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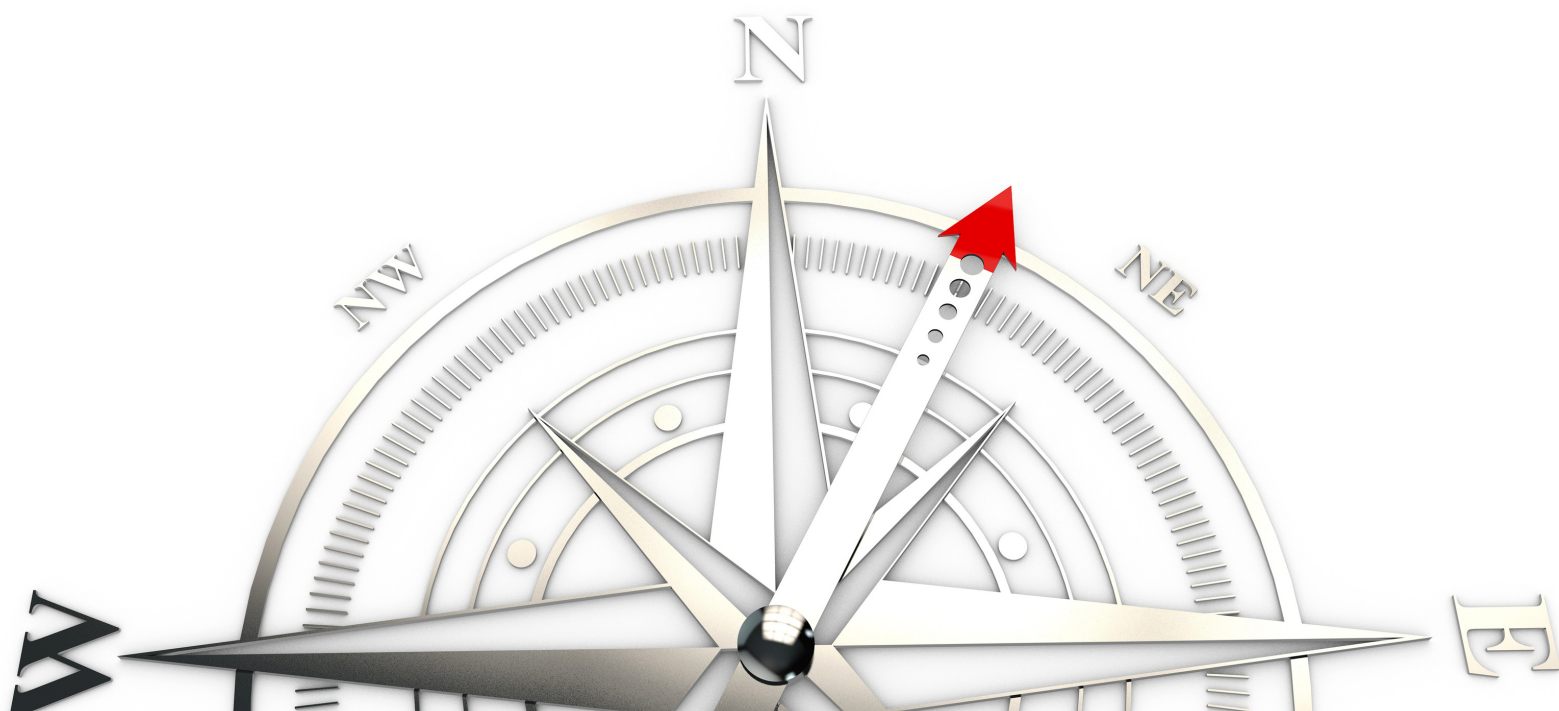


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TIME	LOCATION	TITLE	DOMAIN	PRESENTER (S)
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM	REGISTRATION DESK	REGISTRATION DESK OPEN & SILENT AUCTION INTAKE		
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	REUNION E/F	PRESIDENT'S OPENING - BUILDING RESILIENT AGING: INNOVATION, PARTNERSHIP, AND PURPOSE		<i>Dr. Ethlyn Gibson, Old Dominion University</i>
3:30 PM – 4:45 PM	REUNION E/F	WE CAN DO BETTER: AGE-FRIENDLY HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE		<i>Dr. Eduardo Sanchez, American Heart Association</i>

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5:00 PM – 6:30 PM	REUNION G/H	POSTER SESSION A		
		1. A Developmental Perspective of Older Adults' Interactions with Traditional, Complementary, and Alternative Medicine (Student Poster)	A H	<i>Lauren Chrzanowski, University of Louisville</i>
		2. A Science of Learning Informed Intervention for Carers of People Living with Dementia (Student Poster)	H C G	<i>Ariana Elsdon, Texas Christian University</i>
		3 This poster is no longer being presented.		
		4. Attitudes of Rural Seniors towards Ambient Assisted Living Systems (AALS)	H C D	<i>Dr. Cory Roberts, Stephen F. Austin State University</i>
		5. Beyond 911: Preventing Falls Before the Next Call	H	<i>Dr. Sara Murphy, University of North Texas Health Science Center</i>
		6. Beyond Survival: Integrating Palliative Care to Improve Quality of Life for Older Adults Living with Liver Cirrhosis (Student Poster)	H	<i>Mercy Agbona, University of North Texas</i>
		7. College Students' Perceptions of Hospice and Palliative Care: Implications for Gerontological Education (Student Poster)	G	<i>Arti Patel, University of North Carolina Charlotte</i>
		8. Comparison of Physical Disability Prevalence Between Older Veterans and Non-Veterans in the United States	H	<i>Dr. Benjamin Ansa, Augusta University</i>
		9. Common Medications in Older Adults Have a Differing Effect on Inflammatory Responses to a Dual Exercise/Cognitive Task (Student Poster)	H	<i>Saria Pinkston, University of North Carolina Wilmington</i>
		10. Daily Associations of Neighborhood Quality and Overall Perceived Stress (Student Poster)	A H	<i>Alexa C. Allan, The Pennsylvania State University</i>

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5:00 PM – 6:30 PM	REUNION G/H	POSTER SESSION A		
		11. Dementia Hospitalization Outcomes in Older Adults with Blindness and Vision Defects: Mediation by Pre-existing Health Conditions (Student Poster)	A H C	<i>Amos Mareverwa, Dr. Garikayi Chemhaka, Juliana Abude-Aribo & Dr. Rongfang Zhan, University of North Texas</i>
		12. Diabetes Care at the Intersection of Age, Race, Ethnicity, and Geography within the Southeastern Region of Virginia	H C D	<i>Dr. Moushumi Roy, Texas College</i>
		13. Does Leisure-Time Physical Activity Buffer the Negative Impact of Alcohol Use on Loneliness in Older Adults?	H	<i>Dr. Jungjoo Lee, Texas A&M University</i>
		14. Evaluating the Integrated Memory Care in Community Program on Reducing Alzheimer's Symptoms and Caregiver Distress (Student Poster)	H C	<i>Iris Chung, Emory University</i>
		15. Evaluating the Musical Biographies Program: A Multi-Sensory Approach to Enhancing Well-Being in Dementia Care	H C	<i>Dr. Ann Mayo, University of San Diego Caytre Ede, University of California San Diego</i>
		16. Exercise And Multimodal Interventions for Fall Risk Reduction in Older Adults with Diabetes: A Systematic Review of Randomized Controlled Trials (Student Poster)	H C	<i>Vera Kusi, Georgia State University</i>
		17. Exploring the Role of Electroretinography (ERG) for Predicting Cognitive Change (Student Poster)	H	<i>Isaiah Osei Duah Junior, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University</i>
		18. Faith Through the Practice of Self-Reconciliation: Improving Physical and Mental Health Outcomes Among Women Aging-In-Prison	A H	<i>Alex Bishop, Oklahoma State University</i>
		19. Feasibility and Validation Pilot: Does Local EHR Data Reflect National Hospital Utilization Patterns Among Persons Living with Dementia (PLWD)	H	<i>Dr. Stephanie Bennett, Emory University</i>
		20 This poster is no longer being presented.		
		21. Increasing Older Adult Vaccination Awareness and Uptake through a Community Engagement Initiative in Texas	H D	<i>Dr. Matthew Lee Smith, Texas A&M University</i>


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5:00 PM – 6:30 PM	REUNION G/H	POSTER SESSION A		
		22. Influence of Acute Exercise Bouts on Biomarkers and Cognitive Functioning in Older Adults (Student Poster)	H	<i>Madison Croucher, University of North Carolina Wilmington</i>
		23. Interaction Effect of Education and Neuropathology on Cognition: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis (Student Poster)	H	<i>Yuan Yang, Stony Brook University</i>
		24. Intergenerational Caregiving and Role Strain Among Older Adults in Single-Parent Families (Student Poster)	A H C D	<i>Habiba Raffi, University of North Carolina Charlotte</i>
		25. Leisure Activities as Modifiable Correlates of Objective Sleep in Older Adults (Student Poster)	H D	<i>Lauren Saurbaugh, Clemson University</i>
		26. Life Balance Disruption and Health Outcomes Among Family Caregivers of Older Adults: Evidence from NHATS/NSOC Round 13 (Student Poster)	C	<i>Clinton Gyimah, University of Pittsburgh</i>
		27. Mindfulness, Knowledge, and Family Conversations About Dementia: Insights from Intergenerational Rural Families (Student Poster)	H C	<i>Allison M. Walton, Clemson University</i>
		28. Navigating Crisis Across Ages: Community Perspectives on Emergency Preparedness in Five Refugee Populations (Student Poster)	C D	<i>Erreannau Zellous, Miami University</i>
		29. Obesity, Mobility Limitations, and Cognitive Decline Among Older Adults in the United States: Investigating Interrelated Risk Pathways (Student Poster)	H	<i>Khunza Asma, University of South Florida</i>
		30. The Development of the Arlington Healthy Brain Collaboratory: Advancing Research, Education, and Outreach Through Community Health Workers	H	<i>Dr. Noelle Fields, Dr. Denise Hernandez & Dr. Tracy Greer, The University of Texas at Arlington</i>

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7:00 AM – 5:30 PM	REGISTRATION DESK	REGISTRATION DESK OPEN & SILENT AUCTION INTAKE		
7:15 AM – 8:15 PM	COTTON BOWL	STUDENT NETWORKING BREAKFAST (Separate Registration Required)		
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM		CONCURRENT SESSION A		
	REUNION E/F	PRESIDENT'S SPOTLIGHT SESSION - Bridge Youth: A Culturally Responsive Workforce Pathway for Adolescent Dementia Caregivers of Color	C D	<i>Dr. Bashir Easter & Jarett Fields, Melanin Minded</i>
	PEGASUS A	ENCORE COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT SESSION - The Crime of the 21st Century: Elder Abuse & Exploitation	A	<i>Julie Krawczyk, The Senior Source</i>
	REUNION A	Amplifying Voices in Aging: Building Advocacy for Older Adults through Brand & Marketing Strategies	A	<i>Robert Yanks, Andy Suggs & Travis Sharp, Reckon Branding</i>
	REUNION B	A Roadmap for Program Development in Aging Studies at the University of South Florida	G	<i>Dr. Nasreen Sadeq, Dr. Debra Dobbs & Dr. Daniel Meng, University of South Florida</i>
	REUNION C	Sing for Life: How Choral Singing Supports Healthy Aging	H	<i>Joshua Vickery, Encore Creativity for Older Adults</i>
9:45 AM – 11:15 AM		CONCURRENT SESSION B		
	REUNION E/F	PRESIDENT'S SPOTLIGHT SESSION - Innovative Advocacy Approaches for and by Older Black Americans: Two Unique Examples	A D	<i>Dr. Ronit Elk, University of Alabama, Birmingham C. Nathaniel Brown, Expose Dementia Pastor J.R. Finney, Covenant Church Pastor Geraldine Daniels, Southside CME Church Linda Michelle Trainer</i>
	PEGASUS A	Emotional Wellbeing & Brain Health Awareness Among Aging Farmers in North Carolina: Methods and Preliminary Results from the Aging Farmers Health Study	H	<i>Dr. Cassandra Germain, Dr. Shuang Li & Rajan Owens, North Carolina A&T State University</i>


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TIME	LOCATION	TITLE	DOMAIN	PRESENTER (S)
9:45 AM – 11:15 AM		CONCURRENT SESSION B		
	REUNION A	Building the Geriatrics Workforce Across Settings: GWEP Innovations in Dementia Care and Long-Term Care Education		
		<i>Experiential Learning to Strengthen Dementia Care Partnerships</i>	Ⓒ	<i>Dr. Guillermina Solis & Andrew Vernon, The University of Texas at El Paso</i>
		<i>Preparing BSN Students for Long-Term Care Practice</i>	Ⓔ	<i>Dr. Kimberly Delgado, East Carolina University</i>
	REUNION B	Community Strategies for Health Promotion and Resilient Aging Paper Session		
		<i>A Systematic Review of Caregiver-reported Barriers and Facilitators to Deprescribing in Older Adults with Dementia</i>	Ⓗ	<i>Dr. Tara Klinedinst, University of Oklahoma Health Campus</i>
		<i>A Community Based Approach to Providing Age Friendly Care in Rural Communities</i>	Ⓒ Ⓔ	<i>Dr. Denise Hernandez, University of Texas at Arlington</i>
		 Growing More Than Food: Community Gardens as Practice-Based Innovations for Resilient Aging	Ⓗ	<i>Dr. Kyle Bower, Cardinal Direction Qualitative Research Consulting Dr. Cynthia Hancock & Lauren Hultquist, University of North Carolina at Charlotte</i>
		<i>Health Literacy: The Foundation of Health (Student Paper)</i>	Ⓗ	<i>Dr. Miriam Watts, Texas A&M University</i>
	REUNION C	Exploring Social Determinants of Health in the Black American United Memory and Aging Project (BA-UMAP)	Ⓗ Ⓓ	<i>Dr. Angela Sardina, Lauren Saurbaugh & Lena G. Simon, Clemson University Alexa C. Allan, The Pennsylvania State University Dr. Roland Thorpe, Jr., Johns Hopkins University</i>
11:15 AM – 11:45 PM		EXHIBITOR BREAK		
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12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	REUNION D/E	KEYNOTE LUNCH - ANCHORS OF RESILIENCE: ADVOCATING FOR CREATIVITY AND COMMUNITY IN DEMENTIA CARE		<i>Dr. Marc Rothman, Lizzy Care</i>
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM		CONCURRENT SESSION C		
	REUNION E/F	Advancing Dementia Diagnosis and Care Pathways Paper Session		
		<i>Early Diagnosis, Lower Costs: The Impact of Georgia Memory Net</i>	H	<i>Emerald Anglin, Emory University</i>
		<i>From Assessment to Engagement: Supporting Care Partners Working with Individuals with Moderate to Severe Dementia (Student Paper)</i>	C	<i>Stephanie Richings & Dr. Natalie Douglas, University of Louisiana at Lafayette</i>
		<i>Improving Palliative Dementia Care through Evidence-Based Caregiver Guides and a Caregiver Communication Toolkit</i>	H C	<i>Dr. Meredith Troutman-Jordan, University of North Carolina at Charlotte</i>
		<i>Before You Accept the Diagnosis: Identifying Medication-Induced Cognitive Decline in Older Adults</i>	H C	<i>Dr. Jered Yalung, Options Home Care</i>
	PEGASUS A	Factors Shaping Health and Wellness in Later Life Paper Session		
		<i>Aging With Diabetes: Factors Associated with Self-Perceptions of Aging in Later Life (Student Paper)</i>	H	<i>Rejina Akter, Miami University</i>
		<i>Self-reported Hearing Loss, Insomnia Symptoms, and Sleep Medication Use Among Older Adults: National Estimate (Student Paper)</i>	H	<i>Girish Hemrajani, University of South Florida</i>
		<i>Impact of Mirabegron on Urinary Incontinence Management in Adult Women with Cognitive Impairment at a Long-Term Care Facility (Student Paper)</i>	H	<i>Alp Turgut, University of Alabama at Birmingham</i>
		<i>Transitions from Long-Term Care Facilities to Rehabilitation Hospitals: Diagnoses and Outcomes (Student Paper)</i>	A H C	<i>Juliana Abude-Arifo & Dr. Rongfang Zhan, University of North Texas</i>


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TIME	LOCATION	TITLE	DOMAIN	PRESENTER (S)
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM		CONCURRENT SESSION C		
	REUNION A	Technology as a Tool and a Barrier Paper Session		
		<i>The Digital Divide in Healthcare: The Older Adult Perspective (Student Paper)</i>	H	Dr. Miriam Watts, Texas A&M University
		<i>Digital Ageism in Online Mental Health Directories: Misalignment Between “Geriatric and Seniors” Filters and Older Adults’ Mental Health Information Wants/Needs</i>	A H D	Dr. Kristina Shiroma, Louisiana State University
		<i>Immersive Virtual Reality (VR) Experiences: A Beneficial Intervention for the Mental Health of Older Adults</i>	H	Dr. Robyn Jordan, University of Louisiana Monroe
		<i>Designing a Custom GPT Model for Black Dementia Caregivers: Proof of Concept Testing</i>	C	Dr. Stephanie Bennett, Emory University
	REUNION B	From Classroom to Career: Preparing a Culturally Responsive Gerontology Workforce	G	
		<i>Integrating Cultural Humility and the 5 Rs into Gerontology Education and Age-Friendly Care</i>		Jennie de la Cruz, Mercer University
		 <i>Preparing the Next Generation of Aging Services Professionals through Career Readiness Competencies</i>		Dr. Cynthia Hancock & Arti Patel, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
	REUNION C	Preparing and Sustaining the Aging Services Workforce Paper Session		
		<i>The Use and Implementation of Microcredentials in Aging Studies Curriculum</i>	G	Dr. Louise Murray, Erickson School of Aging Studies, University of Maryland Baltimore County
		<i>Fugitive Pedagogy for Aging Education</i>	D G	Dr. Jocelyn Brown, Ohio University
		The presenters were unable to attend so this presentation is not available.		


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3:15 PM – 4:15 PM		CONCURRENT SESSION D		
	REUNION E/F	PRESIDENT'S SPOTLIGHT SESSION - Navigator: A Dementia-Capable Transportation Model to Support Aging in Place and Caregiver Well-Being	C D	<i>Dr. Bashir Easter & Jarett Fields, Melanin Minded</i>
	PEGASUS A	 Does Stakeholder Input Matter? Alignment Between SGS Regional Priorities and Southern State Plans on Aging	H C	<i>Dr. Kyle Bower, Cardinal Direction Qualitative Consulting Dr. David Hage, Florida Gulf Coast University Karen Appert, NC Caregiving Collaborative</i>
	REUNION B	Memory Stations in Motion: Scaling Intergenerational Programming through Library and College Partnerships	H D C	<i>Rick Voight, Vivid-Pix Dr. Cory Roberts, Panola College</i>
		The presenters were unable to attend so this presentation is not available.		
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM				
	REUNION E/F	The Power of Occupation: Why Meaningful Engagement Is Critical for People Living with Dementia and How to Implement Strategies for Participation	H	<i>Dr. Laura Novak, Texas Christian University</i>
	PEGASUS A	Neither Wife nor Widow: Acknowledging Caregiver Emotions and Creating Opportunities for Support	H C C	<i>Dale Sherburne</i>
	REUNION A	WHY, WHEN and HOW should a Researcher Partner Equitably with Older Black Adults? An introduction to a Social Justice Partnership Approach	D C	<i>Dr. Ronit Elk & Dr. Raymond Jones, University of Alabama, Birmingham</i>



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4:30 PM – 5:30 PM		CONCURRENT SESSION E		
		The presenters were unable to attend so this presentation is not available.		
	REUNION C	Empowering Dementia Initiatives through Data and Community Partnerships	H	<i>Dr. Qian Huang & Dr. Kayla Alvis, East Tennessee State University Rochelle Roberts, Tennessee Department of Health</i>
5:45 PM – 7:15 PM	REUNION G/H	POSTER SESSION B		
		1. Bored or Lonely: Preliminary Analysis of the Minet Boredom Scale	A H	<i>Joseph Kim, Oklahoma State University</i>
		2. Building Age- and Dementia-Friendly Communities Across Texas Through Workforce Training and Education	H	<i>Dr. Sara Murphy, University of North Texas Health Science Center</i>
		3. Intentions to Create and Plan for Future Care Needs	C	<i>Dr. A. Katherine (Katie) Harrington, Virginia Wesleyan University</i>
		4. Mask Use as Modifiers of Occupational Exposure and Neurodegenerative Plasma Biomarkers after the World Trade Center Disaster: A Cross-Sectional Study (Student Poster)	H	<i>Yuan Yang, Stony Brook University</i>
		5. The Role of the Memory Alteration Test in Identifying Early Executive Function Changes in Aging Adults	H	<i>Dr. Sachin Saju & Dr. Sara Murphy, University of North Texas Health Science Center</i>
		6. This poster is no longer being presented.		
		7. Opportunities to Enhance Assisted Living Facility Care Quality Through Interprofessional Education	C G	<i>Dr. David Hage & Dr. Rekha Pudur, Florida Gulf Coast University</i>
		8. Oral Health Expenditures in Aging Adults: Implications for Resilient Aging and Long-Term Health Outcomes (Student Poster)	A H D	<i>Keerthiga Devi Ramesh Babu, University of North Texas</i>

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5:45 PM – 7:15 PM	REUNION G/H	POSTER SESSION B		
		9. Portraits of Aging: Using Creativity to Enhance Gerontological Learning (Student Poster)	G	<i>Ashley Tabachnick, University of South Florida</i>
		10. Prepared but Forgotten: A Narrative Policy Review of Disaster Preparedness and Implications for Older Adults' Mental Health in Underserved U.S. Communities (Student Poster)	H	<i>Uche Nwatu, University of Alabama</i>
		11. Program Innovation as Scholarship: Leveraging AI for Systematic Gerontology Program Assessment	G	<i>Dr. Maureen Templeman, Missouri State University</i>
		12. Promoting Brain Health in Community Settings: Findings from a Faith-Based Brain Wellness Program (Student Poster)	H D	<i>Adam Mohammed, University of Virginia</i>
		13. This poster is no longer being presented.		
		14. Roots, Wisdom, And Wellness: Black/African American Women's Perspectives and Attitudes on Perimenopause, Health Literacy, and Help-Seeking in Midlife (Student Poster)	D	<i>Tonya Henighan, Liberty University</i>
		15. Safe Enough to Thrive: Applying a Dignity of Risk Framework in Late-Life Mental Health Care	A H G	<i>Dr. William McKenna, Piedmont Geriatric Hospital</i>
		16. Sleep Disruption as a Modifiable Contributor to Cognitive and Behavioral Symptoms in Dementia: A Literature Synthesis (Student Poster)	H	<i>Mary Jones, Georgia State University</i>
		17. Supporting Nutrition and Health Among Older Adults Through Food Assistance Programs in Times of Crisis (Student Poster)	H	<i>Mercy Ayoola Agbona, Ganette Apeadu-Baah & Ranjani Priya Ravinuthala, University of North Texas</i>
		18. Telehealth Adoption Is Associated with Online Access to Patient Medical Records: A National Study of US Older Adults (Student Poster)	A H D	<i>Ebenezer Kyeremeh, Drexel University</i>
		19. The Associations between Perceived Stress, Protective Factors, and Cognition (Student Poster)	H D	<i>Lena Simon, Clemson University</i>

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5:45 PM – 7:15 PM	REUNION G/H	POSTER SESSION B		
		20. The Emotional Fatigue of Zoom: Age and Surface Acting in Online Meetings (Student Poster)	H	<i>Lauren Hultquist, University of North Carolina Charlotte</i>
		21. The Moderating Role of Demographic Characteristics in Computerized Useful Field of View Cognitive Intervention Effectiveness: The Everyday Function Intervention Trial (EFIT) (Student Poster)	H D	<i>Allison Walton, Clemson University</i>
		22. The Politics of Conspiracies: Age, Political Identity, and Distrust of the Government (Student Poster)	A H	<i>Taylor Pope, Purdue University</i>
		23. The Role of Informal Caregivers in Supporting Assisted Living Residents with Advanced Dementia: Implications for Caregivers' Overall Well-Being	C	<i>Dr. Jeffrey Lentz, Emory University</i>
		24. The Relationship between Organizational Culture and Implementation of Person-Centered Dementia Care in Long-term Care Facilities (Student Poster)	H C	<i>Maharshini Bommagouni, University of North Texas</i>
		25. This poster is no longer being presented.		
		26. Understanding Aging Through Immersion: Nursing Home Experience for Third-Year Medical Students	C	<i>Dr. Chidinma Aniemeke, UT Health San Antonio</i>
		27. Understanding Self-Care among Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	C	<i>Dr. Bert Hayslip, University of North Texas</i>
		28. Exploring Food Security for Older Adults: Stakeholder Perspectives on Food Availability, Affordability, Accessibility, and Acceptability in North Texas (Student Poster)	A	<i>Benjamin Sesay, University of Texas at Arlington</i>
		29. Repair as Stability Infrastructure: Grant-Funded Ecosystems and Later-Life Housing Stability in Memphis (Student Poster)	A H	<i>Emmanuel Bosompem Boadi, University of Memphis</i>
		30. Staying Put Under Disinvestment: Housing Adequacy, Cost Burden, and Later-Life Residential Stability in Memphis (Student Poster)	A	<i>Emmanuel Bosompem Boadi, University of Memphis</i>
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TIME	LOCATION	TITLE	DOMAIN	PRESENTER (S)
7:00 AM – 5:30 PM	REGISTRATION DESK	REGISTRATION DESK OPEN		
7:00 AM – 9:00 AM	REUNION E/F	SGS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING BREAKFAST		
9:15 AM – 10:45 AM		CONCURRENT SESSION F		
	REUNION E/F	Affirming Care and Empowered Decision-Making in LGBTQIA+ Aging		
		<i>Transforming Choices: Navigating Healthcare Decisions with Transgender Older Adults</i>	A H D	Dr. Lauren Catlett, University of Virginia
		<i>Chosen Family, Chosen Care: Caregiving Among the LGBTQIA+ Spectrum</i>	C D	Dr. Jeffrey Lentz, Emory University
	PEGASUS A	Innovations in Cognitive Assessment, Intervention, and Biological Markers of Memory Impairment		
		<i>Effectiveness of AI-Guided Technology-Assisted Cognitive Therapy in Improving Memory in Mild to Moderate Dementia and Traumatic Brain Injury</i>	H D G	Dr. Suresh Kumar, Young Scientist of America 501(c)(3)
		<i>Diagnostic Accuracy of a Digitally Assisted Mobile Cognitive Assessment for Memory Impairment</i>	H	Dr. Jenil Patel & Dr. Suresh Kumar, Young Scientist of America 501(c)(3)
		<i>Association of Vitamin D and Homocysteine with Cognitive Impairment and Beta-Amyloid Regulation in Late-Onset Alzheimer's Disease</i>	H	Anbu Subramanian & Dr. Suresh Kumar, Young Scientist of America 501(c)(3)

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TIME	LOCATION	TITLE	DOMAIN	PRESENTER (S)
9:15 AM – 10:45 AM		CONCURRENT SESSION F		
	REUNION A	Aging Across Cultural Contexts and the Life Course Paper Session		
		<i>Retirement Readiness, Health Challenges, and Plans for Old Age Among Aging African Immigrants in the United States: An Intersectional Approach</i>	A D	Ami Moore, University of North Texas
		<i>Pregnancy Loss Across the Black Woman's Life Course</i>	H D	Dr. Jocelyn Brown, Ohio University
		<i>Aging Beyond Borders: Life-Course and Cultural Perspectives from Nepal for Global and U.S. Gerontology</i>	D	Dr. Saruna Ghimire, Miami University
		<i>Aging in New Homelands: Designing Culturally Responsive Mental Health Support Across the Life Course for Refugee Populations</i>	D	Dr. Saruna Ghimire, Miami University
	REUNION B	Care Partners and Care System Paper Session		
		<i>Caregiver Conversations about Dementia Primary Care: A Novel Educational Strategy for Improvement</i>	G	Dr. Annie Rhodes & Kimberly Ivey, Virginia Commonwealth University
		<i>Frontotemporal Dementia Care Partners' Navigation of the Criminal Legal System</i>	G	Dr. Victoria Helmly, Georgia State University
		<i>Beyond the Classroom and into Community: Preparing Healthcare Workers to Care for Patients with Dementia While Supporting Caregivers</i>	G	Dr. Caitlin Torrence, Western Carolina University
		<i>The Roles of Home Care Aides in Older Adult Medical Care</i>	G	Dr. Jordan Skowronski, East Carolina University

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TIME	LOCATION	TITLE	DOMAIN	PRESENTER (S)
9:15 AM – 10:45 AM		CONCURRENT SESSION F		
	REUNION C	Inequality, Representation, and Voice in Aging Paper Session		
		<i>Racial Discrimination Accelerates Age-Related Increases in Serum Neurofilament Light Chain among African American Women: Examination of Change from Midlife to Older Adulthood</i>	D	<i>Dr. Man Kit Lei, University of Georgia</i>
		<i>Media Framing of Older Adults During COVID-19 Around the World: An Integrative Review (Student Paper)</i>	D	<i>Jhazzmyn Joiner, Georgia State University</i>
		<i>Nothing About Us Without Us: Co-Teaching Dementia Care with People Living with Dementia</i>	G	<i>Dr. Michelle Kimzey, Texas Christian University</i>
		 <i>Centering Voices: Comparing Participant and Care Partner Perspectives on Adult Day Program Goals (Student Paper)</i>	H G	<i>Erreannau Zellous, Miami University</i>
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM		CONCURRENT SESSION G		
	REUNION E/F	Cross-Sectoral Impact: Advancing a Rural Age-Friendly Ecosystem	D	<i>Dr. Kina White, KLV Consulting, LLC</i>
	PEGASUS A	 Sigma Phi Omega 2.0: Renewed, Refreshed, Re-Energized	G	<i>Dr. Amanda E. Sokan MEZCOPH, University of Arizona Dr. Aaron Hagedorn & Monica Gonzalez, USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology Lauren Price, University of Maryland, Baltimore County</i>
	REUNION A	Stories Drive Change: Using Film to Navigate a Personal Journey	H	<i>Dr. Anne Dickerson, East Carolina University</i>
	REUNION B	A Home Unraveling: The Hidden Cognitive, Physical, and Social Causes of Dangerous Living Conditions in Aging Adults	A H	<i>Jennifer Snyder, Neat as a Pin Organizing Experts</i>
	REUNION C	Building Bridges to Longevity: Integrating Physician-Led Education and Community Wellness within a Metropolitan Health System	H	<i>Dr. Laura Motta-Mena, Methodist Health System</i>

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TIME	LOCATION	TITLE	DOMAIN	PRESENTER (S)
12:00 PM – 2:30 PM		 SGS/SPO AWARDS CEREMONY		
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM		EXHIBITOR BREAK		
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	PEGASUS B	SILENT AUCTION		
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM		CONCURRENT SESSION H		
	REUNION E/F	 Delivering on High Quality Care in Long-Term Care During Uncertain Times: What Matters?	Ⓒ	<i>Dr. Christopher Kelly, University of Nebraska at Omaha Dr. Sandi Lane, University of North Carolina at Charlotte Dr. Jennifer Craft Morgan & Dr. Candace Kemp, Georgia State University</i>
	PEGASUS A	How to Publish: A Discussion with the Editor-in-Chief of Journal of Applied Gerontology	Ⓒ	<i>Dr. Debra Dobbs, University of South Florida</i>
	REUNION A	Building the Case for Gerontology Education in Workforce Development	Ⓗ	<i>Dr. Judith Sugar & Dr. Donna Schafer, National Association for Professional Gerontologists Dr. Robert Maiden, Alfred University Maria Henke, University of Southern California</i>
	REUNION B	Social Relationships, Intimacy, and Emotional Well-Being Paper Session		
		<i>Educational Attainment and Social Isolation Trajectories from Midlife to Later Life in Four High- and Middle-Income Countries</i>	Ⓗ	<i>Dr. Zhiyong Lin, University of Texas at San Antonio</i>
		<i>Calling Out My Own Name: Masturbation and Aging (Student Paper)</i>	Ⓗ	<i>Jhazzmyn Joiner, Georgia State University</i>
		<i>Theory of Mind and Cognitive Resilience Among Older Adults: A Scoping Review (Student Paper)</i>	Ⓗ	<i>Evelyn Egyir Lee & Sonya Williams, Georgia State University</i>
		<i>Social Connectedness and Cognitive Functioning in Community-Dwelling Older Adults: The Mediating Role of Information and Communication Technology and the Moderating Effects of Age Cohort and Gender (Student Paper)</i>	Ⓗ Ⓓ	<i>Rongfang Zhan, University of North Texas</i>

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TIME	LOCATION	TITLE	DOMAIN	PRESENTER (S)
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM		CONCURRENT SESSION H		
	REUNION C	Navigating Loss, Health, and Decisions in Later Life Paper Session		
		<i>Navigating Advocacy at the Intersection of Dementia, Autonomy, and End-of-Life Decision-Making: A Practice-Based Case Study</i>	A	Dr. Kathy Siepker & Soeun Jang, The University of Texas at Arlington Venieca Kusek
		<i>Modifiable Mechanisms for Improving Advance Care Planning in Older Adults: A Systematic Review of U.S. Interventional Trials</i>	A H C D G	Saroj Adhikari, University of North Texas
		<i>Fulfilling End-of-Life Dreams: A Scoping Review of Bucket Lists in Palliative and Hospice Care (Student Paper)</i>	A H D	Swasati Handique, University of Texas at Arlington
		<i>Grief and Its Impact on Physical and Mental Health Among Older Adults: Findings from the National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project (Student Paper)</i>	H D	Swasati Handique, University of Texas at Arlington
4:45 PM – 5:45 PM		CONCURRENT SESSION I		
	REUNION E/F	The Longevity Manifesto: Engineering Legislative ROI and Transformative Governance in the Southern Landscape	A	Dr. TimMarie (Chloe) Williams, University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine
	PEGASUS A	The Effects of Racism on the Brain and Healthy Aging	D	Sonja Gunter
	REUNION A	More Than a Move: Closing Practice Gaps and Cultivating Resilience in Later-Life Relocation	H G	Tach Branch-Dogans, University of North Texas
	REUNION C	New Advances in Alzheimer's Treatments	H	Jenni Knutson, OliveBranch Seniors
6:00 PM	PEGASUS B	SILENT AUCTION FINAL BIDS		

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SUNDAY APRIL 12				
TIME	LOCATION	TITLE	DOMAIN	PRESENTER (S)
7:30 AM – 11:30 AM	REGISTRATION DESK	REGISTRATION DESK OPEN		
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM	REUNION E/F	CLOSING BREAKFAST SESSION - WHAT STILL REMAINS: USING MUSIC TO ACTIVATE RESILIENCE, CONNECTION, AND PURPOSE IN AGING		<i>Kaylie Glenn, The Day By Day Project</i>

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Comparing Memory Exercises and Cholinesterase Inhibitors in Women Aged 65+ With Alzheimer’s Disease: A Systematic Review dressing Physical Inactivity in Older Adults: Socioecological Barriers and Solutions Across Rural Communities (Student Paper)

Madeleine Banks, Tyson Keyser, Nhu Pham & Dr. TimMarie (Chloe’) Williams, University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine



Efficacy of Spinal Fusion Versus Radiofrequency Ablation for Degenerative Lumbar Spondylolisthesis in the Geriatric Population: A Systematic Review

Carlos Chavez Hernandez, Summer Nerkowski, Opemipo Sanyaolu & Dr. TimMarie (Chloe’) Williams, University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine



Improving Health and Well-being by Preventing Sexual Violence Against Older Adults Through a Web-Based Ending Violence Across the Lifespan (EVAL) Bystander Training

Dr. Michelle Hand, George Mason University



Supporting Those Who Care: Resources and Services for Family Caregivers of Older Adults

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The Efficacy of Structured High-Intensity Exercise vs. Usual Care on Bone Mineral Density in Postmenopausal Women: A Systematic Review

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