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The UNCG Gerontology Research, Outreach,
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LUNCH & LEARN WITH DR. SARA W. BAILEY AND DR. SUDHA SHREENIWAS

Remote Connections: Shaping Attitudes Toward Aging
in a Large Online Undergraduate Class
Report from a two-year study at UNCG.

Is it possible to change undergraduate students' attitudes toward aging over the course of one semester? Using an adapted version of an empathy-enhancing intervention, "The Game of I am" (Bailey, 2018), we decided to find out. We used a quasi-experimental mixed methods design, and measured changes in empathy, attitudes about aging, and gerontological interest over time in four semesters of students enrolled in the large undergraduate course Aging and Adult Development, HDF 304 at UNCG, which is required for HDFs majors and an option for minors and undergraduate Gerontology certificate students. We administered the intervention with two of the four groups, conducted class as usual with the other two, and measured changes over time in all groups. What did we find? Is it possible to shift students' perspectives by adding in a few simple, targeted assignments to online coursework in a large class? Might such shifts in attitudes help address the need for greater numbers of enthusiastic and passionate gerontology-focused professionals? Join us as we discuss study implementation, preliminary results, challenges, and areas for further study.

Wednesday, October 9th
12-1:30pm
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