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Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services, Grand Rapids, MI

Pine Rest & GECM conference focuses on best practices in aging

The Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services and GECM Best Practices in Aging Conference will be held April 26-27, 2012, at the Pine Rest Postma Center in Grand Rapids, MI. In keeping with the conference tradition, it will focus on an interdisciplinary approach to assessment and care of older adults.

Didactic sessions in this two-day conference will begin with an opening session by Frederic C. Blow, PhD, Professor in Psychiatry, University of Michigan, speaking on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Issues in Older Patients. Other topics include: Hearing Loss and Aging; Oral Health Implications for Individuals with Dementia; Determining Decision-Making Capacity in Older Adults; Caring for the Caregivers of Individuals with Dementia; Basics of Diabetes Management; & Health Literacy: Improving Communication Between Health Care Professionals. The closing keynote speaker is Larry Lawhorne, MD, presenting on Transitions in Care: The Present and the Future. Throughout the two-day conference, featured speakers include experts from academic institutions and experienced clinical geriatric practitioners.

A unique feature of this conference is the opportunity for participants to collaborate in round table discussions centering on case studies to facilitate problem-solving and promote communication between professionals from different disciplines. The conference offers continuing education units for dentists, dental auxiliary professionals, nurses, physicians, and social workers. Further details and registration information can be found at www.pinerest.org/event-gecm.

Finger Lakes Geriatric Education Center

University of Rochester Medical Center

Laura M. Robinson, MPH

The Finger Lakes Geriatric Education Center (FLGEC), a collaborative based in Rochester, NY, has published an article on the need for additional educational supports for new and practicing social workers in the field of developmental disabilities. The article, Growing Health Disparities for Persons Who Are Aging with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: The Social Work Linchpin, was published in the *Journal of Gerontological Social Work* in a special issue on Aging and Disability in Feb. 2012. Laura Robinson, Jason Dauenhauer and Kathleen Bishop of the FLGEC were co-authors on the article that describes the current status of social work education in NYS and the impact on services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. To view the article, please email Laura Robinson at LauraM_Robinson@urmc.rochester.edu. Laura will send it to you via email.

Miami Area Geriatric Education Center (MAGEC)

Kathia Fermin, Staff Associate

The Miami Area Geriatric Education Center (MAGEC) is committed to reducing falls in the South Florida senior community. One prong of our approach to this objective was to initiate a local Fall Prevention Coalition, which includes representation from several key Southeast Florida organizations that interact with older residents. At a recent Call to Action Meeting in Broward County, the South Florida Fall Prevention Coalition raised the bar for this year by presenting a collaboration model made up of health care professionals and community leaders that will effectively work toward a decrease in the number of falls in our senior community. The open forum was hosted and held at the Broward ADRC in Sunrise, Florida. It was attended by representatives from the Broward Sheriff's Office, Divisions of Fire Rescue, Focal Point Senior Centers, Broward County Health Department, North Broward Medical Center, City of Hallandale, City of Miramar, the YMCA, and the Health Foundation of South Florida. These entities pledged their help in implementing the fall prevention plan. Key ideas discussed include: creating a media campaign and recruiting a local celebrity to help increase attention to fall prevention issues; running PSAs; and, creating a task force of health care professionals, first responders and community social services (such as EMS, hospital community relations, condo associations, faith based organizations, and home health agencies to name a few). The next open forum will move south to Miami-Dade County in late March, inviting similar groups to join this collaborative education effort for fall prevention in South Florida. With respect to continuing education, MAGEC is looking forward to our first 2012 *Advances in Geriatrics Conference: Life in the 3rd Third – Understanding Our Oldest Elders*, on Thursday, March 22, 2012 at the Hilton Deerfield Beach / Boca Raton offering up to 7 CEUs to attending participants. For the first time we expect to also be offering live distance learning! Upcoming in the spring on the MAGEC calendar are Intensive Geriatric Training Modules for: Mental Health on April 10, 11 & 12 at the Miami VA Medical Center; Nursing on April 13, 20 & 27 at Florida Atlantic University; and, Social Work on May 4, 11 & 18 at Barry University. All three discipline specific modules offer health care professionals the opportunity to earn up to 20 CEUs.

Pacific Islands Geriatric Education Center

Rory Thein, Project Coordinator

Practice Improvement in Education Project

The Pacific Islands GEC is implementing a Practice Improvement in Education (PIE) project in nursing homes, in collaboration with the California Geriatric Education Center (CGEC) and the Consortium of New York Geriatric Education Centers (CNYGEC). The educational sessions began in October 2011 and will continue monthly until April 2012, in 5 Nursing Homes in Honolulu. The goal of the project is to build capacity within partnering facilities to create and sustain interdisciplinary quality improvement processes, initially focused on depression, a prevalent condition of elderly populations in nursing homes.

Training sessions are divided into four collaborative sessions targeted to Nursing Home leadership teams, and six in-services for frontline nursing home staff, such as nurses, certified nursing assistants, rehabilitation therapists, social workers, recreational personnel, dietary staff, pastoral care, and others. Learners complete pre and post questionnaires on knowledge, attitudes and skills regarding depression recognition and management, and the interdisciplinary team process. Patient outcomes for recognition and management of depression are being measured before and after this educational intervention.

These sessions have been well received by nursing home staff and leadership teams. Nursing home staff members recognize that this education is helping to improve care for nursing home residents who are depressed. They have also learned interdisciplinary quality improvement methods that can be applied to other clinical issues, building teams that can be sustained beyond this project.

Stanford Geriatric Education Center (SGEC)
Dolores Gallagher-Thompson, PhD, ABPP, Director

Remote Experiential Trainings Utilizing Smart Classroom Technology

Stanford GEC is piloting two Experiential Trainings to follow up on Webinars we are offering on the evidence-based practices of foot care for diabetic older adults, and behavioral activation for depressed older adults. We plan to do this by using live role play demonstrations at Stanford to illustrate the specific skill being taught, followed by the trainees/ recipients enacting their own role plays of the same skill, which the trainers here will critique and give feedback on. This is possible because a new center at Stanford has recently opened that has “smart classrooms” that use web-based technology. Recipients/ trainees are off-site but have to be in settings where videoconferencing equipment is available, so that “real time” training and feedback can occur.

The two planned trainings are: 1) foot care screening and foot patient education for older patients with diabetes, and 2) teaching medical residents how to use behavioral activation with depressed older adult outpatients. Both sites serve primarily under-served ethnic and linguistic minority patients.

In addition to teaching the specific skill(s), we will be observing trainees enacting the skill at their location, and critiquing their work, thus enabling us to validate that the trainees have in fact learned the skills we focused on.

We hope to learn from these two attempts how well this method “works” and how it can be improved upon for future use.

Diabetes: Foot Care Screening and Foot Patient Education

March 22, noon-1pm PST

Trainers: Leticia Mendoza, RN, MSN, CNS, CDE
Nancy Morioka-Douglas, MD, MPH

Recipient Site: San Jose State University School of Nursing Faculty

Objective: The training will include a 15 minute didactic session followed by a demonstration on how to do the diabetic foot exam. The learner will then be assessed in:

- a. Ability to articulate reasons for doing the exam
- b. Explaining the steps in the exam
- c. Demonstrating observation of skin, monofilament exam, feeling the distal pulses
- d. Validation of monofilament exam (done by observation by SGEC evaluator), pulse palpation (validated by Doppler correlation)

Behavioral Activation: How to Apply it to your Patients

April 26, 2-4pm PST

Trainers: Dolores Gallagher-Thompson, PhD, ABPP
Larry Thompson, PhD
Robert Reiser, PhD

Recipient Site: Psychiatry and other Medical Residents at Natividad Medical Center in Salinas, CA

Objective: The training will include a didactic session followed by short enacted scenario of behavioral antecedents followed by a behavioral activation protocol. The learner will then be assessed in:

- a. Ability to recognize and identify when Behavioral Activation could be used in routine primary care practice
- b. Explain the behavioral activation practice
- c. Demonstrating a scenario in which this practice is used

In addition to the above two trainings that are scheduled, we are currently in the process of setting up one other training on identification/assessment of delirium using CAM (Confusion Assessment Method). Trainers are Yusra Hussain, MD, Rita Ghatak, PhD, and Kathleen Turner-Hubbard, RN, NP. The training will include the following:

- a. Introduce the topic of delirium briefly
- b. Show Hartford Video clip with professional actors demonstrating the CAM
- c. Talk about delirium identification and when it should be done
- d. Demonstrate CAM with a patient volunteer
- e. Score CAM and discuss how to interpret results
- f. Go over protocol for treatment
- g. Discuss patient education and materials
- h. Watch trainees perform CAM, assess fidelity, and give feedback
- i. Answer questions
- j. Give the trainees resource materials

Northwest Geriatric Education Center (NWGEC)
University of Washington, Seattle WA
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Geriatric Healthcare Educational Opportunities Now Available On-line Free of Charge

The Northwest Geriatric Education Center (NWGEC) at the University of Washington, Seattle, is pleased to announce the availability of several geriatric healthcare educational resources on the NWGEC's recently updated website www.nwgec.org. These materials are useful for those interested in gaining personal education in state-of-the-art geriatric healthcare, as course material for training students at all levels in healthcare disciplines, and for professional staff development activities in clinical and service settings.

Currently the available resources include: fifty-two Geriatric Healthcare Lectures; the Interdisciplinary Patient Case Series; Geriatric Health Literacy Training Course; a roster of on-going Interdisciplinary Clinical Training Experiences in Geriatric Healthcare available at the University of Washington; and, links to other online resources and courses of interest to geriatric healthcare students and practitioners.

The **Geriatric Healthcare Lectures** include streaming videos recorded from the Center's acclaimed annual series of continuing education lectures netcast throughout the Northwest for geriatric healthcare professionals, students and family caregivers. This collection of NWGEC-sponsored 90-minute lectures covers a wide range of topics related to improving health outcomes for older adults. Each presentation is given by a geriatric healthcare professional, typically a University of Washington faculty member, who is a recognized expert in his or her respective field. New topics are added annually (see the scheduled lectures for the upcoming Winter Quarter 2012 series on the website), and older lectures are revised, to keep pace with the growing need for up-to-date aging-related health information.

The **Interdisciplinary Patient Case Series** is a collection of patient case management vignettes authored by NWGEC faculty to model and teach effective interdisciplinary team healthcare for common geriatric conditions. Additional patient cases are added to this series on a regular basis.

The **Geriatric Health Literacy Training Course** is designed for both practicing healthcare professionals and students. Understanding the concept of Health Literacy helps one better frame and present communications with the lay public regarding health related issues.

Interdisciplinary Clinical Training Experiences in Geriatric Healthcare provides a roster of ongoing clinical activities available for University of Washington students pursuing graduate education in healthcare.

You are heartily encouraged to visit www.nwgec.org. Registering and opening an account on the NWGEC website will allow for full and free of charge access to all of these geriatric healthcare educational resources.

Please share this information to anyone you believe might benefit from the educational resources the NWGEC website has to offer. We invite your feedback on how you have used these resources as well as suggestions for future educational materials that would be useful to you.

Meharry Consortium Geriatric Education Center (MCGEC) – Nashville, TN

Grace Smith, LMSW, Project Manager

Anna Lea Dozier, Program Coordinator

The Meharry Consortium Geriatric Education Center, comprised of Meharry Medical College (MMC), Tennessee State University and Vanderbilt University, recently hosted successful inter-professional team training for 118 medical, family nurse practitioner, pharmacy and nutrition students from Meharry, Tennessee State University and Belmont University. Students were assigned to one of 16 teams with each team having a mix of professions. A week prior to the event, students were given a geriatric case which the teams analyzed and discussed. Each team developed an assessment and intervention plan, and team performance was evaluated by 9 FNP “expert floaters.” These FNPs selected 3 teams to present their assessment and plan, and an inter-professional panel representing medicine, nursing, gerontology, pharmacy, social work and nutrition offered responses to each presentation. Based on the positive feedback from both faculty and students, we plan to make this an annual event.

For March and April, we have a number of trainings scheduled. Meharry is partnering with the VA in Nashville and Murfreesboro to offer a Gerontology Certificate Program. Sessions will be offered on three Fridays in March (2, 9 & 16) from 8:30-4:00 each day. Topics include Older Women’s Issues (Sexuality & Aging, Incontinence), Ethics in Aging, Sleep Disorders, Diabetes, Depression in the Elderly and Exercise & Aging. Meharry will also offer two geriatric MGR sessions: one in March on elder abuse and another in April on memory loss.

Our GEM in-service training at the Nashville VA will continue on March 13 led by Dr. Ruth Garrett. Also at the VA in conjunction with the GRECC, there will be a series of Journal Club and Didactics sessions held on March 1 and April 5. Some of the topics to be discussed through the Journal Club and Didactic series include Advanced Disease Symptom Management, The role of the Male Caregiver, and Driver Safety and the Older Adult: Role of Healthcare Team.

Vanderbilt will also offer the Geriatrics and Gerontology Interest Group (GGIG) lunchtime lectures on March 6 and 21 and April 3 and 17. The March 21 session entitled “Healthcare Reform & New Medical Care Models” will feature Dr. Anton Gunn, Region IV Director, Department of Health and Human Services. Vanderbilt Cardiology and Geriatrics continue their collaboration on Geriatric Cardiology needs through the monthly GNYGCC seminar series. The next seminars will be broadcast out of New York to Vanderbilt on March 20, “Valve Disease in Older Adults” and April 24, “Chronic Coronary Disease in Older Adults – You CAN treat angina!”

On April 13, MCGEC will partner with Vanderbilt nursing to host an all-day conference: The Art of Holistic Geriatrics. Presentations include Legal and Ethical Challenges in Geriatric Care, Implementing Choices in Patient-Centered Care, The Art of Palliative Care Communication, and Spirituality in Healthcare and Care of the Caregiver.

Last but not least, MCGEC faculty and staff will present sessions and help with local arrangements at the Southern Gerontological Society’s annual conference in Nashville, April 19-22.

Houston Geriatric Education Center (H-GEC)

Laura Niles, MPH, Research Assistant

H-GEC Fifth Annual Geriatric Interdisciplinary Student Team Competition Begins

Motivated and enthusiastic students from 14 health professional degree programs at four universities in Houston gathered for the kick-off of the annual H-GEC Geriatric Interdisciplinary Student Team Competition on Monday, January 23, 2012. The focus of the competition changes annually, and in its fifth year, the emphasis is placed on the assessment of the health and social needs of older adults within the context of their diverse communities. There are 49 students participating this year, who will gain firsthand knowledge of conducting community assessments and strategizing new and innovative ways for community organizations to provide services to older adults.

Teams consist of students from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Schools of Dentistry, Dental Hygiene, Nursing, Medicine, Biomedical Informatics, and Public Health; the University of Houston Colleges of Social Work, Pharmacy and the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders; and, Texas Woman's University Schools of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy. For the first year since the inception of the H-GEC Student Competition, students from the American College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine are participating on the interdisciplinary teams, as well.

Five teams comprised of students from each health discipline will compete on their ability to assess and analyze the structure and organization of community centers serving older adults; their ability to develop relationships and an understanding of the needs of older adults who use the community centers; and their ability to identify additional social and health services available to older adults. The five teams are each assigned to one community senior center in the metropolitan Houston area. The H-GEC interdisciplinary faculty and the Senior Center Specialists from each community center will judge the student teams on their knowledge of the community, innovation of approach, evidence of an interdisciplinary approach taken, and the creativity of their presentations. For more information about the H-GEC Annual Geriatric Interdisciplinary Student Competition, please visit <http://www.uth.tmc.edu/HGEC/studentComp.html>.

South Texas Geriatric Education Center

Marc D. Johnson, BA, MPA

Over the coming calendar year, the South Texas Geriatric Education Center (STGEC), in conjunction with the San Antonio Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center (SA GRECC) and the South, West and Central Consortium Geriatric Education Center of Texas (GEC); is proud to be an active participant in the following:

Diabetes Mellitus Conference Presented by The South Texas Diabetes Educators United (STDEU) & The South Texas Veterans Health Care System

APRIL 14, 2012 St. George Maronite Center 6070 Babcock Road San Antonio, TX 78240 (210) 696-5937

This one day conference features world class speakers who will cover such topics as: nephropathy, D.M. foot care, gastro-intestinal issues in D.M., erectile dysfunction, obstructive sleep apnea, genitor-urinary system, and case studies. Featured speakers include Dr. Ralph DeFronzo, Dr. Jane Blodgett, Dr. Leon Kundrotas, Dr. Aaron Vinik, Dr. Maureen Koops, and many more. Due to the caliber of the speakers and unique topics, CME credits will be offered to physicians, along with CEs for RNs, NPs, RDs and more. Open to everyone.

2nd Annual Conference on Building Partnerships for Geriatric Care: Promoting Independence in Older Adults

APRIL 19-20, 2012 Menger Hotel 204 Alamo Plaza San Antonio, TX 78205 (210) 223-4361

This two day conference is planned to bring together healthcare professionals interested in improving the care of the growing numbers of older adults in our communities through collaboration and the enhancement of the professional's foundation of gerontology. The sessions will be led by experts who have experience locally and nationally. They will share up-to-date information on geriatric issues. Posters will address community programs, outreach efforts, prevention, interventions, and research. Open to everyone.

Summer Institute in Aging

June 25-29, 2012 Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital 7400 Merton Minter San Antonio, TX 78240
(210) 617-5197 & (210) 562-6561

This week-long seminar can be attended in whole or in part. SIA12 will cover 40 topics covering aging patients and aspects of geriatric medicine. There will be something for every level of care giving. Like the past two successful years, we will bring this seminar FREE to the STVHCS-ALMD main auditorium (Hospital Rm #222.) Speakers are already recruited. Theme Days include: Mental Monday, Diabetes Wednesday, Pharm Thursday Afternoon and Gov't Friday Afternoon. CEs will be offered by VA EES. Please call if you'd like us to reserve you a seat. Open to everyone.

Medico~Legal Conference and Conference on Aging

LATE-SEPTEMBER, 2012 Hotel Venue TBA (Probably Airport Hilton) San Antonio, TX
(210) 617-5197 & (210) 562-6561

By popular demand this pair of annual one day conferences will be back-to-back again in 2012. We hope to secure Thursday and Friday (27-28Sep12) for M~LCOA12. Speakers being recruited now—feel free to suggest a topic or presenter. CMEs will be offered for most disciplines. Please call if you'd like us to reserve you a seat. Open to everyone.

West Virginia Geriatric Education Center
Nancy Daugherty, Program Coordinator

Geriatrics Journal Club continues to evolve to focus on meeting the educational and research needs of faculty, students/residents/fellows and practitioners from the community. The “Friends of Geriatrics”, faculty from WVU – Charleston’s School of Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing and Department of Social Work are collaborating to schedule the monthly selections to reinforce curriculum that is covered throughout the year. February’s topic Focused on Interdisciplinary Teams and Transitions of Care, and March will focus on Depression in the Older Adult.

The fifth Annual Health Literacy course for health professionals was held in February. Attendees gain knowledge and skills about the prevalence and impact of low/limited health literacy on health outcomes, choosing and using print materials, numeracy, communication strategies, environmental assessment, adult learner, providing feedback and developing action plans. Each trainee selects a project to complete and the WVGEC conducts follow up. Some examples of projects include:

- Revision of the application process at county health department
- Improve quality of ethics consultation process
- Simplify third party authorization forms
- Improve health literacy awareness at local clinic
- Improve communication strategies regarding addiction

Thanks go out to the presenters: Mark A Newbrough, MD and Director of WVGEC; Charlotte Nath, RN, EdD, CDE, Professor Family Medicine; WVU; Sara Jane Gainor, MBA, Assistant Director of Cancer Prevention and Control and Director of Mobile Mammography Program (Sara Jane was formerly Director of Mountain State GEC) and Mary Emmett PhD, Director of the Center for Health Services and Outcomes Research at Charleston Area Medical Center. Comment from HL Trainee, Donna Tennant, “I have a group of students working with me on my project and I am excited to get it put together and get the end results”. Four of the eight David K. Brown Geriatrics Scholars attended this years’ health literacy training event.

The 8th annual Advanced Geriatrics Skills (AGES) certification course will be held on March 22 – 24, 2012 and continues to support its’ mission of promoting excellence in the practice, teaching and care of older adults while extending the understanding of aging, and strengthening the professional skills of health professionals who work with older adults. The training is approved for 15.5 continuing education credits for medicine, pharmacy, social work and nursing and also approved for clinical psychologists. In order to receive AGES certification in advanced geriatrics skills, individuals must pass written and objective clinical structured exams. The presenters include seventeen (17) health professionals specializing in geriatrics and helps meet our mandate to strengthen the network of faculty and practitioners from throughout the state. Several of our David K Brown Geriatrics Scholars will be attending AGES this year.

WVGEC Consortium Partners will be delivering training in rural parts of the state covering end of life care, health disparities and cultural competence during the last quarter of the program year. Our Consortium Partners include the Southeastern Area Health Education Center, Northern WV Area Health Education Center and Eastern WV Area Health Education Center, as well as, the three medical schools in WV.

The WVGEC is moving forward with developing and presenting an on-line course “Assessing Pain in the Cognitively Impaired Older Adult” for the Palliative Care Network and Palliative Care Stakeholders, an identified group of health professionals that will assist in tracking pain scores pre and post training as part of our Evidence Based Practice project. We filmed actors and nursing staff to demonstrate various levels of pain, as an active learning scenario that trainees can learn from and respond to that will reinforce their understanding of the PAIN_AD assessment tool.

Ohio Valley Appalachian Regional (OVAR) GEC

Julie Brock, M.A., Associate Director

The University of Kentucky, College of Public Health is pleased to present the annual *Summer Series on Aging on June 4, 5, 6, 2012 at the Griffin Gate Marriott Resort and Spa in Lexington, KY*. Now in its 29th year, plans are underway for this exciting 3-day event that provides a forum for professionals to share the most current information in geriatrics and gerontology from a multidisciplinary perspective.

When the Summer Series on Aging began in 1983, it was the only conference of its kind targeting professionals in aging. Today approximately 350-400 professionals attend and find that we continue to pursue the highest of educational goals. The 2011 conference attracted more than 400 people from 20 states. During three days of educational sessions, lectures and workshops, participants choose from topics on clinical issues, mental health, health promotion, emergency preparedness, elder abuse, long term care, public health, spirituality, end-of-life, dementia research/dementia care, care giving, ethics, medications, among many other topics and issues.

The UK *Summer Series on Aging* provides innovative and practical information for professionals in service provision, nursing, social work, long term care, hospice, home health, recreation, case management, nutrition, faith-based and faith community programs, medicine, health education, local/state/regional aging planning, senior centers, physical and occupational therapy, education, private practice and other professions in the field. Professionals attending this conference can earn up to 20 hours of continuing education; in some cases more (if they attend all three days).

Upon completion of the *Summer Series on Aging*, participants will have the knowledge to:

1. Apply new and updated practical information in geriatrics and gerontology to their own specific professional responsibilities;
2. Describe new and innovative programs and services in the field of aging that are functioning effectively throughout the country
3. Select concepts and/or processes appropriate for replication in other community or professional settings;
4. Outline current initiatives and emerging issues in the field of aging and
5. Identify a network of speakers, participants, and programs as available resources.

The SSA tries to keep this conference affordable, accessible, and, above all, relevant, state-of-the-art, and cutting edge. We have a multi-disciplinary, multi-state, multi-talented planning committee that numbers more than 30, representing a variety of professional disciplines, workplaces and multiple states.

This year's sponsorship by the Ohio Valley Appalachia Regional GEC will support the following workshops:

Gregg Warshaw, MD (OVAR director at University of Cincinnati) – keynote address:
Caring for an Aging America: Is the Workforce Prepared?

Deborah Reed, MPH, RN, PhD (OVAR faculty at University of Kentucky)
Mental Health and Older Farmers

Charity Hunter, Missouri Office on Aging (Disaster Response Coordinator)
Emergency Preparedness: Lessons Learned from the Tornadoes in Joplin MO

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Upcoming Calendar of Events:

Date	Name of Event	Location	Contact Information
March 13, 2012; TIME 1 PM to 2 Pm EST	Care for the Caregiver Webinar Series – “Witnessing Our Stories”	online	Shari Sliwa EMAIL ADDRESS sonsas@gwu.edu PHONE 202-994-7969 Shari Sliwa, MA Program Coordinator The Washington DC Area Geriatric Education Center Consortium 900 23rd Street NW, Suite 6187B Washington, DC 20037 Office: 202-994-7969 sonsas@gwu.edu http://wagecc.gwumc.edu/
March 14, 2012 (8-4 pm)	Person-Centered Care Institute: The Use of Story	Washington, DC	Detailed registration information available on http://wagecc.gwumc.edu/ Questions : Shari Sliwa at (202) 994-7969 or sonsas@email.gwu.edu
March 22-24, 2012	Advanced Geriatrics Skills (AGES) Certification Course	Bridgeport Conference Center, Charles Pointe WV	Nancy Daugherty, WVGEC Program Coordinator ndaugherty@hsc.wvu.edu or 304-347-1208
March 26 – Thursday March 29, 2012	East Tennessee State University – Primary Care conference “Polypharmacy” session	Johnson City TN area	Peggy McConnell, OVAR GEC MCCONNEL@mail.etsu.edu 423.439.4508
March 28, 2012	Clinical Impact of Anticholinergic and Sedative Medications in the Elderly	WVU – Robert C Byrd HSC Room 2000 or on-line @ www.camcinstitute.org	Debbie Harless, WVGEC Administrative Assistant धारless@hsc.wvu.edu or 304-347-1324
March 28, 2012 5:15-6:15 p.m.	Emergency Preparedness Peer Group at Aging in America (ASA) conference	Marriott – Room Maryland C, Washington DC	Arleen Johnson, OVAR GEC arleen@uky.edu 859.257.8314
March 30, 2012– March 31, 2012	10th Annual Leadership & Management in Geriatrics	Hilton Long Beach & Executive Meeting Center, Long Beach, CA	Lynn S. Bautista LSBautista@mednet.ucla.edu , (310) 312-0531
April 3, 2012 (1:00-2:15 pm EST)	Care for the Professional Caregiver Webinar Series - Acknowledging Stories	Anywhere internet can be accessed.	Detailed registration information available on http://wagecc.gwumc.edu/ Questions : Shari Sliwa at (202) 994-7969 or sonsas@email.gwu.edu
April 10, 2012; TIME 1 PM to 2 Pm EST	Care for the Caregiver Webinar Series – “Witnessing Our Stories”	online	Shari Sliwa EMAIL ADDRESS sonsas@gwu.edu PHONE 202-994-7969 Shari Sliwa, MA Program Coordinator The Washington DC Area Geriatric Education Center Consortium 900 23rd Street NW, Suite 6187B Washington, DC 20037 Office: 202-994-7969 sonsas@gwu.edu http://wagecc.gwumc.edu/

April 11, 2012 (8-4 pm)	Person-Centered Care Institute: The Use of Story	Washington, DC	Detailed registration information available on http://wagecc.gwumc.edu/ Questions : Shari Sliwa at (202) 994-7969 or sonsas@email.gwu.edu
April 12 (12- 1pm PST)	“Behavioral Activation: An Effective Intervention for Late Life Depression” Presented by: Dolores Gallagher- Thompson, PhD, ABPP Kim Bullock, MD	Anywhere internet can be accessed.	Detailed registration information is available on the Stanford GEC website http://sgec.stanford.edu/events.html . Questions: Contact Marian Tzuang, Program Coordinator, at (650)721-1023 or at mtzuang@stanford.edu
April 13, 2012	California Council on Gerontology and Geriatrics Annual Meeting	University of Southern California, Los Angeles	Jolene Fassbinder, MSG, MACM Jfassbinder@mednet.ucla.edu, 310-312-0531
April 24, 2012	East Tennessee State University with Area Agency on Aging conference	Johnson City TN area	Peggy McConnell, OVAR GEC MCCONNEL@mail.etsu.edu 423.439.4508
April 25, 2012	Geriatrics Lunchtime Learning – Presented by Geriatrics Fellow	WVU – Robert C Byrd HSC Room 2000 or on-line @ www.camcinstitute.org	Debbie Harless, WVGEC Administrative Assistant धारless@hsc.wvu.edu or 304-347-1324
May 1, 2012 (1:00-2:15 pm EST)	Care for the Professional Caregiver Webinar Series - Affirming Stories	Anywhere internet can be accessed.	Detailed registration information available on http://wagecc.gwumc.edu/ Questions : Shari Sliwa at (202) 994-7969 or sonsas@email.gwu.edu
May 9, 2012, 1:00 – 2:00 EST	University of Kentucky College of Nursing webinar: “Mental Health of Older Farmers”	Online webinar	Arleen Johnson, OVAR GEC arleen@uky.edu 859.257.8314
May 10 (12- 1pm PST)	“Fall Risk and Prevention in Older Adults” Presented by: Josette Rivera, MD Ellen Corman, BS, MRA	Anywhere internet can be accessed.	Detailed registration information is available on the Stanford GEC website http://sgec.stanford.edu/events.html . Questions: Contact Marian Tzuang, Program Coordinator, at (650)721-1023 or at mtzuang@stanford.edu
May 16, 2012 - May 18, 2012	Donald W. Reynolds FD~AGE Mini- Fellowship Program, Summer	University of California, Los Angeles	Christy Lau, MSSW, ChristyLau@mednet.ucla.edu, 310.312.0531
June 4-6, 2012	Summer Series on Aging (Keynote: Dr. Gregg Warshaw, OVAR GEC director at Univ. of Cincinnati)	Marriott, Lexington KY	Barb Helm 859-257-8301 bjhelm2@uky.edu <a href="http://www.mc.uky.edu/aging/summerseries/s
ummerseries.htm">http://www.mc.uky.edu/aging/summerseries/s ummerseries.htm
June 5, 2012 (1:00-2:15 pm EST)	Care for the Professional Caregiver Webinar Series – Honoring Stories	Anywhere internet can be accessed.	Detailed registration information available on http://wagecc.gwumc.edu/ Questions : Shari Sliwa at (202) 994-7969 or sonsas@email.gwu.edu
June 20, 2012, 12:30-1:30 EST	University of Kentucky Family Medicine Grand Rounds (Topic: to be determined)	Lexington KY and available via Interactive Television (ITV)	Arleen Johnson, OVAR GEC arleen@uky.edu 859.257.8314
August 24, 2012	University of Cincinnati with Alzheimer’s Association/ Council on Aging training	Cincinnati OH area	Irene Moore 513-584-0798 moorei@ucmail.uc.edu

Sep 19, 2012 - Sep 22, 2012	UCLA Intensive Course in Geriatric Pharmacy and Board Review	Hyatt Regency Century Plaza, Los Angeles, CA	Victoria Kemp, MPP Vkemp@mednet.ucla.edu, 310-312-0531
Sep 19, 2012 - Sep 22, 2012	UCLA Intensive Course in Geriatric Medicine and Board Review	Hyatt Regency Century Plaza, Los Angeles, CA	Kami Chin, MSG kamichin@mednet.ucla.edu 310-312-0531
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Sep. 28, 2012	East Tennessee State University – Emergency Preparedness training	Johnson City TN area	Peggy McConnell, OVAR GEC MCCONNEL@mail.etsu.edu 423.439.4508
To be determined, September or October 2012	East Tennessee State University – annual Medical Challenges conference	Johnson City TN area	Peggy McConnell, OVAR GEC MCCONNEL@mail.etsu.edu 423.439.4508

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