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GILBREA NEWS

We are pleased to announce that as of July 1st, 2019, Dr. Meridith Griffin has stepped in as Director of the Gilbrea Centre while Amanda Grenier is on leave. Meridith is very well acquainted with the Centre, having fulfilled the role of Associate Director in the past.

Meridith Griffin is an Associate Professor in the Department of Health, Aging & Society at McMaster University. Her research explores the topics of physical activity and inclusivity – and her work is particularly focused upon both lived experiences and critical exploration of inequalities therein (e.g., on the basis of age, gender and/or sexuality, disability, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, etc.). Dr. Griffin also looks broadly at leisure: engagement, accessibility, and the ways in which it is integrated into identity/selfhood and meaning-making across the life course.

Please help us in welcoming Meridith to the team in her new role!

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HAMilton SENIORS ISOLATION Project

On Thursday June 20th 2019, a HSIIP recognition lunch was held at the Ancaster Mill to celebrate the hard work, collective successes and contributions made over the last three years to improve the lives of local seniors, reduce isolation and promote inclusion within the community. The lunch included connectors, volunteers and project staff who had contributed over the years to make the Hamilton Seniors Isolation Project the success it has been. It was a beautiful celebration and offered the opportunity to share stories, celebrate success and discuss the future. Thanks to all of those who assisted with the coordination of such a wonderful event!

Learn more about the Hamilton Seniors Isolation Impact Plan:
Website: http://socialisolation.ca
Email: socialisolation@mcmaster.ca
The Gilbrea Centre was a proud sponsor of the Trent Aging Conference “Take Back Aging, Power, Critique, Imagination” held at Trent University, in Peterborough Ontario on May 28th-31st 2019. It was the second joint conference organized by NANAS and ENAS. International researchers, scholars and students from the social sciences and humanities showcased their research and scholarship in critical gerontology and aging studies.

Visit our “Member Participation” section below to find out who from McMaster University participated in the conference. Gilbrea Centre travel awards were also given to five students to facilitate their travel to TrentAging2019. See the “Student Travel Awards” section for more information.

To view some snapshot photos from the Conference visit: https://www.trentaging2019.com/photo-albums

STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS

This Spring the Gilbrea Centre provided travel grants to five students attending the Trent Aging Conference in Peterborough. “Take Back Aging: Power, Critique, Imagination” held from May 28th to 31st, 2019. Each student provided a blog detailing their experiences at the event. Visit https://gilbrea.mcmaster.ca/gilbrea under the awards section to read the blog posts.

- Kelsey Harvey - Taking Back Aging and Taking Back the Planet: Highlights from TrentAging2019
- Alison Ross - Trent Conference reclaims aging from the margins
- Emma Conway - The ‘New Dementia’: Contextualizing Emerging Socio-Cultural and Ethical Questions in Dementia Research
- Blessing Ojembe - My Moments at TrentAging 2019
MEMBER PARTICIPATION


Grenier, A. (May 30th, 2019). “Meanings of (Im)mobilities: A ‘New Mobilities’ Perspective” in session Materiality, Mobility and Critical Theory: From Physical Objects and Embodied Experiences to Political Narratives of Ageing in Public Space


Harvey, K. (May 29th, 2019). “Exercise Instructors for Older Adult Fitness: A Content Analysis of Training Curricula”

Ojembe, Blessing. (May 29th, 2019). “Describing Reasons for Loneliness among Older People in Nigeria”

Ross, A. (May 29th, 2019). “At 80, I know myself”: The Influence of Lay Expertise on Older Adults’ Experiences of Polypharmacy and Deprescribing


MEMBER PUBLICATIONS


INCG

After taking a hiatus over the summer, the International Network for Critical Gerontology blog posts have resumed. Read the latest posts by visiting http://criticalgerontology.com/

- Reflections on TrentAging 2019 – Take Back Aging – Power, Critique, and Imagination by Stephanie Hatzifilalithis
- ‘Visual memoring’ as a critical self-reflective process by Bryn Ludlow
- Partnering with Academia to Meet the Needs of Community-Based Seniors by Karon Phillips
- Celebration of love and growing old in mainstream media by Jagriti Ganopadhyay
UPCOMING EVENTS

2019 Gilbrea Centre for Studies in Aging
2020 SEMINAR SERIES

We are excited to announce the speakers for our 2019/2020 Seminar Series. All seminars are held at McMaster University | Main Campus | L.R. Wilson Hall | Room 1003 and are no-cost and open to the community.

The seduction of successful aging: Imag(in)ing older age in comics and graphic novels
October 3, 2019 - 12:00PM - 1:00PM
Nicole Dalmer Postdoctoral Fellow, Trent University
Lucia Cedeira Serantes, Assistant Professor, The University of Western Ontario

Pedagogical approaches to disrupt normativity in gerontology: A focus on LGBTQ+ aging.
November 28, 2019 - 1:00PM - 2:00PM
Kimberly Wilson, Assistant Professor, University of Guelph

Social Disadvantage, Gentrification, and Aging in Place: Implications for Chronic Conditions
February 5, 2020 - 1:00PM - 2:00PM
Ronica Rooks, Fulbright Canada Fellow
Associate Professor, University of Colorado Denver

Intersectionality, Gender, Sexual Orientation, and caregiving for partners/spouses in later life
March 25, 2020 - 1:00PM - 2:00PM
Toni Calasanti, Professor, Virginia Tech

Full details available at: https://gilbrea.mcmaster.ca/events

2019 / 2020 Gilbrea Aging, Reading and Writing Group

The Art of Writing Travel Memories
Writing down memories of journeys near and far, long ago or recent, can be an important part of life review among older adults. We will explore the purposes of travel writing and examine examplars in prose and in poetry. Writing prompts will be provided, and participants are welcome to read their work aloud. Attendance at both sessions is encouraged.

The group will be facilitated by Ellen Ryan, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Health, Aging and Society and Senior Scholar in Residence, Gilbrea Centre for Studies in Aging. Ellen's research examines how to foster resilient aging through the decades—from the young old to the oldest old. Throughout her career, she has focused on ageism, disability, resilience, and writing life stories. She hosts a website on Writing, Aging and Spirit: www.writingdownoureyears.ca and also the Hamilton Aging in Community website: https://hamiltonagingtogether.ca/

*Sessions are free, but require advanced registration by contacting our co-sponsor, the Ancaster Library at 905-648-6911.

Dates: Monday Oct 21 & 28, 2019 | 1:00-3:00pm
Location: Ancaster Library, 300 Wilson St E, Ancaster **Free parking**

For more information email gilbrea@mcmaster.ca

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IN THE NEWS

• Amanda Grenier, Sally Chivers and Tamara Daly interviewed about Trent University hosted conference on aging. https://globalnews.ca/video/5355362/trent-aging-2019-conference

• Health, Aging and Society PhD candidate and Gilbrea Student member Stephanie Hatzifilalithis to be part of the first graduate cohort of Wilson Leaders. https://socialsciences.mcmaster.ca/health-aging-society/news/first-cohort-of-graduate-students-become-wilson-leadership-scholars

STUDENT MEMBERS

The Gilbrea Centre is pleased to announce that Stefania Cerisano and Hannah Song will be co-chairing the Gilbrea Student Group this year.

The first meeting of the 2019 academic year will take place on Wednesday September 11th at 10:30-11:30am in L.R Wilson Hall, 2nd floor.

You’re invited! Join the Gilbrea Student Group at their September Social for dinner and bowling on Sept 18, 2019. More details on their twitter page. Everyone welcome!

The Gilbrea Centre student group welcomes students with an interest in social studies of aging. Learn more about the Centre and its current student members by visiting http://gilbrea.mcmaster.ca/people. For anyone interested in becoming a member, please contact gilbrea@mcmaster.ca.
UPCOMING CONFERENCES

Aging & Social Change: Ninth Interdisciplinary Conference
September 16-17, 2019, University of Vienna, Austria

CAG2019: Navigating the Tides of Aging Together
Oct 24-26, 2019, Moncton, New Brunswick
https://cag2019.ca/

GSA 2019 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING
Strength in Age: Harnessing the Power of Networks
Gerontological Society of America
November 13-17th 2019
https://www.geron.org/meetings-events/gsa-2019-annual-scientific-meeting

COMMUNITY PARTNER ORGANIZATION

The Gilbrea Centre welcomes Symbiosis Co-housing as our newest community partner. Symbiosis intergenerational co-housing connects students in need of low-cost housing with seniors who have a spare room and who could benefit from a bit of extra support for an easy, safe, and mutually beneficial relationship.

Visit their website for more information (https://symbiosiscohousing.com/)

Visit us online at gilbrea.mcmaster.ca

BECOME A MEMBER

Interested in learning more about becoming an Associate member of the Gilbrea Centre? Please e-mail gilbrea@mcmaster.ca

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