



# Syracuse University

## Aging Studies Institute

Aging Studies Institute Newsletter

Spring 2019

Inside this issue: 1. ASI News 2. News/Publications 3. Events

## **Jennifer Karas Montez , Doug Wolf, and Shannon Monnat awarded grant from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**

Jennifer Karas Montez, Doug Wolf, and Shannon Monnat were awarded a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for a project entitled “Local Initiatives, State Preemption, and Public Health.”

The Aim of this project is to elucidate for which demographic groups, and in which types of communities , state preemption policies have facilitated or undermined the creation of healthier more equitable lives and communities. Using county-level health data from multiple sources and rigorous casual analysis methods, we will identify links between two domains of state preemption laws - labor/economic resources (minimum wages; paid leave) and the physical environment (hydraulic fracking; pesticide use) - and several infant and adult health outcomes that are likely to exhibit near - term responses to preemption exposure.

To learn more click [here](#).

## **Maria Brown Leads Aging Studies Institute’s community collaboration to benefit older adults living at home with cognitive decline**

A recently launched pilot project to screen for cognitive decline as part of routine community health services currently offered to older adults is expected to demonstrate the benefits of early detection of Alzheimer’s Disease and other dementias (AD/D). One major goal of the project is to keep Syracuse-area adults aged 65 and older healthy and living safely in their homes for as long as possible.

A \$51,110 grant was awarded by the Health Foundation for Western and Central New York for the project, “Early Identification of Cognitive Impairment in Older Adults Living at Home.” The study focuses on adults aged 65+ who are served by select community programs in Syracuse neighborhoods with high concentrations of poverty and high proportions of older adults. Led by Dr. Maria Brown, assistant research professor in Falk College’s School of Social Work and faculty associate in Syracuse University’s Aging Studies Institute (ASI), project partners include ASI, The Onondaga County Office for Aging, SUNY Upstate’s Center of Excellence for Alzheimer’s Disease, Syracuse Community Connections, and the Central New York Citizens Aging Research and Action Network (CNY-CAN).

To learn more click [here](#).

# ASI NEWS

## Maria Brown featured on the Intentional Performers podcast



Maria Brown was interviewed by Brian Levenson on the Intentional Performers podcast. On the podcast Brown discusses the trials and tribulations she has faced throughout her journey from an adolescent to adulthood.

To listen to the podcast click [here](#).

## Scott Landes and Dalton Stevens published in BMJ Open



Scott Landes and Dalton Stevens, along with Peggy Turk from SUNY Upstate, have a new publication in BMJ Open titled, "Obscuring effect of coding developmental disability as the underlying cause of death on mortality trends for adults with developmental disability: a cross-sectional study using US Mortality Data from 2012 to 2016."

To read the publication click [here](#).

## Recent Publications

Landes, S.D. and Weng, S. 2019. Racial-Ethnic Differences in Turnover Intent among Home Health Aides. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*. Online First. doi: 10.1177/0733464819827806.

<https://journals.sagepub.com/eprint/Z2SbmAi7IZyQukNxMPZi/full#articleCitationDownloadContainer>

Silverstein, M. and Zhang, W. 2019. Grandparents' financial contributions to grandchildren in rural China: The role of remittances, household structure, and patrilineal culture. *The Journals of Gerontology: Series B*. Advance online publication.

<https://doi.org/10.1093/geronb/gbz009>

Kohn, N., Brown, M. T., and Doron, I. 2018. Building Bridges between Gerontology and Elder Law. *Gerontology*, doi: [10.1159/000489883](https://doi.org/10.1159/000489883)

Landes, S.D., London, A., and Wilmoth, J. 2018. Mortality Among Veterans and Non-veterans: Does Type of Health Care Coverage Matter? *Population Research and Policy Review*. 37(4):517-37 doi: [10.1007/s11113-018-9468-2](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11113-018-9468-2).

Hwang, W., Silverstein, M., and Brown, M. T. 2018. Parent-Adult Child Religious Discordance: Consequences for Intergenerational Solidarity Across Several Decades, *Journal of Family Issues*, 39(6), 1545-1572, doi: [10.1177/0192513X17710775](https://doi.org/10.1177/0192513X17710775).

Brown, M. T. and McElroy, J. A. 2018. Unmet Support Needs of Sexual and Gender Minority Breast Cancer Survivors. *Supportive Care in Cancer*, 26(4), 1189-1196, doi: [10.1007/s00520-017-3941-z](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00520-017-3941-z).

Brown, M.T. and Wolf, D.A. 2018. Prevalence of Mental Illness and Dementia among Medicare Beneficiaries in the Health and Retirement Study. *Research on Aging*, 40(7): 668-686, doi: [10.1177/0164027517728554](https://doi.org/10.1177/0164027517728554).

# ASI EVENTS

## ASI SEMINAR

Kenneth Ferraro , Distinguished Professor of Sociology at Purdue University



Discussing

*“Frontiers in the Science of Aging”*

Friday, April 5

12:00-1:00pm

312 Lyman Hall

Kenneth Ferraro is a Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Director of Center on Aging and the Life Course at Purdue University. Professor Ferraro uses a life course perspective to study health inequality and recently developed cumulative inequality theory for the study of aging, stratification, and health. His topical areas of research include racial/ethnic disparities, obesity, and the early origins of adult health.

Ferraro has twice founded gerontology programs, at Northern Illinois University and Purdue University. He regularly teaches courses on medical sociology and the sociology of aging. He became a fellow of the Gerontological Society of America in 1990 and of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education in 1997. Ferraro was named Distinguished Professor of Sociology at Purdue University in 2008, received the Distinguished Mentor Award from the Gerontological Society of America in 2011, and the Matilda White Riley Distinguished Scholar Award from the American Sociological Association Section on Aging and the Life Course in 2014. He served as Editor of *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* from 2006 - 2009. To learn more about Dr. Ferraro's scholarship, please go to <https://www.purdue.edu/aging/ferraro/>.

Come Join Us!

***ASI Year End Breakfast***

Friday, May 3rd

9:00 -10:30 a.m.

312 Lyman Hall