



UNCG Gerontology Research Network

Facilitating Transdisciplinary Aging-related Research at UNCG

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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

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 for more information and to download the membership application.

NEWS - LOCAL

Institute On Aging Seminar: October 10th *Directions Attached*

Date: October 10th

Time: 3:30pm-5:00pm

Subject: Ethical and Policy Issues in Biobanking,

Presenter: Gail Henderson, PhD Professor and Chair Dept. of Social Medicine UNC Chapel Hill
The Seminar will be held on the second floor, conference room 217. Directions are attached.

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UNCG Graduate School Workshops Coming in October

Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 4:00 p.m. Electronic Theses and Dissertation Workshop

Thurs., Oct. 13, Brown Bag Lunch at 12:30 p.m. The 5 P's of Classroom Conflict Management (for TAs). Dr. Sherrill Hayes of Conflict & Peace Studies will lead an interactive discussion of conflict prevention and management strategies for Teaching Assistants.

Tues., Oct. 18 at 4:00 p.m. and Thurs., Oct. 20 at 12:00 p.m. Maximizing Your Opportunities at the PhD/Master's Employment Fair. It is designed for students who plan to attend the Nov. 17 PhD/Master's Employment Fair at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill

Thurs., Oct. 20 at 5:00 p.m. and Fri., Oct. 28 at 9:00 a.m. Research Using Human Subjects: What You Need to Know

To register to attend any of these workshops, go to:

<http://www.uncg.edu/grs/current/workshopforum.html>

NEWS - STATE

October 18 - 20, 2011 North Carolina Conference on Aging

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

Conference Location: Hilton Charlotte University Place, Charlotte, North Carolina

For questions and reservations call (919) 966-9444 and visit

www.aging.unc.edu/ncco/index.html

Free Student InfoSocial on Oct. 19th during the NC Conference on Aging *Flyer Attached*

Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2011

Time: 5:15pm-6:30pm

Location: Hilton Charlotte University Place Hotel: 8629 J.M. Keynes Drive, Charlotte, NC 28262.

Cost: Free! Open to all students interested in Gerontology and Human Services

It is sponsored by the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services, and is being held in conjunction with the NC Conference on Aging. It is designed for students the opportunity to meet professionals in aging in an informal and relaxed environment. This year's event will focus on aspects of *education, research, public/private collaborations, and entrepreneurial pursuits*. There will also be an informal mentoring program for attendees.

Students **do not have to be registered** for the NC Conference on Aging to participate in the InfoSocial but it is strongly recommended in order to receive the full benefit of the three-day event. To register for the conference, visit: <http://www.aging.unc.edu/ncco/index.html>.

For additional information and for questions, please contact Kathryn A. Lanier, InfoSocial 2011 Coordinator, at: (919) 733-8395, Ext. 226, or kathryn.lanier@dhhs.nc.gov.



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UNCG Gerontology Research Network (GRN) Lunch & Learn meeting

Date: Thursday, October 27, 2011

Location: Dogwood Room, Elliott University Center (EUC)

Time: 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. Brown bag your lunch and we provide learning opportunities! Park in the Walker Avenue or Oakland Avenue parking deck at \$2/1st hour and \$1/additional hour. Seating is limited so reservations are recommended.

RSVP to Mary Wolfe at mlwolfe@uncg.edu or 336-256-1020.

One-on-one meetings with DoD Program Managers

Date: 11/3 in Cary, NC

Registration: \$125 (*includes course material and lunch*)

Learn more at: www.sbtcd.org/events/dod

Two DoD SBIR/STTR reps will be in attendance at the DoD SBIR/STTR Phase 1 Proposal Training session on Thursday, 11/3. Both will be available for you to meet with them one-on-one to discuss your technologies and how they may fit with DoD's interests. This intensive, one-day workshop will focus exclusively on DOD SBIR and STTR programs, and how you can write more competitive proposals to get the funding you need.

Take a look at these questions:

1. Are you winning all of the DOD SBIR/STTR funding you need?
2. Are you happy with a 10% or 20% win rate on Phase I projects?
3. Do you know who reads your DOD SBIR/STTR proposals and what they are looking for from applicants?
4. Do you know that, although everyone talks about writing grants for the SBIR/STTR programs, more than half of the funding is awarded as CONTRACTS the majority of which come from DOD—and that contracts are NOT grants...?
5. Have you put together all of the components of the long-term business vision needed to sell an SBIR/STTR idea at DOD?
6. Are you ready to prepare an SBIR/STTR proposal for DOD that is an effective "sales document" and not just an academic/scientific paper or a product brochure?

If you answered "no" to any of questions 1-5 and "yes" to question 6, you would benefit from attending this workshop.



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Training: Living Healthy Leader and Living Healthy with Diabetes

Living Healthy Lay Leader training

Date: November 1, 2, 8 and 9th

Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day

Participation on all four days IS required for leader certification

Training Location: Magnolia Glen. 5301 Creedmoor Rd., Raleigh, NC

Living Healthy with Diabetes

Lay Leader training

(Important: to attend you must be a Living Healthy Lay Leader or Master Trainer)

Date: November 15 and 16, 2011

Time: 9:00a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Location of Training: Magnolia Glen. 5301 Creedmoor Rd., Raleigh, NC

Sponsorships: Triangle J Area Agency on Aging; Community Care of NC; Magnolia Glen.

For registration: Contact: Jane Armstrong: jarmstrong@tjcog.org or (919-548-0016) on Monday-Friday between 9am-5pm.

NEWS - NATIONAL

International Reminiscence and Life Review Conference 2011

The University of Wisconsin—Superior will hold the 9th Biennial Reminiscence and Life Review Conference November 16-18, 2011, at the Best Western Roundhouse Suites, Boston, MA, USA. The conference draws presenters and participants from around the world, including those most prominent in the field of reminiscence and life review. A proceedings book will be also be published. For more information visit [Reminiscence Conference 2011](#).

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Position available - DHHS, NC Division of Aging and Adult Services

The NC Division of Aging and Adult Services has a position available for Project Director for the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program. For job description and information on how to apply visit: <http://osp.its.state.nc.us/positiondetail.asp?vacancykey=4410-60092998&DHHSNUMBER=4410000023&printit=no>

Haywood Community Connections Fall Newsletter *Newsletter Attached*

Welcome cool weather and beautiful fall foliage! Hope you will enjoy their fall newsletter which is an update on what's happening with their program.



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SunsetHillsNC: Daisy needs a home!

From the Sunset Hills listserv - if anyone can help and adopt this dog, it would be wonderful. She needs a home because her owner passed away recently. Although she's 13, she still loves to walk and wants to share a home with someone as a companion. I don't want to be with cats or large dogs, preferring to be the only dog. She is an indoor dog and comes with two medications, a nice dog bed, and is up-to-date on all vaccines. Please share this with other dog lovers. Call Valerie and Paul at 336 272 0247 to meet her.



Position Available: Pos#1931 – City of Greensboro: Seniors Coordinator Program

POSITION # 1931	SENIORS COORDINATOR (PROGRAM COORDINATOR)	PARKS & RECREATION
Hiring Salary Range: \$38,250-\$43,044		Closing Date: 10/17/2011
Work Schedule/Requirements: 5 days per week, 8 hours per day (some weekend and evening hours)		
<p>Primary job function and duties: The Seniors Coordinator position will plan, promote, implement and supervise programs and staff for the seniors of Greensboro ages 55 and over. Senior programs include but are not limited to, Senior Games and Silver Arts, AHOY Exercise program, dances, trips, fundraisers and other special events. The coordinator will develop new programs and goals designed to meet the variety of needs expressed by City patrons. This employee will also manage budgetary funds and prepare reports and grant proposals. Supervision includes overseeing monthly newsletters and brochures. This person will also serve as a contact for co-sponsored groups and clubs including, Senior Ambassadors, Choral Group, Bowling League and Social Ballroom Dance Club. This person must be able to lead low-impact aerobics classes several times a week, load and unload programs supplies and stand for periods of time. The person hired in this position must maintain CPR Certification by the American Red Cross and must be able to perform CPR. This job is Exempt and is not subject to the overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Minimum Qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's degree in Parks & Recreation • 1-3 years prior experience in Parks & Recreation with a emphasis in coordinating activities, handling budget and financial transactions • 1-3 years of prior supervisory experience with knowledge of governmental operations (indicate on application) • Prior computer experience using Microsoft Office, Access, Excel, PowerPoint and Word (indicate on application) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid drivers license <p style="text-align: center;">An Ideal Candidate Would Also Possess (Preferred Qualifications):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified P&R (CPRP) certification (indicate on application) • Certified Pool and Spa Operator (CPO) certification (indicate on application) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDL with Class B endorsement (indicate on application) 		

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1st Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Walk *Flyer Attached*

Date: June 16th, 2012

Where: Triad Park, Kernersville

If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities or in more information about how you can help in the fight against elder abuse, contact: Dorian Fredricksen—Piedmont Triad Regional Council Area Agency on Aging—at (336) 294-4950 or dfredricksen@ptrc.org

New Research: “Quality geriatric care as perceived by nurses in long-term and acute care settings.” *Article is Attached*

This article was recently published in the Journal of Clinical Nursing and is by Beth Ellen Barba, Jie Hu and Jimmy Efird. Journal article is attached to this Newsletter in a PDF format.

Human Subjects Research Training is being Offered *Flyer Attached*

The Office of Research Compliance, along with the UNCG Grad School, will be offering training in “Human Subjects Research: What You Need to Know.” There will be 2 sessions, one on 10/20/11 and one on 10/28/11. Registration is now open at:

https://freyr.uncg.edu/workshops/list_by_category.jsp?cat_id=77000580

Please forward this information and the attached flyer to any future researchers you know who may need training.

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, and 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



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- 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, at nbryckma@uncg.edu

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 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; his newsletters are always insightful and thought-provoking, and I highly recommend them to everyone!

His latest newsletter, which you can do by signing up through email on his website, was written while he was at a worldwide conference on Non-Pharmacological Interventions and/or Treatments, which was organized through the sponsorship of the Queen of Spain, to support people who are living with the symptoms of dementia. One of the most interesting articles in this newsletter is about a "group of citizens, himself included, who have created a petition to send to our President, asking among other things that at least one person who believes in, practices, wants more psychosocial interventions and fewer pharmacological interventions used to "improve" the quality of the lives of those living with dementia be nominated for this special board charged with propelling us into the 21st century with our dementia care policies and practices. You can read the entire petition on his web site blog, www.richardtaylorphd.com and/or you can read it and sign it at www.change.org. You can also read about in a Huffington Post blog by John Zeisel (the Father of the petition) at http://www.huffingtonpost.com/john-zeisel-phd/dementia-obama_b_933599.html. As petitions go, this is a good one and worth your time reading and signing."

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