



UNCG Gerontology Research Network

Facilitating Transdisciplinary Aging-related Research at UNCG

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aging Boot Camp

Lunches and refreshments are included in the registration fee.

Learn the basics about:

The demographic imperative; Myths and misconceptions about aging; The dynamics of the aging process; Communication issues and older adults; The continuum of aging services; What the aging network is all about; Aging advocacy; What is on the horizon for the nation and North Carolina.

Registration Fee: NC Association on Aging Members (\$60); Non-Members: (\$75).

Questions about the Aging Boot camp can be directed to: Bill Lamb, UNC Institute on Aging.

Phone: (919)-966-9444. E-mail: bill_lamb@unc.edu.

Registration forms need to be received by March 11, 2011.

The Registration form can be found on the association website: www.ncaoa.org.

The Gerontological Society of America: Public Policy & Aging E-Newsletter

This bimonthly e-newsletter highlights key developments and viewpoints in the field of aging policy from a wide variety of sources, including articles and reports circulating in the media, academy, think tanks, private sector, government and nonprofit organizations.

The goal of this email publication is to reach teachers, students, and citizens interested in policy-relevant issues, especially those who may not have easy access to policy information disseminated both in Washington and around the country.

Click [here](#) to view the online version.

NEWS - LOCAL

Save the Date: Area Agency on Aging Presentation on LGBT Elderly and Equal Treatment *Attachment*

Presentation Name: "Gen Silent"

Description: a new LGBT documentary from award-winning director and documentary filmmaker Stu Maddux.

Description: What would you do if you were old, disabled or ill, and the person who was feeding you put down the spoon and explained that you are going to hell unless you change your sexual orientation? Sound absurd? According to social workers, it's happening every day.

When: Sunday, March 13, 2011 at 8:00pm

Where: a/perture Cinema; 311 West Fourth St. Winston-Salem

Contact: Holli Ward (336) 761-2111

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NEWS - STATE

Area Agency on Aging: Diversity for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities

Program Title: "Connecting the Pieces."

Program Description: a program about diversity in older and disabled adults.

Location: The International Civil Rights Museum in downtown Greensboro

Date: February 11, 2011.

Cost: \$10, which includes a tour of the Civil Rights Museum.

Join the Area Agencies on Aging: Region G (Alamance, Caswell, Davidson, Guilford, Montgomery, Randolph, Rockingham counties) and Region I (Davie, Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, Yadkin counties).

For more information, please visit <http://www.ptcog.org/aaa/index.php>.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Institute on Aging: February 2011 CARES Training Events *Form Attached*

Effective Social Work Practices in Adults Services: A CORE Curriculum

Week 1 (February 1-3, 2011) and Week 2 (February 15-17, 2011)

Gaston Citizen's Resource Center in Dallas, NC (near Gastonia)

Registration Fee: \$65.00

Registration Deadline: 1/25/2011

Online Registration Link: <https://www.ncswlearn.org/plp/catalog/curriculum.aspx?cid=1>

Substance Use and Older Adults

February 11, 2011

Brunswick Cooperative Extension in Bolivia, NC

Registration Fee: \$20.00

Registration Deadline: 2/4/2011

Online Registration Link: <https://www.ncswlearn.org/plp/catalog/curriculum.aspx?cid=235>

Working With Older Adults and Their Families

February 22-23, 2011

Randolph Community College in Asheboro, NC

Registration Fee: \$40.00

Registration Deadline: 2/15/2011

Online Registration Link: <https://www.ncswlearn.org/plp/catalog/curriculum.aspx?cid=267>

Although we strongly prefer registering online, you can still register via fax (919-962-3653).

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Job Opportunity: DVR/MFP Human Services Coordinator II Transition Coordination

DVR is posting a transition coordinator position that will assist MFP participants with physical disabilities to transition back into their own homes in Charlotte, NC. Please go to:

<http://www.osp.state.nc.us/tempsolu/Human%20Serv%20%20Coord%20%20II-3431-Charlotte.pdf> for more information.

Job Opportunity: AARP Public Policy Institute: Senior Policy Research Analyst

Job Title: Senior Policy Research Analyst with Livable Communities/Long-Term Care

Responsibilities:

- *Under the direction of senior staff, uses appropriate research methods to identify livable communities and LTC problems and analyze policy solutions.
- *Accesses a variety of data sources to evaluate Medicaid program implementation in the states, understanding of housing and transportation databases, trends in family caregiving, and other issues.
- *Monitors legislative, regulatory and public policy trends in assigned areas of expertise.
- * Provides research and technical assistance to staff within the Public Policy Institute and throughout AARP, in support of AARP's Strategic Plan and related advocacy efforts.
- *Writes literature reviews and other papers, and makes presentations to AARP and external audiences.

Complexity and Scope of Responsibilities

Position requires the ability to initiate and complete work independently, to plan and manage one's workload, and to complete work under tight time pressures. Employee must exercise good judgment in providing research assistance and technical advice to stakeholders throughout the organization. A detailed understanding of livable communities and LTC subject matter, of federal, state or local law, of various complex data sets, and of the proper use of statistics and statistical software packages may be required. The employee may make public presentations to AARP staff, volunteers, and stakeholders outside AARP. The employee will regularly provide information and technical assistance to staff members throughout AARP.

Requirements

- *Completion of a Bachelor's degree in Public Policy, other Social Science, Planning, or a related discipline, and experience in policy development and research required; Master's degree strongly preferred.
- *Skill in written and oral communication.
- *Skill in quantitative analysis (such as statistics or econometrics). Experience with manipulating, analyzing and presenting data using SAS, SPSS, GIS, Excel or other statistical packages strongly preferred.

Please apply through the AARP Career Center at: <http://www.aarp.org/about-aarp/careers/>

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Job Opportunity: Social Worker with Orange County Department on Aging *Attachment*

Social work position available in the Eldercare/Aging Transitions Division of the Orange County Department on Aging. This employee will be able to sign older adults up for benefit programs through DSS, as well as provide services to all older adults in Orange County through the Department on Aging. The employee will be located at the Senior Centers in Orange County. Application Deadline: February 7th, 2011.

For more information, visit <http://www.co.orange.nc.us/prsnl/documents/SWII1205-658.pdf>. Questions can also be directed to the Orange County Human Resources Department at 919.245.2550.

New Job Opportunity for Recent UNCG Gerontology Graduate

Margaret Rakestraw, 2008 Gerontology graduate, has been hired as the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Central Region's Money Follows the Person (MFP) Transition Coordinator, working directly under Erin Russell, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services Housing and Transition Program Specialist.

Her primary responsibility will be to support the Money Follows the Person participant through the transition process of returning to the community from a hospital, skilled nursing or intermediate care facility; handling referrals of client specific issues in order to assist these individuals to transfer back into the community.

She will be coordinating discharges in the region by working closely with CAP DA Lead Agencies, facility social workers, Community Resource Connections, Centers for Independent Living, advocates and families, Vocational Rehab Independent Living Offices, AAA's, etc.

Margaret's position will cover the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Central Region which includes over 30 counties.

If you have any questions about Money Follows the Person please contact Margaret directly or visit the project's website <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/medicaid/MFP.htm>.
