

51st Annual Conference of the State Society on Aging of New York

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Dear Colleagues:

The State Society on Aging of New York (SSA) is proud to host our 51st annual conference!

Many of us are still adjusting to a “new normal” following the numerous historic events of the past few years. This year, our conference theme is *Aging: Embracing the Journey, Shaping the Future*. This theme recognizes the challenges faced by our older adults and providers and considers how we can make positive changes to move forward.



Our conference organizers, christian gonzález-rivera and Dr. Janna Heyman have assembled an exciting program that features outstanding speakers and workshops on a range of topics focused on this year’s theme. Many of these sessions highlight the needs of unique and underserved populations, the evolving roles of caregivers and communities, and the changes in policies and programs that encourage flexibility and resilience for older adults and caregivers.

We are delighted to offer a thought-provoking Town Hall, as well as the opportunity to celebrate International Day of Older Persons with a panel on diversity and universal human rights.

We offer special thanks to our SSA Board, immediate past president Dr. Jackie Berman, and to this year's award recipients for their dedication to scholarship, activism, and advocacy for our older adult community.

Best wishes for a wonderful conference! We look forward to seeing you in beautiful Saratoga Springs!

Warmly,

Danielle D. Gagne, President, State Society on Aging of New York

Monday, September 30, 2024

8:00 - 9:30 am – Breakfast

Gallery

9:00 - 9:20 am - Welcome Remarks

Orenda

christian gonzález-rivera and Janna Heyman Co-chairs, SSA Program Committee

9:25 - 10:40 am - SESSION A

A1: Health Technology

Orenda

Aging 2014-2024 Telehealth Intervention Programs for Seniors: The First Decade

Colette Phipps, Westchester County Dept. of Senior Programs and Services

Jennifer Schwartz-Crawford, Westchester County DSPS

Creation of a Health Aging Technology Center at a Community-Based Older Adult Center

Dozene Guishard, Carter Burden Network

A2: Health and NYS Landscape

Red

Innovations in Aging: How NYS is Changing the Landscape

Becky Preve, Association on Aging in New York

Greg Olsen, NYS Office for the Aging

Aging Without Hunger in NYC

Jeanette Estima, Citymeals on Wheels

Tomino Fraser, Citymeals on Wheels

A3: Multigenerational Innovations

Blue

New Innovations in Intergenerational Care

Janna Heyman, Fordham University

Linda White-Ryan, Fordham University

Jackie Berman, Social Worker

Tobi Abramson, Psychologist

GENuine Connections – A Virtual, Intergenerational Program Resource

Shai Rosenfeld, DOROT

10:45 - 12:00 pm - SESSION B

B1: Mindfulness

Blue

Mature Motivational Mindfulness

Derek Tice-Brown, Fordham University

Janna Heyman, Fordham University

Colette Phipps, Westchester County Dept. of Senior Programs and Services

Henry Davis, Fordham University

JoAnne McMahon, Fordham University

Laura Sutter, Fordham University

The Tea Study: Examining the feasibility of a Culturally based, Intergenerational Mindfulness Intervention for Chinese Older Adults in NYC

Keith Chan, Hunter College

Isabel Ching, Hunter College

B2: Palliative Care

Orenda

Health Equity Across the Life Space: From Birthing to Brain Health and Palliative Care

Mary Beth Morrissey, Yeshiva University

Judith L. Howe, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Roles for Social Workers in Providing Palliative Care for Securing Comfort

Nicole Lynch, Lehman College

B3: Innovations in Aging

Red

Embracing the Journey: Creative Arts and Aging

Marikay Capasso, Westchester County Dept. of Senior Programs and Services

From Church Basement to State-of-the-Art Facility: The transformation of an Older Adult Center Bay Ridge, Brooklyn

Todd Fliedner, Bay Ridge Center

Judith Grimalbi, Bay Ridge Center

Aubrey Balcom, Bay Ridge Center

Joy Scott, Bay Ridge Center

Monday, September 30, 2024

12:00 - 1:45 pm

Arches

TOWN HALL DISCUSSION
Buffet Lunch and Presentation

The Older Americans Act of 1967 is up for reauthorization in 2026.
Hear about current efforts to amend and improve the federal legislation that provides \$2.4 billion for critical services for older Americans across the country.

Moderator

James O'Neal

New York State President, AARP

Panelists

Ravi Reddy

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's Office

Robert Blancato

Elder Justice Coalition

Greg Olsen

Acting Director, New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA)

Monday, September 30, 2024

2:00 – 3:15 pm – Session D

D1: Age Friendly Communities

Blue

Age-Friendly Health Systems: Improving Care for Older Adults in NYS

Lance San Souci, The Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS)

Shaping Our Future of Aging: Creating the Age-Friendly Communities

We Need to See

David Steitz, Nazareth University

D2: Shaping Care and Communities

Red

The Impact of Antisemitism on Holocaust Survivors and Their Older Adult Children

Dana Marlowe, Fordham University

Carole Cox, Fordham University

Faith-Based Organizations: A Roadmap for Resiliency

Hilary Forrest, DOROT

Jessica Bloom, DOROT

D3: Shaping Care and Communities

Orenda

Supporting Aging through Housing Choice A Discussion Tool for Policy Collaboration
Toward Local Solutions

Nancy Berlinger, Hastings Center

Estimates of Loneliness and Ethnically Diverse Adults with Serious Mental Illness in
NYC Boroughs: Manhattan, Bronx, and Brooklyn

Karen Fortuna, Dartmouth College

Rebeca Heller, Dartmouth College

Lindsay Leining, Dartmouth College

Taeho Greg Rhee, Yale University, School of Medicine

Joelle Ferron, Dartmouth College, Geisel School of Medicine

Glyn Elwyn, The Dartmouth Institute

Patrick J. Raue, University of Washington

Jonathan Werlin, The Bridge Inc.

Monday, September 30, 2024

3:30 – 4:45 pm – Session E

E1: Addressing Older Adults Needs

Red

Building Cross-Sector Partnerships to Address Health-Related Social Needs and Prevent Avoidable Hospital Admissions

Arielle Basch, JASA

Karen Schmalbach, JASA

Advancing the Science: The Latest in Alzheimer's and Dementia Research

Erica Salamida, Alzheimer's Association

E2: Innovative Models

Blue

Introducing a New Aging Research Center for New York: The New York Retirement and Disability Research Center (NYRDRC)

Ruth K. Finkelstein, Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging, Hunter College, CUNY

christian gonzález-rivera, Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging, Hunter College

Mark Brennan-Ing, Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging, Hunter College, CUNY

E3: Creating Inclusivity

Orenda

Diversity Equity & Inclusivity Among NYS Elders - Pilot Program

Maria Alvarez, NY Statewide Senior Action Council

COPO's innovation Path for Aging; A Collaborative Blueprint for Creating Inclusive, Age-Friendly Communities

Aasma Mehdi, Council of Peoples Organization

E4: Serving Older Adults

Geysler

Keeping Seniors in the Loop

Jillian Gorman-King, Town of Hamburg Youth, Recreation, and Senior Services

Nicole Ruberto, Town of Hamburg Youth, Recreation, and Senior Services

Hilary Pundt, Town of Hamburg Youth, Recreation, and Senior Services

Intersectional Disparities in Healthcare Utilization Among Older Adults: Exploring Gender Differences

Yanjun Dong, University at Albany, SUNY

Victoria Rizzo, University at Albany, SUNY

**RECEPTION, POSTER SESSION, DINNER, AWARDS, AND
SILENT AUCTION**

President's Award

Helen Evans

Presented by

Danielle Gagne

Alfred University

Walter M. Beattie Award

Patricia Kolb

Lehman College, CUNY

Presented by

Linda Elisabeth LaPinta

Walter Beattie's daughter

Advocate for Older Adults Award

Jackie Berman

NYC Department for the Aging

Presented by

James O'Neal

New York State President, AARP

Student Awards

Yanjun Dong

Lucy Hogan

Carla McNulty

Raffle Announcement

Posters

Arches

Centers for All Generations: A Promising Practice

Khristel Simmons, Goddard Riverside

Susan Matloff-Neves, Goddard Riverside

Live Well & Age Well

Janna Heyman, Fordham University

Smita Dewan, CityTech, CUNY

Colette Phipps, Westchester County Dept. of Senior Programs and Services

Henry Davis, Fordham University

Laura Sutter, Fordham University

JoAnne McMahon, Fordham University

Jackie Heyde, Fordham University

Home-Delivered Meals: Can Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology Improve Production, Speed Delivery, and Lower Costs

Alex Costley, York College, CUNY

Lack of Quality of the Elderly in Long Term Care Facilities

Oyindamola Jemilawon, Yeshiva University

Chanette Borell, Yeshiva University

Aging & Technology Use: Presenting Essentials of Your Smartphone in Westchester County

Colette Phipps, Westchester County Dept. of Senior Programs and Services

Jennifer Crawford, Westchester County Dept. of Senior Programs and Services

Different Stressors in Senior-Spousal Bereavement; Men Need Community, While Women further Creep Toward Financial Instability

Adam Neufeld, Lehman College, CUNY

Monday, September 30, 2024

Posters (continued)

Contributing Factors to Post-Retirement Employment and Life Satisfaction

Zhong Wang, Yeshiva University

Comprehensive Models for Home Care Worker Advancement in New York State

Amy Robins, PHI

Trauma Informed Approaches to Support the LGBTQIA+ Older Adult Population

Pat Precin, Columbia University

Phyllis Simon, Columbia University

Addressing Mental Health Challenges in Older Adults: Statistics, Symptom Identification, and Strategies for Effective Treatment

Sharon Turnage, Yeshiva University

A Proposal to Increase Undergraduate Enrollment in Gerontology at Alfred University

Robert Maiden, Alfred University

Danielle Gagne, Alfred University

Aging and Mental Health

Theresa Timmons, JASA

Aging in Place with Complex Needs: The NORC Approach

Ronald Bruno, Morningside Retirement & Health Services, Inc.

Changing Ageism from the Inside Out: Promoting Positive Self-Perceptions of Aging for Better Health and Longevity

Robert Stephens

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

7:00 – 8:00 am – Join us for a morning hike!

8:00 am – 9:30 am - Breakfast

8:45 – 10:00 am – SESSION E

E1: Intergenerational Initiatives

Red

Wisdom for Intergenerational Care

Lucy Hogan, Ithaca College

The Promise of Multigenerational and Intergenerational Approaches

Susan Matloff-Nieves and Khristel Simmons, Goddard Riverside

E2: Addressing Older Adults Needs

Sun

Helping Older Adults at Risk in Their Homes from Extreme Hoarding: Complicated Situations Requiring Careful Planning and Collaboration

Kristin P. Bergfeld, BERGFELD's Clearance Services LLC

Breaking Barriers: The Role of Language on End-of-Life Care for Hispanics

Carla McNulty, Pace University

E3: Addressing Needs of Older Adults

Geyser

Are Older LGBTQ+ Older Adults Prepared for Retirement?

Mark Brennan-Ing, Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging, Hunter College, CUNY

Inclusion: Grandparent Caregivers and the Important Role of Virtual Support

Carole Cox, Fordham University

E4: Education

Orenda

Enrichment of Students' Gerontological Knowledge Through Workshop Content and Community-based Practicum

Pat Kolb and Nicole Lynch, Lehman College

Is One's Personality Immutable After the Age of 30? Maybe: This Is What We Found

Robert Maiden, Alfred University

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.

Patricia Kolb

*Lehman College, CUNY
2024 Beattie Awardee*

**Celebrating the IDOP and Promoting the UDHR
with Multi-Generational Input**

James O'Neal, AARP

Colette Phipps, Westchester County DSPS
Eunice Flemister, Hostos Community College, CUNY

October 1st is recognized globally as the International Day of Older Persons (IDOP), a day designated by the United Nations General Assembly to honor older adults and address the issues affecting their lives. For 14 years, UN NGOs have advocated for a Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), a global framework that includes the rights of older adults.

This session will explore the significance of IDOP and UDHR while engaging students in a program aimed at urging UN members to support a Convention on the rights of older persons. Students will gain historical context, tackle ongoing challenges, and offer feedback and innovative perspectives, providing a valuable opportunity to advocate for older adults' well-being.

KERMIT SCHOOLER SYMPOSIUM

**Innovations in Caregiver Support: NYU Langone Alzheimer's
Disease and Related Disorders Family Support Program**

Overview

Mary Mittelman, NYU Langone

**The Buddy Program at the NYU Grossman School of Medicine:
Sharing the Lived Experience**

Thea Micoli, NYU Langone

Mary Mittelman, NYU Langone

Peggy Morton, NYU Langone

**Innovations in Caregiver Support: NYU Langone Health
Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders
Family Support Program**

Mary Mittelman, NYU Langone

Amy Harris, NYU Langone

Thea Micoli, NYU Langone

Carolyn Halpin-Healey, Arts and Minds

**Creating Connection: A Person-Centered Art Program for
Dementia Caregivers and the People they Care For**

Carolyn Halpin-Healey, Arts and Minds

Mary Mittelman, NYU Langone

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

12:45 – 2:00 pm

Arches

PAST PRESIDENTS' SYMPOSIUM AND LUNCHEON

Rachel Bedard

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

in conversation with

christian gonzález-rivera

Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging, Hunter College, CUNY

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

2:15 - 3:15 pm - SESSION G

G1: Brain Health

Red

PTSD and Dementia: An Exploration of Brain Health and Trauma-Informed Care
Jennifer Reeder, Alzheimer's Foundation

Introducing Healthy Brain, Embedding the Early Identification of Cognitive
Impairment Among Older Adults into New York State Area Agencies on Aging

Maria Brown, Syracuse University

Sharon Brangman, SUNY Upstate Medical University

G2: Social Support and Connections

Sun

National Dementia Policy in the U.S. and Netherlands: A Strengths Perspective

Molly Bray-Hayes, Albany University

The Stonewall Bridge – Care, Legacy and Chosen Family

Paul Nagle, Stonewall Community Development Corporation

David Nimmons, Stonewall Community Development Corporation

Client-Reported Benefits of an Age-Specific Cancer Support Group for Older Adults

Sarah Tennenhaus, Cancer Care

G3: Wellness

Orenda

“Whispers of Ancients”: Discover your Storyteller, Shaman Roots with Masks, Myths
and Mime

Barbara Gregson, Gregson Theater

A Thief in the Night: Poetry as Self-Care

Laurie Blackman, Yeshiva University

Cognitive Wellness in Community-Dwelling Older Adults: A Concept Analysis Using
an Evolutionary Approach

Eunice Adu-Gyamfi, Pace University

3:15 - 4:00pm - SSA Annual Membership Meeting

Sun

SSA Awards

President's Award

Helen Evans

Associate Director, Ardent Solutions

The President's Award recognizes a leader in the field for his/her outstanding service. This year's Award is presented to Helen Evans.

Helen Evans is the Associate Director at Ardent Solutions, a non-profit focused on improving rural community health through education and collaboration. Since 2005, she has led initiatives like Growing Stronger, A Matter of Balance, and the Trauma-Informed Champions program in Allegany County.



Helen's team established the Allegany County Community Partnership on Aging, earning an Age-Friendly Community designation from AARP and partnering with Alfred University in the Age-Friendly University Global Network. She introduced Uniper Cares, connecting homebound older adults with technology, and an Intergenerational Enrichment and Respite Care Program. This fall, her team will launch a monthly Musical Memories Café. Helen is President of the New York State Association for Rural Health's Board of Directors. She holds a bachelor's degree from SUNY Fredonia and is a graduate of the Health Leadership Fellows Program.

Previous President's Award Recipients

Helen Hamlin
Neal Lane
Msgr. Charles Fahey
T. Franklin Williams
Patricia Bomba
Mary Beth Morrissey

Michael Friedman
Carter Catlett Williams
Mae Carpenter
Bob Blancato
Ann Marie Cook
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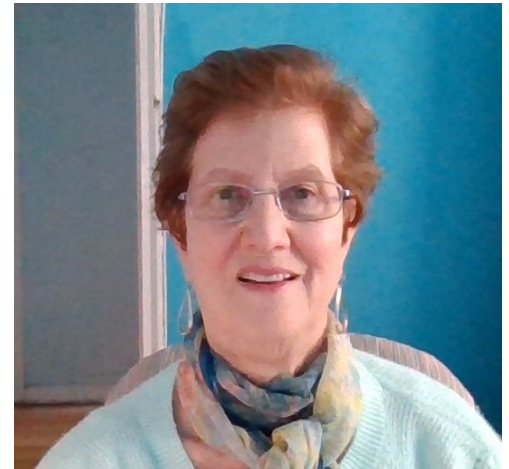
Carol Levine
Susan Perlstein
Karl Pillemer
Mark S. Lachs
Beth Finkel
Ruth Finklestein

Walter M. Beattie Award

Patricia Kolb

Professor of Social Work, Lehman College, CUNY

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 Dr. Patricia Kolb.



Dr. Kolb is an expert in gerontological social work with experience in direct practice, supervision, mentoring, administration, research, and teaching. She has authored key works, including *Caring for Our Elders: Multicultural Experiences with Social Work Practice* and *Understanding Aging and Diversity: Theories and Concepts*.

She has published articles and book chapters on aging in journals like *Affilia: Feminist Inquiry in Social Work*. She is a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) and the New York Academy of Medicine, where she served as co-chair of the social work section. She also chaired the Research, Education, and Practice Section of GSA and edited a special issue of *Gerontology and Geriatrics Education*. She is currently co-editing an issue of *Social Work* focused on supervision.

Previous Walter M. Beattie Award Recipients

Ruth Bennett
Msgr. Charles Fahey
Neal Bellos
Sheldon Tobin
Evan Calkins
Rose Dobrof
Susan Sherman
Marjorie Cantor
Pasquale Gilberto
Cynthia Stuen
Barbara Silverstone
T. Franklin Williams

Theodora G. Jackson
Janet Sainer
William Lane
M. Beatty, Jr.
Anna "Honey" Zimmer
Lou Glasse
Patricia Pine
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Joanna Mellor
Helen Hamlin
Terry Fulmer
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Advocate for Older Adults Award

Jackie Berman

*Director, Program Evaluation and Research,
NYC Department for the Aging*

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

Dr. Berman is the director of program evaluation and research at NYC Department for the Aging. For three decades, she has focused on integrating mental health services within the aging network.



She has designed and coordinated numerous nationally recognized programs, including the evidence based PROTECT, tailored for depressed elder abuse victims. She developed a health and wellness program that uses game play and group discussions to improve older adults' wellbeing and embedded mental health services in NYC older adult centers. Her programs have won national innovation awards from USAging.

Dr. Berman, a past president of the State Society on Aging of New York, co-authored Depressed Older Adults Education and Screening and co-led the first Elder Abuse Prevalence study in NYS. She holds an MSW and PhD from Columbia University and a BA from the University of Michigan.

Previous Advocate for Older Adults Award Recipients

James Collins
Rosie Marie Fagan
William Dionne
Evelyn Laureano
Bobbie Sackman

James O'Neal
Alejandro Garcia
Greg Olsen
Robert Blancato
Bill Thomas

Donna Corrado
Maria Álvarez
Laura Whitehorn

Student Awardees

Lucy Hogan

Ithaca College

Lucy Hogan is a Junior pursuing her combined B.S. in Occupational Science and Master of Occupational Therapy Degree at Ithaca College. In addition, she is earning a minor in Aging Studies. Last semester she completed her independent research in gerontology with Dr. Erickson from Ithaca College. Lucy's research brought together intergenerational discussion groups which focused on ideas of wisdom.



Lucy hopes to be an Occupational Therapist for the older adult population. Through spending time with the aging population, Lucy recognizes the special need for Occupational Therapy within this group and hopes to focus her career on attending to their specific needs. Her goal is to provide them the opportunity to live more comfortably as they age.

Yanjun Dong

Albany University

Yanjun Dong is a doctoral student in the School of Social Welfare at the University at Albany, State University of New York. Her research interests are in aging, dementia, the effects of climate change on older people, and elder abuse. Yanjun has been involved in research projects on vital aspects of the aging trend, including health-related concerns, the intricacies of caregiving, elder abuse, and the social and emotional challenges older people face.



Her work aims to contribute to a better understanding of the aging population and to advocate for policies and practices that enhance the well-being of older adults.

Carla McNulty

Pace University

Carla McNulty works as a certified oncology nurse practitioner at Montefiore Medical Center. Her nursing career spans over 15 years. She graduated Magna Cum Laude on dean's list receiving her bachelor's in nursing degree from Lehman College. She received her master's degree from the College of Mount Saint Vincent, and now is pursuing a PhD in nursing at Pace University.



In addition to oncology nursing, her experience includes working in the medical intensive care unit at Saint John's Riverside Hospital, Yonkers, NY and as a clinical instructor at the Cochran School of Nursing. She has received several scholarships including the Audrey Jones Scholarship, Omicron Chi Chi Scholarship, and the Professional Nurses Association of Dutchess/Putnam Scholarship. As a PhD student, her current research area of interest is end-of-life care, specifically palliative care for Hispanics.

On May 7th, 2024, Carla gave an oral presentation of her PhD qualifying exam (integrative review) at the New York Medical Academy: FIRE event. She is passionate about oncology and palliative/hospice care, and wants to create a positive change, especially in the community setting.

Hotel, Registration, and Membership Information

Location. Gideon Putnam Resort and Spa, 24 Gideon Putnam Road, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. This beautiful, historic hotel is located on the grounds of the Saratoga Spa State Park, which is also home to the Saratoga Performing Arts Center and the historic Roosevelt Baths.

Duration. Monday, September 30, 9:00 am to Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 5:00 pm.

Limited discounted rooms. Please [click here](#) to receive the discounted rate. (Will open as synxis.com.) To receive the discounted rate, please use discount code KGK92924SSA when booking. Deadline for the hotel discount is **August 30, 2024**.

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. If calling, use 519-226-4700 and mention that your reservation is part of the State Society on Aging of New York Annual Conference.

Please register for the conference at www.ssany.org.

Become a member!

Membership in the State Society on Aging of New York entitles you to reduced member rates on registration fees and access to the information sent through our mailing list. Join by accessing the Membership section of our website, www.ssany.org.

Membership rates are \$40.00 for professionals, \$15.00 for students/seniors, and \$75 for organizations.

CONFERENCE FEES	Rcd. by 9/15/24	After 9/15/24
Full conference registration		
Professional SSA member	\$250	\$300
Retiree SSA member	\$225	\$275
Non-member	\$325	\$375
Full-time student (SSA member)	\$80	\$100
Full-time student (non SSA member)	\$110	\$130
One-day conference registration		
Professional SSA member	\$140	\$190
Non-member	\$175	\$225
Full-time student (SSA member)	\$60	\$75
Full-time student (non-SSA member)	\$75	\$95



BERGFELD's dedicates this Gold Sponsorship in gratitude for the life of **Dr. Joanna Mellor**, consummate Teacher, Role Model, Mentor at the Wurzweiler School of Social Work, who also served as SSA President.

Joanna truly made a lasting difference in the lives of older adults and their families, as well as her students and colleagues.



We congratulate the State Society on Aging of New York on this 51st Annual Conference and each of the 2024 Honorees



Kristin P. Bergfeld, Owner



**Congratulates the Recipients &
Student Award Winners of the**

**51st Annual Conference of the
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...to make it possible for
everyone
to age as well as well as
anyone
can...

Founded in 1974 by Dr. Rose Dobrof, a pioneer in the field of social gerontology, Brookdale is one of the country's first university-based aging research and policy centers.

We congratulate the State Society on Aging for a successful 51st annual conference and Brookdale's director of strategic policy initiatives, **christian gonzález-rivera** for serving as program co-chair this year. We congratulate **Helen Evans**, **Patricia Kolb**, and **Jackie Berman** for their awards. We also congratulate the students who won awards this year!

We are proud that this year's program includes presentations by our research and evaluation director **Mark Brennan-Ing**, **christian gonzález-rivera** and our executive director, **Ruth K. Finkelstein**.

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*Supporting your journey through serious illness:
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