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Advocating for a Dynamic Age-Inclusive Society

52nd Annual Conference of the State Society on Aging of New York

Monday, October 6, 2025 – Tuesday, October 7, 2025

The Gideon Putnam Hotel

24 Gideon Putnam Road

Saratoga Springs, New York 12866

For information, please visit www.ssany.org



Dear Colleagues,

The State Society on Aging of New York (SSA) will be holding its 52nd annual conference from **Monday, October 6, through Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at The Gideon Putnam Hotel in Saratoga Springs, New York.** We invite you to submit proposals for presentations, posters, creative work, and more on subjects related to aging. We welcome proposals from academics, researchers, service providers, administrators, policymakers, clinicians, private practitioners, students, older adults, and others working in the field.

This year the theme of the conference is **Advocating for a Dynamic Age-Inclusive Society.** We invite you to contribute to a two-day program that will gather innovative solutions that address the needs of older adults and their families. We are especially interested in presenting solutions that involve collaborations among individuals, organizations, and communities to build age-friendly societies.

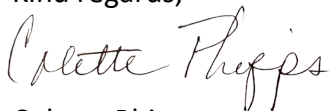
We are accepting proposal submissions that cover any of the following areas: age-friendly environments, ageism, caregiving, community-based services, education and training, elder justice, financial security, mental health, palliative and end-of-life care, workforce training, and gerontology education.

Accepted submissions will be presented at designated paper or poster sessions. Aging-themed artworks may be submitted for exhibition at the conference. 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.

Proposals must be submitted online no later than **April 9, 2025.** Acceptance notifications will be emailed in mid-August. All presenters **must** register for the conference prior to the publication of the conference book. Please direct all questions regarding abstract submissions to the conference co-chairs, christian gonzález-rivera at cg3017@hunter.cuny.edu, and Janna Heyman, PhD at heyman@fordham.edu.

We look forward to seeing you in beautiful Saratoga Springs!

Kind regards,



Colette Phipps

President, State Society on Aging of New York

Abstract Submissions

Please submit your abstract by [filling out this form](#).

Abstracts should be no more than 250 words.

- The deadline for submitting abstracts is **Wednesday, April 9, 2025**.
- Only complete submissions will be reviewed.
- Please make all requests for audiovisual equipment required for your presentation on the abstract submission form.
- Please direct all questions regarding abstract submissions to the conference co-chairs,

Criteria for Evaluation

Applicants do not need to be members of SSA to submit abstracts. All abstracts will be peer reviewed for academic quality and content, including originality of ideas and/or methods.

Accepted Abstracts

If your abstract is accepted, you will be notified by email. All person(s) who will be presenting their work **must register for the conference**. If accepted, please reply to the notification email with the name and affiliation of the person(s) who will be presenting the work. Ideally the presenter will be the author(s) or creator(s) of the material being presented. Register for conference at www.ssany.org.

Presentation Formats

Paper Sessions. Presentations are 25 minutes in length, including 20 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for audience 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 SSA Program Committee will group accepted papers into themed sessions that may include up to two presentations.

Posters. 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. Posters will be featured in an interactive poster session wherein authors present ideas visually but also discuss the material and concepts with colleagues face-to-face. We recommend that posters have simple, clear designs and rely primarily on graphic representations like tables, pictures, and charts.

Creative work. We are requesting submissions of original prose, poetry, artwork and other artistic works that reflect themes related to aging. The work will be displayed at the conference along with descriptive information and the creator's name.

Student Submissions

We encourage undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students to submit abstracts for presentations or posters and written papers for the student paper competition. Presenting a paper or poster gives students an opportunity to gain professional recognition for their work, meet fellow students and professionals in the field of aging, and develop their careers.

Presentation and Student Award

SSA gives three student awards, one for best paper by an undergraduate, one for a graduate, and one for a doctoral student. You must be a current student. Winning papers demonstrate independent critical thinking and contribute to the field of aging. To be considered for presentation and the student award, students must complete the following steps:

1. Submit an abstract through our [submission form](#) by **April 9, 2025**.
2. Please email the abstract and the complete paper to Mark Brennan-Ing at mark.ing@hunter.cuny.edu.
In the email, please state you are a current student and note your university/school affiliation.

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 using [this form](#).

Submissions must be received by **April 9, 2025**.

Student scholarships

Winners of the student paper competition in each of the two categories will receive a **scholarship award** to cover conference registration and present their work at the conference.

Limited scholarship funds may be available to defray conference registration fees for students. Award winners and students presenting papers or posters will receive preference for scholarships.

Questions concerning the student awards may be directed to Mark Brennan-Ing at mark.ing@hunter.cuny.edu.

Sponsorship, Exhibitor & Advertising Opportunities

Sponsorship Opportunities

Platinum (\$2,500 & up)

- Sponsor identified as the host of an event at the meeting
- Complimentary exhibitor space
- Two complimentary full conference registrations
- Complimentary full-page ad in the conference program
- Listing in program as platinum-level sponsor

Gold (\$1,500 - \$2,499)

- Complimentary exhibitor space
- One complimentary full conference registration
- Complimentary full-page ad in the conference program
- Listing in program as gold-level sponsor

Silver (\$1,000 - \$1,499)

- Complimentary exhibitor space
- Complimentary single-day registration
- Complimentary half-page ad in the conference program
- Listing in program as silver-level sponsor

Bronze (\$500 - \$999)

- Complimentary half-page ad in the conference program
- Listing in program as bronze-level sponsor

Friends & Supporters (\$250-\$499)

- Listing in conference program as a Friend and Supporter

Advertising Opportunities

SSA offers advertising space in the conference program book. Paid organizational members of SSA are entitled to a complimentary 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.

The form for becoming a sponsor, exhibitor or advertiser is on the following page.

RATES	Full Page (7.5" W x 10" H)	Half Page (7.25" W x 4 5/8" H)	Quarter Page (3.5" W x 4 5/8" H)
SSA Organizational Member	\$125	\$75	Complimentary
SSA Individual Member	\$200	\$150	\$75
Non-Member	\$250	\$200	\$100



Sponsorship, Exhibitor & Advertising Form

Please Check All that Apply:

Sponsor

- Platinum Level (\$2,500 & up)
- Gold Level (\$1,500 - \$2,499)
- Silver Level (\$1,000 - \$1,499)
- Bronze Level (\$500 - \$999)
- Friends and Supporters (\$250 - \$499)

Exhibitor

Advertisement Only

Organization Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Billing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

All images and advertisements should be black and white, camera-ready, and sized to the dimensions specified in the information page above. Email the advertisement in MS Word or pdf form to Janna Heyman at heyman@fordham.edu

For sponsorship, please **make checks payable to SSA** and mail to Robert Maiden, Alfred University, 1 Saxton Drive, Alfred, NY 14803. For questions, please email Robert Maiden at fm Maiden@alfred.edu no later than **September 15, 2025**.

Conference Registration

Please register for the conference www.ssany.org.

CONFERENCE FEES	Received by Sept 15, 2025	Received after Sept 15, 2025
Full conference registration		
Professional SSA member	\$290	\$340
Retired SSA member	\$225	\$250
Non-member	\$330	\$375
Full-time student (SSA Member)	\$90	\$120
Full-time student (non SSA Member)	\$120	\$140
One-day conference registration		
Professional SSA member	\$180	\$230
Non-member	\$215	\$225
Full-time student (SSA member)	\$70	\$95
Full-time student (non-SSA member)	\$85	\$115

SSA Membership

Membership of 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: \$40.00 for professionals, \$15.00 for students/seniors, and \$75 for organizations.

Hotel and Conference Information

The State Society on Aging of New York's 52nd Annual Conference will be held at the beautiful, historic Gideon Putnam Resort and Spa in Saratoga Springs, NY. The 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. **The conference will begin at 9:00 am on Monday, October 6th and end at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, October 7, 2025.** The Gideon Putnam Hotel is located at 24 Gideon Putnam Road, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

SSA provides a limited number of rooms at the discounted rate (see below) plus tax. Block-rate rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Guests should register [using this link](#) to receive the discounted rate. (Will open as synxis.com.) Enter **code KGK10525SSA** to receive the discounted rate.

The deadline for the hotel discount is August 1, 2025.

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 you prefer to book by telephone, call 518-226-4700 and say that your reservation is part of the State Society on Aging of New York Annual Conference.