



BUREAU OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS SECRETARY THOMPSON ANNOUNCES NEW APPOINTMENTS AT HHS

HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson today announced the appointment of Robert J. Polito as the new director of the HHS Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, and the appointment of Elizabeth Seale-Scott as the Assistant to the Commissioner for Presidential Initiatives, Administration on Children, Youth and Families within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF).

Polito is the immediate past special assistant to ACF Administrator Dr. Wade Horn, where he directed the Compassion Capital Fund, which allows small faith-based and community-based issued its first annual report to the White House identifying barriers to the participation of faith-based and community groups in accessing federal funds. Seale-Scott has been the department's official responsible for the initiative, and has represented the department and the administration at community meetings, conferences and events.

"Elizabeth Seale-Scott and Robert Polito are excellent examples of the talented and dedicated individuals at HHS," Secretary Thompson said. "Their professional expertise is diverse and can be utilized across many segments of the department. That's a very unique combination, and I am excited that their contributions will continue to benefit HHS."

As the new Center director, Polito will be responsible for managing the department's efforts to identify and remove barriers to the participation of faith-based and community groups in accessing federal funds. He will also manage the compilation of an annual report to the White House on the department's progress.

In her new role, Seale-Scott will draw from her extensive and varied background in education to work on the President's Early Childhood Initiative, "Good Start, Grow Smart," which involves the Head Start Bureau, Children's Bureau and Child Care Bureau at ACF. This initiative will aim to strengthen Head Start and other child-care programs, and to ensure accountability in standards of early literacy, language and numeric skills.

NAGEC NEWS

Andrea Sherman, PhD, President

Several representatives from The National Association of Geriatric Education Centers participated on HPNECs Hill Day on April 17th in Washington, DC. Special thanks to Paul Katz, Finger Lakes GEC, Clarence Brown, Washington DC GEC, John Hennon, University of Pittsburgh GEC, Ed Olsen, Miami GEC, Kathleen Watson, Virginia GEC, Gary Rosenthal, Iowa GEC, Lisa Guadagno, Fulmer Caregiving Study, and Andrea Sherman, Consortium of New York GECs.

We met with many representatives, staffers, and key players to discuss the 2003 proposed budget for Title VII and VIII health professions programs. A meeting was also held with key appropriations committee members to begin to discuss appropriation language and requests. It is important to continue to write, go to home offices, and visit in Washington, DC to secure our future funding and to carry our message. Thanks again to Scott Frey, Washington Liaison, for his continued leadership and support. Pat Villiani from the Washington, DC GEC has been named as the NAGEC Washington Liaison.

The following is a one-pager that lists what NAGEC is requesting for 2003. Please use it as you speak to your representatives. It's time to make our voices heard!

NAGEC trains hundreds of thousands of health care professionals from all disciplines to better serve older Americans growing in number and diversity.

NAGEC is seeking:

- Continued Bureau of Health Professions funding for FY 2003 Budget.
- Increases to total \$30 million to assure the integrity and viability of the Health Professions Geriatric Education Centers Program (GECs). This amount provides a funded GEC in every state.

This budget request supports a national commitment to address the profound shortage of competently trained health professionals in all disciplines to care for the extensive needs of older adults today and the rapidly graying America tomorrow.

The Geriatric Education Center Program (Section 753a of the Health Professions Education Partnership Act of 1998 under Title VII of the Public Health Service Act):

- Supports 36 GECs nationwide.
- Serves local communities and, together, the entire country.
- Strengthens multi-disciplinary training of health professionals in assessment, chronic disease syndromes, care planning, and cultural competence unique to older Americans.
- Has trained well over 410,000 health care professionals from all disciplines to better serve the burgeoning older adult population.
- Is Cost Effective: Low-cost professional geriatric training interventions create competent health care providers who can save tax payers billions of dollars by making informed health care decisions.
- Meets the critical need to prepare the United States health care workforce to care for aging baby boomers.

Position Vacancy Announcement

This is to notify you of a unique opportunity for a senior-level scholar in gerontology. The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Helen Bader School of Social Welfare seeks nominations and applications for the Helen Bader Chair in Applied Gerontology.

The professorship will be part of the campus-wide Age and Community Initiative calling attention to rapid and complex demographics of our society and aging population. It will focus on developing a means for mutual community/university research and application to problems facing older adults. Responsibilities of the Chair will be: 1) to conduct applied research centering on issues relating to older adults; 2) to develop and disseminate information on areas of concern to the elderly and their families; 3) to act as liaison between the University and local community leaders, drawing on their expertise, experience and resources; and 4) to assume the normal responsibilities of a university professor, including teaching and outreach activities. An understanding and appreciation of urban issues and concerns and their relationships to the larger social context would be considered a valuable asset. Candidates must possess a doctoral degree in the humanities, social sciences or a closely-related field, and have a national reputation in the field of gerontology and a substantial record of scholarly and professional contributions sufficient to receive a tenured faculty appointment as a full professor. The Helen Bader School of Social Welfare encourages applications from underrepresented groups. The salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Applications must include a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of five references. Submit nominations/applications to Dean James A. Blackburn, UWM Helen Bader School of Social Welfare, PO Box 786, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

Summer Series on Aging

Sharpen your knowledge and skills and stay on top of the field of aging! The American Society on Aging (ASA) is pleased to present its annual Summer Series on Aging, regional continuing education for professionals who work with older adults, their caregivers and their families.

West Coast - San Francisco: June 17-20

East Coast - Philadelphia: July 22-25

Catalogs are on the way for the West Coast Summer Series on Aging. Until then, you can preview the intensive offerings at www.asaging.org/summer-series. Check it out! Early registration ends June 3. (Check the Summer Series website after May 6 for information on East Coast intensives.)

Who Should Attend?

Professionals in the following fields:

- Healthcare
- Social Services
- Long-term Care
- Government
- Mental Health
- Business & Industry
- Religion
- Care Management
- Education
- Human Resources
- Aging Network
- Housing

Regional and national experts in the field of aging will conduct focused and highly practical intensives in the following subject areas:

- Care Management
- Clinical Issues & Healthcare
- Creative Aging
- Dementia Care
- Diversity
- End-of-Life Issues
- Environments & Housing Options
- Family & Caregiving
- Health Promotion & Wellness
- Legal & Ethical Issues
- Long-term Care
- Management & Staffing
- Mental & Behavioral Healthcare
- Public Policy & Planning
- Religion & Spirituality

If you would like to have extra catalogs to distribute throughout your organization, please contact Linda Jones, 415-974-9638, e-mail: ljones@asaging.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<i>DATE</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>CONTACT</i>
May 16, 2002	Pharmacology & Aging	Circus, Circus Reno, NV	Linda Wiley 775-784-1806
May 17, 2002	Elder Rights Forum	Rush-Presbyterian-St Luke's Medical Center Chicago, IL	Gina LaPalio 312-942-5355 Gina_M_Lapalio@rush.edu
May 17, 2002	Medical Issues & Aging and Multi-Cultural Aspects of Aging	Circus, Circus Reno, NV	Linda Wiley 775-784-1806
May 18, 2002	Community Resources for Older Adults & Physiology of Aging	Circus, Circus Reno, NV	Linda Wiley 775-784-1806
May 20 – 22, 2002	Medical Management Conference	Los Angeles, CA	Lucio Arruda 310-312-0531 larruda@ucla.edu

May 22, 2002	Health Action Update: Physical Activity in Older Adults	Monroe Community Hospital Rochester, NY	Anne Francione 716-760-6375
May 29, 2002	CHF in the Elderly	Monroe Community Hospital Rochester, NY	Anne Francione 716-760-6375
June 5, 2002	Elder Abuse & Neglect	Monroe Community Hospital Rochester, NY	Anne Francione 716-760-6375
June 7 th , 2002	Care Issues in Alzheimer's Disease & Other Dementing Illnesses	Sheraton Gainesville Hotel Gainesville, FL	www.med.ufl.edu/pharm/facdata/GRECC/dementia.conf 352-377-4000
June 12-16, 2002	Interdisciplinary Faculty Development Program: Cultural Diversity in Health & Aging	Fresno, CA	Lucio Arruda 310-312-0531 larruda@ucla.edu
June 24-26, 2002	13 th Annual St Louis University Summer Geriatrics Institute: The Faces of Eldercare	St Louis University St. Louis, MO	Dr. Nina Tumosa 314-894-6560
June 28, 2002	Discovering Treatments & Improving the Care of Persons with Dementia	Richmond, VA	Mary Ann Johnson 804-967-2582
July 8 – 10, 2002	19 th Annual Sanders-Brown Center on Aging Summer Series on Aging	Hyatt Regency Hotel Lexington, KY	Margaret Lyle 859-257-5179 www.rgs.uky.edu/aging/summerseries
September 4-6, 2002	National Conference on Indian Aging: "Healing Ourselves, Healing Our Communities, Healing Our World"	Convention Center Albuquerque, NM	Eva 505-292-2001
September 18 th , 2002	Geriatrics Mini-Course	Chicago, IL	Jan Severance, PhD 630-515-7623 jsever@midwestern.edu