

The Many Worlds of Aging: Implications for Policy, Research, Education, and Practice

45th Annual Conference of the
State Society on Aging of New York



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Wednesday, October 25 – Friday, October 27, 2017

**The Gideon Putnam Hotel
24 Gideon Putnam Road
Saratoga Springs, New York 12866**

President's Welcome

Dear Colleagues:

Welcome to the 2017 State Society on Aging of New York (SSA) conference! This year in Saratoga Springs we again have exciting presentations as well as opportunities to network with other professionals in the field of aging.

We chose the theme “The Many Worlds of Aging” to highlight the importance of recognizing the lifelong impacts of different social locations on well-being. Recent world events have highlighted for many of us the deep and lasting impacts of differences by class, race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, and national origin. In the field of aging, we need to constantly remind ourselves to think deeply about how these differences are addressed in policy, research, education, and practice. Many of our sessions will include opportunities to participate in dialogues about how understanding difference can help improve the lives of our elders.



At this year's conference we are excited to present a robust Town Hall focusing on aging and health policies, as well as a Past Presidents' Symposium focusing on changes in healthcare. In addition to the numerous opportunities for knowledge and connection with others, we will all be able to take advantage of the beautiful setting of the Gideon Putnam when we are looking instead for connection with nature or with ourselves.

We are happy to announce that next year's conference will also be held here at the Gideon Putnam, from Wednesday, October 24th through Friday, October 26th.

Best wishes for a productive conference!

Kind regards,

Mary Ann Erickson, PhD
SSA President, 2017

Conference Schedule

**Meals are on-site and included in the registration fee unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday 10/25

Wednesday, 8:30am-10:00am SSA Board Meeting

Wednesday 9:00am-5:00pm

- **Coffee and registration** *Location*

Wednesday, 10:00am-11:00am

- **Intergenerational Work** *Location*
 - The Transformative Power of Friendly Visiting: Counteracting Social Isolation through Intergenerational Friendship
 - Jackie Pykon MSW, Lisa Sutz MSW NA
 - Legacy of Activism: Reframing the Past to Focus on Strength and Empowerment
 - Wendy Handler MSW
- **Health and Wellness** *Location*
 - Living in the Grey; Helping Clients Navigate the Ambivalence of Aging
 - Nicole Christina LCSW
 - Coordinating Access to Vision Loss
 - Maggie Walters MPH

Wednesday, 11:15am-12:30pm

- **Dignity and Palliative Care** *Location*
 - Dignity
 - Christa Hogan MA
 - Innovative Approaches to Interdisciplinary Palliative Care: Bridging Policy, Practice, Research and Education
 - Mary Beth Morrissey PhD, Thomas Caprio MD, Melissa Lang DrPH
- **Staff Education** *Location*
 - From Caregiving to Care 'Receiving': Promoting a Trauma Resilient Aging Workforce
 - Tina Maschi PhD
 - Application of ECHO Telemedicine to Nursing Homes to Help Staff Address Problematic Behaviors
 - Brooke Humel BA

Wednesday 10/25 (continued)

Wednesday, 12:30pm-1:15pm

- **Buffet Lunch**

Location

Wednesday, 1:30pm-2:45pm

- **Evidence-Based Practice**

Location

- Lessons Learned: Evidence Based Self-Management Programs for Older Adults in Westchester County
 - Marikay Capasso MA
- Evidence-Based Practice: The Need for Education to Address Controversies and Barriers to Implementation
 - Patricia Kolb PhD

- **Food and Nutrition**

Location

- Food and Connection- Promoting Socialization Through DOROT's Home-Delivered Meals Program
 - Karen Fuller DNM
- Redesigning the Everyday Food Practices of LGBT Seniors: How to Create Social Practice-Based Health Interventions
 - Nevin Cohen PhD

Wednesday, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Location

Town Hall Meeting

*Find out directly from your legislators aging and health legislation they are promoting
Discover ways you can get involved!*

“An Interactive Dialogue with Legislators and Other Stakeholders on Aging and Health Policies in New York State”

James O'Neal, SSA Program Co-Chair, Moderator
Bob Blancato, Matz, Blancato & Associates, Discussant
Representative from NYS Office for the Aging
Donna Lupardo, Assembly, Aging Chair
Counsel Representative for Assemblyman Richard Gottfried
Alison Kane, Esq., Counsel for Senator Kemp Hannon
Sue Serino, Senate, Aging Chair



Wednesday 10/25 (continued)

Wednesday, 5:00pm-6:15pm

- **Reception – Silent Auction, Poster Session**

Posters

- An Analysis of Understanding Related to Goals of Care and Implications for Crafting Messages about Hospice and Palliative Care
 - Elizabeth Bergman PhD, Barbara Ganzel PhD
- Culturally Sensitive Communication of Professionals about Alzheimer's Disease
 - Janna Heyman PhD, Linda White-Ryan PhD, Peggy Kelly MSW, Martha Bial PhD
- Pursuing Higher Education in the Third Age of Life
 - Joanne Levine MPH, DSW, LCSW-R, Michele Cooper MLA
- Implementing Evidence Based Programs at a Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired
 - Carrie Lewy MS, Elizabeth Lee LMSW
- Do Nutrition Education Intervention with Community-Dwelling Seniors in the U.S. Employ Methodological Rigor?
 - Beverly Lyons PhD
- Intergenerational Learning Opportunities in an Undergraduate Memory Loss and Aging Course
 - Christine Pogorzala MS
- Academic and Community Partnerships: Pedagogy When Your Classroom (Only) Appears to be Homogeneous
 - David Steitz PhD
- Effects of Free Transportation on Function, Health, and Quality of Life in Service Recipients and Volunteers Drivers
 - Machiko Tomita PhD, Heidi Moy MS, Julianne Sigler MS, Erica Schuler MS

Wednesday 10/25 (concluded)

Wednesday, 6:30pm

DINNER and AWARDS

Location

SSA Undergraduate Paper Award	Christopher DePasquale
SSA Graduate Paper Award	Jillian Minahan
Walter M. Beattie Award	Mark Brennan-Ing, PhD
President's Award	Mark S. Lachs, MD, MPH
Advocate for Older Adults Award	Donna Corrado, PhD, LCSW



Thursday 10/26

Thursday 8:00am-5:00pm

- **Breakfast (8:00am-9:00 am) and Registration**

Thursday, 9:00am-10:15am

- **Technology** *Location*
 - Older Adults and Technology: Policy, Research, Education, and Practice
 - Alex Glazebrook MSW
 - Telehealth Intervention Programs For Seniors (TIPS): Effects of an Intergenerational Program Via Telehealth and Wraparound Services
 - Colette Phipps MSW, Jennifer Crawford MSW
- **Home-Based Care** *Location*
 - Living and Dying at Home with Dementia: The Boom in house-Call Programs
 - Sarah Koppel MSW
 - National Structural Survey of Veterans Affairs Home Based Primary Care Programs
 - Jurgis Karuza PhD, Suzanne Gillespie MD, Tobie Olsan PhD
- **LGBT Older Adults** *Location*
 - Transgender Older Adults: Needs and Implications for This Community
 - Sebastian Divine MEd
 - LGBT Older Adults and the Older Americans Act: Implications for Policy, Research, Education, and Practice
 - Jennifer Dunkle PhD

Thursday, 10:30am-11:45am

- **Health Disparities** *Location*
 - Ageism and Older Adults with HIV: A Source of Health Disparities?
 - Mark Brennan-Ing PhD
 - Racial/Ethnic Differences in Poverty and Disability for Older Adults: Findings from Data from NYC
 - Keith Chan PhD, Jeff Trant MSW
- **Career Choice and Volunteerism** *Location*
 - The influence of Personality and Career Choices and Well-Being in Older Adults
 - Robert Maiden PhD
 - Volunteerism for Older Adults
 - Judith Turner EdM
- **Cultural Competenece** *Location*
 - The Aging Apple: Older Immigrants a Rising Share of New York's Seniors
 - Christian Gonzalez-Rivera MUP
 - Cultural Competence and Gerontology Practice
 - Beverly Horowitz PhD

Thursday 10/26 (continued)

Thursday, 12noon-1:45pm

LUNCH

Location

PAST PRESIDENTS' SYMPOSIUM WALTER M. BEATTIE, JR. SYMPOSIUM

This year, to highlight the work of the SSA Past Presidents, we are designating the Past Presidents' Symposium as the Walter M. Beattie, Jr. Symposium.

Walter M. Beattie, Jr., received his M.A. in sociology from the University of Chicago. Through his outstanding contributions and commitment to SSA, he was influential in broadening the conceptualization of aging. The Symposium recognizes these contributions by highlighting the work of SSA members in the field of aging.

“Healthcare in Flux: Implications for Older New Yorkers”

Facilitators: Judy Howe, PhD and Beverly Horowitz, PhD, OTR/L

Manoj Pardasani, PhD: Overview

Mark Brennan-Ing, PhD: The Impact of Proposed Medicaid Changes on Older New Yorkers

Thomas V. Caprio, MD: Pre- and Post-Medicare

Bob Maiden, PhD: Addressing Disparities in Rural Mental Health

Judith L. Howe, PhD and Beverly Horowitz, PhD: Discussion, Questions and Answers



Thursday 10/26 (continued)

Thursday, 2:00pm-3:15pm

▪ **Rural Health Care**

Location

- Engaging Urban-Based Healthcare Providers to Get Excited About Rural Healthcare Delivery
 - Judith Howe PhD, Annette Hintenach MSSW
- The Intersection of Geriatrics, Palliative Care, & Hospice in Rural Areas
 - Thomas Caprio MD

▪ **LGBT Older Adults**

Location

- Working with LGBT Older Adults of Color
 - Reyno Franciso MA
- Using the Whole Person Wellness Model to Create Inspiring Programs for LGBT Older Adults
 - Karalin Sprague MSW

▪ **Lifelong Learning**

Location

- The Importance of Sharing Your Story
 - Jane Ginsburg JD
- Roadmap to Cultural Awareness, The Journey to Cultural Competency in Experiential Education
 - Eunice Flemister MPH

Thursday, 2:00pm-4:00pm

▪ **2 Continuing Education Hours Available for Social Work**

Location

Please register at front desk for this session

- Integrated Behavioral Health
 - Janna Heyman PhD, Linda White-Ryan, PhD

Thursday, 3:30pm-5:00pm

▪ **Needs of Dementia Caregivers**

Location

KERMIT SCHOOLER SYMPOSIUM

“Addressing the Needs of Dementia Caregivers in Underserved Communities across New York State”

This session is designated as the Kermit Schooler Symposium. Kermit Schooler, Ph.D, served as Professor and Dean of the School of Social Work at Syracuse University for two decades. Dr. Schooler, a social psychologist, was recognized nationally and internationally for his research and theory development in aging, particularly in the area of environment, stress and coping, and morale. Just before Kermit's death in 1991, the Executive Board of SSA established the Kermit Schooler Symposium at the Annual Meeting to honor his lifetime contributions to the field of gerontology. As part of SSA's tradition, this special symposium is in honor of Kermit Schooler.

Maria Brown, PhD – Syracuse University Aging Studies Institute

Andrea Martin, MSW – New York State Department of Health

Anderson Torres, PhD – Regional Aid for Interim Needs, Inc.

Jed A. Levine – CaringKind

Meg Boyce, LMSW – Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter

Michael Reinhart, MD – SUNY Downstate Medical Center

Thursday, 6:00pm

▪ **Dinearound**

Friday 10/27

Friday 8:00am-9:15am

- **Breakfast, Registration and Student Poster Presentations** *Location*
- **SSA Business Meeting – all members are welcome to attend** *Location*

Student Posters

- Emotional Stress and Physical Strain in Older Adult Caregivers
 - Christopher DePasquale BS, Winnie Chen BA, Brittany Faison BA, Jessica Schelin BS, Kelly Song BS
- The Emotional stress of caregivers of Individuals with Emotional or Mental Health Illnesses
 - Christina Singh BA, Ashlee Diaz MEd, Vanessa Oliva BA, Gabrielle Carleo BA, Corinne Kelly BS

Friday, 9:30am-10:45am

- **Medicare and Financial Eligibility** *Location*
 - Medicare Subsidy Programs: Demonstrating the Effectiveness of Outreach and Enrollment within the Black Community
 - Louanne Bakk PhD, Daniel Szewc MBA, Diane Oyler PhD
 - The Financial Eligibility Requirements for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Recipients
 - Oliver Harwood BA
- **Program Development** *Location*
 - Tricks of the Trade for Grant Writers in the Field of Aging
 - William Lane PhD, Carol Hegeman MS
 - Creating Enabling Age-Friendly Communities Across NYS: Putting Research into Practice
 - Esther Greenhouse MS, Randall Hoak BA

Friday, 11:00am-12:15pm

- **Health and Wellness** *Location*
 - Physical Health and Subjective Well-Being among Middle-Aged and Older Adults: A Cross-Lagged Panel Design
 - Jillian Minahan MA, Karen L. Siedlecki, PhD
 - Music and Memory
 - Martha Murphy
 - The Forgotten Ones: Older Widowed People Sexual Expressions. An Overview of the Literature
 - Margaret Salisu MP
- **Intergenerational Programs**
 - Can the Qualities of Intrinsically Motivated Individuals at diverse “Life Stages” Be Harnessed To Create Social Change?
 - Donna Greene MFA
 - Integrated Model of Social Work and Youth Volunteer Engagement
 - Judith Turner EdM

SSA Award Recipients

Mark Brennan-Ing, PhD

Walter M. Beattie Award

The purpose of the Walter M. Beattie Jr. award is to honor a distinguished member of SSA for outstanding contributions to the work of SSA and for commitment to the goals of the State Society. This year's Award is presented to Mark Brennan-Ing.

As the Director for Research & Evaluation at ACRIA, Dr. Brennan-Ing conducts applied and translational research on psychosocial issues affecting persons aging with HIV. With over 20 years of gerontological research experience, Dr. Brennan-Ing brings considerable expertise in applied research on coping and adjustment to chronic illness in middle and late adulthood. Dr. Brennan-Ing has been recognized for his research in the field of aging by the Hunter-Brookdale Center on Aging, Pride Senior Network, and the New York State Office for the Aging. He is a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America and currently serves on the American Psychological Association's Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity and was Chair in 2016. He has an academic appointment as an Adjunct Assistant Clinical Professor at the New York University Rory Meyers College of Nursing.

Mark is also a Past President of SSA and has continued his support of SSA over many years.

Previous Walter M. Beattie Award recipients:

Ruth Bennett	T. Franklin Williams	Terry Fulmer
Msgr. Charles Fahey	Theodora G. Jackson	Helen Hamlin
Neal Bellos	Janet Sainer	Michael Burgess
Sheldon Tobin	William Lane	Jurgis Karuza
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Barbara Silverstone		

Mark S. Lachs, MD, MPH

President's Award

The President's Award is to recognize a leader in the field for his/her outstanding service. This year's Award is presented to Mark S. Lachs.

Doctor Lachs is the Irene F. and Roy Psaty Distinguished Professor of Clinical Medicine, Joan and Sanford I, Weill Department of Medicine at the Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City. Mark is Professor of Medicine and Co-Chief of the Division of Geriatrics and Gerontology at Weill Medical College. He is also director of Cornell's Center for Aging Research and Clinical Care and Director of Geriatrics for the New York Presbyterian Health System. Dr. Lachs is the author of the 2010 *Treat Me, Not My Age: A Doctor's Guide to Getting the Best Care as You or Your Loved One Gets Older*. In his book, Dr. Lachs advocates for treating the individual's health condition and not attributing illnesses to age.

Previous President's Award Recipients:

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Mae Carpenter

Bob Blancato

Ann Marie Cook

Lilliam Barrios-Paoli

Carol Levine

Susan Perlstein

Karl Pillemer

Donna Corrado, PhD, LCSW

Advocate for Older Adults Award

The Advocate for Older Adults Award recognizes a record of planning, policy development and advocacy work. This year's award is presented to Donna Corrado.

Donna Corrado, PhD, LCSW, serves as Commissioner of the NYC Department for the Aging and has dedicated her career to expanding and improving social services for NYC's most vulnerable residents, displaying deep compassion and creativity in responding to human needs, particularly as a champion for older adults. She previously provided 22 years of dedicated service to Catholic Charities Neighborhood Services – Brooklyn and Queens. She progressed through multiple roles: most recently Executive Director, and previously as both Chief Operating Officer and Director of the Office of Government Relations and Public Policy. She played an integral role in expanding the agency's service portfolio, diversifying funding entities, and helping lead a major agency reorganization. Dr. Corrado holds PhD and MA degrees in Social Welfare from the Graduate Center of CUNY, a MSW from Stony Brook University and a BA from St. Joseph's College. In 2005, Dr. Corrado was named as a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine. In 2010, she received the Rev. Robert V. Lott Humanitarian Award from the Council of Senior Centers and Services of New York City, Inc. for her dedicated delivery of services to older adults.

Previous Advocate for Older Adults Award Recipients:

James Collins

Rosie Marie Fagan

William Dionne

Evelyn Laureano

Bobbie Sackman

James O'Neal

Alejandro Garcia

Robert Blancato

Bill Thomas

Christopher DePasquale,

SSA Undergraduate Paper Award

Christopher DePasquale currently attends Stony Brook University, where he is working on his Master's of Science in occupational therapy. He acquired his Bachelor's of Science in biochemistry from Stony Brook University in 2014. Christopher is a member of Pi Theta Epsilon's Beta Psi chapter at Stony Brook and was chosen by his occupational therapy program to represent their student occupational therapy association (SOTA) as President from 2016-2017. His main interests include occupational therapy research, academia, and gerontology. He highly values the role of research in occupational therapy, since it provides evidence critical for evaluation, treatment, measuring outcomes, and academia. Thus, he plans to continue to engage in research as he gains experience in the field of occupational therapy.

Jillian Minahan

SSA Graduate Paper Award

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