

# MINNESOTA GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY

*“Our mission is to bridge research and practice in the field of aging, with emphasis on developing and supporting tomorrow’s leaders.”*

## Call for Presenters

**(Submission Deadline Extended: Friday, December 2, at 4pm)**

## 2023 MGS 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

### A Two-Day Interactive Experience

# Better Together

**Monday & Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21st, 2023**

**University of St. Thomas – St. Paul, MN**

MGS will host its 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21st, with a pre-conference on March 17<sup>th</sup> focused on research. The conference typically attracts more than 300 participants from across the state. This year’s conference plans to be in-person! We are excited to announce our new onsite venue this year, one of our educational partners, the University of St. Thomas. The target audience is professionals who work with older adults in Minnesota. Typically, attendees are aging services and healthcare professionals; city, county, state and organizational policy and program managers; higher education faculty, researchers and students in fields related to aging studies; and active retirees. In addition, about 30 sponsors and exhibitors will be on display. The unique role that MGS plays in our field is bringing together professionals and students in all fields related to our work with older adults. The networking opportunities and relationships are a hallmark of our event. The conference has 3 goals:

1. *To provide educational and professional development for the growth of practitioners, students, educators, researchers, and others to enhance services for the aging population in Minnesota.*
2. *To support leaders of tomorrow in the field of aging.*
3. *To facilitate exchanges, networking, and communication among MGS members and with external constituencies.*

This year MGS is responding to our changing times by focusing on our theme: **BETTER TOGETHER**. We would like to hear from our research and practice community on innovations in research, practice, education/training, and policy initiatives that are being **conducted collaboratively** around our state, and beyond. Our theme this year implies this desire – **Better Together**.

The 2023 MGS Conference will challenge attendees to: (Create a shared agenda for aging in Minnesota)

- 1) *Identify research that is being done collectively and collaboratively in Minnesota.*
- 2) *Discuss innovative and inclusive partnerships that are changing culture: whole person supports, economic and policy initiatives, education and training, and workforce strategies (including self care).*

- 3) *Engage with thought leaders to increase knowledge and opportunities to meet the challenges of our times.*

Presenters representing diverse cultures and communities are encouraged to submit.

We are currently planning on four sets of 60-minute break-outs with 5 separate sessions in each set (20 total sessions). Speakers are encouraged to facilitate conversations and audience participation during their presentations.

**Proposal submission deadline: Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00PM.**

Submit the following: (more details will be requested from those selected to present)

- 1) Presenter(s): name, title, organization, and contact information for each
- 2) Session title and brief one paragraph description of your proposed topic;
- 3) 2-3 learning objectives.
- 4) List your methods of engaging participants.
- 5) Describe how you will incorporate Diversity, Equity, Inclusion into your presentation.
- 6) Indicate if you have a day preference
- 7) Answer if you have presented at other conferences
- 8) Your name and contact information (Primary Contact)
- 9) A short/long biography

**Complete and submit the [Online Proposal](#) before 4 pm, December 2nd.**

(<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JH6XJFP>)

**Questions? Contact: Emily Justman, MGS Conference Coordinator at [emily@mngero.org](mailto:emily@mngero.org) Mobile: 651-341-3782**

**For more details about the Minnesota Gerontological Society, go to [www.mngero.org](http://www.mngero.org).**

### **Webinars:**

MGS presents hour-long monthly webinars designed to inform, educate, and engage community members who often participate in the annual conference. As part of the RFP review process, proposals may be identified that could be more appropriate for these events throughout the year. In 2022-2023, an intentional process to consider conference proposals for webinar inclusion is planned.