RESEARCH UPDATE

“A Meanings of (Im)mobilities: A ‘New Mobilities’ Perspective”

Amanda Grenier (Co-PI), Meridith Griffin (Co-PI), Alex Papaioannou, Rob Wilton, Gavin Andrews, Jim Dunn, Equity Burke (RA), Blessing Ojembe (RA).

This pilot project was funded through a catalyst grant from the Labarge Centre for Mobility in Aging and the McMaster Institute for Research on Aging at McMaster University. To date, a total of 15 interviews have been conducted with older adults to explore and uncover new understandings of mobility. Interviews have included: five active older adults, five older adults aging with a disability and five older people who are considered “frail”.

The Gilbrea Centre is pleased to announce that they will be presenting these findings through one paper and one poster at the upcoming Trent Aging conference in Peterborough Ontario in May 2019.

Amanda Grenier will present a paper on how a ‘New Mobilities’ perspective holds potential to overcome the usual dichotomy between mobility / immobility. This is part of the symposium session entitled “Materiality, Mobility and Critical Theory: from Physical Objects and Embodied Experiences to Political Narratives of Ageing in Public Space”.

Equity Burke will present a poster on the findings to date for the “Meaning of (Im)mobilities” project.

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GILBREA NEWS

Gilbrea is pleased to be sponsoring conferences and events in the Hamilton community and abroad. These sponsorships allow us to give back to the community and support initiatives which celebrate and educate others on aging and well-being.

We are a proud sponsor of the Trent Aging Conference “Take Back Aging, Power, Critique, Imagination” held at Trent University, in Peterborough Ontario from May 28th-31st 2019. This will be the second joint conference organized by NANAS and ENAS. International researchers, scholars and students from social sciences and humanities will share their research and scholarship in critical gerontology and aging studies. For more information please visit: https://www.trentaging2019.com/.

We are also very excited to be sponsoring for a second year in a row, the Hamilton Senior of the year awards being held on June 24th, 2019 at Michelangelo’s Event and Conference Centre. These awards honor older adults 65 and over who have made an outstanding voluntary contribution to the cultural, social and/or civic life of the Hamilton community. For more information please visit: https://www.hamilton.ca/city-awards/senior-year-awards/.

Gilbrea will be attending the annual Senior kickoff happening on May 29th, 2019 at Michelangelo’s Event and Conference Centre. Visit our booth this year between 10am-2pm to learn more on what has been happening at the Gilbrea Centre and how you can get involved!
HAMILTON SENIORS ISOLATION PROJECT

Over the past few months, the HSIIP project has:

- Created reports and summary briefs highlighting research insights from seniors and community stakeholders.
- Developed 5 key recommendations, including specific actions to guide policy and practice decisions addressing social isolation among seniors.
- Partnered with AGEWELL, Canada’s technology and aging Network Centre of Excellence on an information sheet.
- Collaborated with the Retired Teachers of Ontario Foundation and CARP on webinars and reviews.
- Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health included HSIIP as a case study in a section of their annual report, Creating Supportive, Connected Communities, highlighting examples of initiatives addressing social isolation.

Visit the project website socialisolation.ca to read recently published materials:
- Info Sheet #5: How Does Social Isolation Affect Health?
- Success Story #9 – Mrs. Doyle
- Info Sheet #6: Sharing Research Knowledge
- Info Sheet #7 – Conducting Research with Vulnerable Groups
- Policy Brief: Insights from Seniors on Social Isolation

Learn more about the Hamilton Seniors Isolation Impact Plan:
Website: http://socialisolation.ca
Email: socialisolation@mcmaster.ca

SYMBIOSIS CO-HOUSING

Stephanie Hatzifilalithis, Gilbrea Student member and Research Assistant, was featured on Cable 14 for the Symbiosis Co-Housing project. This project connects McMaster graduate students in need of low-cost housing with seniors who have a spare room and who could benefit from a bit of extra support. To view the interview, visit:
https://cable14now.com/video-on-demand/video/?videoId=4061

The Symbiosis project, which is in its second year, has recently launched a new website (https://symbiosiscohousing.com) where potential co-housing applicants can get additional information on the benefits of co-housing and learn how the program works.

MEMBER PARTICIPATION & PUBLICATIONS


UPCOMING


* A number of faculty and students will be participating in TrentAging 2019 in May 2019 at Trent University. View the program here.

STUDENT AWARDS

Each year, the Ronald Bayne Gerontology Award and the E.B. Ryan Scholarship is awarded by the School of Graduate Studies on the recommendation of the director of the Gilbrea Centre for Studies in Aging.

The Ronald Bayne Gerontology Award was established in 1999 by Barbara Bayne to honour Dr. Ronald Bayne’s valuable contribution to the study of Gerontology at McMaster University. Social Sciences and Humanities graduate students conducting research in the field of aging are eligible for the award.

The E.B. Ryan Scholarship was established in 1997 using funds raised by a performance of the play “Letter from Wingfield Farm” and is awarded to Social Sciences and Health Sciences graduate students conducting research in the field of aging.

We would like to congratulate this year’s winners:

2018-19 Ronald Bayne Gerontology Award: Peter DeMaio (PhD Social Gerontology, Department of Health, Aging & Society)

2018-19 E.B. Ryan Scholarship: Michael Kalu (PhD Rehab Science, School of Rehabilitation Science)
IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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2019 SEMINAR SERIES

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2018/2019 Seminar Series. If you were unable to attend, visit our YouTube channel to view videos of the talks. Stay tuned for information on our next series in the Fall.

GERAS DANCE: DANCing for Cognition & Exercise
Courtney Kennedy & Patricia Hewston, Geras Centre for Aging Research
Watch: https://youtu.be/2OtY0dKmOys

Resources for Health in Advanced Age: Older People’s Perspectives
Janine Wiles, School of Population Health at the University of Auckland, New Zealand
Watch for video soon!

Enhancing Access to Quality Long-Term Care Services for Older LGBTQ Persons
Alisa Grigorovich, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute – UHN
Watch: https://youtu.be/aTqLWf0Xw0

Social Participation at the Intersection of Old Age and Lifelong Disability: Showcasing How It Feels Through a Photo Novel Lens
Émilie Raymond, Université Laval
Watch: https://youtu.be/M6R0v7F0D4

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

INCG

INTERNATIONAL NETWORK for CRITICAL GERONTOLOGY

Read the latest posts from the International Network of Critical Gerontology by visiting http://criticalgerontology.com/

- “Public library programming in Canada: Constructing age and combating ageism” by Kaitlin Wynia
- “I like to think I am in the process of living with loneliness: Co-developing cross-generational letter-writing with higher education students and older people” by Georgina Binnie
- “No one wants to be alone” by Deborah Morgan
- “Partnering with Academia to Meet the Needs of Community-Based Seniors” by Karon L. Phillips
- “Celebrating 100 Blog Posts!” by INCG

UPCOMING EVENTS

TrentAging 2019
Trent University, Peterborough, May 28-31, 2019
https://www.trentaging2019.com/

BSG2019: Resilience and Living Well in Local Communities
July 10-12, 2019, University of Liverpool
https://www.britishgerontology.org/events-and-courses/bsg-annual-conference

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 - Strength in Age—Harnessing the Power of Networks
November 13-17, 2019, Austin, Texas
https://www.geron.org/meetings-events/gsa-2019-annual-scientific-meeting
STUDENT MEMBERS

The Gilbrea Centre student group welcomes students with an interest in social studies of aging.

Gilbrea student group meetings / journal club are held the first Wednesday of every month at L.R. Wilson, 2nd floor. The next meeting will be June 5, 2019 at 2:30pm.

For anyone interested in becoming a member, please contact gilbrea@mcmaster.ca.

IN THE NEWS

- Gilbrea member Jim Dunn was interviewed in The Hamilton Spectator about affordable housing for seniors: https://www.thespec.com/news-story/9199115-dundas-wentworth-lodge-vacant-land-still-being-reviewed-by-city-staff/. He was also featured in a McMaster news article entitled “Housing, health and social services: Dunn connects the dots”: https://brighterworld.mcmaster.ca/articles/jim-dunn-connects-the-dots/
- Gilbrea member Chelsea Gabel sees online voting as a tool to enhance self-determination for Indigenous communities in Canada: https://brighterworld.mcmaster.ca/articles/gabel-online-voting/
- Margaret Denton, former Gilbrea senior scholar in residence, was featured in The Hamilton Spectator encouraging people to speak out on how to make Hamilton an “age-friendly” city: https://www.flamboroughreview.com/opinion-story/9203530-help-make-hamilton-the-best-place-for-those-ages-1-to-121/
- Laura Tamblyn Watts talks with Stephen Pakin about the challenges Canadian prisons face dealing with elderly prisoners on The Agenda: https://www.tvo.org/video/aging-and-dying-behind-bars
- Congratulations to Mark Skinner who has been named the new dean of Arts & Science – Social Sciences at Trent University: https://www.trentu.ca/news/story/24063

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