

## **Wisconsin Longitudinal Study Presentations at GSA**

### **Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 2012**

Time: 4:30 PM-6:00 PM

Location: San Diego Ballroom B (San Diego Marriott Marquis & Marina)

Session Title: Charting New Frontiers in Aging Family Research: Addressing Societal and Familial Transitions

Paper Title: Families at the End of Life: How Family Relations Shape Death Preparations and Adjustment to Loss

Author: D. Carr

### **Thursday, November 15, 2012**

Time 12:00 PM-3:00 PM

Location: Exhibit Hall A (San Diego Convention Center)

Session Title: End-of-Life Planning

Poster Title: The Role of Physician Trust in End-of-Life Care Planning

Authors: S.A. Keary; S.M. Moorman

Session Title: Emotions and Mental Health

Poster Title: Who Lives Longer and Healthier?: The Effect of Personality Traits, Physical Attractiveness, and Intelligence on Health and Mortality

Author K. Kim

Time: 1:30 PM-3:00 PM

Location: Room 4 (San Diego Convention Center)

Session Title: Deepening Understandings of Older Adults' Learning and Use of the Internet

Paper Title: Examining Internet Use, Social Integration, and Psychological Well-Being in a Cohort of Older Adults

Author: R.W. Berkowsky

### **WLS Data User Meeting**

**Join us for a brief meeting to hear an update on fielding, current response rates, and our expectations for new data releases.**

**5:00-6:00pm**

**Malibu Room San Diego Marriott Marquis & Marina**

### **Friday, November 16, 2012**

Time: 8:00 AM-9:30 AM

Location: Room 16A (San Diego Convention Center),

Symposium Title: A Primer on the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study: Over 50 Years of Social Data and Newly Available Genetic Data

Presenters: Pam Herd, Craig Atwood, & Carol Roan

**Saturday, November 17, 2012**

Time: 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Location: Room 1B (San Diego Convention Center),

Symposium: How Life Course Patterns of Employment, Socioeconomic Position, and Family Shape Physical and Mental Health in Late Life

Description: This symposium explores how education, work, and family experiences across the life course shape physical and psychological health in late life. All of these papers utilize a unique longitudinal study of aging, the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study, which has followed a cohort of high school graduates (and a selected sibling) since 1957. Two papers focus on the links between socioeconomic position and health behaviors and mortality in later life. One of these papers focuses on the links between socioeconomic position, obesity, and mortality. The other paper specifically focuses on how education, including academic performance, links to smoking and obesity in late life. The other two papers focus on how employment and expectations surrounding employment ultimately shape mental health and mortality in late life. One of these papers specifically focuses on employment patterns—including unemployment spells—across the entire life course of these participants. The other paper focuses on an intense caregiving experience—raising children with significant disabilities—and how that experience helps pattern employment experiences and expectations and ultimately mental health in late life.

Paper Titles:

Employment Histories and Late Mid-life Mortality

Authors: J. Raymo; J. Warren; A. Halpern-Manners

Education and Health Behaviors: Understanding the Role of Cognitive and Psychological Human Capital

Authors: A. Karraker; P. Herd

Family Caregiving and Transition to Retirement among Parents of Children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Authors: J. Hong J. D. Wong; M. Mailick Seltzer; J. Greenberg; C. G. Mandic; J. Song

Early-Life Socioeconomic Status, Obesity in Adulthood, and Later-Life Cardiovascular Mortality

Author: T. Pudrovska