April Newsletter

Recent Publications


UPCOMING EVENTS

Syracuse University 2014 Methodology Workshop: “Integrating Genetic Data into Social Science Research”
Presented by Jason Fletcher, University of Wisconsin
Friday, April 4, 312 Lyman Hall
9:00-12:00 AM: Workshop on genetic data, tools, and techniques
1:30-3:00 PM: Presentation of illustrative research study.

Both sessions are open to the University community.

AGING STUDIES INSTITUTE &
The State Society on Aging of New York presents
The Changing Face of Aging in New York State:
Education and Networking Opportunities for Students and Practitioners
April 10, 4–7 pm
312 Lyman Hall
Keynote Speaker:
Greg Olsen, Executive Deputy Director
New York State Office for the Aging
“New York State of the State in Aging”
Light refreshments will be served.

ASI Brown Bag Lunch Series
Katie McDonald, ASI Faculty Affiliate, “Including Vulnerable Populations in Research: Exploring Connections between Disability and Aging”
April 11, Noon—1:30pm
314A Lyman Hall

Economics of Health, Aging and Public Policy Seminar
Brent Kreider, Professor of Economics, Iowa State University, “Does the Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) Improve Infant Health Outcomes?” (with John Pepper and Manan Roy)
April 25, Noon—1:30PM
312 Lyman Hall

FYI

Congrats!!!

• Maria Brown and Luvenia Cowart (ASI affiliate) received the 2014-2015 breast health project grant from the Central New York Chapter of the Susan G. Komen Foundation, to fund the Genesis Health Project’s Breast Cancer Awareness and Education Program for African American Women.

• Alejandro Garcia for 35 years of service at Syracuse University!

Stop by #314M and welcome our Visiting Scholar:

Zhihui Sha, Ph.D., Economics
Associate Professor
Department of Social Security
School of Public Administration
Sichuan University, China

Research interests: Social Security; Social Risks; Public Policy; Retirement Plan
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TRANSITIONS

Chris Himes has accepted a position as Dean of the Lewis College of Human Sciences at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. This newly formed college within the University includes the humanities, social sciences, and psychology departments. Chris has been an esteemed faculty member in the Maxwell School since 1995 and served as the director of the Gerontology Program from 1998 – 2000. We wish her the best as she starts her new position on July 1.

AGING TRIVIA

True or false?

“Older adults are incapable of learning new information. In other words, “you can’t teach an old dog new tricks”

The answer will be posted in the May newsletter
Maria Brown and the Aging Studies Institute are among 18 institutional recipients of the 2014 Careers in Aging Week Awards.

The Gerontological Society of America (GSA), in partnership with The Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) and the Geriatric Social Work Initiative (GSWI), has announced 18 educational institutions who will be receiving the 2014 Careers in Aging Week awards. The awards provide $400 to support CIAW events that raise awareness about the exciting opportunities that careers in aging provide.

The Careers in Aging Week event at Syracuse University, to be held on April 10, 2014 from 4 to 7 pm, is an educational and networking program, entitled “The Changing Face of Aging in New York State.” The program consists of a keynote speaker and an interdisciplinary speakers’ panel of community practitioners working with older adults in different capacities, followed by a networking reception.

Kanika Arora attended the Stanford Workshop in Formal Demography March 24 + 25, 2014 in Palo Alto, CA. The focus was on formal demographic methods with applications to aging (including mortality change and disparity, and probabilistic forecasts of mortality, fertility, and population forecasts). Faculty in attendance included, among others Shripad Tuljapurkar (Stanford), Vladimir Canudas-Romo (Johns Hopkins), Tim Coulson (Oxford, UK), Jean-Michel Gaillard (Lyon, FR), Josh Goldstein (UCBerkeley), Ron Lee (UCBerkeley), and Samir Soneji. (Dartmouth).

Eric Kingson, ASI Faculty affiliate was quoted in New York Times article on Silver Revolution Copy and paste the link to your browser to read the article:


AGING TRIVIA ANSWERS

True or false:

With age comes wisdom.

Answer: Mostly False.

Wisdom is a very illusive concept. Few studies have been conducted concerning wisdom and age as wisdom is difficult to define. A few studies have sought to define the concept of wisdom and test for age differences. Research out of the Max Planck Institute in Berlin defines wisdom as an “expert judgment system in the fundamental pragmatics of life.” Individuals possessing wisdom exercise insight, judgment, self-knowledge, and the ability to effectively manage their lives. Using this definition, the research has not found that older adults perform any better than younger adults. In other words, there are individuals both young and old who possess wisdom. It should be noted however that some of the highest scorers were older adults.

-Linda M. Woolf, Ph.D.

Merrill Silverstein was quoted in a WSJ.com article on The Long (Long) Wait to Be a Grandparent As More Couples Delay Having Children, Ties Between Generations Are Feeling the Strain.

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