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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Reader,

This Bulletin will be the last one for the Fall 2010-Spring 2011 school semester, before summer break. Issues will resume in August. During this summer, time-sensitive opportunities will still be sent out to you by Dr. Wassel, so please email her over the summer (jiwassel@uncg.edu) with any opportunities that you learn about. We would also appreciate any ideas/suggestions for the Bulletin.

Thank you, and have a great summer.

Sincerely,

Sarah Johnson

NEWS - LOCAL

2nd Annual Creative Aging Symposium

Date: May 20th

Location: Wesley Long Community Hospital in Greensboro, NC

To register visit: http://www.cca-nc.org/ccanc_specialevents.html

Dance/Movement track includes:

- Transformation through Physical Storytelling with Sarah Arnett
- Stretch for Strength for Seniors with Tania Bruhn
- Moving Towards Fitness: Some Smart Moves to Help You Be Fit & Stay Fit with Lois von der Goltz

Visual Arts track includes:

- ARTmail Art Exchange Project with Lia Miller
- Drawing the Journey: Using Art to Share Life Stories and Explore Life Transitions with Donna Anthony
- Drawing From Your Imagination with Margot Robinson

For more information contact Lia Miller at lia@cca-nc.org or 336-253-0856.



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NEWS - STATE

Celebrating Lives through Person-Centered Practices 2011 conference *Attachment*

For more information, please contact Libby Phillips at 919-962-0650 or at ephilli@email.unc.edu

Conference Date: May 12th, 2011

Location: William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education.

100 Friday Center Drive.

Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Sign-In/Registration begins at 8:00am

Conference runs from 9:00am-4:30pm

Registration deadline is May 9, 2011.

Registration Fees:

\$65.00 for individuals.

\$55.00 for three or more who are registering from the same organization.

Directions to the Friday Center: <http://www.fridaycenter.unc.edu/directions/index.html>

You may register online using the following link:

https://reg.abcsignup.com/reg/event_page.aspx?ek=0060-0003-70EF42A7B71F4E2187352FF315E09D04

or register via email, fax, or US Mail using the attached registration form.

Hotel and other conference information will be sent to you after your registration has been processed.

Topics to be covered include:

- Supporting people to have better lives through a focus on outcomes
 - Process mapping to improve agency services and supports
 - Supporting people in establishing meaningful community connections
 - Person-centered coaching
 - Supports Intensity Scale
 - Supporting people to get healthier lives through the use of Person-centered practices
 - Art and healing through stories
 - Self-Direction
 - Developing a Learning Community
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Regional Caregiver Education Conference

Hosted by the Alzheimer's Association, Western Carolina Chapter

Date: May 19, 2011

Location: Calvary Baptist Church. Winston Salem, NC

Cost: \$10 for family caregivers—the Western Carolina Alzheimer's Association Chapter will cover family caregiver fee upon request

Cost: \$25 for professionals / CE hours

This full day conference will feature a variety of speakers and topics related to Alzheimer's disease care and support. Community resources will be available with information on their services.

Continuing education hours (5.5 hours) will be offered for social workers, adult care home administrators and nursing home administrators

Click here for the registration brochure or see the attachment.

For more information contact the Western Carolina Chapter at 800-888-6671 or visit www.alz.org/northcarolina.

Triangle J AAA Symposium *Attachment*

The Triangle J Area Agency on Aging Culture Change Initiative invites you to join them for: "The How Of Change" Culture Change Symposiums

Location and Time:

- Raleigh on June 15th from 8:30am-3:30pm OR
- Pittsboro on June 16th from 8:30am-3:30pm

Intended, targeted population: For those that have direct or indirect association with the long term care continuum of services and supports.

Registration fee is \$35 per person.

See attached flyer for more information, and to register.

For questions, email rmcgee@tjcog.org or call 919-558-2711



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ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Virtual Dementia Tour

For More Information, please contact:

Leslie Lawson, Smoky Mountain Center, 828-586-5501, ext. 1248 OR

Cindy Miles, Southwestern Commission, 828-586-1962, ext. 218

Date: Tuesday, May 24th, 2011

Time: 9:30am-11:30am

Location: Haywood Community Connections, 81 Elmwood Way, Waynesville

Cost: Free. You MUST make an appointment

Are you caring for a loved one who is living with a memory illness such as Alzheimer's Disease, or another type of dementia? Do you struggle to understand some of the behaviors that you witness from day to day? Caring for those with dementia requires empathy, patience, and special care, but how can people be empathetic when they have never experienced dementia?

The Smoky Mountain Center Geriatric & Adult Mental Health Special Team is partnering with the Southwestern Commission Area Agency on Aging to offer family caregivers, and other interested people, the chance to experience an innovative educational activity called "The Virtual Dementia Tour," a multi-sensory experience.

Alamance ElderCare: 8th Annual Family Caregiver & Senior Resource Fair *Attachment*

Date: Thursday, May 12th, 2011

Location: St. Mark's Church. 1230 St. Mark's Church Rd. Burlington, NC 27215

Time: 12:00pm-6:00pm.

Cost: FREE! You MUST register

To register, contact Alamance ElderCare at (336) 538-8080 or fill out the attached registration sheet.

Included at this resource fair:

Great information and programs for family caregivers and older adults.

Features nationally-known expert on dementia care, Teepa Snow

Hear local speakers talking on a variety of subjects that are of interest to caregivers

Meet representatives from more than 40 local agencies

Please share this information with anyone you feel would be interested



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Wake Forest University - Aging Center Summer Scholars program *Attachment*

Wake Forest University's Sticht Center on Aging and Claude D. Pepper Older American's Independence Center are inviting applications from emerging and early career scientists to participate in the our Sticht Center Scholars program. Scholars will be supported to spend up to 3 months in residence at the Sticht Center to gain experience in analyzing and presenting laboratory, clinical trial or epidemiological data to address hypotheses related to the prevention of functional disability in older adults. At the end of the experience, scholars will be expected to have produced at least one research manuscript that is ready for peer-review.

Further details are outlined in the attached document and provided below on the Sticht Center on Aging Visiting Scholars Program. Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Qualifications / Review Criteria

- Applications will be reviewed by the Sticht Center leadership and prioritized based on:
 - Evidence of scholarly productivity and interest in aging / older adults.
- Resonant with the theme: Integrating pathways affecting physical function for new approaches to disability prevention.
- Use of the data & other resources available at the Sticht Center.

Eligibility

The program is available to scholars at any academic level, including graduate student, fellow, post-docs, and faculty- at the rank of assistant professor or lower. Special exceptions may be made for individuals who may be able to have high impact over short period of time utilizing the special resources available at Wake Forest University.

Applicants must either be enrolled or a paid employee at a degree granting institution or a center or institute eligible to receive federal research funds. The faculty and staff of the Wake Forest School of Medicine are not eligible for support through this program.

Award

Awards are available for up to \$10,000 and is to be use to support travel and living expenses in Winston-Salem and expenses incurred during the execution of the project. Awards will be made on a rolling basis.

Data and analysis resources available for use at Wake Forest Sticht Center and Pepper OIAC

They are extensive and robust and include both epidemiologic and clinical trial datasets with extensive characterizations of chronic disease phenotypes (especially osteoarthritis, heart failure and pulmonary disease), risk factors, biomarkers and genetic information. In many cases, biological specimens are also available.



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How to apply

Applicants are asked to submit a curriculum vitae / biosketch, a letter detailing the applicant's interest and experience in aging-related research, relevant research skills, research question(s) of interest (specific aims/hypotheses encouraged), the names of two references and any other information that the applicant would think useful to include.

These Materials can be sent to

Sticht Center on Aging Scholars Program

c/o Abby Archer

The Sticht Center on Aging / Wake Forest University School of Medicine

Medical Center Boulevard

Winston-Salem, NC 27157

Inquiries by e-mail are welcomed and should be addressed to Dr. Stephen B. Kritchevsky, PhD, Director Sticht Center on Aging (skritche@wakehealth.edu).
