This semester was jam-packed with aging related conferences, social events, kicking off our annual seminar series and the start of this year’s student group.

We look forward to January 2020 when Dr. Toni Calasanti joins us at McMaster University as the Fulbright Visiting Scholar hosted by the Gilbrea Centre. Dr. Calasanti is recognized for her outstanding work in social and critical gerontology. We are excited for her arrival and co-sponsored seminar in March 2020 as part of the Gilbrea Seminar Series.

Holiday Closure Announcement:

Please note that our office will be closed starting on December 23rd, 2019 and will re-open January 6th, 2020. During this time, phones and emails will not be answered. We will respond to messages upon our return.

The Gilbrea Centre wishes you and your loved ones a very happy holiday season!

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GILBREA NEWS

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HAMILTON SENIORS ISOLATION PROJECT

On Monday September 23, 2019, the Hamilton Council on Aging hosted their 12th annual general meeting and community forum at Liuna Station in Hamilton. The community event included a seniors’ resource fair for positive aging, a “Conversation Café” and lunch. The Conversations Café allowed the public to hear more about the Hamilton Senior Isolation Impact Plan from those involved and impacted by the project. It included a panel of peer connectors and older adults who described their experiences within the program and expressed the positive impact it has had in their lives. The discussion was informative, emotional and really put into perspective the influence that this program has had in the fight to combat social isolation. The community forum had a great turnout and was attended by community members, stakeholders/connectors, as well as the Honorable Filomena Tassi and Mayor Fred Eisenberger.

Learn more about the Hamilton Seniors Isolation Impact Plan:

Website: http://socialisolation.ca

Email: socialisolation@mcmaster.ca
CAG 2019

The Gilbrea Centre and McMaster University was well represented at this year’s Canadian Association on Gerontology conference “Navigating the Tides of Aging Together” held in Moncton, New Brunswick on October 24-26th, 2019. It was the 48th Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting and brought together experts in the field of aging across a range of disciplines and professions, including health, social science, practice and policy. The Gilbrea Centre and Department of Health, Aging and Society were excited to once again co-host the annual exhibit booth at the conference. The Gilbrea Centre and HAS participants were able to greet lots of new faces and say hello to some old friends.

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 three students to facilitate their travel to CAG2019. See the “Student Travel Awards” section for more information.

Lastly, congratulations to Gilbrea Student member and research assistant Stephanie Hatzifilalithis who was awarded the “Margery Boyce Bursary” award at CAG2019.

STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS

This Fall the Gilbrea Centre provided travel grants to three students attending the Canadian Association on Gerontology conference. “Navigating the Tides of Aging Together” held in Moncton, New Brunswick on October 24-26, 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.

- Blessing Ojembe - Leaving no one behind while “Navigating the Tides of Aging”
MEMBER PARTICIPATION

The following members and students participated in the Canadian Association on Gerontology conference in Moncton, NB. “Navigating the Tides of Aging Together” was held from October 24-26, 2019.


MEMBER PUBLICATIONS


INCG

The International Network for Critical Gerontology blog facilitates discussion with regards to critical issues in the study of aging and late life. Read the latest posts by visiting http://criticalgerontology.com/

- Reflections on CAG 2019: Navigating the tides of ageing together by Stephanie Hatzifilalithis
- Dementia is changing. Social media arguments show us how by James Fletcher
- Design and Social Innovation in an Ageing Society by Michela Cozza
- “The world seems to be designed against the elderly” – how can emerging technology work for older people? by Barbara Barbosa Neves & Frank Vetere
- Calling for (a more) Critical Dementia Studies – Critical Dementia Network by Linn Sandberg
- The Past in the Present: Ageing and the Workhouse Inheritance by Hamish Robertson
- Masculinity and Aging in Home Support: The Challenge of Unwanted Sexual Attention by Rachel Barken and Joanie Sims-Gould
UPCOMING EVENTS

Our 2019/2020 Seminar Series is well underway! All seminars are held at McMaster University | Main Campus | L.R. Wilson Hall | Room 1003 and are no-cost and open to the community.

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

In Case You Missed It

The seduction of successful aging: Imag(in)ing older age in comics and graphic novels
Nicole Dalmer Postdoctoral Fellow, , Trent University
Lucia Cedeira Serantes, Assistant Professor, The University of Western Ontario
Watch Now: https://youtu.be/VCrl5dyO380

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

STUDENT MEMBERS

The Gilbrea Centre is pleased to announce the following new members to the student group: Ewalina Jeyanesan, Yumiko Kiuchi, Melissa Ricci, Kaitlyn Jaggers, Rachel Dunsmore, Olivia Virag, Stephanie Blais, Kelley Prendergast, Joceyln Badali, Alicia Clifford and Julia McCord.

Interested in supporting Alzheimer’s society? Join the Gilbrea Student team for the Walk for Alzheimer’s on January 25, 2020 at McMaster Innovation Park. If you can’t make the event, you can still support this great cause by donating to the team at: http://bit.ly/344tv8R

Keep an eye on the Gilbrea Student twitter page for dates and times of the next Journal Club meeting. Everyone is welcome to join in on the conversation!

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.

IN THE NEWS

• Chelsea Gabel, was named a “Powerhouse Researcher” in McMaster Alumni Community.

• McMaster hosted an international conference on university freedoms and responsibilities on Oct 15 -16. Jim Dunn, chair of the Department of Health, Aging and Society participated as one of the speakers.

• Laura Watts from the National Initiative for the Care of the Elderly talks about the prevalence of ageism, and discusses the City of Toronto’s new anti-ageism campaign.

• Jim Dunn and Mat Savelli discuss the new minor, Social Studies of Mental Health and Addiction, in the McMaster Daily News.

• “We are changing how people think about dementia and we are reducing misconceptions”, Pia Kontos discusses “Cracked: A New Light” play.

• Gilbrea Advisory Committee member, Dr. Alexandra Papaioannou, is interviewed in “The Facts about Osteoporosis” for goodtimes.ca.

• Professor Sally Chivers, Director of the Trent Centre for Aging and Society and former Gilbrea Seminar Speaker, discusses the annual Stephen Katz lecture at Trent University.

Visit us online at gilbrea.mcmaster.ca
UPCOMING CONFERENCES

British Society of Gerontology
July 1-3, 2020, University of the West of England
https://www.britishgerontology.org/events-and-courses/bsg-annual-conference

CAG2020: Closing the Research-Practice Gap
Oct 22-24, 2020, Regina, Saskatchewan
https://cagacg.ca/asem/cag2020/

Gerontological Society of America
November 4-8, 2020
https://www.geron.org/meetings-events/gsa-2020-annual-scientific-meeting

MIRA RESEARCH DAY
The MIRA/Labarge Annual Research Day took place on December 12th at McMaster Innovation Park. It was a fantastic turnout and great way to highlight new and ongoing interdisciplinary research at McMaster. The day started with a display of over 50 research project posters including several by Gilbrea students Hannah Song, Stephanie Hatzifilalithis and Kelsey Harvey. Next, was a keynote by Dr. Parminder Raina on “Epidemiology of Aging: What Do We Know?” which brought about a great discussion. Finally, 5 interdisciplinary researchers showcased a “research snapshot” of their current projects and results. This featured a presentation by Gilbrea Acting Director Meridith Griffin who discussed the findings from the project “Meaning of (im)mobilities: A ‘New Mobilities’ Perspective” [Co-PI Amanda Grenier]. It was a wonderful day and great to connect and reflect back on the last year of innovative research being conducted at McMaster. Thank you to MIRA and all of the organizers of the event. We look forward to research day 2020!

If you missed Meridith’s presentation, check out the new article by the mobility project team to learn more:


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