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## Northwest Geriatric Education Center (NWGEC)

*Michael V. Vitiello, PhD, Associate Director*

### **Forty-two Geriatric Healthcare Lectures Are Now Available On-line at the Northwest Geriatric Education Center's Web site**

The University of Washington's Northwest Geriatric Center (UW NWGEC) is pleased to announce that a series of 42 90-minute geriatric healthcare lectures and supporting materials are now available online and at no cost at the Center's newly redesigned Web site: [www.nwgec.org](http://www.nwgec.org).

The lectures are recorded during the Center's annual Geriatric Healthcare Telehealth Series, which is cablecast to regional medical centers throughout Washington and Wyoming and, for the first time this year, Alaska. Topics include; arthritis, dementia, depression, diabetes, falls prevention, geriatric pharmacotherapy, grief and loss, incontinence, mistreatment of older adults, pain management, preventive healthcare and many others. Lectures are typically presented by a UW NWGEC faculty member with recognized expertise in the topic. Each lecture includes a presentation of materials followed by a question and answer period from both the live audience and the remote site participants. A copy of the slides and handout materials used in each lecture is also available. Ten new lectures will be added by mid-summer of this year after the NWGEC's 2010 Geriatric Healthcare Telehealth Series is completed.

Further additions to the recently redesigned NWGEC Web site are scheduled to appear later this year and include: a course in health literacy and an interdisciplinary geriatric patient case series. The health literacy course is entitled, "Understanding Health Literacy for Clear Communication with Older Adults," and its intent is self-explanatory. The geriatric patient case series is designed to demonstrate how interdisciplinary healthcare teams work to address a number of common geriatric healthcare needs. The patient case series will illustrate an interdisciplinary approach to geriatric healthcare when dealing with such topics as; chronic pain management, congestive heart failure, continuity of care, dementia, depression, diabetes, falls, formulating a care plan, functional assessment, geriatric polypharmacy and osteoporosis.

The NWGEC trusts that its fellow GECs will find the geriatric healthcare lectures and these other materials of use in their own geriatric healthcare educational efforts.

## **Ohio Valley Appalachia Regional GEC (OVAR/GEC)**

*Arleen Johnson, PhD, Director*

### **OVAR/GEC Essentials of Dementia Care: Training for Trainers**

In November, the OVAR/GEC conducted an all-day training for 89 faculty and health care providers from seven disciplines to help them develop effective dementia care training programs for their direct care providers and family caregivers. Trainees learned creative ways to teach dementia care concepts as well as innovative strategies for incorporating training into everyday work. Each trainee received a training manual complete with presentations and interchangeable learning activities for implementation at their work sites. The program is especially designed to enable trainers to educate certified nurse aides who work with patients with Alzheimer's disease. A follow-up evaluation will be distributed later in the year to document in-service training hours, lessons learned and behavioral changes of staff and patients at long term care facilities across the region.

### **Geriatric Emergency Preparedness and Response Sessions at ASA/NCOA Conference**

The 2010 Joint Conference of the ASA & NCOA in Chicago on March 15-19, 2010 will feature a special session on emergency preparedness and response. Arleen Johnson, PhD, Director, OVAR/GEC; Melen McBride, PhD, Associate Director Emeritus Stanford GEC; and Howard L. Rodgers, III, Executive Director, New Orleans Council on Aging, will convene the ASA Peer Group Session on *Emergency Preparedness for Older Adults*. This peer group was begun in 2006 and reaches a wide audience of professionals who discuss problems, lessons learned and best practices for emergency preparedness and response.

### **AGHExchange Article by GEC Authors**

The fall *AGHExchange* (Vol 33; no.1) features an article by a GEC Collaborative that focuses on emergency preparedness and response training and curriculum development. Since 2003, GECs in California, Kentucky, Montana, New York, Texas and Ohio, and Mather LifeWays in Illinois, have worked together to increase national awareness of the issues of emergency preparedness for aging. Teaching resources and GEC contact information is provided for those who desire additional information.

## **Houston Geriatric Education Center**

*Barbara Reilley, PhD, Research Manager*

In September 2009 the Houston GEC launched a series of Webinars on elder abuse and neglect targeted to health professional faculty. We also began outreach to the junior colleges throughout Texas. Thus far, 47 students are registered to complete the Webinars. They are recorded and archived in the event participants are not able to attend them in real time.

Houston GEC was well represented at the National Association of Geriatric Education Centers by Dr. Sharon Ostwald from the University of Texas School of Nursing and by Ms. Rhonda Bailes, Education Coordinator.

## Arkansas Geriatric Education Center

*Soledad Jasin, PhD, Sr. Education Specialist*

Because Arkansas is a rural state that is designated as mostly medically underserved, access to continuing education is a challenge for practicing health professionals. To facilitate their continued competence, the Arkansas GEC is hosting a series of outreach educational programs covering a variety of mental health topics. Kimberly Clement, BA, Education Specialist, is in charge of this effort. The development plan first involves ascertaining willingness of the rural Centers on Aging in participating in the potential program and availability of dates for the program. These centers are our link to the area health professionals and they are responsible for marketing the program. We select topics that have rated high in our statewide needs assessment and search for faculty available to present on the chosen topics. We try to duplicate the program from site to site although the speakers may differ because of schedule conflicts. The first program, which addressed anxiety, delirium and substance abuse, was held in White County Medical Center and co-sponsored with the Northeast Center on Aging. The second one was held in Texarkana in partnership with the Southwest Center on Aging. In this outreach, depression replaced anxiety as one of the topics because of a change in speakers. In January 2010, the program with the original roster of speakers and topics will be held in Hot Springs in conjunction with the Oaklawn Center on Aging and in collaboration with the Oklahoma GEC. Attendance at the programs has been in the high 40s and evaluations from them show a high degree of satisfaction with the program and presenters and outright gratitude from attendees for the effort made to reach them close to their place of residence or work. Because of the need and success that we have met, we plan to develop other topics to offer in remote sites in the coming year.

## Oklahoma Geriatric Education Center (OkGEC)

*Sheryl Mapes, MPH, Program Development Specialist*

### **Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance, Better Health, Better Sleep, Better Moods... and a Better Life!**

Tai Chi is emerging as an effective fall-prevention exercise strategy for today's elders – a strategy which appears to offer a variety of tertiary benefits, as well (such as reduced *fear* of falling, enhanced cardiovascular fitness, improved sleep, depression alleviation, arthritis relief and more). This past fall, OkGEC contracted with Dr. Robert Lackey, a Tai Chi researcher and instructor, to train Oklahoma health providers on the benefits and basics of this ancient meditative exercise.

Three intensive trainings, each of which included a full-day session and a half-day follow-up, were provided to: (1) health and wellness professionals serving Oklahoma's Native American communities; (2) employees (at all levels) of the largest nursing home concern in the state; and (3) rural Oklahoma health care providers from a variety of disciplines.

Initial participant evaluations are encouraging. Many of the participants are enthusiastic about their newly-acquired knowledge and plan to pursue further Tai Chi training, incorporating this gentle, yet highly-efficacious, practice into their work with elders soon.

We would enjoy sharing thoughts, practical information and/or ideas with other GECs on this topic. Please feel free to contact Sheryl Mapes, our program development specialist, at (405) 271-8199 or [Sheryl-Mapes@OUHSC.edu](mailto:Sheryl-Mapes@OUHSC.edu), to learn more and/or to share what you know about Tai Chi and other innovative and/or under-publicized elder health interventions.

## Montana Geriatric Education Center (MTGEC)

*Gayle Hudgins, PharmD, Director*

The Montana Geriatric Education Center held its 7<sup>th</sup> annual conference, *Improving Health Literacy and Diabetes Outcomes in Older Persons*, on October 13, 2009. There were four exceptional speakers: Dr. Christopher Sorli, an endocrinologist from Billings Clinic in Montana; Betty Brackenridge, a registered dietician and diabetes educator from Phoenix, AZ; Dr. Dean Schillinger, Director, UCSF Center for Vulnerable Populations in San Francisco, CA; and Dr. Kelly Acton, Director, Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention, Indian Health Service in Albuquerque, NM.

This interactive videoconference was transmitted to 21 communities from Kalispell to Sidney, a distance of 557 miles. Participants agreed that this was one of the most informative conferences MTGEC has held. Each participant was asked to complete an implementation plan that will be followed up by an electronic and paper survey planned for the first week in December. The survey will be sent again at the beginning of January to those who did not respond to the initial survey.

Two different one-hour sessions will be presented expanding on themes from the conference: one on January 26 and one on February 23. The facilitator will be Jane Meszaros, RN, BSN, CDE, from the advisory coalition for the Montana Diabetes Project. An option on the primary conference registration form allowed attendees to take part in these sessions at a reduced rate. Participants will make use of a prepared case study concerning the management of an older diabetic patient with related medical conditions. The study, along with other materials, will be sent to registered participants before the meetings so everyone arrives prepared to discuss the following:

1. The diabetes management strategies, interventions and coordination of care
2. The use of health literacy principles to design a self-management plan for this individual

In another MTGEC initiative, 54 health screenings were carried out across the state from July 1, 2009, through November 17, 2009. Five hundred fifteen patients received a total of 746 tests. Screenings are held at a variety of locations: pharmacies, government agencies, malls, community centers, assisted living facilities, senior and Indian centers and ambulatory care sites.

The 35 participating students were drawn primarily from The University of Montana pharmacy program with four nursing students from MSU College of Nursing in Missoula and Montana Tech. The students, under the supervision of two faculty members, test bone density, blood pressure, cholesterol and hemoglobin A1c. Physical therapy and social work students are expected to participate next semester with the addition of a fall and balance test and a memory screening.

Creating interdisciplinary training has been challenging and well worth it. Students are enthusiastic about putting into practice in a clinical setting what they have learned and about how the different disciplines can interact to improve patient care.

## West Virginia Geriatric Education Center (WVGEC)

### *Nancy Daugherty, Program Coordinator*

As a result of continuing participation via the Friends of Geriatrics (FOG), an interdisciplinary team of faculty at the WVU – Health Sciences Center, Charleston and Morgantown Divisions, and Charleston Area Medical Center, revised an inter professional competency guide for geriatrics. A survey has been developed to solicit comments on the clarity and content validity of “A Competency Guide for Geriatric Enhanced Rotations.” GECs from throughout the country will be asked to provide input via Survey Monkey during January 2010.

As part of the WVGs Scientific Assembly – 2009, a poster competition was held for students and residents, based on case reports or original research. The winner was Sherry Turner, DO, Emergency Medicine Resident, whose original research was titled, “Geriatric Trauma in West Virginia: Alcohol Use and Injury Patterns.” Dr. Turner has submitted an abstract of her research to present at the poster session of the American Geriatrics Society Annual Scientific Meeting in May in Orlando, FL. Another poster from Jonathan Gruber, a third year medical student from the WV School of Osteopathic Medicine, was based on a case report titled “Deep Venous Thrombosis (DVT) in an Elderly Patient with a Large Pelvic Mass”. His poster has also been submitted to AGS.

The third annual Health Literacy in Older Adults was held in late October. As part of the project, trainees choose a project to complete utilizing the information learned about health literacy. Some examples of projects included:

- Help patient prepare File of Life that can be attached to their frig and viewed in case of emergency
- Regulation of Coumadin therapy – educate staff at resident facility
- Educate nurses on health literacy and incorporate into orientation classes; conduct pre and post test of knowledge gained
- Prepare an information booklet about Medicare

The GEC will be contacting the trainees after 90 days to gather progress reports and evaluations of the projects to determine if practice changes occurred, or patient outcomes were influenced by using plain language, limiting concepts and teaching back information.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Advanced Geriatrics Educator Skills (AGES) certification program is in its final planning stages. The program has been designed for physicians, physician assistants, pharmacists and advanced practice nurses who are actively caring for elderly patients and are precepting and teaching health professions students, co-workers or staff. The evidence-based curriculum covers a multitude of geriatric syndromes including dementia, pain and end of life issues, pharmacology, urinary incontinence and effective communication. Geriatric faculty from our three medical schools developed the training and will be presenters at the March 26 – 28 session. Those who pass a written test and objective structured clinical exam receive the Advanced Geriatrics Educator Skills Certification. Continuing education credits are also provided.

We are pleased to announce an addition to our staffing. Debi McCallister, Data Entry Clerk, will be assisting with Tracker and other evaluative functions. We are grateful to have her talents assisting the WVGEC.

## National Training and Coordination Collaborative (NTACC) Geriatric Education Centers

*Julianne Manchester, PhD, NTACC Project Director, Case Western Reserve University at MetroHealth*

### **NTACC at the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) 2010**

The NTACC will be presenting a Pre-Conference Institute (PCI) at AGHE 2010 in Reno, NV. We are also offering NTACC-GEC Evaluation Consultations during the conference.

#### **Pre-Conference Institute**

*“Utilization of Results and Program Fidelity: Improving Process Applications in Geriatrics Education Evaluations”*

The workshop will focus on planning for stakeholder use and assessing program fidelity. Topic areas and collaborative exercises will demonstrate areas germane to educational program improvement:

- The importance of program results to key GEC stakeholders and ways to maximize the utilization of those results among stakeholders. Collaborative activities can increase commitment across time and enhance the validity of evaluation results within a GEC context.
- Documenting fidelity in GEC programs for consistency in content and delivery across training locations and among partners. Systematically assessing implementation, in accord with fidelity principles, may reduce the likelihood of GEC programs attributing ineffective outcomes to actual programs rather than to weak implementation.
- Outcomes examination in parallel to evidence of program fidelity. Adherence to program intent and planned delivery help validate any favorable results from GEC-specific initiatives delivered in program-saturated, health professions training environments.
- Experience in critiquing and creating tools for process use with educational programs.

Faculty: Karen Bowman, PhD (CWRU); Janet C. Frank, DrPH (UCLA); Ming Lee, PhD (UCLA); Julianne Manchester, PhD (CWRU); Julia Rose, PhD (CWRU); Joan Weiss, PhD (HRSA)

Date: Thursday March 4, 2010

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

#### **NTACC-GEC Evaluation Consultation at AGHE 2010**

Stop by with your evaluation plans or ideas and questions for NTACC evaluation experts at AGHE. Guidance on developing logic models, creating evaluation plans or general evaluation strategies may be discussed. Time and room are being finalized. Feel free to contact Julianne Manchester, NTACC Project Director, (216) 778-7147, for more information. Check the NTACC Web site periodically for updates: <http://ntacc.bhpr.hrsa.gov/>.

#### **NTACC Methods and Measures Discussion Groups**

Join the NTACC for a 1-hour conversation with colleagues on various evaluation topics. The next two will be held on January 14 and February 11 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern.

The January 14 session, “Qualitative Results Interpretation,” will focus on the creation of themes and coding of qualitative data. Such approaches are useful in interpreting focus group or on-line data from trainees.

To join this presentation: <https://connect.case.edu/mm110/>

Our February 11 session, “Integrating Logic Models with Program Objectives,” will illustrate how objectives can guide the creation of logic models. The role of stakeholders as content experts will be discussed.

To join this presentation: <https://connect.case.edu/mm210/>

For the sessions, access audio through your phone:

Dial-In: 1 (877) 461-1632

Pass-Code: 2167787174#

### **"Using GEC Evaluation Tools to Build Stakeholder Relationships (Collaborative Evaluation)"**

January 28, 2010, 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time

<https://connect.case.edu/webinar110/>

This 1.5 hour session focus on:

- What is collaborative evaluation?
- Creating program logic models with consortium partners
- Demonstrations of face and content validity
- Using interim evaluation reports to refine programming and enhance buy-in

Faculty: Julianne Manchester & Elyse Perweiler, NTACC Leadership Team

### **GEC Tracker Training**

The NTACC will be hosting a Tracker training session on February 18 at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The training session is an opportunity for new users to have a guided introduction to the system, as well as for more seasoned users to ask questions. Participants will be exposed to how to enter GEC participant profiles and program information into the system. They will learn how the entry fields correspond to important HRSA reporting tables, as well as features to provide ease in reporting. The session is open to anyone who utilizes the Tracker system at your GEC. To register for the session please e-mail Vanessa Astraitis at [vaa13@case.edu](mailto:vaa13@case.edu).

### **NTACC E-Learning Archives**

Archived versions of NTACC Webinars and Methods and Measures Groups can be found on the NTACC Web site: <http://ntacc.bhpr.hrsa.gov>. For more information on any of these NTACC resources, contact Vanessa Astraitis, NTACC Project Coordinator, (216) 778-8367, [vanessa.astraitis@case.edu](mailto:vanessa.astraitis@case.edu).

## **The Consortium of New York Geriatric Education Centers (CNYGEC)**

*Judith L. Howe, PhD, Director*

### **Forthcoming Book on Mental Health Issues for Older Persons During Emergencies**

John A. Toner, EdD, PhD, Co-Director of CNYGEC, is the editor of a forthcoming book, *Geriatric Mental Health Disaster and Emergency Preparedness*, to be published in May 2010 by Springer Publishing. Judith L. Howe, PhD, CNYGEC Director, and Therese M. Mierswa, MSW, are associate editors. This book provides an overview of the essential information that everyone working in the field of aging should know about disasters, emergencies and their effects on the mental health and well-being of older adults. It provides evidence-based approaches for identifying and classifying mental health problems, such as substance abuse and PTSD, which may occur during and after emergencies and disasters. The CNYGEC was the recipient of HRSA supplemental funding as part of the GEC Geriatric Emergency Preparedness Collaborative which funded six GECs (CNYGEC, Stanford GEC, Ohio Valley GEC, Gateway GEC, Texas Consortium of GECs and Western Reserve GEC) to develop a comprehensive national curriculum on emergency preparedness for older adults. As part of this initiative, CNYGEC developed a curriculum on "Geriatric Mental Health and Emergency Preparedness" available at [www.cnygec.org](http://www.cnygec.org). This 408 page hardcover book is a by-product of this curriculum. Dr. Robert Butler calls this "a must-read book for clinicians, service providers, policy makers, program planners and teachers in the fields of mental health, aging and emergency preparedness."

## 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<i>DATE/TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>CONTACT</i>
January 5 – March 9, 2010	Geriatric Telehealth Series (Various topics)	Sitka, AK	Marilyn Durocher <a href="mailto:marilyn.durocher@uas.alaska.edu">marilyn.durocher@uas.alaska.edu</a> (907) 747-7728 <a href="http://www.alaskagec.org">www.alaskagec.org</a>
January 8, 2010	Faculty Training: Healthy Aging Ruth Garrett, PhD	Tennessee State University Nashville, TN	Marion Patton, PhD 3500 John A. Merritt Blvd. Nashville, TN 37209 (615) 963-5801
January 13, 2010 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Pharmaceutical Devices – Demonstration and Patient Counseling	St. Johns College of Pharmacy Queens, NY	Dr. Sum Lam (718) 990-2073
January 13, 2010 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. PST	<i>Assessment of Dementia and Caregiving for Chinese American Elders</i> Webinar presented by: Dolores Gallagher-Thompson, PhD, Director, Stanford Geriatric Education Center (SGEC); Edie Yau, MA, Director of Diversity, Alzheimer's Association, Northern California and Northern Nevada Chapter; Marian Tzuang, MSW, Program Evaluator, SGEC	Anywhere internet can be accessed	Register online at: <a href="http://sgec.stanford.edu/events.html">http://sgec.stanford.edu/events.html</a>  Contact with questions: Judy Chiu <a href="mailto:jchiu22@stanford.edu">jchiu22@stanford.edu</a> (650) 721-1023
January 16, 2010	Best Clinical Practices Conference	Sacred Heart Hospital Pensacola, FL	Robin Key, Medical Educational Council of Pensacola (MECOP) <a href="mailto:homestudy@mecop.org">homestudy@mecop.org</a> (850) 477-4956
January 20, 2010 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Health Literacy Series: Geriatric Suicide	Statewide Interactive Video	Phyllis E. Militello, MPA Assistant Director Nevada Geriatric Education Center Las Vegas, Nevada <a href="mailto:pmilitello@medicine.nevada.edu">pmilitello@medicine.nevada.edu</a> (702) 671-2381
January 21, 2010	The Alphabet Soup of Chronic Disease: How a Geriatrics/Palliative Care Approach Can Help	James J. Peters VA Medical Center Bronx, NY	Jennifer Griffith <a href="mailto:cnygec@mssm.edu">cnygec@mssm.edu</a> (718) 584-9000 X3850 <a href="http://www.nygec.org">www.nygec.org</a>
January 25, 2010	Faculty Development Course: Geriatric Cultural and Linguistic Competency, Day 2	VA NY Harbor Healthcare System, Manhattan Campus New York, NY	Jennifer Griffith <a href="mailto:cnygec@mssm.edu">cnygec@mssm.edu</a> (718) 584-9000 X3850 <a href="http://www.nygec.org">www.nygec.org</a>
January 26, 2010 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Falls Program	Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehab Center Commack, NY	<a href="mailto:LIGEC@stonybrook.edu">LIGEC@stonybrook.edu</a>
January 26, 2010 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Improving Health Literacy and Diabetes Outcomes in Older Persons Follow-up Session I	Billings, MT and 20 + videoconference sites	Barbara Morgan <a href="mailto:Barbara.morgan@umontana.edu">Barbara.morgan@umontana.edu</a> (406) 243-2480 <a href="http://mtgec.umontana.edu">http://mtgec.umontana.edu</a>
January 27, 2010	The Alphabet Soup of Chronic Disease: How a Geriatrics/Palliative Care Approach Can Help	VA NY Harbor Healthcare System, Manhattan Campus New York, NY	Jennifer Griffith <a href="mailto:cnygec@mssm.edu">cnygec@mssm.edu</a> (718) 584-9000 X3850 <a href="http://www.nygec.org">www.nygec.org</a>
February 1, 2010	Faculty Development Course: Geriatric Cultural and Linguistic Competency, Day 3	VA NY Harbor Healthcare System, Manhattan Campus New York, NY	Jennifer Griffith <a href="mailto:cnygec@mssm.edu">cnygec@mssm.edu</a> (718) 584-9000 X3850 <a href="http://www.nygec.org">www.nygec.org</a>

February 2, 2010	Transforming Long Term Care	James J. Peters VA Medical Center Bronx, NY	Jennifer Griffith <a href="mailto:cnygec@mssm.edu">cnygec@mssm.edu</a> (718) 584-9000 X3850 <a href="http://www.nygec.org">www.nygec.org</a>
February 3, 2010 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. PST	<i>Assessment of Dementia and Caregiving for Japanese American Elders</i> Webinar presented by: Nancy Hikoyeda, DrPH, Ethnogeriatric Specialist, Stanford Geriatric Education Center	Anywhere internet can be accessed	Register online at: <a href="http://sgec.stanford.edu/events.html">http://sgec.stanford.edu/events.html</a>  Contact with questions: Judy Chiu <a href="mailto:jchiu22@stanford.edu">jchiu22@stanford.edu</a> (650) 721-1023
February 5, 2010	Geriatric Mental Health and QoL Improvement	VA NY Harbor Healthcare System, Manhattan Campus New York, NY	Jennifer Griffith <a href="mailto:cnygec@mssm.edu">cnygec@mssm.edu</a> (718) 584-9000 X3850 <a href="http://www.nygec.org">www.nygec.org</a>
February 10, 2010	Geriatric Care Management	Ozanam Hall Queens Nursing Home, Inc. Queens, NY	Jennifer Griffith <a href="mailto:cnygec@mssm.edu">cnygec@mssm.edu</a> (718) 584-9000 X3850 <a href="http://www.nygec.org">www.nygec.org</a>
February 16 – 17, 2010	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Northern Region Geriatrics Education Center Elder Summit	Fairbanks, AK	Jane Hinde <a href="mailto:Anj1h6@uaa.alaska.edu">Anj1h6@uaa.alaska.edu</a> (907) 474-1833 or Larry Roberts <a href="mailto:fflnr@uaf.edu">fflnr@uaf.edu</a> (907) 322-5116 <a href="http://www.alaskagec.org">www.alaskagec.org</a>
February 19, 2010	Social Work Field Instructor Presentation: Alzheimer's Disease	Anchorage, AK Teleconference	Michelle Holloway <a href="mailto:afmlh1@uaa.alaska.edu">afmlh1@uaa.alaska.edu</a> (907) 264-6264 or Suzanne Dvorak <a href="mailto:suzanne@uaa.alaska.edu">suzanne@uaa.alaska.edu</a> (907) 786-6910 <a href="http://www.alaskagec.org">www.alaskagec.org</a>
February 19 – 20, 2010	Geriatric Medicine Update: Vision and Hearing Rehabilitation Conference	Little Rock, AR	Sue Porbeck, CHES <a href="mailto:smporbeck@uams.edu">smporbeck@uams.edu</a> (501) 257-5543 <a href="http://www.agec.org">www.agec.org</a>
February 20, 2010	25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Alzheimer's Disease Education & Training Conference	Florida State University College of Medicine Tallahassee, FL	Bill Wertman, Executive Director The Alzheimer's Project, Inc. <a href="mailto:Bill@alzheimersproject.org">Bill@alzheimersproject.org</a> (850) 386-2778
February 25, 2010 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Health Literacy Series: Dementia in Geriatrics	Statewide Interactive Video	Phyllis E. Militello, MPA Assistant Director Nevada Geriatric Education Center Las Vegas, Nevada <a href="mailto:pmilitello@medicine.nevada.edu">pmilitello@medicine.nevada.edu</a> (702) 671-2381
February 26, 2010	Settings of Care and Transitions	St. Francis College Brooklyn, NY	Jennifer Griffith <a href="mailto:cnygec@mssm.edu">cnygec@mssm.edu</a> (718) 584-9000 X3850 <a href="http://www.nygec.org">www.nygec.org</a>
February 26, 2010	Nursing Training: Fundamental Nursing care of Geriatrics Ruth Garrett, PhD	Scarritt/Bennett Conference Center, Vanderbilt University Nashville, TN	Sandy McGill, RN,MSN, MBA Vanderbilt University 7 Round Wing (615) 343-0831
February 26, 2010	U.S.A.–LOGEC–Infirmiry Hospice-Annual Interdisciplinary Seminar on End of Life/Palliative Care Conference	University of South Alabama College of Nursing Mobile, AL	Lynn Chilton, DSN, GNP-BC, FNP-BC, Professor, Adult Health Nursing Coordinator of the Adult-Geron Nurse Practitioner Program/

			Primary Care and the Geropsych Nurse Practitioner Program <a href="mailto:ljchilton@usouthal.edu">ljchilton@usouthal.edu</a> (251) 445-9433
March 3 – 5, 2010	Advances in Geriatrics Conference	Fort Lauderdale, FL	Miami Area Geriatric Education Center (MAGEC) <a href="http://www.miami.edu/magec">http://www.miami.edu/magec</a> (305) 355-9123 *Earn up to 15 CMEs
March 15 – 19, 2010	ASA/NCOA; Emergency Preparedness for Aging	Hyatt Chicago, IL	Arleen Johnson <a href="mailto:arleen@uky.edu">arleen@uky.edu</a> (859) 257-8314
March 17, 2010 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. PST	<i>Assessment of Dementia and Caregiving for Korean American Elders</i> Webinar presented by: Sang E. Lee, MSW, PhD, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, San Jose State University, Mini Fellowship, Stanford Geriatric Education Center (SGEC); Yookyung Kwon, PhD, Post-doctoral Internship at Asian American Center on Disparities Research, University of California, Davis, MiniFellowship, SGEC	Anywhere internet can be accessed	Register online at: <a href="http://sgec.stanford.edu/events.html">http://sgec.stanford.edu/events.html</a> Contact with questions: Judy Chiu <a href="mailto:jchiu22@stanford.edu">jchiu22@stanford.edu</a> (650) 721-1023
March 24, 2010 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Living with Grief: Cancer and End-of-Life Care	Las Vegas, NV	Phyllis E. Militello, MPA Assistant Director Nevada Geriatric Education Center Las Vegas, Nevada <a href="mailto:pmilitello@medicine.nevada.edu">pmilitello@medicine.nevada.edu</a> (702) 671-2381
March 26–28, 2010	Advanced Geriatrics Educator Skills (AGES) Training	Bridgeport Conference Center Bridgeport, WV	Mary Annie Administrative Assistant WV Geriatric Education Center 3110 MacCorkle Avenue Charleston, WV 25304 <a href="mailto:mannie@hsc.wvu.edu">mannie@hsc.wvu.edu</a> (304) 347-1295
April 14, 2010 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. PST	<i>Assessment of Dementia and Caregiving for Hmong American Elders</i> Webinar presented by: Linda Gerdner, PhD, RN, Stanford University; Xa Xavier Xiong, MD, Family Medicine, Appleton, Wisconsin	Anywhere internet can be accessed	Register online at: <a href="http://sgec.stanford.edu/events.html">http://sgec.stanford.edu/events.html</a> Contact with questions: Judy Chiu <a href="mailto:jchiu22@stanford.edu">jchiu22@stanford.edu</a> (650) 721-1023
April 24 – 25, 2010	Third Annual Interdisciplinary Geriatrics Symposium: “Closing the Gap in Elder Care”	NSU Main Campus Fort Lauderdale, FL	Sona Hromulak, MSc, MBA <a href="mailto:hromulak@nova.edu">hromulak@nova.edu</a> (954) 262-1078 <a href="http://www.nova.edu/gec">http://www.nova.edu/gec</a>
May 12, 2010 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. PST	<i>Assessment of Dementia and Caregiving for Filipino American Elders</i> Webinar presented by: Melen McBride, Associate Director (Emerita), RN, PhD, Stanford Geriatric Education Center	Anywhere internet can be accessed	Register online at: <a href="http://sgec.stanford.edu/events.html">http://sgec.stanford.edu/events.html</a> Contact with questions: Judy Chiu <a href="mailto:jchiu22@stanford.edu">jchiu22@stanford.edu</a> (650) 721-1023
June 9, 2010 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. PST	<i>Assessment of Dementia and Caregiving for Vietnamese Americans</i> Webinar presented by: Ladson	Anywhere internet can be accessed	Register online at: <a href="http://sgec.stanford.edu/events.html">http://sgec.stanford.edu/events.html</a> Contact with questions:

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June 21 – 23, 2010	University of Kentucky Summer Series on Aging	Marriott Resort Lexington, KY	Barbara Helm <a href="mailto:bjhelm2@email.uky.edu">bjhelm2@email.uky.edu</a> (859) 257-8301 <a href="http://aging.ukcph.org/summerseries/summerseries.htm">http://aging.ukcph.org/summerseries/summerseries.htm</a>

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