

Aging Exchange

News about the study of aging at Purdue University

Spring, 1998

Transitions

Hui-Ching (Amy) Weng earned the Ph.D. in sociology and completed the gerontology minor. She is employed as a researcher in the Graduate Institute of Public Health at the National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan.

Michael G. Flynn, Ph.D., Associate Professor in the Department of Health, Kinesiology, and Leisure Studies, is now affiliated with the gerontology program. His fields of specialization are exercise physiology, aging and immune responsiveness.

David J. Waters, D.V.M., Ph.D., Associate Professor in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, has also joined the gerontology faculty associates. Dr. Waters' research interests include comparative oncology, especially prostate and bone cancer, and aging and cancer.

Special Initiatives Graduate Fellowship

Call for Applications and Nominations

Health and Effective Functioning in Middle and Later Life: Examining Differences by Gender and/or Ethnicity

The Gerontology Program of Purdue University, under the auspices of the Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School, solicits applications from graduate students and nominations from faculty for a graduate student fellowship during the 1998-1999 academic year.

The purpose of this fellowship is to encourage basic research studies of the
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A.H. Ismail Fitness and Nutrition Research and Education Center

The Department of Health, Kinesiology, and Leisure Studies (HKLS) in the School of Liberal Arts and the Department of Foods and Nutrition (F&N) in the School of Consumer and Family Sciences announce a new venture to enhance research on fitness and nutrition. The two departments announce the creation of the A.H. Ismail Fitness and Nutrition Research and Education Center.

These faculty share an exciting field of research on the effects of exercise and nutrition on health, and on the consequences of health behaviors on mortality and morbidity. While the issues of fitness and nutrition span the life course, several of the faculty focus on health behavior in later life.

Dr. A.H. Ismail, an internationally respected professor at Purdue University from 1958 to 1984, dedicated his professional life to understanding the physical, mental and emotional aspects of exercise and fitness. Dr. Ismail helped create Purdue's Adult Fitness Program; now Purdue University proudly supports the creation of a new Center to be named in memory of this extraordinary gentleman and scholar.

The Center will promote interdisciplinary research and service through a state-of-the-art fitness, nutrition and health assessment and prescription area, and a cardiovascular and strength training area. The Center will conduct research on exercise, fitness, nutrition and health, and provide educational models to improve exercise and eating habits. Research and service initiatives will be coupled with individual and population assessment models related to health, exercise and nutrition status. Finally, the Center will service as a clinical education setting for undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in HKLS and F&N programs related to health, fitness, and nutrition.

Clinton Administrations' FY99 Budget Proposal

NIH Research Would Increase; Aging Programs Would Stay Level, Social Services Drop

mechanisms and conditions that can extend the productive middle and/or later years of life by preventing, postponing, or reversing disabilities. The successful candidate will complete an *interdisciplinary* gerontology research project which gives attention to the special circumstances, needs, and resources of women and/or persons who are members of ethnic minority groups in the United States.

Any student pursuing a graduate degree at Purdue is eligible to apply. Familiarity with the field of gerontology is preferred. The student's thesis or dissertation committee should be multidisciplinary, and it is preferred (not required) that the major professor be affiliated with the Gerontology Program at Purdue University. *Minority students and women are encouraged to apply.*

The fellowship carries a stipend of \$1,000 per month plus a tuition waiver. For additional information, contact any of the following faculty members affiliated with the Gerontology Program:

Sharon DeVaney, Consumer Sciences and Retailing (48300)

Kenneth Ferraro, Sociology (44707)

Gerald Hyner, Health, Kinesiology, and Leisure Studies (43151)

Dorothy Morr , Foods and Nutrition (48233)

David Waters, Veterinary Clinical Sciences (49271)

Application and Selection Procedures

Completed applications are due by **April 15, 1998**. Application forms may be obtained by calling 494-9692 or via e-mail (gero@cfs.purdue.edu).

Applications will be evaluated by an interdisciplinary committee of faculty affiliated with the Gerontology Program. The successful candidate will be notified as soon as possible but no later than May 15, 1998. No formal critiques will be given. The fellowship may begin August 1, 1998.

Seminar

Integrating Sport Involvement into the Life Structure: A Narrative Portrait of a Senior Aged Participant

David Langley, Ph.D.

Indiana State University

April 9, 4:00 p.m., Lambert 105

The Clinton administration's FY99 budget proposal is truly a mixed bag.

Although some areas such as senior-related research and preventive health efforts would increase, other key programs would get no boost or be cut.

The area benefiting seniors which would grow the most under the budget proposal is research into several major diseases affecting older Americans. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) would get the largest increase in its history, \$1.1 billion, as a "down payment" on an "historic" five-year, 50% expansion.

As part of this, Medicare will for the first time pay for beneficiaries--most of whom are seniors--to take part in clinical cancer trials.

In the budget, funding for the National Cancer Institute would rise by 9% next year, and a whopping 65% by 2003. Funding for the National Institute on Aging would get a 7.5% boost, while research into neurological disorders and stroke would increase by 8%.

A key goal of this expansion, says Secretary Shalala, is for the NIH to "redouble" its attack on our "most defiant" diseases, including heart disease, cancer, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's. The Center for Disease Control would get an extra \$25 million for a prevention research program to find ways to help reduce the risk of illnesses such as heart disease and cancer.

Seniors housing would be slashed, an important social services block grant would be cut and funding for the major seniors program would see no increase. The budget for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) calls for spending \$381 billion, an overall 16% increase.

Unfortunately, as expected from the preliminary HHS budget, the Administration on Aging (AoA) which runs programs under the Older Americans Act, does not benefit from this largesse. It would receive level funding overall.

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Graduate Courses in Gerontology at Purdue, Fall, 1998

(please post)

Primary Content

PSY 536	Psychology of Aging and the Aged (3 cr.), Prof. Cicirelli	TTh 12:00-1:15
PSY 537	Psychology of the Aging Family (3 cr.), Prof. Cicirelli	TTh 3:00-4:15
PSY 661	Personal/Social Functioning in the Aged (3 cr.), Prof. Cicirelli	TTh 4:30-5:45
PSY 679E	Clinical Gerontological Practicum (1-6 cr.), Prof. Swensen	Arrange

Related but not primary content

AUS 519A	Augment. & Alter. Com. Assess. (2-3 cr.), Prof. L. Lloyd	M 10:30-12:20
AUS 540	Augment. & Alter. Com. (3 cr.), Prof. L. Lloyd	TTh 4:30-5:45
BIOL 559	Endocrinology (3 cr.), Prof. Anderson	TTh 1:30-2:45
CDFS 502	Survey of Human Development (3 cr.), Prof. Offenbach	M 7:00-9:50
CSR 631	Consumer Behavior Theories (3 cr.), Prof. Heslin	TTh 1:30-2:45
EDPS 562	Augment. & Alter. Com. (3 cr.), Prof. L. Lloyd	TTh 4:30-5:45
PSY 502	Survey of Human Development (3 cr.), Prof. Offenbach	M 7:00-9:50

Also of interest:

SOC 681	Selected Problems of Social Research: Longitudinal Data Analysis	TTh 12:00-1:15
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The Graduate Program in Gerontology Colloquia Series Interdisciplinary Discussion in Gerontology

Methodological Issues in Gerontological Research

George McCabe, Ph.D.
Purdue University
Head, Statistical Consulting

April 14, 3:30 p.m., RHPH G-48

Dr. McCabe will describe the Statistical Consulting Service and discuss various statistical methods (e.g. power calculations) that should be included in grant proposals.

This is our final colloquium for the academic year, but we are now seeking persons to present next year. Contact: Janet Wilmoth, 44676 or wilmothj@sri.soc.purdue.edu.

*Old age takes from the man of intellect
no qualities save those that are useless to wisdom.*

Joseph Joubert
(1754-1824)

The *Aging Exchange* is developed by Ken Ferraro and Marilyn McCammack of the Gerontology Program with the assistance of the Division of Sponsored Programs. This publication is distributed to faculty on the DSP keyword listing for "aging and gerontology" and is intended to foster communication among Purdue faculty, staff, and graduate students interested in the study of aging. We welcome your suggestions for enhancing the *Aging Exchange* to better serve Purdue. Please submit news items to Ferraro, Sociology, Stone Hall [E-mail: ferraro@purdue.edu]. Visit Purdue's gerontology home page [<http://omni.cc.purdue.edu/~geron/>]

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