Area Agency on Aging, Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments through her email: dlyvers@nwpcog.org, or please visit: www.nwpcog.org.

To apply for the Scholarship, a student must be a junior, senior or a graduate student presently enrolled in an accredited university within the eight southeastern states of Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Enclosed please find a copy of the application for the SE4A Scholarship and a list of the criteria. If you know of a student who would qualify and would like to apply for the Scholarship, please have him/her complete the application.

An application package must be completed including an essay of no more than two pages in length.

An original current transcript or a copy of an original current transcript must be included.

The essay should include both personal and professional experience and answer the following questions:

- What led you to pursue an education in the field of Gerontology or Geriatrics?
- What are your plans in the field of Gerontology or Geriatrics?

Nominations must be *postmarked* by **May 6, 2011** and mailed to: Stephanie Blunt, Executive Director, c/o Trident Area Agency on Aging, 1360 Truxtun Avenue, Suite 105, Charleston, SC 29405. (843) 554-2282



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NEWS - LOCAL

Triad Financial Advisor Promotes Financial Literacy *pdf document inclosed*

Speaker: Cameron Aydlett, CFP, ChFC, Financial Planner

What: Savvy Social Security

Where: Alamance Room, Alamance Chamber of Commerce, 610 S. Lexington Ave, Burlington, NC 27216

When: Tuesday April 12, 11:00am-12:30pm

Factors to consider when deciding when to apply for benefits.

- Minimizing taxes on Social Security benefits.
- Coordinating benefits with your spouse.
- How to coordinate Social Security with other sources of retirement income

Light Snack will be provided

****Register by April 8, 2011** by calling 336-369-2103 or emailing Sue Matz at smatz@trifiadv.com.

TFA: 333 N. Greene St., Ste. 506 Greensboro, NC 27401 336-230-0071 www.trifiadv.com.

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3rd Annual UNCG Alzheimer's Memory Walk *Flyer Enclosed*

Date: Thursday, April 14th

Time: 3:30pm-5:30pm

Location: Library Lawn on College Avenue, UNCG Campus. It is a mile walk around the UNCG campus.

Alzheimer's is a fatal brain disease that causes you to forget more and more as it progresses. In the late stages, you forget your friends and family. It's hard to imagine forgetting your best friend in college. Sometimes, you completely forget how to eat. The Alzheimer's disease is currently the 7th leading cause of death and someone is diagnosed with Alzheimer's EVERY 70 SECONDS. That is four people being diagnosed and four families being affected from when you walk from the EUC to the Cafeteria.

How Can I Help?

Last year, over 250 students and faculty participated in the UNCG Alzheimer's Memory Walk, the first Alzheimer's walk to have even been held on a college campus before. Over \$2.500 was raised for Alzheimer's research.

Join the 3rd Annual UNCG Alzheimer's Memory Walk Facebook page

(<http://www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=196801330341675>) for a link to donate to the cause, and bring your friends, coworkers, and family to the walk!



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NEWS - STATE

CARES Training Events through June 2011

The following CARES training events will be presented in April, May, and June 2011:

Cognitive Impairments

When: April 27-28, 2011

Location: Iredell County DSS in Statesville, NC

Registration Fee: \$40.00

Registration Deadline: 4/20/2011

Online Registration Link: <https://www.ncswlearn.org/plp/catalog/curriculum.aspx?cid=237>

Effective Social Work Practice in Adult Services: A CORE Curriculum

When: Week 1 - May 3-5, 2011 and Week 2 - May 17-19, 2011

Location: Liberty Corner Enterprises in Asheville, NC

Registration Fee: \$65.00

Registration Deadline: 4/26/2011

Online Registration Link: <https://www.ncswlearn.org/plp/catalog/curriculum.aspx?cid=1>

Effective Supervision and Management in Adult Services

When: Week 1 - May 23-25, 2011 and Week 2 - June 13-15, 2011

Location: Alamance County Human Services in Burlington, NC

Registration Fee: \$20.00 per day

Registration Deadline: 5/16/2011

Online Registration Link: <https://www.ncswlearn.org/plp/catalog/curriculum.aspx?cid=372>

Working With Older Adults and Their Families

When: May 24-25, 2011

Location: Carolina Meadows in Chapel Hill, NC

Registration Fee: \$40.00

Registration Deadline: 5/17/2011

Online Registration Link: <https://www.ncswlearn.org/plp/catalog/curriculum.aspx?cid=267>

Cognitive Impairments

When: June 1-2, 2011

Location: Caldwell Community College in Boone, NC

Registration Fee: \$40.00

Registration Deadline: 5/25/2011



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Online Registration Link: <https://www.ncswlearn.org/plp/catalog/curriculum.aspx?cid=237>

Although they strongly prefer registering online, you can still register via fax (919-962-3653) or mail (see the address below). A registration form is included in the email.

Some of their previous trainings that were cancelled due to bad weather or other circumstances will be re-scheduled. When new dates and locations are confirmed Sarah Johnson, this Newsletter's author, will send an announcement with the new information on a future version of the Newsletter.

NEWS - NATIONAL

Elderhostel K. Patricia Cross \$5,000 Doctoral Research Grant - Applications due May 2

Announcement by: Dr. Jan Wassel, UNCG Gerontology Program Director.

Dear Friend and Colleague,

As someone who is in direct contact with doctoral candidates, we thought that you would be an appropriate contact regarding a research grant that may benefit your research and/or the graduate students with whom you work.

Elderhostel is accepting applications for the Elderhostel K. Patricia Cross Doctoral Research Grant. This grant is open to U.S. and international students whose doctoral research focuses on lifelong and/or later-life learning. Elderhostel is the new program name of Elderhostel, Inc., the not-for-profit world leader in lifelong learning.

Please note that the application deadline has been extended one month later to **Monday, May 2, 2011** due to an erroneous email sent with this later deadline date. The website will be updated with this date soon.

Please pass on the information below to anyone who would be interested in applying for this \$5,000 grant, or anyone who may know someone interested in applying.

We envision that graduate students researching later-life learning and older adults will want to know about this grant. Other faculty, department chairs and deans may also want to know about the grant.

For further information, including requirements and the online application, please visit:

www.roadscholar.org/grants.

Elderhostel invites applications from doctoral candidates researching lifelong or later-life learning for the Elderhostel K. Patricia Cross Doctoral Research Grant. This \$5,000 grant is awarded annually to a student in various disciplines including, but not limited to, psychology, education, gerontology, cognitive studies, neuroscience, leisure studies, aging and social work.

Because the selection committee requires an abstract and description of your current research, you must already be engaged in your dissertation research. International graduate students are welcome to apply for this scholarship.

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Please send your aging-related research to Sarah Johnson at uncg.grnmailings@gmail.com or to shjohns2@uncg.edu with "GRN Newsletter" in the subject line.



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The application deadline is Monday, May 2, 2011. Please be sure to have all application material submitted by 11:59pm Eastern Time, including your CV/resume, 2-3 page abstract and at least one of your recommendations.

The Elderhostel K. Patricia Cross Doctoral Research Grant recipient will be determined by a selection committee consisting of professors, practitioners and other leaders in the field of lifelong learning. The recipient will be announced in July 2011.

Elderhostel, founded in 1975, is a not-for-profit organization providing educational opportunities through travel for older adults across the United States and in 90 countries around the world. The Elderhostel K. Patricia Cross Doctoral Research Grant was created to support future leaders in the field of lifelong learning. Road Scholar is the program name of Elderhostel, Inc. To find out more about Elderhostel and its Road Scholar programs as it may be helpful to your grant application, please see www.roadscholar.org.

Should you have any questions about the Elderhostel K. Patricia Cross Doctoral Grant, please email grants@elderhostel.org or call (617) 457-5529.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Student Perspective: How the Economic Recession Led to My Mid-Career Transformation

Has the recent recession caused you to re-think your future, personally and professionally? With such a bad recession, many people who are getting fired or finding no satisfaction from a previous job are searching for new dreams and goals for their professional life.

Valuable lessons can be learned from the UNCG interview of L. Stanton Noel. He is currently pursuing an MBA and M.S in Gerontology at UNCG after a 20-year career as a research scientist and graduating in 1984 from North Carolina State University with a B.S in Biological Sciences. He suggests these ideas when transforming your career:

- Finding a complimentary career path—use what knowledge and experience you already have to pursue new dreams
- Finding the right education—research colleges that offer programs or classes that will make you more successful in your new dream
- Finding the right experience—especially networking, informational interviews, roundtables, conferences, and other departments at your college of choice whose purpose is to increase connections for adult students
- Developing new technology—use your knowledge to help innovators at UNCG and other colleges to make the ideas and work to better impact the lives of older adults and of all people than they otherwise would

For a deeper look into the interview, visit: <http://greensboroentrepreneur.com/campus-collaboration/student-perspective-how-the-economic-recession-led-to-my-mid-career-transformation/#more-641>

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