Six New Students Join Doctoral Program

Six new students from all over the world represent the new class of 2013 Gerontology doctoral class. The students were introduced to the department on August 27th during their orientation. Following their morning session, they were joined by faculty, staff, and current students for lunch on the patio. Classes began for all students on Tuesday, September 3rd. Pages two and three include short biographies for each of the six new students.

From left to right: Maryam Khaniyan, Caera Somerville, Krystal Kittle, Saurja Thapa, Ian Livingston, and Saeh Hwang Han

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Director’s Welcome: Dr. Edward Miller, New Gerontology Ph.D. Graduate Program Director

It is my pleasure to welcome both new and returning students, alumni, and others to a new academic year. I hope you had relaxing but productive summer and are ready to hit the ground running. It is my honor to serve you as the next Director of the Ph.D. Program in Gerontology. I would like to thank my predecessor, Jan Mutchler, for her many years of superb stewardship. Professor Mutchler and the faculty who have preceded me as Director have set a high bar for leading this, the second oldest program of its type in the world.

Indeed, there is much to be proud of as we look to the future. Fifty-nine students have graduated with PhDs in Gerontology from UMass Boston, more than anywhere else in the world. Current PhD students have produced 54 peer-reviewed journal articles, 61 reports, 3 book chapters, and 2 books. Alumni have produced 554 peer-reviewed articles, 227 reports, 113 book chapters, 20 edited books, and 1 book. Both current students and alumni routinely present before professional audiences, provide invaluable services to the community and profession, and garner recognition for their noteworthy activities. The level of productivity exhibited is simply remarkable, particularly for a program that has been in existence for less than twenty-five years. *Story continued on page 7*
Introducing the New 2013 Gerontology Doctoral Students

Krystal Kittle, MA

Krystal is from Anaheim, California, and has a bachelor's degree in History with a minor in Chicana/o Studies from UCLA. She received her master's degree from California State University, Long Beach, in Applied Anthropology, where she gained her interest in Gerontology. Krystal’s master's thesis dealt with senior lesbian women and their social networks and experiences growing older. She is now interested in doing research on the possible psychological benefits of bringing LGBTQ youth and LGBTQ older adults together in a mentoring relationship.

Krystal decided to come to Boston because the Gerontology program is great and she thinks it was really important to leave her comfort zone of Southern California and become a well-rounded individual who has lived in different places and experienced different seasons. Krystal also thinks it’s important to actually experience a white Christmas! Aside from studying, she is an abstract painter and enjoys going on adventures in parks and other natural habitats, checking out new live musical talents and raising her weimaraner pup. An interesting fun fact about Krystal is that she studied abroad during her undergrad in Spain and saw a lot of Europe in the meantime and enjoyed every bit, as it opened her eyes to a larger world and humbled her quite a lot.

Maryam Khaniyan, MA

Maryam is from Iran, where she received her B.S degree in Occupational therapy and her Masters in Rehabilitation Management. While working as an OT with elders, she realized that she really enjoyed working with them, talking to them and listening to their life stories. Besides, Maryam realized that there are so many problems not only related to elder care, but also in the social system which does not support active aging, social participation, and social security of the older population in Iran. She thinks there is a need to learn and develop new knowledge tools about dealing with aging and the elder population in Iran. Therefore, she decided to pursue her graduate studies toward obtaining a Ph.D. degree in Gerontology. Maryam’s research interests are: Home healthcare services for elders, health services utilization for older people, growth and development in life span, family and aging, mental health in old age, and post-retirement adaptation.

Playing musical instruments and watching films are Maryam’s main hobbies. She has been playing Santoor, Persian Dulcimer, and Fiddle, Iranian classical musical instruments, for more than fifteen years and tries to spend some of her spare time (if she has any!) listening to music, attending concerts, and watching movies.

Saehwang Han, MA

Saehwang is from Seoul/Korea. He earned his BS in Housing and Interior Design and his MA in Child Development and Family Studies from Yonsei University in Seoul. Before starting his graduate studies in 2011, he worked in the design field for three and a half years, with a focus on designing community facilities in apartment complexes that included spaces for children, families, and elders. The experience, in a way, led him to study human development and Gerontology. Saehwang would love to find a way to link design and Gerontology somewhere down the road, but currently his topics of interest involve (but are not limited to) productive activities and grandparent caregiving in old age.

Saehwang is in Boston for the first time and he is loving it so far for its diversity, history, and beauty. He lived in Düsseldorf, Germany, during his teens, but has lived in Seoul his whole life. Saehwang considers himself a music person, although he claims to not be gifted with any kind of musical talent. Yet he still listens to and enjoys all kinds of music, everything from classical, jazz, rock, old pop, to some of the more hip stuff. He would love to be introduced to new music!
Ceara Somerville

Ceara is from Everett, MA. She just completed her Bachelors of Science degree at Salem State University where she majored in Mathematics and minored in Physics, English, and Secondary Education. Ceara’s interest in the aging field developed as she worked part time as an Activity Assistant at a local nursing home throughout college. She realized that the best parts of her week were while she was working, so she decided to pursue further education and ultimately a career in the aging field. UMass Boston was the perfect fit because of its location in Boston (and close to her home) and for its small, intimate program.

Ceara’s hobbies include reading (currently she’s reading the third book in George R.R. Martin's series, *A Song of Ice and Fire*) and watching her favorite shows, including “Doctor Who” and “Star Trek.” She still works in activities on the weekends, which hardly feels like working when she gets to run coffee socials and call bingo with her friends!

Saurja Thapa, MA

Saurja is from Nepal. She did her undergrad in Nursing and recently got her Master’s in Gerontology from the University of Central Missouri. Before coming to the U.S., she worked as a B.Sc Nursing Instructor for more than two years. While working as an Instructor, she was interested in the field of aging, so she did some research and found that the Geriatric Center of Nepal, which was established in 2009, was working for the welfare of older population for the first time in Nepal. She also found that the older widowed women were the most vulnerable, experiencing neglect and emotional abuse in many families. She realized that there were no policies to safeguard the rights of these older women. Most families consider the older adult as a burden and do not provide the needed care intentionally or unintentionally. So, she decided to pursue her higher education in the field of aging, hoping to make a difference for the aging population in Nepal. She is particularly interested in issues relating to aging and health, Alzheimer’s disease, abuse and neglect among older adults, caregivers issue, and nursing home care.

UMass Boston is a prestigious university and also the second oldest University offering Ph.D in Gerontology in the world. She always wanted to be a part of UMass Boston, and since so many of her relatives and close friends live in Boston, she decided to join UMass Boston. Saurja believes she is an extrovert; she likes to meet new people and learn new things. She also loves traveling and trying new cuisine.

Ian Livingston, MBA

Ian is from East Longmeadow, MA, but has been living in Brighton for about two years. He went to Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT, and received a BS in Health Science Studies. Upon completion of his undergraduate degree, he went on to receive his MBA in Healthcare Management in 2011 while working as an intern in the Fee Basis department at the VA hospital in Newington, CT. Following graduation, he moved to Boston to work at BIDMC in the Pathology department as a Billing Compliance Analyst. Ian developed several interests during his time in undergrad and graduate school. He particularly enjoyed his class Biology of Aging. While getting his masters, Ian particularly liked when he and other students were “hired” by actual healthcare organizations to assist them solve various issues they were facing. His particular interest in Gerontology was sparked when he started working in the Pathology department at BIDMC. Two of Ian’s job duties involved policy work and problem solving issues that he was charged with solving. Combining his interests in his education as well as his job are what brought him to UMass Boston. Ian’s research interests center on prevention of age-related diseases, which would be a way to utilize his background in science while incorporating other aspects of the policy work he has done at BIDMC and in his MBA. Ian selected UMass because he feels it will allow him to fulfill his interest in research and policy and because he thinks Boston is a great place to live, especially as a student or young professional.

Ian enjoys being outdoors, mainly biking, hiking, and jogging. He also played hockey his whole life and still does in a men’s league in Boston. A fun fact about Ian is that he went skydiving his senior year of college and says he eventually wants to try doing it from a helicopter.
Second year students spent their summer months working, interning, traveling, or just spending time with family and friends. Below, each student describes his/her summer activities.

**Deepak Kafle:**
Deepak spent his summer playing with two people from a full spectrum of ages in New York City. One was as young as three years (his daughter) and the other was as old as eighty-five years (his father). It was so special for him to watch the interaction between the three generations (including himself!). In particular he enjoyed witnessing the revival of health in his father when he interacted with his daughter. He viewed living with all three generations as such a gift and plans to enjoy it for many summers to come!

**Bon Kim:**
This summer Bon went back to Korea for one and half months and attended the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG) conference in Seoul. When she came back to Boston, Bon had a summer internship with the U54 program, which is a collaboration of UMass Boston and Harvard Medical School. She worked on a qualitative study looking at medical interpreters' levels of burnout. She helped with the coding of the interviews.

**Brittany Gaines:**
This summer Brittany had the opportunity to intern at Georgia’s Division of Aging Services in Atlanta, GA, where she worked on an Alzheimer’s State Plan. She conducted research and gathered information on what is being currently offered in Georgia to all persons affected by Alzheimer’s disease and other related dementias. The formation of this state plan will help reveal gaps in services and regulations provided and mandated by the state, as well as serve as a guide to address the growing number of Alzheimer’s residents within Georgia. This internship was a tremendous experience that provided her with a new and exciting perspective on gerontology.

**Elizabeth Chen:**
Elizabeth’s summer was a good mix of full-time work and vacations with family. The highlight of her summer was two weeks away in Aruba in a house directly across from an uncrowded snorkeling beach. Her family was celebrating her husband's 70th birthday, her 50th, and her sister's 60th! It was a fabulous multigenerational getaway for 10 that included Elizabeth’s daughter, who was the youngest at 16, and her mother, the oldest at 87.

**Joo Suk (Sebastian) Chae:**
Sebastian spent his summer in Korea visiting and relaxing with his family. A highlight of his summer was attending the 20th International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG) World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics in Korea while he was home! Sebastian is looking forward to presenting a poster this November at GSA entitled “Can Healthcare Providers Rely on Caregiver’s Reports? A Pilot Study.”
Third year students finished up their empirical papers, a requirement of the PhD program, in late summer. Following are the title and brief description of the findings for each student’s final paper.

**Andrea Lindemer:**
“Does Assistance with Medicare Part D Plan Selection Increase Ultimate Plan Satisfaction?”
The aim of this research was to examine whether the enrollment choice, time spent choosing a plan, and type of informational resource used had an effect on Medicare Part D beneficiaries’ plan satisfaction. The results revealed that Medicare Part D beneficiaries who were automatically enrolled in their plan and those who spent “little time” with plans selection were significantly more satisfied than those who had some input in plan choice and spent “some time” with plan selection. However, there was no significant difference in the level of Part D plan satisfaction based on the type of informational resource used.

**Kristina Turk:**
“Diabetes, Hypertension, & Cognition: Effects of Medications and Education Level”
The cognitive reserve hypothesis suggests that education may buffer negative effects of hypertension or diabetes on cognition. In line with this hypothesis, the goal of this study was to determine whether educational attainment moderates the effect of diabetes and hypertension on cognition. Further, this study investigates whether and how hypertension and diabetes affect cognition. Results show diabetics who take oral medications (especially in combination with insulin) score lower on cognition than non-diabetics. The study found that education (measured in years but not in degree categories) moderates the effect of diabetes on cognition for diabetics using both oral medications and insulin. Thus, it lends very limited support to the cognitive reserve hypothesis. It also raises concerns about potential cognitive side effects of diabetes medications.

**Patricia Huffman-Oh:**
“Self Perceptions of Aging: Does Place Matter?”
Aging in place presents different challenges in metropolitan and non-metropolitan communities. I examined whether community involvement mediated the relationship between metropolitan/non-metropolitan residence and perceptions of aging. In the fully adjusted model, non-metropolitan residence was associated with lower perceptions of aging than metropolitan residence. Community involvement—volunteering, socializing with neighbors, participating in voluntary associations, and higher ranking of neighborhood cohesion predicted positive perceptions of aging. Thus, community size and community involvement may be related to the way older community-dwelling adults perceive their aging.

**Ping Xu:**
“Social Participation and Hypertension in Later Life: Replicating and Expanding Previous Studies”
Hypertension is a major risk factor for cardiovascular diseases and diabetes among older adults. A
better understanding of factors to reduce hypertension risk in later life is necessary for policy and program development. The objective of this study was to explore the relationships between social participation (including volunteering, attending educational programs, social clubs, and non-religious organizations) and hypertension risk in later life for non-Hispanic White and non-Hispanic Black older adults. Regression results showed that attending educational programs monthly was significantly positively associated with diagnosed hypertension for non-Hispanic Black older adults. Weekly volunteering was positively significantly associated with undiagnosed hypertension for both Whites and Blacks.

ShuangShuang (Wendy) Wang:
“Giving and Receiving Financial Transfers and Life Satisfaction of Older Parent”
I looked at how giving or receiving different amounts of financial aids to or from adult children are related to parents’ life satisfaction, and whether these relationships are mediated by sense of control and/or moderated by financial adequacy. Results showed that giving modest financial aids was associated with higher life satisfaction, whereas receipt of excessive financial aids and receiving while having debts were related to lower life satisfaction among older parents. Sense of control and financial adequacy partially mediated the relationships between financial transfers and life satisfaction.

Emily Gadbois:
“Late-Life Driving Status and Satisfaction with Aging”
This paper examined the relationship between late-life driving status and satisfaction with aging (a measure of well-being), as mediated by perceived control. Non-drivers were found to be less satisfied with aging than current drivers, but interestingly, those who continued to driver but limited their driving to nearby locations were the most satisfied with their own aging. Control (in the form of mastery and constraints) was found to partially mediate these relationship, supporting the idea that those who limit driving might be most satisfied because they are exerting control over their own decisions.

Hayley Gleason:
“The Caregiving Relationship: Does the type of caregiver affect the mental health of the care recipient?”
The goal of the paper was to test the association between the type of caregiving relationship and its influence on the care recipient’s level of depression, moderated by the care recipient’s gender. The findings confirm the moderation effect of gender. The analysis of the data found that unmarried male care recipients have a higher probability of depression when receiving care from a professional, neighbor, or friend than from a daughter. Non-married parents receiving care from a daughter were found to have a lower risk of depression.

Dr. Leutz Presents Lecture on Long-Term Care & Healthy Aging
Walter Leutz, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Associate Dean of the Heller School for Social Policy at Brandeis University, presented a lecture at the weekly Gerontology Seminar on Monday, September 16th. Dr. Leutz’s lecture discussed the history of Long-Term Supportive Services in the United States, focusing on the move towards deinstitutionalization of the older adults requiring long-term care. Dr. Leutz also spoke to the group of nearly 25 students and faculty members about his work with the Tufts Health Plan Foundation Healthy Aging Initiative. Dr. Leutz shared his views of the difference between the Successful Aging and the Healthy AgingMovements, with Healthy Aging focusing more on prevention, access to needed services, and having a purpose. For those interested in the topic, Dr. Leutz recommends “Aging Well: Surprising Guideposts to a Happier Life from the Landmark Harvard Study of Adult Development,” by George Vaillant. To find out more about the Health Aging Initiative and to read Dr. Leutz’s issue briefs, visit http://masshealthpolicyforum.brandeis.edu/forums/Healthy%20Aging.html.
Department Represented at ‘A Walk to End Alzheimer’s’ Event

The Gerontology Department at UMass Boston was once again represented by a group of students and their friends and family at A Walk to End Alzheimer’s held on Sunday morning, September 29th. The event, sponsored by the Massachusetts/New Hampshire Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association, is a fundraiser to raise money for research and to support those who suffer from Alzheimer’s disease. This year’s event, attended by nearly 3,340 people, was held at the Cambridge Side Galleria Mall. Participants were able to choose between a two or six mile walk along the Charles River. UMass Boston’s Gerontology Department has sent a team to the event for many years. This year, fifteen people walked on behalf of the department. The team overall raised a total of $1,680.00 to donate to the event. In total, this year’s event raised $735,283.89 to help support the Alzheimer’s Association’s goal of eradicating Alzheimer’s disease. For those interested in finding out more about the walk or about the Alzheimer’s Association, visit www.alz.org.

From left to right: Team Members, Bon Kim, Krystal Kittle, Brittany Gaines, Ping Xu, Andrea Lindemer, Hayley Gleason, Wendy Wang, Emily Gadbois, Kristina Turk, Sebastian Chae, Saehwang Han, and Linda Lieber getting ready to begin the walk.

GPD Announces Additional Four Faculty to Join Department

Continued from page 1 “Director’s Welcome”

The Gerontology Department successfully completed a year-long examination of its graduate programs, the Academic Quality Assessment and Development (AQUAD) review. There was near unanimous participation of current students and alumni in surveys conducted as part of this process. The information provided enabled us both to track professional development and progress and to identify program strengths and potential areas for improvement.

Due largely to this review Provost Winston Langley has approved three new full-time faculty hires for the Department, which will increase the size of the full-time faculty from 8 to 11. Each new hire will have expertise in aging and health. We will begin the search for one of these positions this fall (2013); searches for the other two positions will begin during the subsequent academic year (2014).

Also, Ellen Bruce, a long-time faculty member and Director of the Gerontology Institute, has announced plans to retire at the end of the spring 2014 semester. Although Professor Bruce’s wisdom and leadership will be missed, I congratulate her on a highly productive and impactful career. The Department will begin searching for Professor Bruce’s replacement, both as faculty member and Gerontology Institute Director, this fall. Thus, we will be searching for 2 faculty positions this year and 2 the next. See page 14-15 for current available position job ads.

This is an exciting time as the Gerontology Ph.D. Program grows along with the McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies and the University of Massachusetts Boston. I look forward to continued participation and input from the broader Gerontology community as we make this leap into the future.
“Celebrate Your Health Day” Brings 400 Seniors to Campus

On Saturday September 21st, 2013, the University of Massachusetts Boston Gerontology Institute, City of Boston Commission on the Affairs of the Elderly, and the Tufts Health Plan Foundation sponsored Celebrate Your Health Day, a health and wellness symposium for older adults. This free, public event was attended by over 400 older adults residing in the Boston area. The event offered attendees information on caregiver services and support groups, benefits, fraud and scam prevention, and insurance information related to the Affordable Care Act from a series of vendors and speakers. Emily Shea (City of Boston, Commissioner of Elderly Affairs), Ira Jackson (Dean of the McCormack Graduate School at UMass Boston), and Anne Marie Boursiquot King (Tufts Health Plan Foundation) are just a few of the prestigious speakers at the event. Also, as part of the healthy aging and wellness focus, participants had the opportunity to attend a number of workshops directed at promoting health, including a healthy cooking demonstration, Tai Chi, massages, a zumba dance class, a beauty demonstration, and a Zen pencil drawing session. The event was a tremendous success!

Dr. Susan Parish, MSW, PhD, Presents on Autism and Aging

Dr. Susan L. Parish, the Nancy Lurie Marks Professor of Disability Policy and Director of the Lurie Institute for Disability Policy at the Heller School of Policy and Management at Brandeis University, presented at the Gerontology Speaker Series on Monday, October 7. Here lecture was titled, “Aging and Autism: What we know from research on the financial well-being of U.S. parents raising children with developmental disabilities” and featured an overview of her current research projects related to primary family caregivers, particularly mothers, who are caring for children with development disabilities. Parish began her talk with a detailed background of the current state of knowledge around family caregivers of children with developmental disabilities, including highlighting their high risk for physical health problems, stress and fatigue. She also acknowledged that only 7% of the federal funding for individuals with developmental disabilities is being spent on family support and income support, despite the fact the 3/4 of these individuals live at home. Parish’s research has shown the exceptional vulnerability of single mothers who are caring for a child or multiple children with developmental disabilities.
Celebrating Student and Faculty’s Big Moments

The Gerontology Department would like to offer its Congratulations to:

PhD student, Corina Ronneberg, on her new job working with the United States Census Bureau as a Field Supervisor out of their Chicago Regional Office (June 2013 - September 2013),

PhD student, Hayley Gleason, on her marriage to Eddie Gleason on August 17, 2013, in Breckenridge, CO. Ping Xu, Andrea Lindemer, Kristina Turk, Emily Gadbois, and Shuang Shuang (Wendy) Wang were in attendance,

PhD student, Lorilei Richardson on her new job as a Research Health Scientist for the eHealth QUERI Center for Healthcare Organizational and Implementation Research at the Department of Veterans Affairs in Bedford, MA,

Associate Professor of Gerontology, Edward Alan Miller, on his marriage to Jessica Alyse Hoffman, Associate Professor of Counseling and Applied Educational Psychology, Northeastern University, on August 25, 2013, in Boston, Massachusetts. Daughters Anabelle Louise and Dina Ruth also took part in the festivities,

And Kimberly Johnson on the completion of her PhD! Kimberly’s dissertation was entitled “Volunteering among Surviving Spouses: The Impact of Volunteer Activity on the Health of the Recently Widowed.” She was also selected as the recipient of the Gerontology Award for Outstanding Achievement. Kimberly has accepted a tenure-track faculty position at the University of Indiana.

Upcoming National Conferences 2013-2014

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Recent Student Awards, Publications & Presentations

**Awards and Honors**

**Patricia Huffman-Oh** won the Student Poster Award at the Massachusetts Gerontological Society. Poster title: Aging in place: Expectations of rural retirees and life-long residents. 2013 MGA Annual Meeting: Age-Friendly Communities, Lasell College, Newton, Massachusetts, May 10, 2013.

**Kristen Porter** was awarded with the Gerontology Service Award, McCormack Graduate School, UMass Boston, 2013.

**Publications and Reports:**


Presentations and Workshops:


Huffman-Oh, P. “Creating a more aging friendly community: Social engagement in a community population of older adults.” 2nd International Conference on Age-Friendly Cities, Quebec City Convention Centre, Quebec, September 2013. [Poster]


Miller, E.A., Gidmark, S., Gadbois, E., Burton, D., Intrator, O. “Nursing Home Referrals within the Veterans Health Administration Practice Variation According to Facility Type and Payment Source.” Annual Meeting of AcademyHealth, Baltimore, Maryland, June 24-26, 2013. [Poster]


Porter, K., Brennan-Ing, M., Seidel, L., & Karpiak, S. Substance use, sex and HIV+ older bisexual and gay men. In G. Garner & L. Ross (Chairs), Mental health of bisexual people across the lifespan: three countries. 121st Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Honolulu, HI, August 2013.

Porter, K. Successful aging in transgender adults: A biopsychosocial perspective. In K. Hinrichs (Chair), Successful Aging: Understanding the Multiple Identities of LGBT Older Adults. 121st Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Honolulu, HI, August 2013. [Symposium]

Porter, K., Bradford, J., Van Wagenen, A., & Sass, S. LGBT congregate meals: Breaking the cycle of isolation, setting new standards for engagement. In K. Hinrichs (Chair), Successful Aging: Understanding the Multiple Identities of LGBT Older Adults. 121st Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Honolulu, HI, August 2013. [Symposium]

Quach, L., Burr, J. A. Arthritis, Depression, and Falls among Community Dwelling Older Adults: Evidence from the Health and Retirement Study. 20th International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG), Coex Seoul, Korea, June 2013.

Recent Faculty Awards, Publications & Presentations

Faculty of the Gerontology Department have been busy receiving awards, publishing books and articles, and presenting at local and national conferences. Below is just an excerpt to highlight their work:

Faculty Awards and Service:

Nina Silverstein, PhD, and Beth Dugan, PhD, were appointed to the MassDOT Strategic Highway Safety Plan Older Drivers Committee. The committee is charged to develop an action plan to improve older driver safety in Massachusetts.

Nina Silverstein, PhD, and Chae Man Lee, MS, participated in the mid-year meeting of ANB60, the Safe Mobility for Older Adults committee of the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies, July 29-30, 2013 (Woods Hole, MA).

Ellen Bruce, JD, and the Pension Action Center were awarded three grants. The Administration on Aging awarded the Center a $942,500 grant for 5 years to support the New England Pension Assistance Project. The Retirement Research Foundation awarded the Pension Action Center $117,540 to support the Illinois Pension Assistance Project and the Pension Rights Center awarded the center $10,000 for 6 months to support the National Pension Lawyer’s Network.

Ellen Bruce, JD, and Jan Mutchler, PhD, were awarded a $140,000 subcontract from Wider Opportunities for Women to support the Elder Economic Security Standard work in Massachusetts and an update of the national standard.

The new Center for Social and Demographic Research on Aging and it’s director, Jan Mutchler, PhD, have been hired to conduct a Community Needs Assessment for the Town of Falmouth Council on Aging Senior Center.

Edward Alan Miller, PhD, became the Graduate Program Director for the Ph.D. Program/Research Masters (M.S.) in Gerontology (September 2013). Dr. Miller was elected to a second term as the Secretary-Treasurer and to his first term as Treasurer for the Policy Public Section of the American Political Science Association. Dr. Miller served as a Discussant for the Health Care in the States Panel at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (April 2013) in Chicago and was also interviewed for a story on the WERS 88.9 show, You Are Here on a “Glitch” in the Affordable Care Act, in June (see http://median.emerson.edu/media/28447/).

Faculty Publications and Reports:


Faculty Publications and Reports (continued):


Presentations and Workshops:


**Silverstein, N.** “Keeping Older Drivers Mobile: When to Relearn, Reassure, Rehab, Recommend, and Refer.” *37th ADED Conference (Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists)*, Columbus, OH, August 18, 2013 (Keynote Address).

**Silverstein, N.** “Alzheimer’s and the Pathway from Driver to Passenger.” *AAIC (Alzheimer’s Association International Conference)*, Boston, MA, July 17, 2013 (Invited plenary presenter).
Gerontology Positions: Tenure-Track Assistant or Associate Professor and Director of the Gerontology Institute

The Department of Gerontology in the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies invites applicants for a tenure-track assistant or associate professor, to begin September 1, 2014. The department is building on its strengths in the broad field of aging and health and will make a number of additional hires over the next several years in this area. All candidates should have competence to teach at the master’s and PhD levels, and have an emerging or established program of research with evidence of external funding.

Applicants must possess an earned doctorate in a relevant social science or behavioral science field, including but not limited to gerontology, epidemiology, sociology, psychology, economics, social work, organizational studies, public policy, public administration, and political science. Applicants with terminal degrees in other fields also considered. Preference given to applicants with externally funded research and peer-reviewed publications focused on aging and health. Successful candidates will have demonstrated expertise in mental health and aging and/or health disparities in later life. Other areas of aging and health expertise or a focus on health policy and/or basic health research will be considered. Research experience and expertise on international aging issues is desirable. Ability to contribute to our online Master’s degree program is also desirable.

The Department of Gerontology provides a rich environment for interdisciplinary, collaborative research. The department houses two graduate degree programs: the PhD in Gerontology and the Master’s Degree in Gerontology. The PhD program is the second oldest in the world, has graduated the most doctoral students of any gerontology program, and boasts a strong record of training doctoral students in the scientific study of aging. The Master’s degree provides students with two track options: the online Management of Aging Services Track and the Research Track. The award-winning Management of Aging Services Master program has graduated more than 150 students since being formed in 2003.

The department has strong relationships with the Gerontology Institute, also located within the McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies. Together, they house two peer-reviewed research journals: Research on Aging and the Journal of Aging and Social Policy. The staff provides strong pre- and post-award support for external funding. Faculty collaborations include those with major academic and medical institutions in and around the New England area, including the Dana Farber/Harvard Cancer Center, Brown University, UMass Medical School, and the Veterans Health Administration. New and exciting collaborative teaching and research opportunities are being developed across our campus, and with several new and existing PhD programs in sociology, global governance, and human security, nursing, exercise science, and global inclusion and social development.

The McCormack School houses some 15 centers and institutes in applied policy research and public service and also has doctoral and masters programs in two other graduate departments: the Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs and the Department of Conflict Resolution, Global Governance, and Human Security.

To apply, submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, three sample publications, and the names and contact information of at least three references online:
http://umb.interviewexchange.com/candapply.jsp?JOBID=43189

Questions may be directed to edward.miller@umb.edu, chair of the Gerontology Faculty Search Committee. The committee will begin reviewing applications on January 1, 2014, and continue until position is filled.

UMass Boston is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity, Title IX employer.
The John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies seeks applications and nominations for the position of Director of the Gerontology Institute, to begin September 1, 2014. The successful candidate will be charged with guiding the Gerontology Institute in its development as a leading international research, policy, and service center focused on aging. The new director will work with institute stakeholders to build a comprehensive strategy for growth and financial sustainability, employing a variety of mechanisms such as research grants and contracts, and partnerships with corporations and foundations.

Credentials appropriate for appointment as a tenured faculty member in the Department of Gerontology are required. Rank and salary will be determined based on experience and credentials.

The ideal candidate will be: (1) an established researcher and thought leader with a strong record of external fund raising; (2) a professional with a proven capacity to work in an interdisciplinary environment; (3) an experienced, highly collaborative administrator with capacity to promote excellence and work effectively with faculty, staff, and students, as well as school and university administrators to promote the Gerontology Institute’s mission, and (4) a leader possessing the ability to communicate the mission and importance of the programs of the Gerontology Institute to external audiences, such as federal and state agencies, businesses and industry, volunteer and professional organizations, and foundations whose goals are consistent with the mission of the Gerontology Institute in order to enhance private and public financial and non-financial support.

The new director will find a firm foundation upon which to take the Institute to a new level. The institute has a close relationship with the university's graduate and undergraduate gerontology programs. Senior Institute personnel teach in the PhD program in Gerontology and in the Management of Aging Services Master’s Program. The Department of Gerontology is in a growth phase, anticipating the hiring of three new faculty researchers in the area of aging and health who will complement the current strengths of the faculty and be integral to the development of the Institute.

The Gerontology Institute carries out basic and applied social and behavioral research and policy analysis on important aging issues and engages in public education on aging issues, with an emphasis in four areas: income security, health and long-term care, productive aging (including transportation), and social and demographic research on aging.

The Institute provides a base for faculty research and funded projects and houses three centers: the Pension Action Center, the Center on Social and Demographic Research on Aging, and the Osher Life-long Learning Institute (OLLI). The Pension Action Center houses the policy work on retirement income and, with outside support, provides direct pension counseling. OLLI, supported through its endowment of over $2 million and dues from over 1,100 members, fosters accessible lifelong learning, individual growth, and social connection for mature learners by providing stimulating opportunities to enrich the intellectual, social, and cultural lives of its members. The Center for Demographic and Social Research on Aging focuses on providing support for researchers and other campus units, needs assessment and program evaluation for aging services units throughout the region, and original externally funded scientific research in aging and health. A variety of other funded projects are carried out through the Institute that supports its mission.

The Institute also provides editorial leadership for the Journal of Aging & Social Policy, a peer-reviewed, quarterly journal that is distinguished by its emphasis on policy and its attention to international developments. Position Descriptions continued on Page 16.
Academic Calendar

**Fall 2013**
November 11  Veterans Day
November 28-1  Thanksgiving
December 2  Classes Resume
December 13  Semester Ends
December 16-20  Final Exam Period

**Winter Session 2014**
January 6  Winter Session Begin
January 20  Martin Luther King Day
January 24  Classes End

**Spring Semester 2014**
January 27  Classes Begin
February 3  Add/Drop Ends
February 17  Presidents Day
March 16-23  Spring Break
March 24  Classes Resume
April 1  Fall ’14 Registration Begins
April 10  Pass/Fail Deadline
April 10  Course Withdraw
April 21  Patriots Day
May 14  Classes End
May 19-23  Final Exam Period
May 26  Memorial Day
May 30  Commencement

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Editorial leadership for the scholarly journal *Research on Aging* is also provided by faculty members affiliated with the Gerontology Department and Institute.

Being located within the McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global studies offers additional opportunities for faculty collaboration and intellectual enrichment. The McCormack School houses some 15 centers and institutes in applied policy research and service and also has doctoral and masters programs in two other graduate departments: the Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs and the Department of Conflict Resolution, Global Governance and Human Security.

Upcoming Gerontology Speaker Series:

**October 21, 2013**
“Behavioral Health Services for Older Adults” with Wen-Chieh Lin, PhD, Sr.
Project Director, Research & Evaluation Unit, Center for Health Policy and Research, and Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester.

**November 18, 2013**
Pizza and Posters
Practice session for the Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting

**December 2, 2013**
“Vision Impairment & Health” with Bernard Steinman, PhD, Research Associate, Center for Demographic and Social Research, Gerontology Institute, University of Massachusetts Boston

**December 9, 2013**
Editors Panel Discussion
Jeff Burr & Jane Tavares– *Research on Aging*
Frank Caro & Robert Geary– *Journal of Aging and Social Policy*