



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 Welcomes New President & Members

The MGS Board of Directors welcomes new President Catherine Sullivan, Ph.D., OTR. Dr. Sullivan is a faculty member at St. Catherine University in Occupational Therapy and served as the 2007 MGS Conference Chair. She joins new members Kathleen Dempsey, Founder/CEO of Pathfinder Care Management, Lisa Edstrom, University of Minnesota Center on Aging Associate Director, Joe Gaugler, Ph.D., University of Minnesota School of Nursing Associate Professor, and Kim King, Catholic Eldercare administrator.

MGS Webinars – Free to members – register at www.mngero.org

October 19th: Join Dutch Kastenbaum Outstanding Gerontologist Award Recipient and DHS Aging Transformation Director LaRhae Knatterud to learn more about health disparities and aging and effects on Minnesota.

November 19th: Join Dutch Kastenbaum Outstanding Gerontologist Award Recipient Dr. Jan Hively to discuss her recent trip to the Congress for Gerontology and Geriatrics that was hosted in Paris by the International Longevity Centers (ILC) which highlighted her recent work on productivity, work and aging.

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.

tpt Program: *Love of Car: Transportation as We Age*

"Love of Car: Transportation as We Age" will be aired beginning in November. A joint project of MGS with *tpt*, and supported by many community partners, this program will help older persons and their families in decisions related to driving, using available resources for safe

driving, and in finding alternative transportation options when driving is no longer safe. Mark your calendars for these dates:

tptMN

Sunday November 8 at 8:00pm

Monday November 9 at 2:00am

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tptLIFE

Sunday November 15 at Noon

Creating an Environment for Change: Moving Patients from Thinking to DOING

Health care professionals often struggle to influence patients to lose weight, quit smoking, moderate alcohol consumption and get more exercise. The public health and economic stakes are staggering as clinicians fight to manage diseases linked to poor nutrition and sedentary habits. Gain new tools to assess change readiness in patients and promote self-care. The event is hosted by Fairview Physician Associates and MEDICA. Cost is \$45 including CEU/CME. For more information and to register, please visit: [Creating an Environment for Change - Fairview Physician Associates](#).

AGHE Seeks Journal Editor for Four-Year Term

[The Association for Gerontology in Higher Education](#) (AGHE), the educational unit of The Gerontological Society of America, invites applications for editor of the [Journal of Gerontology & Geriatrics Education](#). The position requires a four year commitment and will begin with Volume 32, January 2011. Interested candidates must submit the [required materials](#) no later than October 30.

NIH Director's Awards Applications Welcomed

The [National Institutes of Health](#) (NIH) is welcoming proposals for the 2010 NIH Director's [Pioneer Awards](#) and [New Innovator Awards](#). Both programs are part of the NIH [Roadmap for Medical Research](#) and support exceptionally creative scientists who take highly innovative, potentially high-impact approaches to major challenges in biomedical or behavioral research. Pioneer Awards provide up to \$2.5 million in direct costs over 5 years and are open to scientists at any career stage. New Innovator Awards provide up to \$1.5 million in direct costs over the same period and are for early stage investigators (ESI) who have not received an NIH regular research (R01) or similar NIH grant. NIH expects to make at least 7 Pioneer Awards and at least 33 New Innovator Awards in September 2010. The deadline for submitting Pioneer Award applications is October 20. The deadline for submitting New Innovator Award applications is October 27.

Kaiser's Tool Explains Health Care Reform Process

[The Kaiser Family Foundation's educational website](#) recently added a new [narrated slide tutorial](#) explaining the steps in the legislative process to pass health care reform. It reviews the role of the president, highlights the key leaders in the administration and the Congressional

committees, and discusses how Congress' annual budget resolution might affect health care reform. This resource also reviews how the House and Senate plans will be combined and voted on in the full House and Senate before the final bill reaches the president's desk.

Older Americans Act Appropriations

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) has created a [table](#) that tracks the proposals and decisions related to FY 2010 funding of the Older Americans Act (OAA). The full House and the Senate Appropriations Committee passed their versions of the FY 2010 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill, which includes OAA funding. The House proposed an overall increase of 3.9 percent for the OAA, while the Senate proposed a 0.23 percent increase.

Tomorrow's Leaders in Aging

At the recent American Society on Aging Conference, Urrikka Woods presented a poster session reporting on her research for a study on "Career Attainment Experience Survey of New Professionals in Aging." Woods found that 50% of respondents found their job in aging online and that 80% were involved in professional organizations of some kind. Woods is Co-Director of the group "Tomorrow's Leaders in Aging" (TLA), an organization designed to meet the diverse needs of individuals interested in aging-related careers. TLA seeks to help young professionals forge meaningful and long-term professional relationships through the activities the organization provides. For more information about Tomorrow's Leaders in Aging, contact: mdcleadersinaging@yahoo.com.

Teaching Gerontology e-Newsletter

Teaching Gerontology is an electronic newsletter edited by Harry R. Moody at the AARP Office of Academic Affairs. It contains items of interest to improve the teaching of aging in higher education. To submit items or request subscription changes, contact hrmoody@aarp.org.



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