



Syracuse University Aging Studies Institute

Aging Studies Institute Newsletter

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Jennifer Karas Montez receives NIH Award

Congratulations to Jennifer Karas Montez who received an NIH award. The award is a 5-year \$1.3 million dollar grant on “Educational Attainment, Geography, and U.S. Adult Mortality Risk.”

Welcome new Sociology and ASI faculty member Scott Landes



Scott Landes is an Assistant Professor of Sociology and Faculty Associate of the Aging Studies Institute. Informed by his interest in medical sociology, aging and the life course, and disability theory, the majority of his research focuses on health and mortality trends across the life course for those with disability and for veterans.

To Learn more about Scott, click [here](#).

ASI offers exercise classes to mature adults in Syracuse



Movement for Healthy Aging staff and participants

Janet Wilmoth, Donna Korol and Mary Pagan have been collaborating on the Movement for Healthy Aging™ Initiative. With support from the New York State Department of Children and Family Services and the Health Foundation for Western and Central New York, over the past year a dance-based exercise program has been offered at four community-based locations in the Syracuse area, including Liverpool, the Southside, and the Near Westside.

PRESENTATIONS

Ageing Studies Institute faculty and students present at IAGG 2017

ASI faculty and students attended the 2017 IAGG conference in July located in San Francisco and presented on the following topics.

Cultural and Gendered Expectations of Latin American and Caribbean Grandmothers in the U.S.—Ynesse Abdul-Malak

Nativity Differences in Recovery and Deterioration in Late-Life Disability—Rebecca Wang

Constructing Transnational Families: Generational Ties, Filial Piety, and Caregiving Across Borders—Joonsik Yoon

Prevalence and Profile of Grandparents Providing Occasional Grandchild Care in the U.S.—Yooumi Lee

Entering or Exiting Grandchild Care During the Economic Crisis in the U.S.—Yooumi Lee

Comparative Study of Caregiving in China and Australia—Hal Kendig, Cathy Hong Gong, Merrill Silverstein

Building Connections Between Elder Law and Gerontology—Nina Kohn, Israel Doron, Maria Brown

Spiritual Development in Later Life: Perspectives from a 45-year Longitudinal Study—Vern Bengtson, Merrill Silverstein

Stepparent-Child Intergenerational Solidarity in 11 years: Moderating Role of Religious Discordance—Woosang Hwang, Merrill Silverstein, Maria Brown

Occupational Stress and Health Among Home Health Care Workers—Jeanette Zoekler

Grandchildren as Support and Care Providers to Older Adults in China—Merril Silverstein, Ling Xu

Childhood Disadvantage, Military Service, and Men's Self-Rated Health—Janet Wilmoth, Andrew London, Wendy Palmer

To learn more about IAGG 2017, click [here](#).



Janet Wilmoth with ASI students at IAGG 2017

ASI faculty and students attend the American Sociological Association meeting in Montreal

The 112th ASA Annual meeting took place, August 12-15 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. ASI faculty and students presented on the following topics:

Adults ADHD and Health: A Conceptual Model and Analysis - Scott Landes, Andrew London

The Influence of Religion on Intergenerational Solidarity in Eastern and Western Germany - Anja Steinbach, Merrill Silverstein

Mismatch and Academic Performance at America's Selective Colleges and Universities - Amy Lutz, Pamela Bennett, Rebecca Wang

Section on Aging and the Life Course. Matilda White Riley Session and Business Meeting - Madonna Harrington Meyer

To learn more about each topic, click [here](#).



ASA Section on Aging and the Life Course mentoring dinner

AWARDS

Madonna Harrington Meyer given the Matilda White Riley Distinguished Scholar Award



Harrington Meyer received the Matilda White Riley Distinguished Scholar Award from the American Sociological Association (ASA) Section on Aging and the Life Course (SALC). Madonna was given the award at the 2016 American Sociological Association meeting in Seattle and she gave the Matilda White Riley Distinguished Scholar Lecture at the 2017 ASA meetings in Montreal.

To learn more about the ASA meetings in Montreal, click [here](#).

Merril Silverstein elected to the Sociological Research Association



Congratulations to Merrill Silverstein, who has been elected to the Sociological Research Association, an honor society of sociological scholars founded in 1936. Membership invitations are extended to a limited number of sociologists each year, based on their long-term careers of distinguished research. As the officers of SRA noted: “SRA elections signifies the esteem of your colleagues in the profession and their enthusiasm for your scholarship.”

To learn more, click [here](#).

PhD student Jennifer Brooks receives ASA Grad Student Paper Award



Jennifer Brooks is the recipient of the American Sociological Association Disability and Society Section [2017 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award](#) for the paper, “Just a Little Respect: Differences in Job Satisfaction among Individuals With and Without Disabilities.”

To learn more , click [here](#).

Eric Kingson honored for his contributions to the National Academy of Social Insurance



Kingson, a founding board member of the Academy was 1 of 8 honorees at the Academy’s 30th Anniversary Celebration. He was recognized for both his dedication to the Academy and his role as a policy expert, researcher, educator, and for being a dedicated Social Security advocate.

ASI 2017-2018 EVENTS

Ellyn Riley, Assistant Professor, Communication Science & Disorders

"I know it starts with a 'T'...": What can tip-of-the-tongue state teach us about predicting errors in aphasia?

October 6, 12:00-1:00, 314 Lyman Hall

Center for Aging and Policy Studies (CAPS)/Cornell Population Center (CPC) Encore Conference

October 20, 10:00am-4:00pm, 312 Lyman Hall

Dianne Miller, Assistant Professor of Industrial and Interaction Design

"Design thinking workshop: Community supported caregiving"

November 3, 8:30am-4:30pm, 312 Lyman Hall

Advanced registration is required, contact Katherine Hills (kchills@syr.edu) to register

Silvia Sorensen, Associate Professor, University of Rochester

"Psychosocial interventions for older adults with vision loss: Research, practical, and policy implications"

December 1, 12:00-1:00, 312 Lyman Hall

ASI Holiday Luncheon

December 8, 12:00-1:30, 312 Lyman Hall

To be Announced

February 2, 12:00-1:00, 314 Lyman Hall

Kevin Heffernan, Associate Professor of Exercise Science & Wes Lefferts, PhD student

"Premature vascular aging"

March 2, 12:00-1:00, 314 Lyman Hall

Corinne Reczek, Associate Professor of Sociology, Ohio State University

"Queering aging"

April 6, 12:00-1:00, 312 Lyman Hall

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