



UNCG Gerontology Research Network

Facilitating Transdisciplinary Aging-related Research at UNCG

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Gerontology Research Network (GRN) is the interdisciplinary network of faculty, researchers, and students interested in topics of aging. The goals of the network are to:

- Facilitate transdisciplinary research working groups
- Seek funding for future endeavors of the UNCG Gerontology Research Network
- Provide a web presence and other communication, connecting and informing this network
- Bring national expertise on interdisciplinary research and training in the field of aging to the UNCG campus
- Sponsor an annual research symposium featuring UNCG faculty and students investigating the field of aging.

If you have faculty, (new or returning) interested in aging, please invite them to become part of the GRN network by completing the GRN Network Participant Request form found on the home page of the Gerontology Research Network so their information may be included. See www.uncg.edu/gro/geroresearch.uncg.edu

Sigma Phi Omega, (Delta Gamma Chapter) the national academic honor and professional society in gerontology, was established in 1980 to recognize *excellence* of those who study gerontology and aging and the *outstanding service* of professionals who work with or on behalf of older persons. The formation of a society provides a much needed link between educators, practitioners, and administrators in various settings where older persons are served. Each year the SPO Delta Gamma Chapter engages in a number of activities in the community, including helping Santa, hosting networking activities, and volunteer activities.

Spring 2012 induction of the Delta Gamma Chapter has not already yet; please nominate graduate students who have completed at least one semester at UNCG and have a 3.5 or higher GPA to join. See www.sigmaphiomega.org for more information and to download the membership application.

NEWS - LOCAL

Southern Entrepreneurship in the Arts Conference: Stipends for Students!! *Application*

What: Stipends for UNCG students for \$5.00 (including meals) instead of \$35.00

Description: First come, first serve. Fill out the attached application and email to ecdp@uncg.edu or to Dianne_Welsh@uncg.edu.

More Information: Visit <http://seac.uncg.edu/schedule.html>



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NC Entrepreneurship Center Spring 2012 Program*Calendar Attached*

Entrepreneurial Journeys

What: Continuing monthly speaker series featuring successful entrepreneurs

When: The third Thursday of each month

Where: Bryan Building, room 416 of UNCG's campus

Registration and networking are from 5pm-5:30 p.m. and the program is from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m., followed by Q&A and a networking reception.

Cost: The series is free and open to the public, but RSVP is required to ncec@uncg.edu.

- February 16: Chris Laney, Zynergy Technologies
- March 15: Andy Zimmerman, former owner, Legacy Paddlesports
- April 19: Sara MacSween, The Marketing Boutique

Export University 101

What: One-day workshop on export basics

When: Thursday, January 26, 2012

Sponsors: the U.S. Commercial Service and North Carolina District Export Council and co-sponsored by the NCEC and FedEx.

Description: This program will provide companies with the basics needed to start exporting or to further develop their export markets. Topics covered include getting started in exporting, export documentation and logistics, getting paid, and legal considerations.

Cost: The cost is \$65, which includes lunch.

Register: at <http://export.gov/northcarolina/tradeevents/localevents/exportuniversity/index.asp>.

Entrepreneurial Career Paths: Creating Opportunities to Follow Your Passions

What: It will explore different entrepreneurial career paths, the pros and cons of being an entrepreneur, opportunity recognition and business planning.

When: Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Register: at https://freyr.uncg.edu/workshops/list_by_category.jsp?cat_id=77000580#.

Southern Entrepreneurship in the Arts Conference

What: annual all-day conference features an exciting lineup of professionals in the creative industries and is targeted at emerging and mid-career professionals as well as students in the visual, performing and literary arts.

When: Saturday, February 11.

Sponsors: NCEC and ECDP and receives primary financial support from Opportunity Greensboro and Self-Employment in the Arts.

More information: visit <http://seac.uncg.edu>.



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UNCG Entrepreneur Day

What: Entrepreneurs from across NC will be guest presenters in classes on UNCG's campus

When: Tuesday, March 27th, 2012

Where: UNCG campus, Greensboro, NC

Description: The guest entrepreneurs will be invited to a free luncheon and have opportunities to network with each other as well as students throughout the day.

NEWS - STATE

Financing Long Term Care Seminar *Flyer Attached*

When: Monday, January 30th, 2012 from 2pm-3pm

Where: Roy B. Culler Senior Center. 600 N. Hamilton St. High Point, NC 27262

Cost: Free

More Information: For questions, contact Amanda May, Access to Services Director at Senior Resources of Guilford at (336) 883-3586.

Description: Anne R. Daniel will talk about the information you need to prepare for affording long-term care for yourself or for your loved ones in the future.

Community Forum Event - "Compassion Fatigue: A Buddhist Perspective"

Presenter: Kim Kinsley, DO, Hospice & Palliative CareCenter

When: Tuesday, February 7th, 2012, from 3:30pm-5pm

Where: Williams Education and Counseling Center. Hospice & Palliative CareCenter.
101 Hospice Lane, Winston-Salem, NC.

Cost: Free

More Information: See *flyer* or call the Community Partnership Line at 336-768-6157, ext 1622.

Description: Participants in this session will understand and recognize compassion fatigue and will create a framework for coping with it as well for as the other losses and challenges that are involved in caregiving.

2012 Grief Counseling Groups

Members of the community can participate—no hospice affiliation is necessary. Services are available for adults, teens, and children age 6 and older.

Cost: Free. Donations are sincerely appreciated.

More Information: Visit www.hospicecarecenter.org.

Description: Throughout 2012, Hospice & Palliative CareCenter Grief Counseling Services will offer several counseling groups—view the details [here](#). Also offered are up to twelve (12) individual counseling sessions for caregivers of those at the end of life and for those who are grieving a death-related loss. View more details [here](#).



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2012 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Walk *Sponsorship Form Attached*

When: June 16, 2012

Where: First annual Elder Abuse Awareness Day Walk

Where: Triad Park in Kernersville, NC.

Event's Patrons: Piedmont Triad Regional Council Area Agency on Aging

Goal of Walk: To raise awareness in the community about the growing problem of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Sponsors/exhibitors are currently being sought for the event. Please see the attached sponsorship form for more details.

NEWS - NATIONAL

Southern Gerontological Society Meeting: Sponsor, Exhibit, Advertise! *Flyer Attached*

What: Southern Gerontological Society (SGS): 33rd Annual Meeting

When: April 19th-22nd, 2012

Where: Sheraton Nashville Downtown Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee

Conference Theme: Gerontology: A Legacy of Commitment

Application Deadline: February 1st, 2012 to Southern Gerontological Society; PMB #144.
1616-102 W. Cape Coral Pkwy. Cape Coral, FL 33914. (239) 541-2011

Questions: contact Brandi M. McCullough, the Chair of the Development Committee of the SGS Annual Meeting, at (919) 244-3829 or at mccullough.brandi@gmail.com.

Description: This is a great opportunity to promote your products and services to key leaders who influence the spending patterns of older adults, as well as to commit to supporting the annual meeting through making a donation to the Society

NEWS – INTERNATIONAL

World Congress on Active Aging: “Celebration of Diversity and Inclusion in Active Aging”

When: August 13-17, 2012

Where: Glasgow, Scotland

More information: Visit <http://www.wcaa2012.com>. Click [here](#) to register!!

Abstract Submission: Deadline is January 31st, 2012; to submit an abstract, please [click here](#).

Held every 4 years, this showcase event will take place over 5 days in the prestigious Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre adjacent to the historic River Clyde. The 8th Annual World Conference on Active Aging will bring together scientists and practitioners, experts and enthusiasts who are involved in the promotion of Active Ageing.

The program of keynote papers, thematic symposia, networking events, poster sessions and practical workshops will cover a range of conditions and topics related to aging.



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Canadian Institutes of Health Research Conference *Call for Abstracts Attached*

Abstract Submission Deadline: February 15, 2012 by 5:00pm (Pacific Standard Time)

When: October 29-31, 2012 for the conference

Where: Advancing Excellence in Gender, Sex and Health Research in Montréal, Canada

Hosted By: the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Institute of Gender and Health

More Information: Visit www.genderandhealthconference.com

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Next UNCG Gerontology Research Network Meeting: March 2012

Due to scheduling conflicts, our Wednesday, January 25 UNCG Gerontology Research Network (GRN) "Lunch & Learn" has been canceled. We'll contact you as soon as speakers are arranged for our next GRN "Lunch & Learn" anticipated in late March of 2012.

You are always welcome to visit <http://www.uncg.edu/gro/geroresearch.uncg.edu/index.html> to meet UNCG GRN faculty whose research may be of interest to your own work.

Job Opening at Carol Woods: AL Resident Services Coordinator

Questions, nominations, resumes and cover letters should be submitted to hr@carolwoods.org

Carol Woods is a nationally accredited Continuing Care Retirement Community located on a beautifully landscaped 120-acre campus in Chapel Hill, NC. The Assisted Living Resident Services Coordinator will participate on an Interdisciplinary Care Team whose role is to promote the well-being of the residents in Assisted Living at Carol Woods and to ensure that they are provided high quality health care.

Primary duties include:

- Prepare for transitions to Assisted Living.
- Create and oversee delivery of residents' individualized plan of care.
- Collaborate with multidisciplinary team to ensure high quality care and services.
- Participate in continuous quality improvement initiatives.
- Serve as a primary contact person for families of Assisted Living residents.
- Work with other disciplines on providing continuing education to staff.
- Documents on an on-going, comprehensive, and timely basis.
- On-call every 5th week.

This position requires an undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline, such as social work or public health, and experience consistent with the job duties. Excellent written and verbal communication skills, detail-orientation, computer skills. A master's degree is preferred.

Hours: 40 Hours per week - Monday – Friday 8:30am - 5pm.



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Two more housing positions at DHHS

Applications for both are due on February 1st, 2012.

Permanent Supportive Housing Data Specialist: will be responsible for identifying data needed to document state efforts at moving persons with disabilities into permanent supportive housing. Activities will include writing detailed reports, monitoring program outcomes, helping with data analysis, and assisting appropriate personnel within the Housing and Homelessness Unit and others in the effective use of the information.

Supportive Housing Specialist: will help provide leadership to DHHS initiatives related to permanent supportive housing. The position will work with staff from DHHS and other State agencies involved in development of affordable housing to advise DHHS on ways to encourage increased availability and accessibility of permanent supportive housing options for DHHS consumers. Specific activities will include, but are not limited to: facilitate meetings of diverse populations, develop and present training materials, develop cost estimates, monitor projects, facilitate strategic planning processes, write reports, and help apply for and manage grants.

Opportunity: Present Research at 2012 Conference on Aging *Flyer Attached*

Where: the annual Conference on Aging held at Lynchburg College.

When: May 22, 2012 at Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, VA.

Please find attached the Call for Submissions for Posters for individuals to present their research on any topic pertaining to the aging population.

For more information about the conference please visit: <http://www.lynchburg.edu/beard>.

IPC Newsletter: UNCG students study in Norway with Dr. Buettner *Link Attached*

Dr. Linda Buettner, Professor of Gerontology and Therapeutic Recreation, and five students studying therapeutic recreation for older adults with dementia travelled to Stavanger, Norway, to the Teaching Nursing Home in May 2011. The program was conducted in partnership with Dr. Ingelin Testad at the University of Stavanger and was aimed at giving students the opportunity to practice their skills in a diverse setting.

In Norway, the student therapists offered something different in their approach by providing individualized therapeutic activities based on specific needs and problems.

The experience of trying out therapeutic programs in Greensboro and Norway prompted personal growth in both the students and the nursing home residents. For the students, the experience of learning on the job also served as a catalyst for increased maturity. For the residents, the experience with the students brought back many memories—both personal and functional, and in some ways, brought back their youth.

For more information, please read the article in the UNCG International Programs Center Newsletter: <http://www.uncg.edu/ipg/enewsworthy/facultycornernov11.html>.



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Dr. Richard Taylor's Newsletter: the Newest Issue

For everyone who is interested in Alzheimer's Disease or has a loved one with that diagnosis, visit Dr. Richard Taylor's website: <http://www.richardtaylorphd.com>. As described in his website: "Richard Taylor, a retired Psychologist, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's-type dementia in 2001 at the age of 58. Now 65, (he) is a champion for individuals with early-stage and early-onset Alzheimer's disease, and author of the book *Alzheimer's from the Inside Out* (Health Professions Press, 2006). He serves on the board of the Houston and Southeast Texas chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and has started over 50 chat rooms worldwide for people with Alzheimer's disease and their loved ones... He was a moving force in the establishment of the Dementia Advisory Committee of the U.S. Alzheimer's Association, looking at how to better integrate individuals living with the diagnosis in the leadership, program development, and delivery functions of the Association and its local chapters" (from his website).

He sends out a monthly Newsletter through email that is filled with reflections on Alzheimer's Disease and how readers can get involved with defending individuals with this diagnosis, rather than the negative stereotypes. The December 2011 Issue is full of insightful articles about such things as the results of a study on the actual accuracy of autopsies on the diagnosis of AD, the power of choice for those with AD and other dementias, discussion on the National Alzheimer's Association, and the importance of advocacy for making a positive change for those with AD and healthcare in our wonderful country. To receive these newsletters, simply sign up for them on his website, listed above, and then prepare to be educated and challenged to make a change!