



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 has already occurred in October; there will be a Spring Induction next semester. 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.



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NEWS - LOCAL

Caregiver Education Conference *Flyer Attached*

When: November 12, 2011

Where: NC A&T, Stallings ballroom

Cost: \$10—Family Caregivers; \$25—Professionals/CEUs

To RSVP: Contact Scott Herrick at 336-285-5920 or Rosalyn Lang-Walker at 336-285-2158.

Done in partnership with the African American Research Study on Alzheimer's disease and the Alzheimer's Association, it is designed for family caregivers to get a better understanding of the diseases that cause dementia, learn about care giving techniques, financial matters, and learn to take care of themselves as they go through this journey with their loved ones. Convenient parking will be available adjacent to the Student Union. Please RSVP quickly to reserve your space at this amazing opportunity!

Ph.D./Master's Employment Fair *Information Attached*

When: Thursday, November 17th, 2011

Time: 1pm-4pm

Where: Friday Center in Chapel Hill

It will be sponsored by a consortium of Career Services centers from area universities, including UNCG. The attached information from Career Services provides links to the list of employers, currently at 25; participating employers are still being added to the list.

Career Services is also offering two workshops in October to prepare students to make the most of their attendance at the Fair next month. Students can visit: http://www.uncg.edu/grs/life_dev/ or Spartan Careers on the Career Services web page (<http://csc.dept.uncg.edu/spartancareers/>) to register for the preparatory workshops.

NEWS - STATE

North Carolina Conference on Aging

When: October 18 - 20, 2011

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

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/nccoai/index.html>



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UNCG Gerontology Research Network (GRN) Lunch & Learn meeting

When: Thursday, October 27, 2011

Where: 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 and appreciated. RSVP to Mary Wolfe at mlwolfe@uncg.edu or at 336-256-1020.

Research Ethics - Center for Bioethics, Health & Society *Flyers Attached*

When: November 7th-11th, 2011

Hosted By: The Center for Bioethics, Health & Society at Wake Forest University.

The Center will be hosting Dr. James Jones, author of *Bad Blood: The Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment*. Attached is an electronic poster that lists the events of the week, including ones on the Reynolda campus, at the Medical Center, and in the Winston-Salem community. They will be hosting many events during the week, including a research ethics conference on Thursday afternoon and on Friday.

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.

Date: November 15 and 16, 2011

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

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

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

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

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



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NEWS - NATIONAL

Southern Gerontological Society Meeting: Sponsor, Exhibit, Advertise! *Flyer Attached*

What: Southern Gerontological Society (SGS): 33rd Annual Meeting

When: April 19th-22nd, 2012

Where: Sheraton Nashville Downtown Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee

Conference Theme: Gerontology: A Legacy of Commitment

Application Deadline: February 1st, 2012 to Southern Gerontological Society; PMB #144. 1616-102 W. Cape Coral Pkwy. Cape Coral, FL 33914. (239) 541-2011

Questions: contact Brandi M. McCullough, M.A., Chair—Development Committee of SGS Annual Meeting, at (919) 244-3829 or mccullough.brandi@gmail.com.

Description: This is a great opportunity to promote your products and services to key leaders who influence the spending patterns of older adults, as well as to commit to supporting the annual meeting through making a donation to the Society

The Southern Gerontological Society is comprised of professional educators, health care and social services practitioners, researchers, and policymakers, who work directly with older adults and train others to work with them, and their members in attendance at the Annual Meeting will be able to take news of your services back to their home communities throughout the South.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Information Flyer for a class at UNCG *Flyer Attached*

Taught in the Spring of 2012: a graduate-level course, HDF 660: Families in Middle and Later Life.

Johns Hopkins Week In Review: Weekly Roundup

More information: visit <http://www.johnshopkinshealthalerts.com/>

The weekly Review from John Hopkins will send you free emails on specific topics, which you can choose, thus furthering your knowledge while avoiding the possibility of filling up your inbox with unwanted emails.

The information in these emails is free, but it also has options for subscriptions to such things as the [Health After 50](#) newsletter, which allows you to stay in touch with the latest medical news and research on both general health topics, such as nutrition and weight control, and chronic illnesses such as COPD, colon cancer and dementia.

Other Issues that this week's John Hopkins Health Alerts discussed include: "Memory: Should You Hire a Geriatric Care Manager?", "Digestive Health: What's So Great About Fiber?", "Enlarged Prostate: A Look at the UPOINT System", "Healthy Living: Fighting Pancreatic Cancer: Treatments on the Horizon", "Lung Disorders: E-cigarettes: Another Option to Help You Quit Smoking?", and "Heart Health: Gum Disease and Heart Disease: What's the Link?".

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Please send your aging-related research to Sarah Johnson at shjohns2@uncg.edu OR grnuncg@yahoo.com with "GRN Newsletter" in the subject line.



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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, 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
- 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
