Berry Receives AGS Junior Investigator of the Year Award

This year AGS is recognizing junior faculty through awards for research and teaching. The recipient of the Outstanding Junior Investigator of the Year Award is Junior Faculty Research SIG member Dr. Sarah Berry.

Sarah Berry, MD, MPH, is Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Gerontology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center at Harvard Medical School and an Assistant Scientist in the Hebrew SeniorLife Institute for Aging Research. Sarah’s research focuses on outcomes following hip fractures in both the community and nursing home settings. Given the strong link between falls and fracture, she is also interested in studying novel and modifiable risk factors for falls. Her recent work, published in *JAMA*, showed that repeat bone mineral density testing in untreated older adults did not meaningfully improve prediction of hip or other major osteoporotic fractures. She is a past recipient of the AGS/Merck New Investigator Award and of a K23 award from the National Institute on Aging. Sarah says that her involvement with the SIG has been a great way to meet other junior investigators with a passion for aging research, and to develop a supportive peer network. Congratulations, Sarah!

POSTER WALKING TOUR

Please join us Friday, May 3rd at 6:00 PM (immediately following the Presidential Poster Session) on a walking tour with John P. Beilenson, MA, President of Strategic Communications and Planning (SCP), a consulting firm with a special focus on promoting policy-relevant aging research.

Learn strategies for creating a scientific poster that functions as a messaging tool to effectively communicate your research findings to your target audience. Poster presenters will have an opportunity to receive professional and peer-level feedback on the design and communication aspects of their poster.

Research Committee News

*Camille Vaughan*

Members of the AGS Research Committee will meet with leaders from the VA Office of Research & Development and the NIA later this spring to advocate on behalf of researchers within aging. Of note, NIH and AHRQ recently changed their resubmission policies for application due dates after April 16, 2014. Following an unsuccessful resubmission (A1) application, applicants may submit the same idea as a new (A0) application for the next appropriate due date. The NIH and AHRQ will not assess the similarity of the science in the new (A0) application to any previously reviewed submission when accepting an application for review.

AGS and the Research committee are coordinating implementation of the NIA/John A. Hartford Foundation U13 conference series highlighting research (Continued on page 2)
related to delirium, sleep disorders, and urinary incontinence. This past February, the delirium conference was held in Bethesda, MD, and included nearly 100 attendees. Will Hung from the JF SIG was the AGS junior faculty representative on the planning committee. A large number of junior faculty interested in delirium research were able to attend and several will be presenting the proceedings from the meeting during a session on Friday, May 16 from 2:15pm -3:45pm at the AGS Annual meeting. Be on the lookout for more information about the next U13 conference on sleep disorders slated for Fall 2015.

The subcommittees of the Research Committee are often looking for new members and provide an opportunity to engage with senior researchers and gain insight about the scope of work within aging research nationally. These include subcommittees in the following focus areas: NIA, VA, Research Methods, Public Relations/Foundation for Health in Aging, and Annual Meeting. Getting involved with the Junior Faculty Research SIG is a great way to stay in the loop when positions for new subcommittee members become available.

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Symposium Highlights

**CHALLENGESE AND OPPORTUNITIES IN IMPLEMENTING CMS INNOVATION AWARDS**

**Thursday, 2:45 - 4:15**

*S. Hemisphere I*

Junior Faculty Research group members Drs. Michael LaMantia and Kathleen Unroe (Indiana University) will present with Dr. Ula Hwang (Mt. Sinai School of Medicine) on the challenges and opportunities in implementing CMS Innovation awards. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 established the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) and authorized it to test health care delivery models that provide better care at lower cost. Congress has appropriated $10 billion between 2011-2019 to fund the Center’s activities. Health care leaders and decision makers however may find themselves unsure of whether to pursue applications for funding through the CMMI mechanism. This session will allow attendees to make an informed decision about whether to pursue CMMI funding to develop and evaluate a health care delivery model.

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**IMPROVING QUALITY OF GERIATRIC PATIENT CARE**

**Friday, 12:30 - 2:00**

*S. Hemisphere II*

Are you interested in taking on a quality improvement (QI) project as part of your career development goals? If so, then this session is geared for you. We have invited experts in the field of quality measurement to focus on QI from the perspective of academic researcher, clinical educator, government, and practicing clinician. We will outline the pros and cons of broad strategies to approach QI projects, such as conducting a project from research versus clinical perspective, funding sources, and examples of what a meritorious QI project looks like in various settings. Last, we will have a strategy session tailored to the ABIM Practice Improvement Module, so that you can also use QI to also maintain professional accreditation.

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**BEHIND THE CURTAIN: HOW TO CREATE A SUCCESSFUL PROPOSAL FOR AN ANNUAL MEETING PRESENTATION**

**10:45 - 12:15**

*N. Hemisphere A3/4*

This workshop sheds light on the process of annual meeting symposia/workshop selection, and provide participants with practical tips in successful proposal writing. The workshop will begin with a brief interactive panel discussion where members of the AGS, AAHPM, and AMDA program committees will review the process of annual meeting symposia/workshop proposal selection, answer audience questions, and provide proposal submission tips. Participants will then break into facilitated small “interprofessional mock program committees” where they will individually review a number of symposia/workshop proposals utilizing the AGS program committee selection criteria. At the end of the workshop, participants will be given an opportunity to form workgroups to network with colleagues and, if desired, begin development of an annual meeting symposia/workshop submission.
Please join us for the Junior Faculty SIG breakfast Friday morning at 7:30 AM! Our keynote speaker is Cynthia J. Brown, MD, MSPH. Dr. Cynthia J. Brown completed an undergraduate degree in physical therapy from East Carolina University and a MD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. At Yale University, Dr. Brown completed residency training in internal medicine, which included a Chief Resident year, and a three-year Geriatric Medicine fellowship. She has been on faculty in the Division of Gerontology, Geriatrics and Palliative Care at the University of Alabama at Birmingham since 2010 and is the Division Director. Dr. Brown’s research interests combine the issues of low mobility and falls in the hospitalized older patient. Her mobility work has been presented at national meetings and she has won numerous awards including the 2013 AGS Outstanding Scientific Achievement for Clinical Investigation Award for this research. In addition to her research, Dr. Brown has been recognized as an excellent educator, being named a 2012 Top 10 Teacher for the UAB Department of Medicine.

NEW for 2014! Guided Poster Tour
Friday May 16, Noon to 1 PM

Experts in the field will guide interested attendees on a walking tour of 4-6 posters in this session. The tour will highlight hot topics in geriatrics research and include posters selected from various abstract categories and study types. To participate in the Guided Poster Tour, meet at the AGS Marketplace Booth (#304) at 12:00 pm.

The expert discussants will be Rebecca Sudore, Chris Callahan, Harvey Cohen, and Joe Hanlon. We will visit 4 post-
About the AGS Junior Faculty Special Interest Group

The AGS Special Interest Group (SIG) for Junior Research Faculty Development seeks to disseminate information and provide support to junior faculty who are pursuing a research career in academic geriatrics (including clinical, basic science, epidemiology, public policy, and health services research). For more information on SIG, contact Kathleen Unroe (kunroe@iu.edu).

### AGS Awards 2014

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### Paper Sessions

- Thursday 11am-12 pm: Plenary Papers
- Thursday 2:45-4:15 pm: Geriatric Education
- Friday 7:30-9:00 am: Geriatric Bioscience
- Friday 12:30-2:00 pm: New Interventions & Jahingen/Williams Awardee session
- Friday 2:15-3:45 pm: Function & Outcomes
- Saturday 10:45 am-12:15 pm: Epidemiology
- Saturday 12:30-2:00 pm: Care Transitions
- Saturday 2:15-3:45 pm: Health Services & Policy Research

### Poster Sessions

- Thursday 12:00 – 1:00pm: Poster session A
- Thursday 4:30-6:00pm: Presidential Reception and Poster session B followed by Poster Walking Tour on Communication Strategies (6-7pm)
- Friday 12:00 – 1:00pm: Poster session C
  - NEW: Guided Poster Tour – meet at AGS Marketplace Booth #304 at 12:00 pm
- Friday 3:15-4:15 pm: Poster session D for Student and Resident Awardees; includes Poster Scavenger Hunt

Print, cut out, and use this handy Roadmap to the AGS meet.