



UNCG Gerontology Research Network

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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. Encourage the faculty to complete 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.

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

Invitation to "Alzheimer's 101" event at UNCG April 10, 2012, 5:30-6:30 *Flyer Attached*

When: Tuesday, April 10, 2012, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Where: UNCG, Elliott University Center, Cone Ballroom C.

Cost: Free Admission. Open to our campus & the entire Triad community.

Registration is NOT required.

Whether you've been personally affected or you know someone who has been affected, please join us to learn how caregivers cope with this disease. 2012 statistics recently available from the Alzheimer's Association will be presented.

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OAA Reauthorization - NCOA Virtual Advocacy Day (March 28)

It's an election year, and there's no better time to educate Congress about critical issues facing America's seniors, especially those who are vulnerable and disadvantaged.

Join the National Council on Aging (NCOA) and hundreds of other aging advocates on March 28 as we ask Congress to:

- Protect and Invest in Funding for Aging Programs and Services
- Support Older Americans Act Reauthorization
- Protect and Strengthen Health Care

To register your participation, go to <http://www.ncoa.org/public-policy-action/virtual-advocacy-day.html>. To get logistic details for your visit to Capitol Hill, go to <http://www.asaging.org/how-prepare-visits-congress>.

Those who are unable to visit Congress can download the advocacy toolkit at <http://www.ncoa.org/public-policy-action/advocacy-toolkit/>.

Source: <http://www.ncoa.org/public-policy-action/virtual-advocacy-day.html>

Annual National Program, "End-of-Life Ethics"

What: Hospice Foundation of America's 19th Annual Living with Grief® Program

When: Thursday, April 19, 2012, from 1:30pm—5:00 pm

Moderator: Lynn Sherr, former ABC News 20/20 correspondent.

Cost: Free

Registration: Email rhonda.bartlett@hospicecarecenter.org.

There is a charge for CE credits, which you must register for online after the event. Continuing Education (CE) credits are available for a wide range of professions. A certificate of attendance will be available at the end of the session for all who attend.

End-of-Life Ethics will use a case study approach to examine the ethical issues and dilemmas that emerge at the end of life, the principles of ethical decision-making, and the effects of these decisions on staff and families.

Viewing location: Hospice & Palliative CareCenter. Williams Education and Counseling Center. 101 Hospice Lane, Winston-Salem, NC. Phone 336-768-6157, ext 1622.

Space is limited, so register now. For general inquiries, call the Community Partnership Line at 336-768-6157, ext. 1622.

2012 Masters and PhD Seminar Schedule *Word Document Attached*

The seminars are open to graduate students and interested faculty at UNCG and are offered on Fridays from 12pm-1pm from March 2nd, 2012, until April 13th, 2012. Information is on the attached document. Please join Dr. Barba and the School of Nursing doctoral students if you are interested in one of these topics. For more information, please contact Karen Stacherski at kastache@uncg.edu or at (336) 334-3167.



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NEWS - STATE

Dementia Conference: March 24 *Word Document Attached*

Title: Innovations in Dementia Screening, Diagnosis & Management for Aging Service Providers

When: Saturday, March 24, 2012, from 1pm-4pm

Where: Grandover Conference Center, Greensboro, NC.

Cost: \$25

To Register: visit http://tracs.unc.edu/dementia_conference. Registration is limited to the first 150 applicants and scholarships are available for students.

Questions: Please contact Christine Lathren at 919-966-4071 or lathren@schsr.unc.edu
Check-In and Lunch beginning at 12:15. Continuing education credit application is in progress. This training opportunity is being offered by the UNC Shepherd Center for Health Services, and the Piedmont Triad Regional Council Area Agency on Aging Project C.A.R.E. initiative that is funded through the Administration on Aging.

Topics include:

- Welcome and Introductions, Kim Dawkins Berry, Director of Piedmont Triad Regional Council Area Agency on Aging
- What's new in the diagnosis and management of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, Dan Kaufer, MD, Director of UNC Memory Disorders Clinic
- Practice guidelines and quality benchmarks for dementia screening, diagnosis and management in primary care, Philip Sloane, MD, MPH, Goodwin Distinguished Professor of Family Medicine, UNC
- Dementia care in long term care, Sheryl Zimmerman, MSW, PhD, Professor of Social Work, UNC
- How to implement individualized, person-centered care in outpatient and long-term care settings, Melanie Bunn, GNP, MS, RN, Dementia Training Specialist
- Innovations in community resources for families of persons with Alzheimer's disease, Mark Hensley, Alzheimer's Support Specialist and State Project C.A.R.E. Director

2012 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Walk

When: June 16, 2012

Where: Triad Park in Kernersville, NC.

Event's Patrons: Piedmont Triad Regional Council Area Agency on Aging and The 2012 Elder Abuse Awareness Day Walk Planning Committee

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.

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NEWS - NATIONAL

Arkansas Gerontological Society Spring Conference *pdf Flyer Attached*

When: March 28-29, 2012

Where: C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center in Little Rock:

www.arkansas4hcenter.org/FindUs/default.asp

March 28th: Registration begins at 7:30am and the program goes from 8:30am until 5:30pm.

March 29th: Registration begins at 8am and the program goes from 8:30am until 5:30pm.

The Keynote Speaker will be Bruce McIntyre. The Closing Session will be on "Managing Stress: Changing Challenges into Blessings" by James Marshall.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Caregiving Research invitation

Are you a Caregiver or do you know a caregiver? Do you provide assistance to a family member, friend or neighbor? We would like to invite you to participate in a free research study on caregiving.

The goal of the study is to better understand the provision of care within families and friendship networks with a particular focus on the Appalachian region. Dr. Donna Sullivan and graduate students Rachel Sparkman and Jami Hughes from the Sociology and Anthropology Department at Marshall University are conducting the study. (IRB approval # 272237 on file).

This survey should only take about 10-15 minutes to complete. Responses will be anonymous and reported only in the aggregate. There are no known risks involved with this study.

Participation is voluntary and there will be no reward or penalty whether you choose to participate or not, or if you choose to withdraw at any time.

If you are interested in participating or if you have any questions about the study, please contact Dr. Sullivan at (304) 696-6934 or by email at sullivd@marshall.edu. The survey can be reached at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SBDJLV5>.

October 2012 Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Research Conference in Columbus, GA

To: Directors of Graduate Study and Departmental Administrative Assistants,

Please distribute the following information and the attached poster to your graduate students.

Columbus State University in Columbus, GA is calling for abstracts for their second annual graduate student (only) research conference on Thursday, October 25, 2012 in the Cunningham Center at Columbus State. This year's conference theme is "*Putting the Pieces Together? Interdisciplinary Solutions for the Modern World.*" Graduate students from all disciplines and all types of research (i.e., dissertation, thesis, course paper, etc.) are welcome to apply.

Last year's inaugural conference had over forty participants from 18 institutions from five different states. Please visit <http://gradschool.columbusstate.edu/> for more information.

(From Laura Chesak, Associate Dean and Associate Professor of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures at UNC Greensboro. Her email is lachesak@uncg.edu for any questions)



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New Director of Adult Day Services sought at Virginia Tech

Virginia Tech's Adult Day Services, in the department of Human Development, is seeking applicants for a new Director. The link to the VT HR page is: www.hr.vt.edu/employment.

The position is at an Instructor level faculty position in the department. The director supports the university's land-grant mission by supporting outreach and service to our clients, their families, and the larger community, among other responsibilities.

Individuals interested in the position can apply online by searching for Current Job Openings, selecting "Search Postings" and entering "Adult Day Services Director" or the posting number 0121599. Applications and interviews will be conducted this spring. The position start date is July 1, 2012.

Questions may be directed to Shannon Jarrott, Director of Research for VT Adult Day Services and chair of the search committee, sjarrott@vt.edu <<mailto:sjarrott@vt.edu>>

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. The students and the residents reported that they had more self-confidence in their own abilities and were more open to trying new things. 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>.

UNCG Graduate Students: Come to the GSA Spring Social! *Flyer Attached*

What: GSA Spring Social on Wednesday, March 21st at 5:30 in the EUC in the Kirkland Room

Who: all current and prospective graduate students at UNCG.

It's a great chance to network with other graduate students, to hear their featured speakers, Vice Provost Alan Boyette and Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs Jim Settles, and to ask any questions you have about the Graduate Student Association.

They will also be offering free food!

See the attached flyer or visit <https://sites.google.com/a/uncg.edu/gsa/> for more information.



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Human Development & Family Studies Courses at UNCG to Consider

All of these courses have General Education designations within the Social and Behavioral Sciences (GSB) category.

Contact Anne C. Fletcher, Ph.D., Director of Undergraduate Program in the Human Development & Family Studies Program at acfletch@uncg.edu with any questions.

The classes are:

HDF 211 Human Development Across the Life Span (3:3)

The study of development from conception through childhood, adulthood and aging, until death as it unfolds within diverse cultures and contexts.

HDF 212 Families and Close Relationships (3:3)

Issues related to singlehood, partnership, and family, including interpersonal processes for the development and maintenance of relationships over time. Topics include love, sexual intimacy, dating, cohabitation, marriage, parenting, and divorce.

HDF 321 Issues in Parenting (3:3)

Examination of parent-child relationships and interactions from infancy through young adulthood. Explores issues relevant to lesbian/gay parents, divorced parents, and parents from diverse racial/ethnic groups.

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 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 March 2012 Issue is full of insightful articles about such things as the complex and crucial issues surrounding the search for a cure for dementia, a fantastic interview with a woman in her 50s who is living with the symptoms of dementia, his contemplations on how multiple presentations in Alaska and London impacted his knowledge of and networking on the issues related to dementia, and others, including the opportunity to access three big databases of publications and reminiscences that Dr. Taylor has placed in the "digital cloud"—you should prepare to read everything and increase your knowledge and passion for advocacy! 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!