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# April Newsletter

## Recent Publications

- 2013 **Brown, M.T.** and Grossman, B.R.. Same-Sex Relationships in the National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project: Making a Case for Data Collection, *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, DOI: 10.1080/01634372.2013.865695.
- 2013 Morris, K.A., Chang, Q., Mohler, E.G., and **P.E. Gold**, (2013) "Age-related Memory Impairments Due to Reduced Blood Glucose Responses to Epinephrine," *Neurobiology of Aging* 31, 2136-2145.
- 2013 **Harrington Meyer, Madonna** and Chantell Frasier. "The Role of Public Policy in Meeting the Needs of Diverse Aging Populations." Pp 267-278 in *Gerontology: Perspectives and Issues, 4th Edition*. Janet Wilmoth and Kenneth Ferraro, Editors.
- 2013 **Harrington Meyer, Madonna**, "Changing Social Security in the US: Rising Insecurity?" in "Rethinking Retirement Incomes: Inequality and Policy Change in the UK and Anglo Saxon Countries," David Lain, Sarah Vickerstaff, Wendy Loretto, editors. *Social Policy and Society*, special issue (12,1): 135-146.
- 2014 Brennan-Ing, Mark, Liz Seidel, **Andrew S. London**, Sean Cahill, and Stephen E. Karpiak *Service Utilization among Older Adults with HIV: The Joint Association of Sexual Identity and Gender*.
- 2014 Miech, R.A., **London, A.S.**, **Janet M. Wilmoth**, and S. Koester, 2013. "The Effects of the Military's Anti-Drug Policies over the Life Course: The Case of Past-Year Hallucinogen Use." *Substance Use and Misuse*, 48: 837-853.
- 2013 **London, A.S.**, C.B. Frazier, "Crowded Living Conditions, Health, and Well-Being. Chapter 8 in Kevin M. Fitzpatrick (Ed.), *Poverty in America: Vol. 2: Place and Health among the Vulnerable*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.
- 2013 **Zoeckler, Jeanette**, Cibula, D., Morley, C., Lax, M., *Predictors for Return to Work for Those With Occupational Respiratory Disease: Clinical and Structural Factors*. *American Journal of Industrial Medicine*, 2013.



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# UPCOMING EVENTS



Jason Fletcher

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.*

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**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.*



Greg Olsen

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Katie McDonald

**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**

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Brent Kreider

**Economics of Health, Aging and  
 Public Policy Seminar**  
**Brent Kreider, Professor of  
 Economics, Iowa State University,**  
**"Does the Women, Infants, and Chil-  
 dren 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  
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**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



# ASI NEWS



**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.

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**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*.

Copy and paste the link to your browser to read the article:

[http://online.wsj.com/news/article\\_email/SB10001424052702303775504579395501172676002-1MjQjAxMTA0MDMwMTEzNDEyWj](http://online.wsj.com/news/article_email/SB10001424052702303775504579395501172676002-1MjQjAxMTA0MDMwMTEzNDEyWj)



**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 Tujlapurkar (Stanford), Vladimir Canudas-Romo (Johns Hopkins), Tiim 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:



<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/03/15/your-money/as-living-standards-for-seniors-decline-some-see-signs-of-silver-revolution.html?>

## 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.



**Madonna Harrington Meyer** presented a paper on "Intensive Grandparenting" at the Eastern Sociological Society meet-

ings in Baltimore. The paper is based on her new book, *Grandmothers at Work* (NYU 2014), about grandmothers who are working and providing care for non-custodial grandchildren. In addition to analyzing Health and Retirement Survey data, she conducted interviews with 48 non-custodial, working grandmothers. She found that many of the grandmothers were providing more care than their own mothers did, and more than they expected to provide. Historically grandmothers were expected to take kids for ice cream, bike rides, and fun walks while parents were supposed to worry about proper nutrition, good manners, and algebra. But over the past few decades, at least in some families, that role differentiation has been replaced by role convergence as many grandmothers reported driving, feeding, bathing, dressing, helping with homework, attending doctor visits, overseeing therapies, and much more. Many are taking the intensification of grandmothering duties in stride while some are wishing they were doing a lot less mothering and a lot more traditional or old-fashioned grandmothering.

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