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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **New Email Address for GRN Newsletter**

The UNCG Gerontology Department is using a new email address to send out and receive information for the GRN Newsletter to maintain organization and cut down on bounce-back emails. The new email address is: [uncg.grnmailings@gmail.com](mailto:uncg.grnmailings@gmail.com), not [shjohns2@uncg.edu](mailto:shjohns2@uncg.edu). We look forward to more emails from you with information to include in the Newsletter, using this new email address. Thank you.

### **Congratulations to Jane Myers, Ph.D.**

Dr. Myers (Counseling and Educational Development) who has been selected by the NC Counseling Association to receive its most prestigious honor, the Ella Stephens Barrett award.

### **“Alzheimer’s From the Inside Out:” Dr. Richard Taylor’s Newsletter**

To read his January 2011 Newsletter, please visit his website: <http://www.richardtaylorphd.com> and enter in your email in the sign-up box.

In January’s issue he discussed the lack of good, beneficial medications for people with dementia and Alzheimer’s Disease, and how these people are working towards a “pipeline” of such useful pills in the (hopefully near) future.

Dr. Taylor’s newsletters are always insightful and informative and give the unique viewpoint of a highly-educated man with this diagnosis. I cannot post any of Dr. Taylor’s actual newsletter information in this newsletter as he wants only subscribers to read them, but I highly recommend that everyone sign up to receive them electronically if they have not done so already.

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## NEWS - LOCAL

### **Area Agency on Aging: "Connecting the Pieces" \*Flyers Attached\***

Program Title: “Connecting the Pieces.”

Program Description: a program about diversity in older and disabled adults.

Location: The International Civil Rights Museum in downtown Greensboro

Date: February 11, 2011.

Cost: \$10, which includes a tour of the Civil Rights Museum.

Join the Area Agencies on Aging: Region G (Alamance, Caswell, Davidson, Guilford, Montgomery, Randolph, Rockingham counties) and Region I (Davie, Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, Yadkin counties).

For more information, please visit <http://www.ptcog.org/aaa/index.php>.



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## **“Gen Silent:” Area Agency on LGBT Elderly and Equal Treatment \*Attachment\***

Presentation Name: “Gen Silent”

When: Sunday, March 13, 2011 at 8:00pm

Where: a/perture Cinema; 311 West Fourth St. Winston-Salem

NEW Registration Deadline: February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Description: a new LGBT documentary from award-winning director and documentary filmmaker Stu Maddux.

Description: What would you do if you were old, disabled or ill, and the person who was feeding you put down the spoon and explained that you are going to hell unless you change your sexual orientation? Sound absurd? According to social workers, it’s happening every day.

Contact: Holli Ward (336) 761-2111

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## NEWS - STATE

### **NC General Assembly 2011 Session: From the Journal “Friends of Residents in Long Term Care.”**

#### Overview

The 2011 Session of the NC General Assembly opened on January 26th and began its deliberations facing a budget deficit estimated at \$3.7 billion. Most advocacy interests hope to "hold the line" rather than promoting interests that will need additional or new appropriations.

The North Carolina Study Commission on Aging met in its final session on Tuesday and approved their report and recommendations. The Study Commission made 12 recommendations in these areas:

1. Maintain HCCBG Funding
2. Maintain Funding for Project C.A.R.E., Senior Centers, and Adult Protective Services
3. Baby Boomer Preparation
4. Nurse Aide Training
5. Direct Care Worker Wage and Benefit Study
6. Task Force on Fraud Against Older Adults
7. Co-Location Task Force—Adult Care Home to Independent Supported Housing
8. Co-Location Task Force—Appropriation to Increase Housing Options
9. Co-Location Task Force—Appropriation for Standardized Preadmission Screening, Assessment, and Care Planning
10. Co-Location Task Force—Adult Care Home Direct Care Worker Training
11. Co-Location Task Force—Support IOM Report Recommendations
12. Extend the Task Force on Guidelines for Consumers with Hearing Loss

To view the Study Commission's Executive Summary and Full Report, Go to: *NC Study Commission on Aging Report to the Governor and the 2011 Regular Session of the of the General Assembly.*



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## **NC General Assembly 2011 Session: From the Journal “Friends of Residents in Long Term Care.” (Continued).**

### A Report of the NCIOM Task Force on the Co-Location of Different Populations in Adult Care Homes

Aging Study Commission Recommendations 8 through 11 came in response to a report presented by the NC Institute of Medicine coming from the Task Force on the Co-Location of Different Populations in Adult Care Homes. "Friends of Residents in Long Term Care" was represented in the deliberations of this task force.

The Task Force developed nine recommendations including recommendations to improve and strengthen the current system as well as recommendations to increase housing and support options for people with disabilities so they can live more independently.

Two recommendations were designated as priority recommendations. Those were:

1. The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) should develop a pilot program to evaluate the costs, quality, consumer satisfaction, and patient outcomes of a program that supports individuals who would otherwise be in an adult or family care home and who want to move into independent supported housing; and
2. Requiring Standardized Preadmission Screening, Level of Services, and Assessment Instruments in Adult and Family Care Homes and 122C Facilities (Mental Health Group Homes)

To view a full copy of the NCIOM Task Force Report and recommendations go to: [Task Force Report](#).

### AARP expresses concerns over voter ID impact

From 1/28/11 [AARP NC](#) “News from the Capital” e-newsletter:

Legislation requiring photo identification in order to vote is expected to be introduced in the General Assembly in the first week of the session. Election officials state that voter fraud occurs with less than five votes out of every million cast. AARP is concerned that this requirement *may establish barriers for older adults and people with disabilities who may not have a driver’s license or other photo identification.*

Many residents of assisted living facilities or nursing homes do not have photo IDs. If legislation is established requiring photo identification, the State of North Carolina should be responsible for paying for any costs associated with obtaining an ID. A greater opportunity for voter fraud is with absentee voting, since these voters do not have to show any ID, or appear before an election official. Voting illegally in North Carolina is a felony under the current law, and voters are required to provide identification to register to vote.



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NEWS - NATIONAL

## **Professional Development Opportunity: Research Presentation**

For the first time, the Conference on Aging: Aging Well in Mind, Body and Spirit will have a poster session for individuals to present their research on a topic pertaining to the aging population. Conference attendees will include professionals and caregivers working with the aging population as well as members of the community interested in learning more about themselves or their loved ones. Posters offer the opportunity to present information and have substantive discussions with interested colleagues. The audience circulates among the posters, stopping to discuss papers of particular interest to them. Authors present their information using a visual medium with key points from their research.

Who's eligible: qualified students and faculty. Posters will be judged on the quality of research and presentation of that research. If your poster is chosen, you may attend the conference at a reduced rate of \$25 for students and \$55 for non-students. An award will be given to the Best Overall Poster and the winner will receive a \$50 dollar gift card to a national chain store. All successful posters will be shared with attendees at designated times during the day-long conference on May 24, 2011.

Date and Location: May 24, 2011 at Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, VA.

Poster Submission Deadline: March 15th, 2011. All submitters will be notified via e-mail by mid-April, 2011 of the acceptance or rejection of the submission.

Proposal Review and Selection: All submissions will be reviewed and evaluated by members of the 2011 Conference on Aging Planning Committee. Upon review, we may ask for additional information if necessary for clarification purposes. If your poster is accepted, please do not substantially change the content of the presentation from what was indicated in the initial proposal.

Submitter Responsibilities: Although a presentation may have multiple authors, only the person who submits the proposal will receive correspondence relating to the submission. It is the responsibility of the submitter to inform poster co-authors of their proposal status and other relevant information. Only the submitter will receive notification of the proposal's acceptance and detailed information on scheduling and logistics, etc. The submitter must notify all presenters that they must be registered for the conference in order to present. Please note that registration fees are reduced for all of the poster's presenters.

To Submit a Poster: Please provide the following information in order to submit a poster.

1. Poster title
2. 2.Presenter and Co-Author Information (in order of authorship; limited to 6 authors)
  - a. Name of each author with credentials (i.e. M.S., PhD, etc.)
  - b. University or business affiliation of each author
  - c. Email address for each author
  - d. Phone number for each author
3. Abstract (maximum 500 words) summarizing the research/topic you plan to present in the poster session.

More Information: Files sent electronically should be one of the following: .pdf, .doc, or .docx. Send information electronically to: Dr. Alisha Walker Marciano at [Marciano.a@lynchburg.edu](mailto:Marciano.a@lynchburg.edu).



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Please use "Conference on Aging Poster Session" as the subject header.

You may also mail the materials to the address below. All submissions must be postmarked by March 15th, 2011.

For additional information contact:

Dr. Alisha Walker Marciano. Poster Program Chair. Lynchburg College. 1501 Lakeside Drive. Lynchburg, VA 24501.

Phone: 434-544-8088 Fax: 434-544-8669

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### **Research Award: The University Libraries**

The University Libraries have established a \$500 Undergraduate Research Award to recognize student work that has demonstrated excellent use of library and information resources.

They are soliciting submissions for work that was completed in Spring, Summer or Fall 2010.

If you have student work that you feel meets the criteria of the award please submit it for consideration.

Deadline: March 1, 2011

More information: [http://library.uncg.edu/info/undergraduate\\_research\\_award.aspx](http://library.uncg.edu/info/undergraduate_research_award.aspx).

In addition, listen to an interview with Mary Robinson, winner of the 1st award in 2010, and her professor, Dr. Christine Woodward from the Theatre Department:

<http://iminervapodcast.blogspot.com>.

### **Pet Partners**

#### Upcoming CarePartners Training

Date: February 2nd, 2011

Time: 1pm-4pm

Location: ACE Administrative Office. 11 B Oak Branch Drive. Greensboro, NC 27407

For More Information: contact Marketta Williams: (336) 274-3559 (phone) or [mwilliams@ACEcare.org](mailto:mwilliams@ACEcare.org) (email).

Example of the Impact of a Pet Partner: Sam is a quiet and humble man with a mischievous twinkle in his eye. He is a husband, a father of three children with disabilities, and a veteran of the Korean War. Sam worked hard for most of his life to support his family on limited wages from a chain store. He is now 86 years old and has Alzheimer's disease. Sadie, his wife, is his primary caregiver. Her poor health and limited support system compounded with the constant demands of caregiving make life very difficult for both of them.

Sam, like Sadie, is very spiritual. He can no longer attend church but he still enjoys listening to gospel music and reading the Bible. Sadie, however, loves attending church and meeting with her friends but won't because Sam can't be left at home alone. A CarePartners at Home volunteer,



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spending a few hours on Sunday mornings with Sam, will allow his wife a chance to have a break and get the spiritual support she desperately needs.

## Will you be a friend and Pet/CarePartner?

- CarePartners at Home pairs individuals with families who are caring for loved ones with a chronic illness.
- Not only does this give the caregiver a break, it provides a friend for their loved one.
- Volunteers are given extensive training and ongoing support and do not have to provide any nursing or hands on care.

Schedules and time commitments are flexible and the rewards are great.

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