



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 68th Annual GGS Conference theme is *Design Your Vision of Aging: Connecting Goals Through Collaboration*. The three-day conference allows attendees to hear about new and innovative practices, develop new collaborative partnerships, and network with colleagues from across Georgia and beyond. We hope everyone leaves inspired and informed to improve the lives of older adults and the communities in which they live. The tracks offer a platform to explore new ideas, innovations, and collaborations through Empower Caregivers – An Unforgettable Journey; Hope in the Age of Dementia – New Knowledge, Science, and Solutions; Making Connections for Physical, Behavioral and Social Wellbeing; Protecting Rights and Advancing Justice; and Resources, Supports and Technology to Age Well. We want to hear stories from those who have provided care, inspired and implemented programs, participated in research studies, and advocated for change. Expanding on the conference theme of collaboration, we also want to hear from those who have partnered across various disciplines. The GGS Annual Conference experience provides an opportunity to 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 the Ritz-Carlton, Reynolds, Lake Oconee (1 Lake Oconee Trail, Greensboro, GA 30642). The resort has approved a special rate of \$169 a night (plus applicable taxes and fees). The resort fee is optional and is not part of the package. **The reservation deadline is June 22, 2023.** To secure the discounted rate, please visit the [Georgia Gerontology Society 2023 Annual Meeting](#) for reservation information.

Speaker Compensation

Please note that GGS does not pay a speaker's fee, travel accommodations, or other compensation forms for a workshop or poster presenter. 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 only plan 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 to market your company or product. If you have any questions about what is acceptable regarding crediting your organization, please get in touch with Sarah Jones at administrator@georgiagerontologysociety.org.

Questions/Concerns

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Jones, 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, lived experiences, 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.

Empower Caregivers – An Unforgettable Journey

Family and informal caregivers are critical to our long-term care system. The role of the caregiver and the workforce crisis in this industry is constantly changing. The caregiver is essential to healthcare and social service professionals, educators, and care partners. This track focuses on providing much-needed information and support by building bridges and alliances across all areas that affect the life of a caregiver and their care partner.

Hope in the Age of Dementia – New Knowledge, New Science, New Solutions

One of the biggest challenges associated with aging is dementia. This topic is a major concern for care partners, health and social service professionals, researchers, educators, and individuals living with dementia. This track emphasizes vital areas associated with dementia to educate and foster public and private alliances.

Making Connections for Physical, Behavioral, and Social Wellbeing

Behavioral and physical health and social isolation are significant concerns for older adults and their loved ones. Health care, behavioral health, and social services professionals look for the latest information on how they can support older adults. This track concentrates on sharing best practices and the importance of collaboration across disciplines to create individualized programs for older adults that produce the best outcomes.

Protecting Rights and Advancing Justice

Research estimates that 1 out of every ten individuals age 60 and older are abuse victims annually. This track explores the rights of older adults across all areas of life and is for anyone who wants to learn about justice for older adults. This track explores topics such as older adults in the criminal justice system, decision-making capacity, and civil rights. It addresses advanced care, incapacity, estate planning, and long-term care supports and services. The track includes systemic discrimination, prevention of and recovery from abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, housing issues, and family matters.

Resources, Supports, and Technology to Age Well

We all want to age well. This track explores the implementation of the latest programs, services, and collaborative efforts to improve health outcomes for older adults across all dimensions of aging. Potential topics include health, nutrition, physical activity, evidence-based health promotion, addressing social determinants of health, and more.

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Presentation Formats

Regardless of the type of presentation you choose, we ask all presenters to provide an engaging session with learning objectives for our attendees. Presentations in any of the following formats are welcome. All proposals are 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 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 a notification within 10 days that your submission has been received. If you do not receive an email, please contact Sarah Jones at administrator@georgiagerontologysociety.org. You will receive notice of whether your proposal has been accepted by February 18, 2023.

Proposal Submissions

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

****Deadline Details:** The submission deadline is midnight on January 28th, 2023.

Thank you for your punctuality!

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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 be sure to include the presentation or poster title, track, and presentation format for each proposal.
2. ***Primary Contact Person and List of Presenters*** – Please 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 a 50-word summary of the proposed presentation. This description is included in the conference program and our CEU applications 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*** – All presentations are in-person.
8. ***Technology (A/V) Needs*** – Request any items 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 in your proposal. Include each presenter's experience and training that qualifies them to participate in the proposed presentation. Bios are for the conference program and our CEU applications.
10. ***Presenter Resume/CV*** – Provide a Resume or CV for all presenters for our CEU applications.

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2023 Presentation & Poster Session Submission Form

Name – Primary Presenter/Contact Person:

Title (If applicable):

Agency/Organization (If applicable):

Email:

List of Other Presenters and Emails (if applicable):

Title of Presentation:

Please list which track(s) you would like us to consider for your submission. You can choose more than one.

Empower Caregivers – An Unforgettable Journey

Hope in the Age of Dementia – New Knowledge, New Science, New Solutions

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Presentation Format:

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Three Measurable Learning Objectives:

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Presentation Summary (40 – 50 words for use in the program and CEU Applications):

Presentation Details (limit 300 words)

Intended Audience:

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

- 4. 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 any additional A/V needs you would like to request, such as a microphone, the ability to play sound, etc. **GGs does not guarantee that all requests can be honored.**

Your submission will not be considered complete until receipt of these items.

Please email a brief bio and resume/CV for each presenter to administrator@georgiagerontologysociety.org.

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