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Conference

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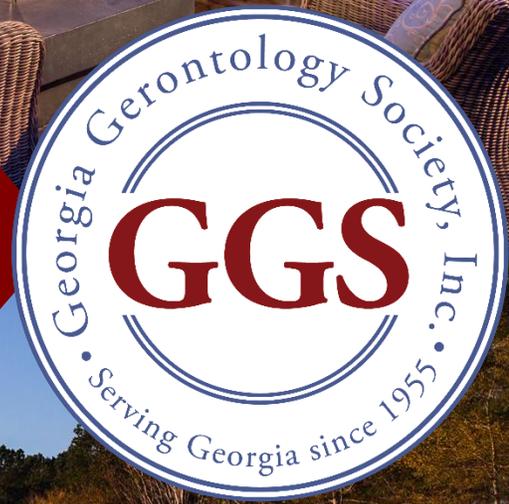
The Ritz-Carlton Reynolds

Lake Oconee

July 22-24, 2019

CALL FOR

PRESENTATIONS





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A GEORGIA RESORT WITH LODGE-
LIKE CHARM, LUXURY
ACCOMMODATIONS AND HIGHLY
PERSONALIZED SERVICE.

The 64th Annual GGS Conference will be held at the beautiful Ritz-Carlton Reynolds at Lake Oconee. Along 30 acres of Lake Oconee shoreline, city-dwellers trade traffic for nature's tranquility. At this luxury resort in Georgia, guests make themselves at home in lakeside rooms and suites, dine beneath a star-filled sky and unplug with Southern-inspired spa therapies or a day of fishing. Here, moments are enjoyed and memories made.

The conference room block rate for attendees is **\$159** (plus applicable state and local taxes and the state hotel/motel fee) per night. Attendees have access to the conference discounted rates from Sunday, July 21st through Tuesday, July 23rd (check-out on July 24th). If networking with your colleagues while learning about innovative practices in the field of gerontology is not enough to entice you, you will not want to miss this rare opportunity to enjoy the Ritz-Carlton Reynolds at this low rate! You work hard to provide quality service to older adults, let the Ritz-Carlton Reynolds staff show you why the Ritz-Carlton is the Gold Standard of service. Overnight Parking with Complementary Valet Services has been reduced to \$14.00 per vehicle, per room, per night (exclusive of 7% state tax). Daily parking has been reduced to \$10.00 per car, per day (exclusive of 7% state tax). In order to secure the room block guarantee rate, reservations must be made by **June 21, 2019**. To reserve your room, [click here](#).

Need to relax? The Ritz-Carlton Reynolds offers a luxury spa menu infused with native Georgia ingredients, water-themed therapies and a lodge-like space with windows overlooking the lake. Sprawling across 27,600 square feet, the Ritz-Carlton Reynolds resort spa includes relaxation lounges, a traditional barbershop space, a dedicated nail treatment room, 24-hour fitness center and indoor pool. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Attendees can choose an optional Resort Fee of \$45.00 per room per night, plus applicable state and local taxes. Please [click here](#) to see what is included as well as a la carte pricing. The Ritz-Carlton Reynolds also offers five championship golf courses, Ritz Kids programming, fishing and boating, tennis and more. Please visit their [website](#) to learn more about all the wonderful services they offer to enhance your stay.

Reading a hard copy? You can access all of these links plus stay up to date on the latest conference information at georgiagerontologysociety.org/annual-conference.

You are invited to share your expertise, research, and promising practices in the field of aging by submitting your proposal for a presentation and/or poster session to the Georgia Gerontology Society. The theme for the 64th Annual GGS Conference is **Connect. Explore. Grow.** Over three days of dynamic general sessions, engaging educational workshops, and networking opportunities, GGS will provide attendees with the tools to:

- **CONNECT** with colleagues to develop new collaborations and break down silos,
- **EXPLORE** innovative and best practices across the aging network, and
- **GROW** to become better providers, leaders, and advocates for older adults.

The five conference tracks are listed below. Within each track, special consideration will be given to proposals that highlight diversity, new research, and innovative practices.

Conference Tracks:

Organizational Excellence

This track will focus on best practices to strengthen business operations and build professional capacity. Possible topics include workforce development, grant writing/fundraising, recruitment and retention, leadership development, strategic planning, marketing, volunteer management, program evaluation, compliance and accountability, etc.

Medical/Mental Health

This track will focus on tools and resources for those who serve older adults in a medical or long-term care setting. Innovations in treating specific diseases, drug management, and community resources for patients and partnership opportunities for medical practices are possible topics. In addition, this track will highlight the challenges, resources, and innovative practices addressing the mental health needs of older adults.

Living with Dementia

This track will focus on empowering people living with dementia and their care partners to live more fully. Possible topics include person-centered care, addressing the stigma of dementia, resources for people living with dementia, best practices for professionals to better serve people living with dementia, etc.

Advocacy and Ageism

This track will focus on approaches, innovations, and opportunities to combat ageism and advance advocacy. Fighting ageism is necessary to truly advance the causes that are important to older adults. Attendees will have the opportunity to expand their skills as advocates, learn new approaches to advocacy, and acknowledge the need to address ageism as part of our advocacy efforts.

Wellness & Meaningful Engagement

This track will focus on best practices and programs being implemented to improve wellness and quality of life of older adults. All aspects of wellness will be considered with particular emphasis on the importance of meaningful engagement. Possible topics include physical, spiritual, and emotional health, nutrition, and evidence-based prevention, etc.

Presentation Formats

Sessions will be conducted on Monday afternoon and all day Tuesday of the conference week. Regardless of the type of presentation you choose, we are asking all presenters to provide an engaging session for our attendees with learning objectives. Presentations in any of the following formats are welcome.

Workshop: A “how-to” or “best practice” session with an emphasis on Q&A. This format should emphasize exchange of information and the demonstration and application of ideas, techniques, and skills in the field of aging.

Panel Discussion: A small group of panelists sharing different perspectives on a subject related to the field of aging.

Informative Presentation: Educational sessions with emphasis on the latest research, trends, and initiatives.

All proposals will be required to specify a strategy they will use to make the presentation fun, engaging, and/or interactive.

Poster Session

If you would like to present your work in our poster session, please submit the completed form below. Under “Presentation Outline”, provide a description of no more than 50 words. This description will be used in the conference brochure for all approved sessions.

Posters will be displayed during the July 22nd President’s Reception. Conference attendees will be able to interact with poster presenters and learn more about the topic being presented throughout the conference.

Fees

All presenters will be given the discounted rate of \$250. Student and Retiree presenters will be given the discounted rate of \$150. If you are only able to present your session and will not be attending any other session, luncheon or event then no fee is required. Please email the Executive Director at administrator@georgiagerontologysociety.org if you are not planning to register for the conference.

Equipment

A computer with Microsoft PowerPoint, LCD projector and screen are provided in each room. Presenters are asked to bring their presentations on a flash drive. (Check with your IT department if there are encryption concerns.)

Proposal Submissions

It is preferred that submissions be sent electronically through the GGS website. [Click here](#) to access the submission form. You may also choose to complete the submission form included and email it to administrator@georgiagerontologysociety.org.

Concurrent sessions are **60 minutes** with a **maximum of four presenters, including panel formats**. All proposals should include the following information. Incomplete forms will not be considered.

1. **Title, Conference Area of Focus, and Presentation Format** – Please make certain to include presentation or poster title, area of focus, and presentation format at the beginning of each proposal.
2. **Primary Contact Person and List of Presenters** – Please make sure that the following are included in the proposal: the primary contact and **ALL** presenter names, title, agency, mailing and email addresses, telephone and fax numbers. The primary contact will receive all correspondence related to the presentation and is responsible for forwarding such information to all presenters.
3. **Learning Objectives** – List three learning objectives for each presentation. The objectives should be measurable. For example: By the end of this session, participants will be able to discuss risk factors for heart disease.
4. **Presentation Summary** – Please provide a 40-50 word summary of the proposed presentation. This description will be used in the conference program for all approved sessions.
5. **Presentation Outline** – Include an overview of the presentation including key topic and elements and should not exceed 300 words.
6. **Intended Audience** – Describe the intended audience for your presentation. Include those most likely to benefit from your session.
7. **Technology (A/V) Needs** – Request any of the items that are not listed under Equipment (on previous page). This includes a microphone, internet access, speakers, flip charts, etc.
8. **Presenter Short Bio** – Provide brief bios for all presenters included in your proposal. Include each presenter's experience and training that qualifies them to participate in the proposed presentation.
9. **Presenter Resume/CV** – Provide a Resume or CV for all presenters. This is needed for our CEU applications.
10. **Conflict of Interest Form** – All presenters will be required to complete a COI form for our CEU applications.

All proposals must be received by November 15, 2018.

Questions?

Phone: 404-780-3380

Email: administrator@georgiagerontologysociety.org

Presentation Outline (no more than 50 words for poster sessions and 300 words for presentations):

Intended Audience:

Please describe how you will make your presentation engaging for attendees:

Equipment Needs: A computer with Microsoft PowerPoint, LCD projector and screen are provided in each room. Presenters are asked to bring their presentations on a flash drive. Please indicate below any additional A/V needs you would like to request such as a microphone, ability to play sound, etc.

Please send in a brief bio, resume/CV, and COI form for each presenter. You can access the COI form at georgiagerontologysociety.org/annual-conference.