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Annual Meeting Notice: The abstract submission deadline has been moved to March 29th. See [www.agingconference.com](http://www.agingconference.com) for details.

## Program Committee Seeks Abstract Reviewers

This year's Annual Meeting section program chairs are currently looking for members to assist in the reviewing of abstracts for the November conference. Interested persons should contact their respective section representatives at the e-mail addresses below.

Behavioral and Social Sciences: Ellen Idler, [idler@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:idler@rci.rutgers.edu)

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Social Research, Policy, & Practice: John Williamson, [jbw@bc.edu](mailto:jbw@bc.edu)

## GSA Teams with AARP for Summer Meeting

AARP has launched a website for its upcoming "Diversity and Aging in the 21st Century" conference, for which GSA has signed on as a partner. Registration and information are now available at [www.aarp.org/diversityandaging](http://www.aarp.org/diversityandaging). The event will take place from June 19-21 in Los Angeles. Julian Bond and Gwen Ifill have been confirmed as plenary session speakers, and Anna Deavere Smith will be the closing session speaker and performer.

## New Journal Joins GSA Catalog

Under the auspices of its Humanities and Arts Committee, GSA is now preparing for a summer launch of the *Journal of Aging, Humanities, and the Arts (JAHA)*, a new quarterly publication. This peer-reviewed periodical will be co-edited by Dana Burr Bradley of Western Kentucky University and Anne Wyatt-Brown of the University of South Florida.

"JAHA will support a large interdisciplinary cadre of researchers who work in the field of aging, but perhaps would not all identify themselves as 'gerontologists,'" Bradley said. "Our collective vision is that this journal will create a forum for scholars and act as an incubator of fresh approaches and constructive dialog about the meanings, experiences and challenges of growing old."

The journal will be available to Society members at a discounted rate of \$20 per year for four issues. A subscription will need to be purchased separately from a standard GSA membership (unlike *The Gerontologist* and the *Journals of Gerontology*), but it will still include access to both print and online versions.

Now in its 30th year, the Humanities and Arts Committee has always fostered an exchange of ideas at the Annual Meeting, but these studies rarely appeared in existing GSA publications.

"Humanities deal with the complicated feelings that individual people have about growing old," Wyatt-Brown said. "It includes stories about aging that humanize the experience of both older folk, their families, friends, and caregivers. Sometimes these articles celebrate the achievements of elderly musicians, playwrights, poets, novelists, and movie makers. The arts, of course, can offer even more unusual aspects of aging. Poems, pictures, drama, and music add dimensions of human experience that research, no matter how impressive, simply cannot duplicate."

To sign up for updates on the journal's release, visit [www.geron.org](http://www.geron.org). Additional inquiries can be addressed to [jaha@wku.edu](mailto:jaha@wku.edu)



## AIMS AND SCOPE

As the official journal of the GSA's Humanities & Arts Committee, the *Journal of Aging, Humanities and the Arts* seeks to foster a dialogue between the humanities and arts and the biomedical, psychological, behavioral, and social sciences to challenge stereotypes, further our understanding of the aging process, and provide creative approaches to the exploration of aging. Articles in the *Journal of Aging, Humanities and the Arts* will include works of interest to those who seek to develop age theory and explore the part that age plays in: (1) Language and Communication; (2) Literary Production, Reception, and Analysis; (3) Biography and Autobiography; (4) Human and Spiritual Values and Beliefs; (5) Art and Music Therapy with Aging Patients; (6) Narrative Medicine in Interactions with Aging Patients; (7) Issues of Death and Dying; (8) Creativity and Aging and (9) Social Construction of Age. The editors aim to publish interdisciplinary essays on a quarterly basis that focus on a common interest in age and the necessity to reach readers from many disciplines.

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Please send manuscripts and inquiries to [jaha@wku.edu](mailto:jaha@wku.edu).

Rigorous scholarship is expected and submissions focusing on a common interest in age and the commitment to reaching readers from different humanities and arts disciplines will be considered in the following categories:

**Articles:** Synthetic and original research (approximately 3500 words).

**Vital Visionaries:** Substantial commentary/report guiding future directions of scholars/researchers (approximately 1500 words).

**From any Age:** First person narrative essays informing the broader understanding of the aging process (approximately 1000 words).

**Creative Works:** Original and previously unpublished poems, artwork, musical scores and film reviews. Only black and white reproduction is possible at this point. Narrative explanations must accompany any creative work. Submissions in all areas will be peer-reviewed.

# Election Slate for 2007

The ballots for the election of next year's officer have now been finalized. They will be mailed out to all members on April 1st. The candidates are as follows:

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## Editor Nominations ~ Journal of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences

The Gerontological Society of America's Publications Committee is seeking nominations for the position of Editor of the Journal of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences, the Society's journal on the psychological science of aging.

The position will become effective January 1, 2008. The Editor makes appointments to the journal's editorial board and develops policies in accordance with the scope statement prepared by the Publications Committee and approved by Council (see the journal's General Information and Instructions to Authors page). The Editor works with reviewers and has the final responsibility for the acceptance of articles for the journal. The editorship is a voluntary position. Candidates must be dedicated to developing a premier scientific journal.

Nominations and applications may be made by self or others, but must be accompanied by the candidate's curriculum vitae and a statement of willingness to accept the position. All nominations and applications must be received by April 2, 2007. Nominations and applications should be sent to:

Publications Committee • Attn: Patricia Walker • The Gerontological Society of America,  
1030 15th Street, NW • Suite 250 • Washington, DC 20005-1503

## Cohen Tapped for Excellence Award

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently gave former GSA President Harvey J. Cohen its 2006 Marsha Goodwin-Beck Award for Excellence in Clinical Care Leadership. He was selected from several outstanding VA health care practitioners who have all made significant contributions to the health care system. Cohen initiated the geriatrics fellowship program at the Durham VA Hospital in 1978 and then established both the Geriatric Evaluation Unit and the Geriatric Clinic. HE currently serves as the chief of the Duke University Division of Geriatrics.

## Bales Honored at Geriatric Institute

Connie Bales recently received the Max K. Horwitt Memorial Distinguished Lectureship Award at the Summer Geriatric Institute at St. Louis, MO, for her lecture on "Nutrition for a Healthy Old Age: The Benefits and Risks of 'Health Promoting' Diets and Supplements." The award is given for outstanding scientific contribution in geriatric nutrition. She is an associate research professor in the Division of Geriatrics and the associate director of the Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Center of the Durham VA Medical Center.

## Colleague Connected!

This month's \$25 amazon.com gift certificate winner:

### Daniel Van Dussen

(He became eligible after referring new member Heather Franklin.)

The winner was randomly selected using randomizer.org!

For more details on the Colleague Connection promotion, which includes a chance to win free lodging at the annual meeting, visit [www.geron.org/ColleagueConnection.htm](http://www.geron.org/ColleagueConnection.htm)

## New Member Publications

*Gerontechnology: Growing Old in a Technological Society*, by Gari Lesnoff-Caravaglia. Published by Charles C. Thomas.

## Members in the News

- > Immediate Past GSA President Charles Longino was recently quoted on the front page of *USA Today* in an article on retirement migration trends. The story focused on older Americans who return north after moving to warmer climates.
- > Sharon Inouye again received attention for her work in the recent special section on delirium and dementia in the *Journal of Gerontology: Medical Sciences*. This time, *The Boston Globe* examined featured a prominent article on the effects of these conditions on elderly hospitalized patients.

## In Memoriam

Former GSA President **Walter Beattie, Jr.** passed away recently at the age of 83 after a battle with Parkinson's Disease. He also previously served as president of AGHE, an organization that he co-founded. Beattie, a professor emeritus of gerontology and social policy at Syracuse University, also founded and directed the Syracuse University All-University Gerontology Center after serving as the university's dean of the School of Social Work. His career spanned more than four decades as an educator, a researcher, an academic administrator, and a social planner in gerontology, health and social services, and social policy.

For more than a decade, he served as consultant on aging to the Center for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the United Nations, and he prepared the essential document for the 1981 United Nations' World Assembly on Aging. In addition, Beattie acted as a technical advisor to the World Health Organization's Global Programme for Care of the Aged and served on the board of directors of the International Center of Social Gerontology, on a Presidential White House Task Force on Aging, and on numerous national advisory councils to the federal government.

GSA Fellow **Paul Windley**, a member of the Editorial Board of *Journal of Housing for the Elderly*, died on January 27 in Moscow, Idaho, after a year-long battle with leukemia. He was 65. After receiving his doctorate from the University of Michigan in Architecture, Windley spent most of his professional career teaching and conducting research at Kansas State University. He served as Dean of the College of Art and Architecture at the University of Idaho, Moscow, for nine years before retiring in 2006. A pioneer in the field of environmental gerontology, he was especially active with GSA's Architecture and Design projects in the 1970s. Paul was among the first gerontologists to examine the ways that broad-level community environments affected the mental health of older residents of small rural towns.

**Gay Becker**, a member of the *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* editorial board, passed away in January in Bangkok, Thailand after a brief illness while she and her husband were traveling abroad. She was a medical anthropologist at the University of California, San Francisco. Becker's early interest in how stigma, disability and chronic illness are culturally mediated led to her pioneering doctoral research on the culture of deafness, published as *Growing Old in Silence* (1980). She was one of the first anthropologists to seriously engage illness and disability as cultural phenomena that could be investigated both through narrative and phenomenological theory and through ethnographic work in communities and medical settings.

# GSA Salutes its 2006 Emerging Scholar/Trainee Awardees

Awards for the best research papers and poster presentations by GSA Emerging Scholar/Trainee members were presented during the 59th Annual Meeting held at the Adam's Mark Dallas Hotel in November.

## **Congratulations to the 2006 recipients!**

GSA would like to extend its gratitude to the members of all of our award selection committees for their hard work and dedication to making this year's process a success.

### **BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES SECTION**

#### George Sacher Student Award



Wendy K. Anemaet  
University of South Florida  
"Chondrogenic activation of synovial lining and periosteal cells in murine models of osteoarthritis"

### **CLINICAL MEDICINE SECTION**

#### Austin Bloch Post-Doctoral Fellow Award



Joao Pedro de Magalhaes  
Harvard Medical School  
"Exploring the evolution of aging in primates using comparative genomics"

#### Person-In-Training Award



Dawn M. Hayes, PT  
University of Georgia  
"Reliability of a simple portable test for lower extremity muscular strength in older adult women"

#### Research Award



Shahrzad Mavandadi, PhD  
University of Pennsylvania  
"The effect of depression treatment on depressive symptoms in older adulthood: The moderating role of pain"

### **BEHAVIORAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES SECTION**

#### Student Research Award – Pre-Dissertation Level



Flavia Cristina Drumond Andrade, MA  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
"Healthy life expectancy in people with and without Diabetes in Latin America and the Caribbean"

#### Student Research Award – Dissertation Level



Miles G. Taylor, PhD  
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill  
"Reconstructing disability trajectories among older adults: A latent class approach"

### **SOCIAL RESEARCH, POLICY, & PRACTICE**

#### Student Research Award – Undergraduate/Masters Level



Kayla O'Malley  
Cleveland State University  
"Take one dog and call me in the morning: Health benefits of animal assisted therapy for people over age 65"

#### Student Research Award – Doctoral Level



Jeongyoung Park, MPH  
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill  
"The effect of state minimum staffing regulations on nursing home staffing and quality of care"

### **EMERGING SCHOLAR & PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION**

#### Int'l Interdisciplinary Research Award



Rebecca D. d'Angelo  
University of Kentucky  
"Associations between domains of permeability and quality of life among residents of senior care communities"

### **POSTER AWARDS**



Amanda Lehning, MSS, University of California, Berkeley  
"Mental health service use in nursing homes"



Kushang Patel, PhD, National Institute on Aging  
"Racial variation in the relationship of anemia with mortality and mobility disability among older adults"



Debra Sietsema, PhD, RN, University of Illinois at Chicago  
"The predictors of elder care experience by adult children"

### **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN AN OLDER AMERICA INITIATIVE**

#### Student/Junior Scholar Paper Award



Keiko Katagiri, PhD  
Institute for Social Gerontology  
The Nipponkoa Welfare Foundation  
"Successful aging and a hierarchical model of the civic engagement of Japanese retirees"

### **HONORABLE MENTIONS**

#### CM Person-in-Training Award

Benedetta Bartali, RD, Cornell University  
Shayna Rich, MA, University of Maryland

#### CM Research Award

Kristine E. Pringle, PhD, First Health Services Corporation/PACE  
Kushang V. Patel, PhD, National Institute on Aging  
Kimberly A. Faulkner, MPH, PhD, University of Pittsburgh

For information on how to apply for a GSA Emerging Scholar/Trainee Award and for information on all of GSA's awards, please visit our website at <http://www.geron.org/awards/awards.htm>.



# The Gerontological Society of America Call for Award Nominations

The Gerontological Society of America salutes outstanding and potential research through a host of awards. Award winners will be announced at the Society's 60th Annual Scientific Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 16-20, 2007. All nomination materials must be sent to GSA's office by the deadline date. Materials received after the deadline will not be eligible. **For a complete description of nomination requirements and to obtain nomination forms, please visit the Society's Web Site at [www.geron.org](http://www.geron.org) or email GSA's Awards Coordinator at [dfrazier@geron.org](mailto:dfrazier@geron.org).**

## SOCIETY-WIDE AWARDS

The **Donald P. Kent Award** is given to a member of the Society who best exemplifies the highest standards for professional leadership in gerontology through teaching, service, and interpretation of gerontology to the larger society. Nominees must be Fellows of the Society. **Deadline: May 5th.**

The **Robert W. Kleemeier Award** is given annually to a member of the Society in recognition for outstanding research in the field of gerontology. Nominees must be Fellows of the Society. **Deadline: May 5th.**

The **M. Powell Lawton Award**, sponsored by the Polisher Research Institute of the Madlyn and Leonard Abramson Center for Jewish Life, is presented to an individual to honor contributions from applied research that have benefited older people and their care. The award carries a cash prize of \$2,500, a certificate and up to \$1,000 for travel and per diem expenses to the Annual Meeting. **Deadline: May 5th.**

The **Maxwell A. Pollack Award for Productive Aging** recognizes instances of practice informed by research and analysis, research that directly improved policy or practice, and distinction in bridging the worlds of research and practice. This award carries a cash prize, certificate, and symbol totaling **\$10,000**. **Deadline: May 5th.**

The **Margret M. Baltes Early Investigator Award** acknowledges outstanding early career contributions in behavioral and social gerontology. Eligible nominees must have a PhD and must not be more than 10 years past the date the PhD was awarded. Nominations made by others or self-nominations will be accepted. The award recipient will receive a plaque and a \$1,000 cash award. **Deadline: May 5th.**

The **GSA Social Gerontology Award** sponsored by the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. This new original paper competition focuses on Theoretical Developments in Social Gerontology. Papers should provide an interdisciplinary perspective on social gerontology theory. Top four papers will be presented at special symposium at the 2007 annual meeting in San Francisco. Cash prize of \$2,000 for best paper. **Deadline: August 31st.**

## BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES SECTION

The **George Sacher Student Award** is given to the best ESPO presentation by a GSA member at the Society's Annual Scientific Meeting. To be eligible, a member of the ESPO of the Society must have an abstract submitted and accepted for the Annual Scientific Meeting. After acceptance the ESPO member will be notified to submit additional award materials by **September 1st**. This award carries a cash prize of \$500.

The \$1,500 **Nathan Shock New Investigator Award** is given for outstanding contributions to new knowledge about aging through basic biological research. Nominees must have a PhD, MD, DDS, or equivalent degree and must be within seven years of their postdoctoral research. **Deadline: May 5th.**

**Biological Sciences and Health Sciences Sections** are offering the \$400 **Austin Bloch Post-Doctoral Fellow Award** to recognize an outstanding paper or poster contribution by a Post-Doctoral Fellow in biomedical sciences. The Biological Sciences and Health Sciences Sections alternate annually in selecting the award from among their respective section's submissions. In order to be eligible for the 2007 award, the first author's abstract must be submitted and accepted for presentation at the GSA Annual Meeting. After acceptance students will be notified to submit additional award materials by **September 1st**.

## SOCIAL RESEARCH POLICY & PRACTICE SECTION

The Social Research, Policy and Practice Section offers two student research awards: a \$500 cash prize for **doctoral level work** and a \$250 cash prize for **advanced undergraduate/or master's level work**. All GSA ESPO members are eligible to apply. Applicants must first submit an abstract and have it accepted for the Annual Scientific Meeting. After being accepted students will be requested to submit additional materials by **September 1st**.

## HEALTH SCIENCES SECTION

The **Joseph T. Freeman Award** is a lectureship in geriatrics and is awarded to a prominent physician in the field of aging—both in research and practice—who is a member of the Society's Health Sciences section. This award carries a cash prize of \$250. **Deadline: May 5th.**

The **Person-in-Training Award** is given to a student (enrolled in a graduate education program who does not have a doctoral degree) of the HS section for the best student presentation at the Society's Annual Meeting. To be eligible for this \$500 award the student must have an abstract submitted and accepted for the Annual Meeting. After acceptance, the student will be notified to submit additional materials by **September 1st**.

The **Health Sciences Research Award** is given to a new investigator in the Health Sciences Section. Individuals eligible for this \$1,000 research award are new investigators who have received a doctoral degree within the last seven years. Interested Health Sciences Section students, trainees, fellows and junior faculty must submit and have an abstract accepted for presentation at the annual meeting. After acceptance, the student will be notified to submit further materials by **September 1st**.

The **Doris Schwartz Gerontological Nursing Research Award**, presented in collaboration with the John A. Hartford Foundation Institute for Geriatric Nursing, is given to a member of the Society in recognition of outstanding and sustained contribution to geriatric nursing research. This award carries a cash prize of \$300. **Deadline: May 5th.**

## BEHAVIORAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES SECTION

The **Distinguished Career Contribution Award** honors an individual whose contributions over the course of her or his career have articulated a novel theoretical or methodological perspective or synthesis that addresses a significant problem in the literature. To be eligible the individual must be (if retired, must have been) a member of the BSS section and must have published within the past 5 years. **Deadline: May 5th.**

The **Distinguished Mentorship in Gerontology Award** is given to an individual who has fostered excellence in and had a major impact on the field by virtue of their mentoring, and whose inspiration is sought by students and colleagues. To be eligible for the award, the nominee must be a member of the BSS Section of GSA. **Deadline: May 5th.**

The **Richard Kalish Innovative Publication Award** recognizes insightful and innovative publications on aging and life course development in the behavioral and social sciences. This award is underwritten by the Baywood Publishing Company and carries a cash prize of \$500. **Deadline: May 5th.**

The **BSS Student Research Award** recognizes student research at the **pre-dissertation and dissertation level** (degree to have been awarded within 18 months of date of submission). The award winner at the dissertation level receives a \$1,000 cash prize and the award winner at the pre-dissertation level receives a \$500 cash prize. Both winners receive a copy of the *Handbook on Aging* and a one-year membership in the Society. After abstract acceptance for the Annual Meeting, finalists will be requested to submit additional materials by **September 1st**.

## EMERGING SCHOLAR & PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION

The **ESPO Interdisciplinary Paper Award** honors the best interdisciplinary research paper on a topic related to aging by a GSA ESPO member. To be eligible for this \$250 cash award, ESPO members must have an abstract (due by **March 15th**) accepted for presentation at the annual meeting. Finalists will be requested to submit an article-length manuscript for final judging by **September 1st**.

The Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization (ESPO) offers five **Poster Awards** this year. The applicant must be a GSA ESPO member. Posters from all sections will be considered. To be eligible, ESPO members must have a poster abstract accepted for presentation at the annual meeting. Finalists will be requested to submit a .PDF or PowerPoint version of their poster for final judging by **September 1st**.

## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN AN OLDER AMERICA PROJECT

GSA's Civic Engagement in an Older America initiative offers two cash awards to recognize **outstanding papers** on the topic of civic engagement as it relates to older adults. The Initiative will award \$500 to one paper from a **student or junior scholar** (no more than five years post-doctorate on September 15, 2007). The Initiative will also award \$1000 to one paper from a **senior scholar**. Finalists will be selected from among the abstracts accepted for presentation at the meeting and are requested to submit an article-length manuscript for final judging by **September 15th**. The author(s) must present the work during the Annual Meeting.

In addition to the awards listed above, there are a number of student, post-doctoral fellow, and senior scholar awards offered by GSA based on abstract acceptance to the 2007 Annual Meeting. The 2007 Call for Papers is available on-line at [www.geron.org](http://www.geron.org) and includes a complete list of these abstract-based awards. To be eligible for these awards, you must indicate your interest in applying for one when you submit your abstract on-line at [www.geron.org](http://www.geron.org).

## Aging and Gerontology Awards

In addition to presenting your research, professional organizations also provide students and post-doctoral fellows with several opportunities to receive awards for outstanding work. Below is a listing of awards that are offered by the American Psychological Association, the American Public Health Association, and the American Society on Aging. These awards cover a wide range of disciplines so read through them to see which ones are applicable to you.

The deadline for submitting abstracts for the GSA 60th Annual Scientific Meeting in San Francisco, CA is March 29, 2007.

### American Psychological Association-Adult Development and Aging

<http://apadiv20.php.ufl.edu/stuaward.htm>

Division 20/RRF Student Research Awards for Completed and Research Proposals. These awards are presented to completed research and research proposals at the undergraduate, masters, doctoral, and post-doctoral levels.

### American Public Health Association-Gerontological Health Section

[www.apha.org](http://www.apha.org)

Masters Student Research Award and Laurence G. Branch Doctoral Student Research Award. These awards are given to students that have completed a research project as a student in an area related to older adults.

### American Society on Aging Awards (ASA)

[www.asaging.org/students/research\\_awds.cfm](http://www.asaging.org/students/research_awds.cfm)

The ASA Graduate Student Research Award. This award is presented annually to a graduate student for research relevant to aging and applicable to practice.

The ASA Undergraduate Student Award. This award is presented annually to an undergraduate student for exemplary original work related to the NCOA-ASA Joint Conference theme.

### Association for Anthropology and Gerontology

[www.iog.wayne.edu/margaretclark.php](http://www.iog.wayne.edu/margaretclark.php)

Margaret Clark Award. This award is given to an undergraduate who has written an outstanding paper in anthropology and gerontology.

## Join The Careers in Aging Vanguard!

It's still not too late for your institution to participate in the upcoming sixth annual Careers in Aging Week, taking place nationwide from April 8-14, 2007. The following schools are already signed up:

For more information, contact [ciaw@geron.org](mailto:ciaw@geron.org).

Assumption College  
Ball State University  
Clark University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Cornell University  
East Stroudsburg University  
Eastern Michigan University  
Kennesaw State University  
Lindenwood University  
Mansfield University  
Michigan State University  
Northeastern Illinois University  
Penn State, Altoona

Rhode Island College  
Saint Joseph College  
Scripps Gerontology Program at Miami University  
Simon Fraser University-Vancouver Campus  
St. Bonaventure University  
St. Cloud State University  
University of Akron  
University of Iowa Center on Aging  
University of Massachusetts - Boston

University of Nebraska at Lincoln  
University of Nebraska at Omaha  
University of North Carolina, Charlotte  
University of North Carolina, Greensboro  
University of San Francisco  
University of Utah  
Utica College  
Worcester State College



## Latest PP&AR Highlights Civic Engagement Debate

Be sure to check out the latest Public Policy and Aging Report, "Civic Engagement and the New Promise of Old Age." This issue features the following articles and authors:

- Transforming Aging: The Civic Engagement of Adults 55+
- A Critical Reflection on Civic Engagement
- Civic Ventures: Looking Backward, Planning Forward
- Terms of Engagement: The Right and Left Look at Elder Civic Activism
- SCSEP: Civic Engagement for Low-Income Seniors?
- References on Civic Engagement

### Authors:

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Martha Holstein  
W. Andrew Achenbaum  
Robert B. Hudson

Copies of this Public Policy and Aging Report, as well as copies of past issues, may be ordered on-line by visiting the National Academy on an Aging Society's web site at

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## **Title VII Geriatrics Health Professions Program Funding Restored**

On February 15, President Bush signed legislation allocating \$31.5 million for the Title VII Geriatrics Health Professions for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2007.

The Senate approved the measure — part of a \$463.5 billion Continuing Resolution (CR) funding programs included in 9 unfinished FY 2007 appropriations bills — the previous day. The House had earlier approved the CR.

The resolution will allocate a total of \$184.7 million for all Title VII Health Professions Programs — 27percent more than in FY 2006. In FY 2005, Title VII Health Professions Programs were funded at \$300 million. Roughly half of that funding was eliminated, and funding for Title VII Geriatrics Health Professions Programs was zeroed out in FY 2006.

## **AHRQ Outlines 2008 Budget Request**

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's (AHRQ) FY2008 budget request is \$329.6 million, an increase of \$10.9 million or 3.4 percent from the FY 2007 continuing resolution level. The request will provide \$3.7 million to support 42 new grants that will continue research in AHRQ's 3 strategic plan goal areas and 10 research portfolios of work. Of this increase, \$3.7

million will support contracts related to the HHS Value-driven Health Care Initiative. AHRQ's Medical Expenditure Panel Survey is funded at \$55.3 million, maintaining the same level of support as the FY 2007 continuing resolution level. In addition, the FY 2008 request for the Effective Health Care Program continues AHRQ's \$15 million investment. For more information on AHRQ's FY 2008 budget request, go to <http://www.ahrq.gov/about/cj2008/cj2008.pdf>.

## **Coalition Seeks Crucial Funding Increase**

GSA recently joined with more than 150 health groups (who are part of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research) to request a \$4 billion increase for Function 500. This part of the budget primarily covers federal spending within the Departments of Education, Labor, and Health and Human Services for programs that directly provide — or assist states and localities in providing — services to young people and adults. This is a 7.8 percent increase over FY 2007. This number reflects the NIH community's consensus request of a 6.7 percent increase and also provides a 9.4 percent increase for non-NIH public health agencies. The group urged members of Congress to support this request, due to the number of cuts these critical agencies and programs have experienced in recent years.

# new resources

## **Ranch Gathering To Address Mid-Life Work Changes**

Registration is now available for "Your Encore: Getting Rewired for the Next Chapter," an age-related conference taking place the first week in July at the Ghost Ranch facility in Northern New Mexico. The meeting is aimed at mid-life individuals who are considering second careers or vocations. Registration is available at [www.ghost ranch.org](http://www.ghost ranch.org). For further information, contact GSA member Steve McConnell at [smcconne@verizon.net](mailto:smcconne@verizon.net) or call (202) 638-8660.

## **Free Data Chartbook Offers Aging Statistics**

The Federal Interagency Forum on Aging-Related Statistics has just released a new report, titled "Data Sources on Older Americans 2006." This publication highlights the contents of government-sponsored surveys and products containing statistical information about the older population. Single copies of this report are available at no charge through the National Center for Health Statistics while supplies last. Requests can be made by e-mailing [nchsquery@cdc.gov](mailto:nchsquery@cdc.gov) or by calling 1-866-441-6247. The report is also available on the Forum's website at [www.agingstats.gov](http://www.agingstats.gov).

## **Website Launched To Compile Flu Information**

The Scientific Planning Committee for the Seasonal & Pandemic Influenza 2006 Conference recently introduced a new online database for flu information. Found at [www.influenza-info.com](http://www.influenza-info.com), this venture is a comprehensive resource that includes CME-accredited modules, a library of published documents, links to related organizations and websites, and a calendar of events. The development of the site was made possible through education grants from Gilead Sciences, GlaxoSmithKline, Roche Laboratories, MedImmune, Sanofi Pasteur, Biota Holdings, and BioCryst Pharmaceuticals.

## **Pan American Congress Gears Up for 2007 Conference**

From May 20-24, 2007, The Pan American Congress on Geriatrics and Gerontology will hold its annual meeting — under the title "Honoring the Past while Preparing the Future." The purpose of this international conference is to bring the developing gerontology experts from across the Americas together for a forum to learn and share their experiences with the broader gerontological community. Up-to-date information and registration forms are available online at <http://geriatrics.uthscsa.edu/puebla2007/aboutconference.htm>.

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