



# UNCG Gerontology Research Network

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Gerontology Research Network (GRN) is the interdisciplinary network of faculty, researchers, and students interested in topics of aging. The goals of the network are to:

Facilitate transdisciplinary research working groups

Seek funding for future endeavors of the UNCG Gerontology Research Network

Provide a web presence and other communication, connecting and informing this network

Bring national expertise on interdisciplinary research and training in the field of aging to the UNCG campus

Sponsor an annual research symposium featuring UNCG faculty and students investigating the field of aging.

If you have faculty, (new or returning) interested in aging, please invite them to become part of the GRN network. Encourage the faculty to complete the GRN Network Participant Request form found on the home page of the Gerontology Research Network so their information may be included. See [www.uncg.edu/gro/geroresearch.uncg.edu](http://www.uncg.edu/gro/geroresearch.uncg.edu)

Sigma Phi Omega, (Delta Gamma Chapter) 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 a society provides a much needed link between educators, practitioners, and administrators in various settings where older persons are served. Each year the SPO Delta Gamma Chapter engages in a number of activities in the community, including helping Santa, hosting networking activities, and volunteer activities.

Fall induction of the Delta Gamma Chapter will be in October. Please nominate graduate students who have completed at least one semester at UNCG and have a 3.5 or higher GPA to join. See [www.sigmaphiomega.org](http://www.sigmaphiomega.org) for more information and to download the membership application.

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## NEWS - LOCAL

### **Therapeutic Recreation Lab Open House \*Flyer Attached\***

The UNCG Department of Community and Therapeutic Recreation would like to invite you to the RT Lab Open House!

Date: Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011

Time: 2pm-4pm

Location: 247 Ferguson Building, UNCG Campus.

Parking is available at \$2/1<sup>st</sup> hour and \$1/additional hour at the Walker Avenue Parking Deck or the Oakland Parking Deck.

Come learn about the UNCG Department of Community and Therapeutic Recreation.

Meet the CTR faculty, advisory board members, and students. This new space provides practice areas for future recreational therapists to learn wheelchair mobility skills, to use adapted recreation equipment safely, and to assess clients and evaluate outcomes. Students will provide demonstrations and faculty will be available to talk with future students and others who may be interested in our program. Try your hand at some of our innovative recreation therapy interventions, including the wheelchair bike and platform gardening, and enjoy some light refreshments.

## **GERONTOLOGY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Where: Greensboro Senior Center

Date: September 19, 2010

When: 10:00am

The Assistant Director of the Greensboro Senior Center will be speaking about the One Away Campaign to Seniors, a campaign to raise awareness about many older adults who are a step away from economic ruin. Volunteers are needed to help some participants write a quick statement of their story because they aren't physically able to do so. It will be a great way to hear about the "One Away Campaign," help an older adult, and visit the Greensboro Senior Center!

Parking at the Greensboro Senior Center is very limited, especially at 10am, so be prepared to arrive early or, even better, to carpool!!!

If you're free and want to help or have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Christina M. Acosta, Sigma Phi Omega President, at [c\\_acosta@uncg.edu](mailto:c_acosta@uncg.edu) or 978-758-5886



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## NEWS - STATE

### **Wednesday, September 21, 2011 UNCG Gerontology Research Network (GRN) Lunch & Learn meeting**

Dogwood Room, Elliott University Center (EUC), Noon-1:00 p.m.

Staton Noel, Licensing Assistant in the UNCG Office of Innovation Commercialization (OIC) elucidates OIC's role facilitating research commercialization and industry collaborations with specific emphasis on improving the lives of people as they age.

With 20 years experience in a large pharmaceutical company researching novel drugs for diseases associated with aging, Staton presently pursues a dual degree MS in Gerontology/MBA at UNCG. He aims to develop and market products that benefit an aging society. [See the flyer.](#)

GRN meetings are free and open to the campus and the community. Brown bag your lunch and we provide learning opportunities!

Park in the Walker Avenue or Oakland Avenue parking deck at \$2/1<sup>st</sup> hour and \$1/additional hour. Seating is limited so reservations are recommended and appreciated. RSVP to Mary Wolfe, [mlwolfe@uncg.edu](mailto:mlwolfe@uncg.edu), 336-256-1020.

### **October 18 - 20, 2011 North Carolina Conference on Aging**

The Community Response: Implementing the Plan for a Livable Senior-Friendly North Carolina  
2011 North Carolina Conference on Aging

Hilton Charlotte University Place, Charlotte, North Carolina

North Carolina is facing critical issues as a result of its increasing older population. Despite the economic belt-tightening sweeping the state, there is a growing need for services to care for older citizens. With the first wave of Baby Boomers reaching retirement age this year, the number of older North Carolinians is on the rise. For questions and reservations call (919) 966-9444 and visit <http://www.aging.unc.edu/nccoa/index.html>

### **Thursday, October 27, 2011 UNCG Gerontology Research Network (GRN) Lunch & Learn meeting**

Dogwood Room, Elliott University Center (EUC), Noon-1:00 p.m.

William Tullar, Ph.D., Professor in the UNCG Bryan School of Business & Economics, shares a presentation to raise awareness of a host of scams specifically aimed at vulnerable senior populations. He is structuring a training program for seniors to help them recognize a scam when they see it! [See the flyer.](#) GRN meetings are free and open to the campus and the community.

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## NEWS - NATIONAL

### **Small Business Institute 2012 Conference**

On behalf of the Small Business Institute and the UNCG Bryan School of Business & Economics, Dr. Dianne H.B. Welsh wants to invite you to the Small Business Institute Conference.

Where: San Antonio, Texas.

When: Thursday to Saturday, February 16-18, 2012.

The flagship La Quinta Hotel Convention Center is located 1/2 block off the River Walk and offers \$99.00 single and double rates.

Warm up in San Antonio and consider presenting a paper, workshop, or submitting a best practice nomination. On Saturday there will be the awards celebration for the best papers, best workshop, best practices winner, and the SBI Project of the Year winners that the organization is known for. They welcome new attendees as well as their longtime members.

Registration includes breakfast, lunch, a welcome reception Thursday night, and the Saturday night dinner held at the Institute of Texan Cultures, co-sponsored by University of Texas San Antonio.

With the River Walk, the rodeo in town, and loads of other activities and sights, there is plenty to do. You can visit the conference website for detail information

Please contact Dr. Welsh with any questions that you may have, at [dhwelsh@uncg.edu](mailto:dhwelsh@uncg.edu) or at 336-256-8507. Their website <http://smallbusinessinstitute.org> has all the information for submissions and how to enter the Project of the Year Competition. You can also visit:

<http://seac.uncg.edu>

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### **Job Opportunity: Assistant Program Director**

5.5 hours per day, Monday – Friday.

Experience working with older adults in planning and implementing recreational activities as well as providing assistance with activities of daily living. The position includes vacation, sick leave, and paid holidays. Please send resume to [Caldwell@ACEcare.org](mailto:Caldwell@ACEcare.org) or P.O. Box 13048, Greensboro, NC 27415

### **Resource on Alzheimer's Disease: Dr. Richard Taylor**

For everyone who is interested in Alzheimer's Disease or has a loved one with that diagnosis, visit Dr. Richard Taylor's website: <http://www.richardtaylorphd.com>. As described in his website:

“Richard Taylor, a retired Psychologist, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's-type dementia in 2001 at the age of 58. Now 65, he is a champion for individuals with early-stage and early-onset Alzheimer's disease, and author of the book *Alzheimer's from the Inside Out* (Health Professions Press, 2006). He serves on the board of the Houston and Southeast Texas chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and has started over 50 chat rooms worldwide for people with Alzheimer's disease and their loved ones... He was a moving force in the establishment of the Dementia Advisory



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Committee of the U.S. Alzheimer's Association, looking at how to better integrate individuals living with the diagnosis in the leadership, program development, and delivery functions of the Association and its local chapters.”

He sends out a monthly Newsletter through email that is filled with reflections on Alzheimer's Disease and how readers can get involved with defending individuals with this diagnosis, rather than the negative stereotypes. He is a fantastic source of knowledge and his newsletters are always enjoyable and educational.

In his most recent email, he wrote the following:

Announcing the Launch of the "I Can and I Will!" Website and Movement

Websites: [www.alz.co.uk/icaniwill](http://www.alz.co.uk/icaniwill).  . Find them on Facebook!

A way for you to stand up and speak out about Alzheimer's Disease and a Person-First focus. A way to benefit from the collective life experiences of kindred spirits living around our world with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, and a way to say "I CAN! I WILL!" is by raising awareness about dementia, addressing the myths and stigmas that accompany a diagnosis of dementia, and enabling people living with dementia to be more open with others about their disability.

With support both financially and organizationally from Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI), the "I CAN! I WILL! Stand Up and Speak About Dementia" project and website has moved from dream to reality to become a unique information resource about dementia and the people who live with it, a place where people from all walks of life and from all countries can share their experiences with dementia and find hope and inspiration.

The goal of the I CAN! I WILL! website is to become an "idea library" of hundreds of ideas. By reading the ideas posted on the [website](#) AND by contributing their own thoughts, people with dementia, care partners, professional caregivers, medical professionals, Alzheimer's society/association members and others, can say "I CAN!" and "I WILL!" to ideas that can positively impact their own lives, families and communities, and potentially, the world.

## **Please Be Advised: Conference Postponed!**

6th Annual Caregiver Education Conference: Working Together to Fill Your Caregiver Tool Box, which was scheduled for Friday, September 23, 2011, HAS BEEN POSTPONED!!!!

When? POSTPONED!!!! A date in January 2012 will be announced soon!

Where? Ramada Plaza Nags Head Beach. 1701 S. Virginia Dare Trail. Kill Devil Hills, NC.

Catherine Smith is in the process of confirming a new date, most likely in January, 2012, and she apologizes for any inconvenience. Please feel free to call her with any questions or concerns.

Questions? Please contact Catherine Smith, Family Caregiver Resource Specialist with Albemarle Commission Area Agency on Aging, at (252) 426-5753, ext. 226



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## **Please Be Advised: Temporary Reference Databases for UNCG!**

UNCG has set up month-long trials for two databases, PsycTESTS and PsycTHERAPY. Both trials will run through October 12. You can access them by going to the UNCG library home page, clicking on Databases, clicking on the letter P, then scrolling to the name. Please let your departmental colleagues know about these.

PsycTESTS includes the full text of psychological tests and measures as well as information about the tests. Examples of tests that might interest various departments:

Coping with Discrimination Scale  
Distressing Event Questionnaire  
Elderly Behavior Assessment for Relatives  
Bully Scale  
Youth Counseling Impact Scale  
Satisfaction with Therapy and Therapist Scale  
Retirement Satisfaction Inventory  
Marital Satisfaction Questionnaire for Older Persons  
Quality of Life Interview  
Alcohol Reduction Strategies  
Multicultural Sensitive Mental Health Scale  
Scale for Impact of Suicidality  
Perceived Family Competence Inventory  
Teacher Instructional Style Rating Sheets  
Fight Scale (peer fighting)  
Skills of Cognitive Therapy

You can see that this has a range of topics for many departments. We hope that you will give these databases a try. Please remember to download anything you want, as the databases will not be continued after the trial because of budget cuts.

For questions, please contact : Nancy B. Ryckman, Assistant Head of Reference and Instructional Services at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Jackson Library--106B (temporarily in 106C), at [nbryckma@uncg.edu](mailto:nbryckma@uncg.edu)

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