



UNCG Gerontology Research Network

Facilitating Transdisciplinary Aging-related Research at UNCG

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gerontology Research Network Lunch n' Learn Series *Flyer Attached*

Monday, November 16, 2009 McIver Room 331, 12-1 pm. - Dr. Christina Lengyel, University of Manitoba presents *Nutritional Risk, Perceptions of Diet, Health and Life Satisfaction of Community-Dwelling Canadian Older Men: The Manitoba Follow-up Study*.

LOCAL

Community Resource Connection Local Initiative *Information Attached (2)*

-Piedmont Triad Community Resource Connection that will launch on Monday November 16th, 2009.

-The Community Resource Connection (CRC) is a collaborative effort of the Administration on Aging (AoA) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) designed to streamline access to long-term care. The CRC initiative is part of a nationwide effort to restructure services and supports for older adults and younger persons with disabilities and it complements other long term care system change activities designed to enhance access to community living. The goal of the CRC Program is to empower individuals to make informed choices and to streamline access to long-term support. The vision is to have Resource Centers in every community serving as highly visible and trusted places where people can turn for information on the full range of long term support options.

-More information about the Community Resource Connections for Aging and Disabilities Program is available on the AoA Web site at [<http://www.aoa.gov>], the CMS Web site at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NewFreedomInitiative/>, and the DHHS Web site at http://ncdhhs.gov/olts/what/access_adrc.htm. For more information contact Sabrena Lea, 919-855-4457, or email: nc.crc@ncmail.net.

-Local contact Lorrie Z. Roth, 336-641-4680, email: lroth@co.guilford.nc.us.

NEWS

2009 Gwangju Design Biennale, in Gwangju, South Korea.

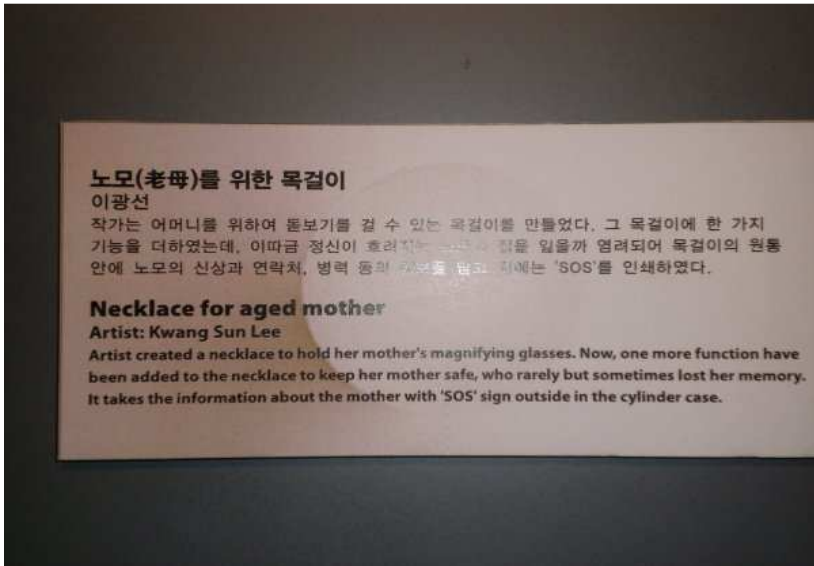
-Dr. Janice I. Wassel, Director of The UNCG Gerontology Program was the curator's guest this September at the 2009 Gwangju Design Biennale, in Gwangju, South Korea.

-Exhibits focused on five themes, 'Clothing', 'Eating', 'Living', 'Enlightening' and 'Enjoying' (expressed with the Korean words of '옷 [Ot]', '맛 [Mat]', '집 [Jip]', '글 [Geul]' and '소리 [Sori]' see http://www.gwangju-biennale.org/?mid=sub_eng&mode=03&sub=01 for more details) bringing design into the experiences of everyday life.

-New to the Biennale and South Korea was the project "Design to Care" introducing Universal Design. Attendees upon entering the "Design to Care" exhibition were invited to use a wheelchair to experience some of the challenges facing those trying to maneuver into a typical Korean building. Other exhibits included powered kitchen cabinets and sinks which could be simply raised and lowered using levers, jewelry designed to assist those with memory impairment, and other items for improving the lives of older adults and others with disabilities.

-Returning to Seoul, Dr. Wassel visited the Samsung Noble County CCRC, an impressive state of the art community with 540 apartments. Noble County CCRC was the vision of Mr. Samsung, the founder of Samsung. Noble County's CCRC intergenerational sports and cultural center is open to the community and hosts over 1,000 classes monthly. Those participating in the classes aged from preschool upward.

-While in Seoul, Dr. Wassel gave presentations to the Silver Industries Department at Kangnam University, Kyobo Life Insurance Company, the Korea Association of Senior Welfare Centers, and the Senior Citizens' Welfare Division, Seoul Metropolitan Government. Kangnam University and UNCG have an established relationship. The Silver Industries department and the UNCG Gerontology Program are exploring ways to enhance both programs through internships and research.



ITEMS OF INTEREST

UNCG Graduate Studies Committee *Information Attached (2)*

- The 2009-2010 schedule of meeting dates and deadlines for the Graduate Studies Committee as well as a roster of Committee members. This information is also posted online at www.uncg.edu/grs/faculty/committee/gsc_committee.
- Approximately one week after each GSC meeting I will email you approved minutes and a Web page link to a list of curriculum actions. While the majority of curriculum actions will be communicated to you via the Webpage, an explanatory memorandum will be sent through campus mail when necessary. Agendas are posted to the Web page at least five days prior to the upcoming meeting. Agendas, minutes, and actions remain on the Web page for reference throughout the academic year.
- The GSC serves as the representative body of the Graduate Faculty on all aspects of graduate education and operates through three subcommittees. The Curriculum Subcommittee reviews all graduate curriculum changes including routine changes, new/amended course proposals, program revisions, and new program proposals. The purpose of such scrutiny is to ensure the standards of our accrediting body are met, students are fully informed of their responsibilities and expectations, and faculty are protected from preventable student grievances. The Policies and Procedure Subcommittee investigates the need for changes to Graduate School policies and procedures at the request of and on behalf of the Graduate Faculty. The Student Affairs Subcommittee hears student appeals related to Graduate School policies and practices and deals with any other matters related to the overall quality of a graduate students' learning experience.
- If you have any questions related to the Graduate Studies Committee, please feel free to contact your GSC representative or Lynne Lewallen, Chair, at 334-5170 or lynne_lewallen@uncg.edu.