



Syracuse University Aging Studies Institute

Aging Studies Institute Newsletter

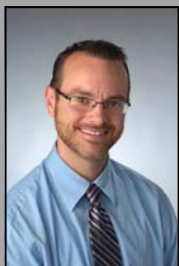
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Jennifer Karas Montez launches Policy, Place, and Population Health Lab



The Policy, Place, and Population Health Lab was established at ASI this spring. The lab brings together faculty and students to understand how the changing policy environment of U.S. states has affected the health and longevity of older adults.



Kevin Heffernan
Associate Professor
Exercise Science



Wes Lefferts
Ph.D. Student
Exercise Science

Kevin Heffernan and Wes Lefferts, from the Department of Exercise Science will be discussing

“Premature Vascular Aging”

Friday, April 20th

12:00–1:00pm

314 Lyman Hall

Light lunch will be served

ASI NEWS

Merril Silverstein publishes on religiosity and grandparents



In “[Linked Religious Lives Across Generational Time in Family Lineages Grandparents as Agents of Transmission](#),” a chapter in *Social Networks and the Life Course*, Merrill Silverstein and co-author Vern Bengtson examine the extent to which religiosity is stable across generations, specifically in order to understand how grandparents influence the religious orientations of their adolescent and young adult grandchildren.

Madonna Harrington Meyer publishes on Social Security reform in RSF JSS



“[A Targeted Minimum Benefit Plan: A New Proposal to Reduce Poverty Among Older Social Security Recipients](#),” co-authored by Madonna Harrington Meyer, was published in the *Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*. The authors propose an effective and relatively inexpensive targeted program to provide a minimally adequate floor to old-age income through the Social Security system. This minimum benefit plan would provide a cost-effective method for reducing elder poverty to very low levels.

Woosang Hwang winner of the 2018 Falk Student Research Celebration



For the second year in a row, PhD student Woosang Hwang is one of the winners of the Falk Student Research Celebration. He received this award for his poster titled, “[Unmarried Mothers’ Work-Family Conflict and Parenting Stress: Moderating effects of Nonstandard Work Schedules and Family Structure](#).”
<https://falk.syr.edu/falk-congratulates-student-research-celebration-winners/>

Maria Brown presents for University Wellness Initiative



On April 4, Maria Brown gave a lunch time talk for the University Wellness Initiative titled “[Living Longer. Better](#).” She discussed what you can do to practice healthy aging, avoiding or changing negative health behaviors, lifestyle choices as a predictor of how you age, and how it’s never too late to adopt a healthier lifestyle.

Jen Brooks receives STEM Fellowship and paper award



Jen Brooks was recently selected for a Syracuse University STEM Fellowship. Also, her publication “[Just a Little Respect: Differences in Job Satisfaction Among Individuals with and Without Disabilities](#)” in *Social Science Quarterly* won the 2017 graduate student best paper award of the Disability Section of the American Sociological Association.

Wencheng Zhang and Jennifer Karas Montez published in SS&M



PhD Student Wencheng Zhang and Jennifer Karas Montez recently published in *Social Science & Medicine*. The paper, “[Does College Major Matter for Women’s and Men’s Midlife Health: Examining the Horizontal Dimensions of Educational Attainment](#),” was also featured in the *Pacific Standard*.
<https://psmag.com/education/mammas-dont-let-your-babies-grow-up-to-be-psych-majors>

PUBLICATIONS

Recent Publications

Harrington Meyer, Madonna, and Mary Pagan. 2018. "Social Security." The Sage Encyclopedia of Lifespan Human Development, Marc H. Bornstein, editor. Sage Publications.

Harrington Meyer, Madonna, and Amira Kandic. 2017. "Grandparenting in the US." *Innovation in Aging*. 1(2): 1-10. doi: 10.1093/geroni/igx023

Landes, Scott D. , and Andrew S. London. 2018. "Self-Reported ADHD and Adult Health in the United States." *Journal of Attention Disorders*: Online First: 1-11. doi: 10.1177/1087054718757648.

Landes, Scott D., Monika Ardelt, and Ann T. Landes. 2018. "Exploring the Veteran Mortality Differential: The Influence of War Era and Smoking Behavior." Pp. 187-206 in *Long-Term Outcomes of Military Service: The Health and Well-Being of Aging Veterans*, edited by A. Spiro, R.A. Settersten and C. M. Aldwin. Washington, DC: APA.

Wilmoth, Janet M., Scott D. Landes, Andrew S. London, and Alair MacLean. 2018. "Recommendations for Defining Periods of Military Service and Corresponding Age-18 Cohorts." Online Appendix A in *Long-Term Outcomes of Military Service: The Health and Well-Being of Aging Veterans*, A. Spiro, R. A. Settersten and C.M. Aldwin. (Eds.) Washington, DC: APA.

Come Join Us!

ASI Year End Breakfast

Wednesday, May 2nd

9:00 -10:30 a.m.

312 Lyman Hall

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awards, personal accomplishments, jobs,
births, moving, etc. to

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