

The Power of Our Stories:

USING EXPERIENCE AS A CATALYST FOR GROWTH

AUGUST 8-10, 2022
CALLAWAY GARDENS RESORT & SPA

GGG 67TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Call for Proposals

What is the Georgia Gerontology Society?

The Georgia Gerontology Society (GGS) is a statewide multidisciplinary professional network that educates, serves, and advocates for older adults and their families. We are the largest state organization of multidisciplinary professionals in the field of aging. GGS reaches across the state to connect, support, and educate those working with older adults and their families.

About the GGS Annual Conference

The 67th Annual GGS Conference theme is *The Power of Our Stories: Using Experience as a Catalyst for Growth*. The three-day conference provides attendees with the opportunity to hear about new and innovative practices, develop new collaborative partnerships, network with colleagues from across Georgia, and leave inspired and informed to improve the lives of older adults. The tracks offer a platform for exploring one's stories through the Older Americans Act at 50+, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) and Ageism, The Caregiving Journey, Advocacy & Stories, and Innovation During COVID-19. Hearing stories from those who have provided OAA programs, care partners, advocates, and those that have experienced ageism will engender an open dialogue for personal and professional growth.

Our Attendees

This conference attracts social/human service agencies, government entities, students, academic professionals, health care service providers, senior housing professionals, retirees, older adults, caregivers, and others interested in aging issues.

Accommodations

The location of the Annual Conference is Callaway Resort & Gardens (100 Meadow View Lane, Pine Mountain, GA 31822). The resort has approved a special rate of \$159 a night (plus applicable taxes and fees). The reservations deadline is July 18, 2022, to secure the discounted rate. Please visit <https://georgiagerontologysociety.org/2022-annual-conference> for reservation information.

Speaker Compensation

Please note that GGS does not pay a speaker's fee, travel accommodations, or other compensation forms for workshop presenters or poster presenters. In addition to the opportunity to share your information with our attendees, you will receive a discounted conference registration. You are not required to register if you are only planning to attend your session.

CEUs

GGS will apply for various CEUs. If your proposal is accepted, you agree to provide any requested information needed for these applications. In addition, you agree not to use your presentation or poster as a means to market your company or product. If you have any questions about what is acceptable regarding crediting your organization, please contact administrator@georgiagerontologysociety.org.

Questions/Concerns

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the GGS Executive Director at administrator@georgiagerontologysociety.org or 210-698-2074.

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Conference Tracks

We invite you 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 five conference tracks are listed below.

OAA turns 50+

2020 marked the 50th Anniversary of the Older Americans Act (OAA). OAA-funded programs play a vital role in helping to maintain the health and well-being of millions of seniors aged 60 and older. This track will explore how our past stories shape our future by highlighting best practices, examining how the landscape of aging services has changed in the last 50 years, and spotlighting new and innovative trends in providing services and supports to older adults.

DEI and Ageism

Continuing the discussion from our 2021 conference, we will examine how intersecting identities influence barriers that older adults experience. This track will highlight efforts to address ageism and health disparities by acknowledging the diversity of lived experience and the stories that inform our path forward.

The Caregiving Journey

Care partners are the backbone of the aging network. GGS wants to honor the work of both informal and formal care providers. This track will offer opportunities to hear the learned experiences of care providers and identify opportunities for growth in person-centered care, quality of care, and strengthening the direct care industry.

Advocacy & Stories

We shape our future by advocating for change using our personal stories. The power of grassroots advocacy is fueled by the human experience that advocates weave and share with elected officials. This track will feature current state and federal aging priorities as well as guidance on how to effectively engage and advocate.

Innovation During COVID-19

COVID-19 has had a lasting impact on the aging network. We recognize the immense hardship, loss, and inequities brought to light due to the pandemic. There have also been stories of innovation, creativity, strength, and resilience. This track will provide a place to recognize what we have learned and how we can improve.

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Presentation Formats

Regardless of the type of presentation you choose, we are asking all presenters to provide an engaging session with learning objectives for our attendees. Presentations in any of the following formats are welcome. All proposals will be required to specify a strategy they will use to make the presentation fun, engaging, and/or interactive.

Workshop: A “how-to” or “best practice” session emphasizing Q&A. This format should highlight the 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 emphasizing the latest research, trends, and initiatives.

Poster Session: Posters are the visual display of research, interventions, or programs. Project activities and/or results are summarized in graphs, tables, pictures, and text. Authors have an opportunity for short discussions of their work with conference attendees.

Equipment

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

Notification

You will receive notification that your submission has been received. If you do not receive an email within 5 days of submission, please contact administrator@georgiagerontologysociety.org. You will receive notice of whether your proposal has been accepted by February 18, 2022.

Proposal Submissions

We prefer submissions to be sent electronically through the GGS website. Click here to access the submission form. If you are unable to use the [online form](#), you may complete the included form and email it to administrator@georgiagerontologysociety.org.

****Deadline Details:** We have PRE-extended our deadline to midnight on January 28th, 2022. Therefore, no additional extensions will be made and late submissions will NOT be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation! If you choose to make your presentation available virtually there will be an *additional deadline provided* to submit the presentation materials/recording to ensure timely uploading onto our virtual conference platform.

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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 Track, and Presentation Format*** – Please make certain to include the presentation or poster title, track, and presentation format at the beginning of each proposal.
2. ***Primary Contact Person and List of Presenters*** – Please ensure to include the following in the proposal: the primary contact and ALL presenter names, title, agency, mailing and email addresses, telephone, and fax numbers. The **primary contact** is responsible for receiving all correspondence related to the presentation and will forward 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- to 50-word summary of the proposed presentation. This description will be used in the conference program for all approved sessions.
5. ***Presentation Details*** – Include a more detailed presentation description, including key topics and elements. The word limitation is 300.
6. ***Intended Audience*** – Describe the intended audience for your presentation. Include those most likely to benefit from your session.
7. ***Mode of Presentation*** – Presenters will be asked to confirm their intent to present in-person, virtually, or both.
8. ***Technology (A/V) Needs*** – Request any of the items that are not listed under Equipment (on the previous page). This includes a microphone, internet access, speakers, flip charts, etc. GGS does not guarantee that all requests can be honored.
9. ***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.
10. ***Presenter Resume/CV*** – Provide a Resume or CV for all presenters for our CEU applications.

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2022 Presentation & Poster Session Submission Form

Title:
Please list which track(s) you would like us to consider for your submission. You can choose more than one.
Presentation Format: Workshop: Panel Discussion: Informative Presentation: Poster Session:
Primary Presenter/Contact Person:
Name:
Title:
Agency/Organization:
Email:
List of Other Presenters (if applicable):
Three Measurable Learning Objectives:
Presentation Summary (40-50 words for use in the program):

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Presentation Details (limit 300 words):

Intended Audience:

GGG is planning an in-person conference that will also include limited virtual content. Please choose one of the following options below.

I am planning to present live and in-person during the conference.

I am planning to present virtually through a pre-recorded session.

I am willing to present live AND provide a pre-recorded session for virtual attendees.

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. We ask presenters 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 email a brief bio and resume/CV for each presenter to administrator@georgiagerontologysociety.org. Your submission will not be considered complete until receipt of these items.

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