

34th Annual Ohio Professional and Student Conference On Aging

BRIDGING GERONTOLOGICAL RESEARCH & PRACTICE:

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THE STATE OF TRANSLATIONAL
RESEARCH IN OHIO

CALL FOR PAPERS

March 26, 2010

at

Kent Student Center
Kent State University
Kent, Ohio



**Ohio Association of Gerontology
and Education**

A conference for students, educators, researchers, practitioners, administrators, and planners in the field of aging. The conference is sponsored by the Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education (OAGE) and is hosted by Kent State University, the Human Development Center and the College of Education, Health, & Human Services at Kent State University.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Join us for the 34th annual Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education conference to be held this year at Kent State University located in Kent, Ohio. Kent State, one of the public Ohio universities for undergraduate and graduate students, is ranked by the Carnegie Foundation among the nation's top 77 public research universities, and among the 76 top colleges and top universities in community engagement. It serves more than 34,000 students university wide. It is one of the largest Ohio universities and offers classes and degree programs for regional, national and international students interested in thousands of career pursuits.

OAGE and Kent State have joined together to host this year's conference **Bridging Gerontological Research & Practice: *The State of Translational Research in Ohio***. This theme encourages appreciation of how gerontological researchers and practitioners in our state work jointly to improve the well-being of older Ohioans. The conference will take place on Friday, March 26, 2009 at the Student Center on the main campus of Kent State University.

Highlights

The keynote speaker will be Steven H. Zarit, Ph.D. Professor and Head of the Department of Human Development & Family Studies at Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Zarit is internationally known for his applied research on family caregiving for the elderly; health and functioning of the oldest old; development of prevention and treatment programs for mental health problems in later life; and cross-national comparisons of old age care systems.

A plenary session moderated by Ohio Department of Aging Director, Barbara E. Riley, will examine the state of translational research in Ohio as discussed by panel members Senator Capri Cafaro (Ohio State Senate); Sonia Alemagno, Ph.D. (Interim Dean, KSU College of Public Health, and Richard Browdie (President/CEO of the Benjamin Rose Institute).

Individual papers, posters, symposia, workshops, and roundtable discussions will also be featured at the conference.

A special poster section will be devoted to presentations responding to the call for BOLD IDEAS generated by the Aging Matters Initiative that began at last year's OAGE conference to recognize individuals who are "thinking outside of the box" when it comes to research/projects/programs that are relevant to aging.

THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY AND EDUCATION

The Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education (OAGE) is a membership organization that serves as a resource to the aging network

Mission Statement

OAGE is an association of educators, researchers, professionals, and students in Ohio dedicated to gerontological education, research and practice. The organization promotes gerontological education, supports Ohio's aging network as a resource for research and practice, and provides professional development for students, faculty and professionals. OAGE is committed to maintaining close working relationships with the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Area Agencies on Aging, Ohio's post secondary institutions, and all professional organizations and individuals in the aging network.

For more information about OAGE:

Visit the OAGE website for more information about the organization and the upcoming conference:

www.oage.org

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Deadline: January 15, 2010

Acceptable formats include papers, workshops, symposia, and posters. Paper presentations will be grouped with similar topics, with 10-12 minutes allotted to each presenter. Symposia (comprised of 3-4 members) and interactive workshops will be restricted to one hour. Abstracts based on best practice, empirical research, policy analysis, theoretical ideas, innovative programs, and/or conceptually original literature reviews are welcome. Submissions related to the conference theme are encouraged.

Instructions:

Submit by electronic mail to lovett@ohioaging.org. The abstract may be included in the body of the e-mail or sent as an attachment in Microsoft Word. Please include all of the following information in **the below format**:

- Full Name
- Organization
- Mailing address
- E-mail address
- Phone number
- Presentation preference: paper, interactive workshop, poster or symposium

BODY OF ABSTRACT (Text limited to 200-250 words)

- Title of presentation
- Primary and any Co-Author/Presenter name(s), Title, Organization, Affiliation & Contact Information
- Purpose statement
- Abstracts based on empirical research should provide specific information about the problem studied, sample, study design, and findings.
- Descriptive narrative. If you are submitting a workshop, then state objectives.
- Indicate if you are interested in participating in the "GO BOLD" section of the poster session.
- If you are a student, indicate if you plan to submit a full paper or poster to be considered for the student
- awards (see description of awards below) along with your faculty advisor's name and contact information.

"GO BOLD" session submissions should specifically address the question "If our success is completely guaranteed, what bold steps will we choose to move aging education, research, and services forward in Ohio?" by including a description of how your submission is relevant to researchers/practitioners/other stakeholders.

An email confirmation will be sent upon receipt of your abstract. If you do not receive a confirmation within 5 working days of submission, please contact Penny Lovett at the Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging (614). 481-3511.

NOTE: Presenters must register and pay conference fees by March 5, 2010.

STUDENT AWARDS

Cash awards will be given for the outstanding student paper in each of the following categories:

- Jerome Kaplan Award for best graduate student paper
- Arnedia Smith Award for best undergraduate student paper
- Outstanding Student Paper on conference theme

Papers and posters may be created specifically for the conference or may be a modification of current work such as a class paper, project, thesis, or dissertation. Students whose abstracts are accepted for presentation and who wish to be considered for the cash awards must submit the final paper by **March 1, 2010**. If a student wishes a poster to be considered, a paper must be submitted based on the poster.

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