



Minnesota Gerontological Society

Bridging the gap in Minnesota between research and practice in the field of aging, with special emphasis on developing and supporting tomorrow's leaders

News Bulletin

Offering updates in the field of Gerontology and information about MGS for its members

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MGS 2010 Conference – April 30, 2010

Join practitioners, academics, and students from throughout Minnesota for a thought provoking day and engaging exploration in current aging services innovations at MGS' 2010 Conference *Be the Change: New Ideas for Transforming Aging Services*. Through keynote Dr. Harry R. Moody, presentations, poster sessions, round table discussions and networking, conference attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about current research and how it translates into practice in our rapidly changing world of aging services. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from professionals and researchers located throughout Minnesota.

MGS Welcomes Nominations for the Dutch Kastenbaum Outstanding Gerontologist Award

MGS invites nominations each year for the Dutch Kastenbaum Award to recognize an outstanding gerontologist who has demonstrated his or her commitment to the field of aging through practice, research or academics. To nominate someone visit the MGS website (www.mngero.org) to download the form and to obtain further instructions. MGS will announce the winner at the MGS Conference on April 30, 2010. For further questions or inquiries, contact Emily Strand (emily@vital-aging-network.org) or 651-917-4648.

MGS Board Member Mary Broderick Honored by the University of Minnesota

As part of its centennial celebration the UMN School of Nursing recognized distinguished alumni for advancing healthcare through noteworthy achievement in the field of nursing and for their profound impact on families and communities. Mary Broderick, Ph.D., RN, was recognized for her work in "building and transforming education, providing health career access to those who were historically excluded, and creating care ladders at the College of St. Catherine's School of Health. She also expanded partnerships and care models with Catholic Senior Services, Catholic Elder Care and many other agencies." The members of the MGS Board extend their congratulations to Mary for this prestigious recognition.

Sustaining Your Nonprofit Into the Future

The Minnesota Department of Human Services Aging and Adult Services Division is now offering a free, web-based training opportunity, designed for community-based organizations that serve older Minnesotans. These courses will encourage you to think broadly about nonprofit sustainability.

Learn about: Community Engagement: Creating Sustaining Relationships, Strategic Positioning: Maximizing Your Strengths for the Future, and Financial Stability: Balancing Revenue Against the Cost of Providing Service. The training is available at www.dhs.state.mn.us/sustainability

Aging in America in the Twenty-first Century

Researchers at the MacArthur Research network say that current government projections may significantly underestimate the future life expectancy of Americans. By 2050 Americans may live 3.1 to 7.9 years longer than official government projections. The researchers forecast that by 2050 life expectancy for females will rise to 89.2-93.3 years and to 83.2-85.9 years for males. The study estimates that cumulative outlays for Medicare and Social Security could rise by \$3.2 to \$8.3 trillion from current government projections by 2050. Researchers point out that longer life expectancy has positive implications for society, including new and expanded markets in health care and leisure and a more experienced work force. The full report can be downloaded at Global Action on Aging (www.globalaging.org/index.htm).

College of St. Scholastica Offers Seventh Annual Institute on Aging and Social Work

Nationally recognized experts in research methodology will lead a training institute specifically designed for social work faculty who received their doctoral degree at least three years ago in any area of social work. The institute, funded by the National Institute on Aging (NIA), NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Research, and the Hartford Foundation, aims to strengthen participants' knowledge and skills essential for developing an active research agenda and integrating scholarship with teaching. The institute is co-directed by Barbara Berkman of Columbia University and Chandra Mehotra of The College of St. Scholastica. For more information, please see the full announcement at www.css.edu/Academics/Centers-and-Institutes/AgingSocial-Work-Institute.html. Deadline for applications is April 1, 2010. Food, lodging, and travel support will be provided to the 15 applicants selected to participate in the program.

Senior Hunger in the US Report

The recently released report, "Household Food Security in the United States, 2008" from the United States Department of Agriculture reinforces a recent report issued by the Meals on Wheels Association of America (MOWAA) at a Congressional briefing on November 19, 2009 entitled "Senior Hunger in the United States: Differences across State and Rural Urban Areas", which indicated that the total number of food insecure older adults increased in 2008 as well. In fact, since 1990, the overall percentage of food insecure older adults has increased, and there are thousands more food insecure older adults that range from those who worry about whether they will have enough money to buy food to those who cut down on the variety and kinds of food they eat to those who skip meals altogether. The full report can be downloaded at <http://www.mowaa.org/hungerbystate>.

Tomorrow's Leaders in Aging Correction

In the October MGS Newsletter, there was an incorrect email address for Tomorrow's Leaders in Aging. The correct email is: dcleadersinaging@yahoo.com. MGS members are encouraged to learn more at the AGHE Annual Conference on March 5, 2010 in Reno, NV at a poster session from 1-4 pm.



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