We are pleased to announce the call for abstracts and invitation to attend the 24th Annual Southeastern Student Mentoring Conference in Gerontology and Geriatrics. For over two decades, this conference has provided the only dedicated venue for students and faculty members from across the eastern United States, all of whom share a passion for gerontology and geriatrics.

The call for abstracts is included in this announcement. The Conference theme this year is “Public Health & Aging.” When the Student Mentoring Conference began in 1989 at the University of Georgia (UGA), no one imagined the conference would still be going strong over 20 years later. The first eight years of the conference were held at UGA as it was the primary and only sponsor. As the conference grew and expanded with additional sponsors, the annual conference began to rotate to different campuses.

The conference is sponsored by eight universities across four states. The invited program includes a faculty keynote address by a president of the Gerontological Society of America and student keynote addresses. The heart of the conference is poster-discussion sessions, which represent a key learning experience for participating students.

The conference will be hosted by UGA in Athens, just one hour northeast of Atlanta. Registration begins mid-morning on Friday, March 29th, with the conference starting early afternoon and continuing to Saturday evening, March 30th.

Student registration fee is $50, which includes one dinner, one lunch, and coffee/snack breaks for both days of the conference. Also included in this announcement is information on registration and travel scholarships for the first authors of the posters. Cash prizes are awarded for the best posters and presentations at the event. Stellar entertainment will be available, exploring the famous music scene in Athens.

We look forward to seeing you in Athens March 29 - 30, 2013.

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Director, Institute of Gerontology
University of Georgia
Call for Student Poster Abstracts

All graduate and undergraduate students are invited to submit abstracts for posters of their work for review and possible inclusion in the Conference program. Acceptance of an abstract, and subsequent registration, constitute a commitment to attend the entire Conference and present the poster.

Monetary awards will be presented at the close of the Conference for the top three presented posters as judged by a committee of faculty. All poster presenters are eligible to compete for the awards.

Criteria for Submission of Poster Abstracts & Posters

Abstracts may be on any topic in gerontology and geriatrics. Those related to the theme of “Public Health and Aging” are particularly appropriate. Abstracts should be factual and of general interest to others in the field of aging. A wide variety of presentation types will be considered, including those reporting research/practice, collaborations, and public policy discussions.

Guidelines for Poster Abstracts and Posters

Abstracts

Abstracts will be evaluated in terms of the importance, timeliness, and relevance of the topic, soundness of approach, and clarity of presentation. The abstract must be submitted via email attachment with the title, “Last name of first author – Abstract” on or before Friday, February 15, 2013 to Dr. Anne Glass via email at aglass@uga.edu. You should receive acknowledgement of receipt. If you do not receive this notification by Monday, February 18, 2013, please call the Institute at (706) 425-3222. Abstracts must not exceed 250 words and must include the following elements, in exactly this order, in a MS Word attachment:

1. Names of all authors. Participating student(s) names should be underlined and listed first
2. Email address of first author
3. School and department the student(s) is representing
4. Full title of the abstract
5. Clear statement of the issue/problem addressed
6. How information was gathered (research, literature search, model demonstration)
7. Data analysis and results, if appropriate
8. Conclusions

Posters

The format of the posters may be modified to reflect the type of information presented. Posters should be created in PowerPoint and be no larger than 36" x 48" and should include your email address. More details will be provided upon acceptance.

Acceptance of Abstracts

Those who have submitted abstracts by the February 15, 2013 deadline will be notified of the Abstract Review Committee's decision via email by February 22, 2013.
Travel and Registration Scholarships

A limited number of travel and registration scholarships are available to assist student poster presenters in defraying their travel and Conference registration expenses. Travel scholarships are limited to $100 each, and only first author poster presenters living at least 100 miles from Athens, Georgia, are eligible. Registration scholarships for first authors are not dependent on distance traveled. More information on scholarships and required forms will be available upon acceptance of abstract.

Conference Registration

All persons interested in gerontology and geriatrics, including the general public and news media, are invited to register for and attend the Conference. All attendees or presenters at the Conference must register and pay the $50 registration fee, although scholarships may be available as noted above. We ask that you please register before Monday, March 11, 2013.

Conference Location

The conference will be held at the Hotel Indigo in downtown Athens, Georgia.

Hotel Indigo
500 College Avenue
Athens, Georgia 30601
Hotel Front Desk: (706) 546-0430
Website: www.HotelIndigoAthens.com

Conference Lodging

We are pleased to offer a block of rooms at the Hotel Indigo in downtown Athens, and a limited number of rooms will be held at a special rate of $109 until Monday, March 4, 2013. (Reservations made after this date will not receive the discounted rate.)

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Athens, Georgia 30601
Hotel Front Desk: (706) 546-0430
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The above rates are per person/night with single or double occupancy and are subject to tax, presently at 13%. Please request the “Southeastern Gerontology and Geriatric Student Mentoring Conference” rate when making reservations. Guest check-in time is 3 p.m. and check-out time is 11 a.m. Free parking is available.
Contact Us

Questions about the conference program or abstract submission, please contact Dr. Anne Glass, Associate Director of the UGA Institute of Gerontology, via email aglass@uga.edu or phone (706) 425-3222.

For questions about Athens, including travel, lodging, and conference site, please contact the Institute of Gerontology at (706) 425-3222.

For questions about registration and payments, please contact Anita Holmes, UGA Institute of Gerontology Business Manager, via email at aholmes@uga.edu, or by phone at (706) 425-3222.

An electronic version of this brochure is available for download from the UGA Institute of Gerontology website at: http://www.publichealth.uga.edu/geron.

Directions to Hotel

From Atlanta: Take I-85 North to 316. Continue onto Epps Bridge Pkwy. Merge onto GA-10 Loop N, go 8 miles and take exit 12 U.S. 441N to Commerce. Turn right onto Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy and turn right onto College Avenue. Turn left.

From Hartsfield - Jackson Atlanta Airport (ATL): Distance: 75 miles Northeast to hotel. Shuttle Charge (one way): $55.00 (USD) Taxi Charge (one way): $70.00

Complimentary Local Area Shuttle (Radius 3.0 miles):
Arrange for reservations through front desk

Summary of Deadlines

Submit abstracts: Friday, February 15, 2013
Abstract notification: Friday, February 22, 2013
Hotel lodging: Monday, March 4, 2013
Conference registration/payment: Monday, March 11, 2013
**Registration Form**
24th Annual Southeastern Regional Student Mentoring Conference in Gerontology and Geriatrics: Athens, Georgia March 29-30, 2013

The conference registration form deadline is **Monday, March 11, 2013**.

Name: ____________________________________________________________________________

Affiliation: _________________________________________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: ______________________________________________________________________

Daytime Phone: (____) ______________________________________________

Fax: (____) ________________________________________________________

Email Address: _____________________________________________________

Please indicate how you obtained this conference announcement:

Email attachment: _______ Website: _______

I am: Faculty___ Student___ Other____

Please check if you prefer vegetarian meals for this conference.____

Willing to be a discussant in my area of expertise? Yes ____ If yes, in what area?

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The registration fee includes the cost of all meals and refreshments. Conference registration will also automatically enter your name for several random prize drawings to be awarded during the 2013 Student Mentoring Conference.

Please make check payable to:
Gerontology Student Mentoring Conference

Mail this form and check to:
Anita Holmes, Business Manager
Institute of Gerontology
College of Public Health
The University of Georgia
255 E. Hancock Avenue
Athens, Georgia 30602-5775

Please contact Anita Holmes for any questions pertaining to registration at (706) 425-3222 or via email at aholmes@uga.edu.