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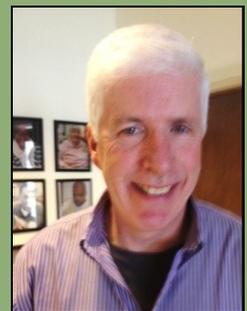
For **Syble Solomon**, the first student to complete the **UNCG Gerontology Program Post-Baccalaureate Certificate**, the education led her to teach “Life Planning for the Third Age,” receive the 2006 Outstanding Part-time Faculty Award by the Association of Gerontology in Higher Education and create a thriving entrepreneurial business!

Her card deck, **Money Habitudes®**, is used by universities, community and faith-based programs, the military, individuals and couples to illustrate financial planning for career counseling, life skills, and personal development — now available in English and Spanish. Solomon presents to groups ranging from the NFL to international women's conferences and people of all ages. Her daily blog — [inspiredsavings.com](http://inspiredsavings.com) — motivates women to take control of their financial life. The blog led to a calendar book titled

**Inspired Savings**. She recently co-authored **Bringing Money into the Conversation: a quick start for therapists**. Solomon affirms “the UNCG Gerontology Program PBC gave me the foundation and tools to create a lifelong career serving aging populations.”

**Pat Cleary's** nearly 30 years in hotel and hospitality management prepared him to handle demanding situations. Yet watching his father digress into Alzheimer's Disease, Pat wanted to make a difference in the lives of others in similar situations. Pat was uncertain he could ‘do the school work’, yet the UNCG Visions program allowed Pat to test drive his education toward the **UNCG Gerontology Program Post-Baccalaureate Certificate**.

Pat is now Program Director at the Adult Center for Enrichment at River Landing, a continuous care retirement community of Presbyterian Homes near Greensboro, NC. While growing programs in an expanding facility, Pat shares that the Gerontology PBC helped him advocate for services vital to his clients and improve design of new facilities. He repeatedly returns to class notes for inspiration! Cleary values the UNCG Gerontology Program vision and networking opportunities among gerontology students, alumni, professional colleagues and the community.



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For **Christopher Klinger, PhD**, a **UNCG Gerontology Post-Baccalaureate Certificate** complemented his **MA in Public Affairs** at UNCG and led to a competitive summer internship with the National Council on Aging, Inc. in Washington, DC.

He promptly earned a staff position with the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, Inc. and studied to receive a PhD in Health Services Research at the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine.

Currently Dr. Klinger performs research within the Bruyere Research Institute Palliative Care Education and Research Program in Ottawa and co-chairs the National Initiative for Care of the Elderly (NICE) End-of-Life Issues Theme Team.

**Oluwatoyosi Adekye, MD**, used a **UNCG Gerontology Post-Baccalaureate Certificate** to augment a **Masters in Public Health** at UNCG. Keenly aware of aging grandparents raising grandchildren in HIV/AIDS families in his home country of Nigeria, Dr. Adekye credits the UNCG gerontology/aging curriculum with enhancing opportunities to present aging-related research at regional and national conferences and his success winning grants and scholarships such as from the Deep South Resource Center for Minority Aging Research. Awarded a Fellowship at The Morehouse School of Medicine Health Policy Leadership Program, Adekye was immediately recognized as their lecturing gerontologist.

As faculty in The Morehouse School of Medicine Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine, Dr. Adekye directs cultural competency programs at the National Center for Primary Care and the Community Health Leadership Program of the Satcher Health Leadership Institute. Pursuing a DrPh at the University of Georgia, Dr. Adekye returned his enthusiasm for gerontology and aging studies by mentoring a UNCG Gerontology Program student!



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