



UNCG Gerontology Research Network

Facilitating Transdisciplinary Aging-related Research at UNCG

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Dr. Remle!

-Dr. Corey Remle joins the staff as a postdoctoral scholar working on the Oral Health and Cognitive Function research project directed by Dr. Wu. He received his Ph.D. in Sociology from Duke University. His other research examines when and how often older parents give financial assistance to their adult children and stepchildren. He taught Families in Later Life and Sociology of Health & Illness at Wake Forest University during the 2008-2009 school year.

LOCAL

PTCOG Area Agency on Aging *Info Attached*

-We are in the initial planning stage for our 2010 Aging Conference. The theme is Project 2020: Charting the Future. The purpose of the conference is to provide opportunities for professionals and students in the aging network to **increase awareness** of trends and applied research; **network and collaborate** with professionals across disciplines, organizations and the continuum of aging services; **explore** how to plan, implement and evaluate programs and best practices; and **discuss** pressing issues and policies that will impact quality of life for older adults in North Carolina.

-At this time we are seeking suggestions for best practices worth sharing, local and national presentations and/or speakers.

-Please direct any suggestions to Adrienne Calhoun, Aging Program Planner at acalhoun@ptcog.org or call 336-294-4950.

-Also, if you or a staff member would like to serve on the planning committee for the conference let me know. Volunteers are welcome.

STATE

Hospice and Palliative Care Center *Registration attached*

-"The Nearing Death Experience: Spiritual Transformation at End of Life," to be held October 30, 2009 at the Williams Education and Counseling Center, on the Hospice & Palliative Care Center campus.

-The goal of the conference is to develop the skills of those who provide spiritual care to the dying. Speakers experienced in the hospice field will discuss: The Nearing Death Experience (keynote address), Anticipatory Grief: A Journey of Hope and Healing, Healing Images of God, Creating a Sacred Space / Taking on the Role of Midwife, Beyond Amazing Grace: Exploring the Use of Music in Spiritual Care, Helping Families When Pediatric Death Approaches

- 101 Hospice Lane, Winston-Salem, NC 27103, 336-768-3972

ITEMS OF INTEREST

What is a Healthy Brain? *Fact Sheet Attached*

-Hot off the press! The promotional fact sheet about the special issue of The Gerontologist- What is a Healthy Brain? New Research Explores Perceptions of Cognitive Health Among Diverse Older Adults.

-This was a collaborative effort. Dr. Wu was involved in 7 articles in the issue.