



## State Society on Aging of New York

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### President's Message

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as SSA President. This year is special in numerous ways, as this year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Medicare, Medicaid, and the Older Americans Act, as well as the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Social Security.

In addition, the 6<sup>th</sup> White House Conference on Aging will take place on July 13, 2015. The WHCoA provides an opportunity to recognize the importance of these key programs as well as planning ahead for the next decade of aging services. The format for this year's WHCoA differs from past conferences, moving from many delegates to the use of technology for broader public/professional participation and engagement. Individuals and aging organizations have the opportunity to watch the event, share stories about aging, interview older adults, and/or participate in Q & A with the experts. As aging professionals and members of SSA, it is important to get involved. To do so, please visit the WHCoA's link for details, blogs, and updates:

<http://www.whitehouseconferenceonaging.gov/>

We are gearing up for the October 2015 SSA conference. The "Call for Papers" has been extended until June 30<sup>th</sup> and we do hope you will submit an abstract and take advantage of this opportunity to share your work with colleagues. The conference theme this year is, "Mind, Body, Spirit: Holistic Approaches to Aging," and will be held October 28<sup>th</sup>-October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Brooklyn Bridge Marriott Hotel, Brooklyn, N.Y. Be sure to check the website for conference updates.

Wishing you all a wonderful and enjoyable summer!

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SSA 2015 President