



**MINNESOTA GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
2012 CONFERENCE**

**“Where Do We Age:  
Your Place or Mine?”**

**2012**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2012**

**EARLE BROWN HERITAGE CENTER  
BROOKLYN CENTER, MINNESOTA**

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**If we assume that older adults desire to "age in place", then how we design our services, our communities, and our policies, plays a pivotal role in supporting successful aging.**

#### **By attending this conference participants will be able to:**

- Adapt to an increasing number of older adults, more diverse populations, and an increased demand for community infrastructure, policies, and services that support "aging in place".
- Find opportunities to design or redesign our communities and environments that support successful aging.
- Gain the opportunity to network with other professionals in aging to reach common ground regarding research, policy, and practice.
- Expand education by allowing for the students and future leaders from a variety of programs in gerontology to network with others in the state.

**This year's learning opportunity has been made possible in part by contributions from the following organizations.**

#### ***Platinum***

*Greater Twin Cities United Way*

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*Presbyterian Homes and Services*

#### ***Silver***

*Aging Services of Minnesota*

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## Agenda & Overview

FRIDAY, APRIL 27TH – 7:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

- 7:30 a.m. Registration, Continental Breakfast, Exhibit Area Opens
- 8:15 a.m. Conference Welcome, Bloedow Scholarship
- 8:45 a.m. Keynote Speaker: Graham Rowles, Professor, Graduate Center for Gerontology, University of Kentucky
- 9:45 a.m. Breaks/Exhibits
- 10:15 a.m. Breakout Session I
- 11:30 a.m. Breakout Session II
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Kastenbaum Outstanding Gerontologist Award
- 1:20 p.m. Dessert, Poster Sessions, Exhibits and Networking
- 2:15 p.m. Breakout Session III
- 3:15 p.m. Conference Ends

### ***Bloedow Scholarship***

The purpose of the Gerald Bloedow Scholarship Fund is to provide assistance to undergraduate and graduate students furthering their education in gerontology. For applications see the MGS website at [www.mngero.org/awards/scholarship.html](http://www.mngero.org/awards/scholarship.html)

### ***Kastenbaum Award***

This award was established in 1984 to recognize individuals who have made a special contribution to the lives of older persons in Minnesota. In 1998 the award was renamed the Dutch Kastenbaum Award to honor Abraham "Dutch" Kastenbaum who was a pioneer in establishing service programs for older people in Minnesota.

## EXHIBIT HALL

This is your chance to network with gerontology professionals and organizations serving an older audience. Enjoy refreshments, and collect information from each exhibit booth. The exhibit hall will open at 7:30 a.m. and remain available throughout the entire day.

## POSTER SESSION

Engage in conversation with cutting edge scholars and practitioners on a variety of topics.

For information and submission, please visit [www.mngero.org/conference/index.html](http://www.mngero.org/conference/index.html)

## GERONTOLOGY EDUCATORS NETWORK - FRIDAY, APRIL 27

A meeting of gerontology educators will take place on Friday, April 27, at the Earle Brown Heritage Center. See details on [www.mngero.org/academics](http://www.mngero.org/academics)

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Graham D. Rowles is a social geographer with an interest in the humanistic tradition, who for the past 30 years has focused his research on the geography of aging and the aged. His research in the field of environmental gerontology focuses on the lived experience of aging in different contexts. A central theme of his work is exploration, employing qualitative methodologies of the changing relationship between elders and their environments with advancing age, and the implications of these relationships for health and well-being. His focus is finding the meaning of “place” and how to create that lived experience of a home. Dr. Rowles is a Professor in the Graduate Center for Gerontology at the University of Kentucky.

## SESSIONS

*For detailed session descriptions go to  
[www.mngero.org/conference](http://www.mngero.org/conference)*

### **Community Redesign**

Aging in Place: A Movement on the Forefront – Marcia Townley, Mill City Commons; Linnea Tweed, Mill City Commons

Golden Girls Model: A Model for Today? – Connie Skillingstad, Golden Girls Homes, Inc.

Living, Learning and Aging in a Sustainable Community – Carla Carlson, Office of UMore Park Academic Initiatives, University of Minnesota

### **Environmental and Service Redesign**

Home Based Technologies – Paving the Future of Person-Centered Care – Andy Schultz, The Good Samaritan Society; Nancy Vogel, The Good Samaritan Society

Serving LGBT Older Adults: Are you Ready? – Cathy Croghan, Training to Serve; Rebecca Heltzer, Heltzer and Houghtaling, PA

Smart House, Liveable Community, Your Future – Exploring Assistive Technology – Jodi Riha, University of Minnesota

## **Quality of Life**

Healthy Brain: Identifying Risks, Taking Action – Marsha Berry, Alzheimer’s Association Minnesota-North Dakota

Arts and Quality of Life in Aging: Collaborative Models of Outcome Evaluations – Catherine Sullivan, St. Catherine University; Marie Genné, Kairos Dance Theater; Linda Camp, Turning Point Consulting; Sarah Millfelt, Northern Clay Center

## **Long Term Care Finances-Challenges and Opportunities**

Minnesota’s Own Your Future Campaign – LaRhae Knatterud, Department of Human Services

Aging and Work in the New Economic Environment – Teri Stepaniak, Experience Works, Inc.

Preventing Elder Investment Fraud: Assessing for Vulnerability to Financial Exploitation – Janet Golden, Tubman Senior Rights Alliance; Mike Rothman, Minnesota Department of Commerce; Edward Ratner, MD, University of Minnesota Medical School

## **Support Through Policy and Programming**

A Matter of Balance: Let’s Stay Upright and Independent! – David Fink, Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging

Complete Streets in Minnesota: A Road Well Traveled – Scott Bradley, Minnesota Department of Transportation; Mary Jackson, Minnesota Department of Transportation; Patrick Hollister, Partnership 4 Health, Clay County Minnesota



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# GENERAL INFORMATION

**Registration can only be processed with a check or a purchase order number and complete information. Without an accompanying payment, the registration is delayed until payment is received. Credit card payments can only be submitted on [www.mngero.org](http://www.mngero.org). Make payment payable to the Minnesota Gerontological Society. Refunds (less a \$25 administrative fee) will be made if we are notified, in writing, two weeks in advance of the conference (by April 13, 2012).**

## Fees –

### Early Registration by March 23, 2012

\$35 Students/seniors      \$75 MGS members      \$155 Non-members\*

### Late Registration March 24 to April 27, 2012

\$45 Students/seniors      \$105 MGS members      \$185 Non-members\*

**\*(Save by joining MGS and pay the member rate. Membership Fees: \$25 - Students; \$35 - Seniors; \$55 - Regular)**

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**Continuing Education Units (CEUs)** – The conference will meet the standards for up to 6 contact hours. Social Work and Nursing Home Administrator applications have been submitted. Other disciplines are self submit process. Certificates of attendance will be available to pick up at the end of the conference day.

## Hotel Accommodations –

**Embassy Suites** Minneapolis/Brooklyn Center. Make reservations by calling (763) 560-2700 or 1-800-EMBASSY.

**Crowne Plaza** Minneapolis North Hotel, Brooklyn Center. Make reservations by calling (763) 566-8000 or 1 (800) 593-5708.

## LOCATION

### Earle Brown Heritage Center

6155 Earle Brown Drive  
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

Earle Brown Heritage Center is located in the southwest corner of the intersection of Hwy 694 and Hwy 100, just off of Shingle Creek Parkway. For complete directions, call (763) 569-3455 or see [www.earlebrown.com](http://www.earlebrown.com)

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