DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS EXTENDED: August 31, 2013

Forty-First Annual Conference of the State Society on Aging of New York

“Aging in New York: Building Capacity and Empowering Communities”

Wednesday, October 23 – Friday, October 25, 2013

Gideon Putnam Hotel and Conference Center
Saratoga Springs, New York

For meeting and abstract submission information visit the SSA Webpage: http://ssany.org
Dear Colleagues:

The State Society on Aging of New York (SSA) invites submissions to this year’s annual conference program from individuals in all areas of gerontology and geriatrics, including academicians, researchers, service providers, administrators, policy makers, clinicians, private practitioners, students, older adults, and others interested in the field of aging.

The annual conference encourages participation through papers, posters, and artistic work. Accepted papers and posters will be presented at designated paper, symposia or poster sessions. Creative expressions on aging-related topics may be submitted for exhibition in the conference's artist corner. As always, students are especially encouraged to submit their papers for consideration for the Student Paper Awards and to present their work at the conference.

This year our theme is “Aging in New York: Building Capacity and Empowering Communities.” Given the current climate of reform and redesign across all systems and sectors that serve and impact older adults, there is a critical need for interdisciplinary and collaborative efforts to address the changing landscape, build capacity and strengthen communities. This conference will highlight research and innovative projects aimed at helping older adults to maintain their health and well-being, and addressing the needs of their families and communities.

Our 2013 SSA Conference will be held at the Gideon Putnam Hotel and Conference Center in Saratoga Springs, NY from Wednesday, October 23, through Friday, October 25.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS EXTENDED:** Abstracts describing proposed papers, posters and artistic projects must be submitted online by **SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2013**.

We look forward to seeing you in Saratoga Springs!

Sincerely,

Manoj Pardasani, PhD
SSA President, 2013

**Questions regarding abstract submissions should be directed to:**
Mary Beth Morrissey, PhD
SSA Conference Program Chair
Fordham University Global Healthcare Innovation Management Center
Email: mamorrissey@fordham.edu
Submission Instructions for Presenters

(Note to students: Complete instructions for student submissions can be found on page five.)

Complete and submit the abstract application form online, available on the SSA website, found at http://ssany.org. You may also go directly to the Survey Monkey SSA Abstract form using this link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SSA2013

1. Abstracts should be no more than 250 words.

2. The deadline for abstract submission is Saturday, August 31st.

3. All complete submissions will be reviewed. Submissions related to the conference theme, Aging in New York: Building Capacity and Empowering Communities, will receive priority consideration.

4. Please make all requests for audiovisual equipment required for your presentation on the abstract submission form. We do not supply laptops; however, if you contact the program chair, Mary Beth Morrissey, arrangements may be possible for use of other presenters’ personal equipment.

5. Please contact Program Chair Mary Beth Morrissey at mamorrissey@fordham.edu or at (914) 714-2241 with any questions.

Criteria for Evaluation

Applicants do not need to be members of SSA to submit abstracts. All abstracts will be peer reviewed for their relevance to the needs of an aging society, scholarship quality, and scholarship content including originality of ideas or methods.

Conference Attendance and Registration

If an abstract is accepted, it is assumed that the first author or organizing chair will take responsibility to ensure its presentation either at the paper or symposia session. If the first author is unable or unavailable to deliver the presentation, alternate arrangements for the presentation delivery must be made, with appropriate notification given to the program chair. Please register for conference attendance at the SSA website: www.ssany.org

Presentation Formats

Paper Sessions (25 minutes each presenter: 20 min. presentation, 5 min. questions)

Successful papers will report on completed research, describe program experiences or a model of practice, or present a sound analysis of a current issue in aging. Papers may have single or multiple authors. The program committee may not be able to accept all paper submissions or honor more specific requests regarding paper
sessions due to time constraints in the program. If your abstract is not accepted for a paper session, please indicate on the submission form if you would like to have it considered for a poster session.

The SSA Program Committee will group accepted papers by theme into sessions facilitated by moderators of its selection.

**Symposia (75 minutes total: 60 min. presentation, 15 min. questions and discussion)**

A symposium is reserved for an in-depth discussion of a topic, usually involving more than one presenter, a panel presentation, or engaged interaction with the audience. Please note that all symposia requests will require specific approval from the conference review committee. The program committee may not be able to accept all symposia submissions or honor more specific requests regarding symposia sessions due to time constraints in the program. If your abstract is not accepted for a symposium, please indicate on the submission form if you would like to have it considered for a paper session (25 minutes).

**Posters (60 minutes)**

Posters report on completed research, describe program experiences or a model of practice, or present an analysis of a current issue in aging. Posters can have single or multiple authors. The interactive poster sessions feature authors presenting ideas visually but also discussing the material and concepts one-on-one with colleagues. Posters display information visually, relying on graphic representations (e.g., tables, pictures or charts), and may benefit from a simple, clear design and appropriate use of color. The posters are grouped together in a single room or common area and displayed for designated one-hour sessions. Display easels will be provided; however display **hard boards are the responsibility of the presenter**. The display board must be able to fit on the easel and should not be larger than 3 ½ feet high and 4 feet wide.

**Artist Corner**

We are requesting submissions of original prose, poetry, art work and other artistic works that reflect themes related to aging or caregiving.

**Membership**

To become a member of the State Society on Aging of New York, which entitles you to a membership rate on registration fees, or to receive all future mailings, please explore the membership section of our website at http://ssany.org.
**Student Submissions**

Students, both graduate and undergraduate, are encouraged to submit abstracts for regular conference presentation and written papers for the **student paper competition**. There will be opportunities to meet other students and professionals in the field. Presenting a paper or poster gives students professional recognition for their work, a chance to meet fellow students and professionals, and potential opportunities for career development.

Students have two options for submitting scholarly papers to the SSA Conference:

1. **Presentation of Paper and Student Award Consideration:** To be considered for presentation and the student award, students must submit both an abstract and a written paper. To be considered for the student paper award, students must also submit a copy of the abstract and complete paper by email to Dr. Mark Brennan-Ing, Awards Committee Chair, at mbrennan@acria.org, noting for which student award you are making application. Awards are made for best paper by a doctoral student, best paper by a master’s level student, and best paper by an undergraduate student. **The deadline for both submissions is Saturday August 31, 2013.**

2. **Presentation of Paper Only:** Students may submit an abstract for review in a regular conference presentation without being considered for the student award. If submitting an abstract for regular conference presentation only, please complete the abstract submission form via the Survey Monkey link on [http://ssany.org](http://ssany.org) or directly at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SSA2013](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SSA2013).

Winners of the student paper competition in each category – undergraduate, masters and doctoral student submissions – will receive a scholarship award to cover conference registration and present their work at the conference. Limited scholarships funds will be available to defray students' conference registration fees. For student scholarship information, visit [www.ssany.org](http://www.ssany.org). Award winners and students presenting papers or posters will receive preference for scholarships.

Questions concerning the student awards may be directed to Student Committee Co-chairpersons Colette Phipps, at cap2@westchestergov.com, and Julie Penn Shaw, at Julie.shaw@esc.edu.
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EXHIBITOR OPPORTUNITIES

Rates: $200 for 2 days • $125 for 1 day
6-foot x 30-inch Exhibitor table draped with black linen & two chairs
Membership is not required to exhibit.

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

SSA OFFERS ADVERTISING SPACE IN THE PROGRAM BOOK OF THE FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE. Current organizational members of SSA are entitled to a free quarter-page ad. The advertisement MUST be submitted along with this form to be included in the program. SSA members will receive a discounted advertising rate if they upgrade their ads to a larger size. Program measures 8.5” x 11” and is printed in black and white.

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All images and advertisements should be black and white, camera-ready, and sized to the dimensions selected above. Email the advertisement in MS Word or pdf form to:
   Karen Dybing at dybing@fordham.edu.

Please make the check payable to SSA and mail a hard copy of the advertisement with this form to:
   Karen Dybing
   Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service
   400 Westchester Avenue, West Harrison, NY 10604

For questions please contact Manoj Pardasani, PhD, at mpardasani@fordham.edu.

Deadline: Submissions must be MAILED IN, NOT emailed, and postmarked no later than September 30, 2013.
The Gideon Putnam Conference Center and Spa will host the State Society on Aging of New York Conference Wednesday, October 23, through Friday, October 25, 2013. The Gideon Putnam Conference Center and Spa is located at 24 Gideon Putnam Road, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Guests should call the resort directly at (518) 584-3000 or (866) 746-1077 toll-free no later than September 15, 2013, to make their reservations. Requests received after that date will be accepted only based on room and rate availability. All reservations must be accompanied by a first night’s room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card.

Please be sure to mention that your reservation is part of the State Society on Aging of New York Conference or the SSA group to receive this discounted rate. The special room rate of $149.00 (single/double) will be accompanied by occupancy tax and state/local taxes. Suites are available at the rate of $169 per night. The block rate applies to a limited number of rooms on a first come first serve basis.

Please check with the Gideon Putnam Conference Center and Spa directly or through its website, at http://www.gideonputnam.com, for policies regarding check-out, cancellation, changes and special requests.