



UNCG Gerontology Research Network

Facilitating Transdisciplinary Aging-related Research at UNCG

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming GRN "Lunch and Learn" Series *Flyer Attached*

-Tuesday, Feb 2, Community Aging Services of Eastern Africa presented by Dr. Suda Shreeniwas of the UNCG Human Development & Family Studies program

-Friday, February 26, 2010 when Bob Wallace of the University of Iowa presents the NIH Health and Retirement Study and Multidisciplinary Team Building.

-Visit www.geroresearch.uncg.edu for additional details.

George and Beatrice Goldman Fisher Gerontology Dissertation and Masters Prizes *All forms attached*

-The University, through the George and Beatrice Goldman Fisher Gerontology Dissertation and Masters Prizes, has established an annual award of \$1,000 to the best UNCG dissertation and an award of \$500 to the best UNCG master's thesis in any discipline which is related to gerontology and best advances improvement in the quality of life of the elderly. Each academic department offering the doctoral degree may nominate dissertations for consideration.

-*The following criteria will be used in judging:* Contribution this work makes to gerontology, Originality in selection and formulation of research topic, & Skill and creativity in the use of methodology or research techniques

-*To be considered:* Only dissertations submitted by doctoral candidates who graduated in calendar year 2009 (May, August, or December) will be considered and Only theses or projects submitted by master's candidates who graduated in calendar year 2009 (May, August, or December) will be considered.

-Nominations should be sent to the Dean of the Graduate School no later than **Tuesday, February 2, 2010**

-Dean James C. Petersen will be appointing a small committee of faculty to evaluate all eligible nominations. If you have any questions about criteria or procedures, please contact Dean James C. Petersen at 336-334-5375.

LOCAL

Sigma Phi Omega, Delta Gamma Membership

-The Delta Gamma Chapter of **Sigma Phi Omega** will celebrate its 10th year in 2010. **Sigma Phi Omega, (SPO)**, 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 the society also provided a much needed link between educators, practitioners, and administrators in various settings where older persons are served.

-The **goals** of SPO are achieved primarily through activities of local chapters, and secondarily through efforts of the national office and officers. Local chapters serve as links within their respective communities to promote interaction between gerontology educators, students, alumni, and local professionals. The chapters provide opportunities for personal and professional interaction, sharing of concerns, discussion of issues, and service activities.

-**SPO seeks to promote** scholarship, professionalism, friendship, and services to older persons, and to recognize exemplary attainment in gerontology/aging studies and related fields.

-The SPO Delta Gamma Chapter is open to graduate students, faculty and professionals in gerontology and other related disciplines. Faculty may nominate students and professional members who are studying, researching or serving older adults. Graduate students are required to have a 3.5 GPA and have completed at least one semester of graduate school. It is common for faculty to self nominate themselves to SPO. Nominating professional members of the greater community provides links between the university, faculty and the community.

-Please feel free to visit the SPO website at <http://www.sigmaphiomega.org/> for more details. Membership forms may be downloaded at <http://www.sigmaphiomega.org/membership.html>. The Delta Gamma SPO chapter is very active at UNCG and welcomes all students and professions with an interest in aging/gerontology. New members will be inducted February, 2010, so please send nominations to me, Janice Wassel, at jiwassel@uncg.edu by January 30, 2010. Letters of invitation will be emailed February 2. Come join us at one of our meetings. To see what the Delta Gamma chapter has been up to and to view upcoming events, go to <http://www.uncg.edu/gro/spo/>. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Janice Wassel at jiwassel@uncg.edu.

Science on Tap

“Privacy in the Digital Age” presented by Stephen R. Tate, Prof. and Department Head of the UNCG Dept. of Computer Science December 1st, 2009 from 7:30pm to 9:00pm at the Green Bean on 321 S. Elm St, Greensboro
Lectures are free and open to the public. Visit www.scienceandsociety.uncg.edu

STATE

Aging Workforce Interest Group

-On **Tuesday, December 15, 2009** from 1 to 2:30 p.m. we focus on “Workforce Issues in Library and Information Science: Case Study of an Aging Profession (WILIS I and II)” presented by Joanne Marshall, Professor of Library & Information Science and Senior Research Scientist, IOA; Victor Marshall, Professor of Sociology and Senior Research Scientist, IOA; Jennifer Craft Morgan, Associate Director for Research, IOA; Susan Rathbun-Grubb, Research Scientist, IOA; and Brandy Farrar, Graduate Research Assistant, IOA.

-On **Tuesday, January 19, 2010** we will focus on “Research Findings Related to Older, Experienced Registered Nurses in North Carolina: Challenges and Opportunities” presented by Dennis Sherrod, Professor and Forsyth Medical Center Chair of Recruitment and Retention, School of Health Sciences, Winston-Salem State University; Connie Mullinix, Associate Professor, MSN-Leadership Concentration, College of Nursing, East Carolina University; and Janet Moye, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellow and Assistant Professor, College of Nursing, East Carolina University.

-For questions about the program, and to reserve a seat, contact Peter J. Stein, Ph.D. at: pstein@schsr.unc.edu OR (919) 966-6818.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Association for Anthropology & Gerontology

-Anthropology & Aging Quarterly is accepting submissions! Visit AAGE online at <http://aage.clubexpress.com/>

-Anthropology & Aging Quarterly is the official publication of the Association for Anthropology & Gerontology (AAGE). It is currently produced as an electronic journal on a quarterly schedule (February, May, August, November). AAGE is a nonprofit organization established in 1978 as a multidisciplinary group dedicated to the exploration and understanding of aging within and across the diversity of human cultures.

-**Submission Process:** All manuscripts should be submitted electronically, via e-mail attachment. Anthropology & Aging Quarterly accepts four types of submissions-- Research Reports, Policy and News Reviews, Commentaries, and Articles. Research Reports are brief discussions of ongoing or recently completed study and should be no longer than 2,000 words. Policy and News Reviews are pieces which offer thoughtful and reflective discussion of current events or social policies pertaining to aging and culture. Commentaries provide authors with an opportunity to discuss theoretical, ethical and other time-sensitive topical issues which do not lend themselves to a full-length article. Commentaries may also be used as a venue to share self-reflexive writing on the experience of aging or conducting research in this field. Policy and News Reviews or Commentaries may range from 1,000 to 4,500 words. Articles are longer reports on recently completed research or literature reviews. Articles should include the following: a cover page with the author's full name, affiliation, mailing address, and manuscript title; a 200 word abstract; the text; references cited; and tables or figures. Endnotes are permitted but should be used sparingly and with justification. Articles should not exceed 6,500 words, including all materials.

-**Manuscript Submissions:** All manuscripts should be submitted via e-mail to the Editor, Dr. Kimberly Jones (kjones14@elon.edu). Unsolicited Book Reviews are currently not accepted. If you are interested in authoring a book review please contact the Book Reviews Editor, Dr. Sherylyn Briller, at the Department of Anthropology, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, 48202 (s.briller@wayne.edu). All manuscripts should use the citation style outlined by the American Anthropological Association.

-**Evaluation:** Research Reports, Policy and News Reviews, and Articles are peer reviewed and will be evaluated by the Editor and a combination of Editorial Board members and referees. Every effort will be made to expedite the review process. Authors should anticipate a waiting time of six to twelve weeks.

-**Deadlines:** All submissions should be received 6 weeks prior to the month of the next publication (December 15 for February issue, March 15 for May issue, June 15 for August issue, and September 15 for November issue).