



## SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY AGING STUDIES INSTITUTE

Aging Studies Institute Newsletter

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Group photo of the participants of the Aging Families/Changing Families International Conference

This summer, ASI hosted the Aging Families/Changing Families International Conference in partnership with the International Sociological Association (ISA) Research Committees on Aging and Family from June 3-6. More than 120 attendees participated in the three-day conference that included keynote speakers Martin Kohli, Ingrid Arnet Connidis and Andrew Cherlin. Seventeen sessions were held that featured presentations focused on research around aging and its impact on family life.

Check out the Maxwell Perspective article on the conference:  
<http://www.maxwell.syr.edu/news.aspx?id=124554058843>

To see photos from the conference go to: [http://info.maxwell.syr.edu/asi/afcf\\_photobook/](http://info.maxwell.syr.edu/asi/afcf_photobook/)

# ASI EVENTS

## ASI Brown Bags

### **Dawn Dow**

**October 2, 12:00-1:00pm, 314 Lyman Hall**

*"Unpacking Othermothering: An Examination of Kin-Provided Childcare in African American Middle-Class Families"*

### **Jennifer Karas Montez**

**October 9, 12:00-1:00pm, 314 Lyman Hall**

*"When Geography and Gender Collide: Explaining Inequalities in Adult Mortality among U.S. States"*

### **Donna Korol and Mary Pagan**

**November 13, 12:00-1:00pm, 314 Lyman Hall**

*"Movement for Healthy Aging"*

### **Azra Hromadzic**

**December 4, 12:00-1:00pm, 314 Lyman Hall**

*"Affective Labor: Work, Love, and Care for the Elderly in Post war and Post-socialist Bosnia-Herzegovina"*

## ASI Seminar



### **Ken R. Smith, University of Utah**

**October 8, 4:00-5:00pm, 312 Lyman Hall**

*"The Survival of WWI Veterans and Their Kin: An Analysis of Life Course Data of Veterans and Family Members Using the Utah Population Databases linked to the 1930 Census"*

## CAPS ENCORE Conference

Co-hosted with the Cornell Population Center

October 23, 2015  
Session times TBA  
312 Lyman Hall

## Join us at GSA

## ASI Reception

November 20, 2015

6:30—8:30pm

Orlando, FL, Swan Resort,  
Mockingbird 2

Visit Us at the Conference  
ASI Exhibit Booth #300

# ASI NEWS

## **Jennifer Karas Montez gives Capitol Hill Briefing**

Jennifer Karas Montez gave a briefing on Capitol Hill regarding the impact of Education on Mortality and Health. She was also invited by the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine to participate in an expert panel meeting on women's health and longevity. "Raising the Bar – the Health of American women: A National Perspective on Women's Health." The event will be held on September 25. Dr. Karas Montez will be presenting findings from her research that indicate disparities in women's mortality across the US states have grown considerably since the 1980's.

## **Dr. Alejandro Garcia is the recipient of the ALLSWE 2015 Life Achievement Award**

Dr. Garcia is the Recipient of the 2015 Association of Latina and Latino Social Work Educators (ALLSWE) Life Achievement Award. This award is given to individuals who have made highly significant contributions to social work education and scholarship that promote the well being of Latinas and Latinos over a long period of time.

Dr. Garcia will be presented with the award on Saturday, October 17th at the ALLSWE Annual Meeting and Reception which will take place at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel, Plaza Building-Director's Row H (Lobby Level) from 6:30-8:30pm. <http://allswe.org/>

## **Eric Kingson Awarded Donald P. Kent Award**

Eric Kingson, Ph.D. has been named the recipient of the 2015 Donald P. Kent Award. This award is given to a member of the Gerontological Society of America who best exemplifies the highest standards for professional leadership in gerontology through teaching, service, and interpretation of gerontology to the larger society.

## **Dr. Merrill Silverstein awarded \$1.49 million from John Templeton Foundation**

The John Templeton foundation awarded \$1.49 million grant to Merrill Silverstein Ph.D., the Marjorie Cantor Endowed Professor in Aging, for a three-year study entitled, "Religious Transitions, Transmissions, and Trajectories Among Baby-Boomers and their Families." Additionally, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) awarded Silverstein \$401,072 for the project, "Religiosity and Mortality Risk in Later Life."

Both projects focus on positive outcomes for older individuals, their families, and society related to religious engagement in later life. Given the rapidly growing older population and concerns about the viability of families as conduits from transmitting and preserving religious traditions, the research project provides much-needed data analysis on a major social issue confronting families today.

For more information go to:

<http://asi.syr.edu/news/>

## **Kingson running for Congress**

At 69, Eric Kingson has announced that he will be running for Congress. He is the co-founder of the successful national organization, Social Security Works and coalition, the Strengthen Social Security Coalition. Kingson will run for elective office to serve as Representative of New York's 24th Congressional District.

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com>

**Submit your news items,**

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

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## Welcome New Students



Jennifer Brooks



Molly Checksfield



Woosang Hwang



Raghav Puri



Jordan Stanley



Joonsik Yoon



Wencheng Zhang



## Welcome Linda Kridahl



Linda Kridahl is a PhD student in Sociological Demography at the Department of Sociology at Stockholm University. Linda has a Masters in Demography and a Bachelor of Social Science from Stockholm University. Her research interests are retirement timing and motivations to retire, with specific focus on leisure activities, grandchildren and family relations. Linda will be here at ASI working alongside Merrill Silverstein until February.

### Recent Publications

Douglas A. Wolf, Vicki A. Freedman, Jan I. Ondrich, Christopher L. Seplaki, and Brenda C. Spillman. 2015.

**Editor's choice: Disability Trajectories at the End of Life: A "Countdown" Model**

Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences, 10 (5): 745-752

Janet M. Wilmoth, Andrew S. London, and Christine Himes. 2015. **"Inter-Cohort Variation in the Consequences of U.S. Military Service on Men's Body Mass Index Trajectories in Mid-to Late-Life."** Pp.133-154 in Claudine Burton-Jeangros, Stephane Cullati, Amanda Sacker and David Blaine (Eds.). A life course perspective on health trajectories and transitions. Springer Pub.

Janet M. Wilmoth, Andrew S. London, and Colleen M. Heflin. 2015. **"The Use of VA Disability Benefits and Social Security Disability Insurance among Veterans."** Disability and Health Journal, 8: 388-396.

(The following are contributed chapters to Handbook of Aging and the Social Sciences, which Doug Wolf and Janet Wilmoth were associate editors)

Janet M. Wilmoth and Andrew S. London. 2015. **"The Influence of Military Service on Aging."** Pp. 227-250 in George, L and Ferraro, K (Eds.) Handbook of Aging and the Social Sciences. Boston: Elsevier.

Douglas A. Wolf. 2015. **"Late-Life Disability Trends and Trajectories."** Pp. 77-79. Handbook of Aging and Social Sciences. Boston: Elsevier.