We are pleased to announce the call for abstracts and invitation to attend the Southeastern Student Mentoring Conference in Gerontology and Geriatrics.

For over 26 years, this conference has provided the only dedicated venue for students and faculty from across the southeastern United States to share their passion for gerontology and geriatrics.

The 26th anniversary conference theme is Environment and Quality of Life. The invited program includes student keynote addresses and a keynote from Dr. William Haley from USF and Christine Mullen and Kristen Johnson (1st and 2nd place winners at the SMC Conference in 2014). At the heart of the conference are research presentation sessions, which represent a key learning experience for participating students.

Included in this announcement, you will find information on abstract submission and details about registration and lodging.

We look forward to seeing you in Pensacola Beach, a picturesque and inspiring location, on April 15-16, 2016.

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APRIL 15-16 2016
HILTON PENSACOLA BEACH
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26TH ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN STUDENT MENTORING CONFERENCE
IN GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS

All graduate and undergraduate students are invited to submit abstracts for possible inclusion in the program. Abstracts may address any topic in gerontology and geriatrics of general interest to others studying aging. Those related to the Environment and Quality of Life theme are particularly appropriate. Acceptance and registration constitute a commitment to attend the entire conference and present your research to the group. All presenters are eligible to compete for monetary awards for overall excellence given at the close of the event.

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts will be evaluated in terms of importance, timeliness, relevance of the topic, soundness of approach, and clarity of presentation. The student who is the first author should be the person to submit the abstract. Abstracts must be submitted via email attachment with the title, “Last name of first author - Abstract” to Dr. Anne Glass [glassa@uncw.edu] on or before Friday, February 19, 2016.

If you do not receive acknowledgement of receipt by Monday, February 29, please call the Institute at 706.425.3222. Abstracts must not exceed 250 words and must include the following elements, in exactly the order identified to the right, in a MS Word document.

1. Names of all authors
2. Email address of first author
3. School and department represented by participating student(s)
4. Full title of abstract
5. Clear statement of the issue or problem addressed
6. Method by which data were gathered (e.g.: research, literature search, model demonstration)
7. Analysis and results, if appropriate
8. Conclusions

POSTERS AND PRESENTATIONS

All participants are expected to give a presentation and to participate in a poster session. The format of the posters may be modified to reflect the type of information presented. Posters should be created in PowerPoint, be no larger than 36” x 48”, and should include your email address. More details will be provided upon acceptance.

In addition to poster displays, participants must prepare three PowerPoint slides to accompany their presentations. More details, along with an explanation of the difference between the poster and the presentation slides, will be provided upon acceptance.

REGISTRATION AND SCHOLARSHIPS

All presenters and attendees must register and pay the accompanying $50 fee. Please register before Thursday, March 24, 2013.

A limited number of travel and registration scholarships are available to assist student presenters in defraying expenses. All first authors will receive registration scholarships. Travel scholarships are limited to $100 each, and only first author presenters living at least 100 miles from Pensacola, FL are eligible. More information on scholarships will be available upon acceptance.

An electronic version of this brochure will be available for download from the Institute of Gerontology website www.publichealth.uga.edu/geron.
CONTACT INFORMATION:

- For questions about abstract submissions please contact Dr. Anne Glass, Gerontology Program Director, UNCW School of Health and Applied Human Services at glassa@uncw.edu.
- For questions about Pensacola Beach, including travel, lodging, and conference site, please contact Dr. Daniel Durkin, Assistant Professor, UWF Dept. of Social Work/Associate Director, UWF Center on Aging at ddurkin@uwf.edu or 850-474-2930.
- For questions about registration and payments, please contact Anita Holmes, UGA Institute of Gerontology Business Manager, at aholmes@uga.edu or 706-542-4228.

LODGING/DIRECTIONS:

We are pleased to offer a limited block of rooms at the Hilton Pensacola Beach at a special rate of $179 until Monday, March 14, 2016. Reservations made after this date will not receive the discounted rate. Check-in time is 4 pm and check-out time is 11 am. Free parking is available. Conference rates are not available yet. A separate announcement will be made once rates are available.

From I-10: Exit I-10 on Highway 110 South, exit 12. Go seven miles on I-110S. I-110 dead ends into Parkway crossing the 3 Mile Bridge. Continue on through Gulf Breeze turning right on 399. Toll bridge to beach $1.00. Hilton Pensacola Hotel on the beach is just one mile past the toll bridge on the right.

From Pensacola Int’l Airport: Airport BLVD to Francis Taylor BLVD. Left onto Tippin AVE. Becomes N 12th AVE. Straight to E Fairfield DR. Merge onto I-110 S and take exit 1B-Gulf Breeze/Gregory ST E. Left onto Bayfront Pkwy/US-98 E/FL-20. Merge onto County Hwy-399. Follow toll bridge directions above. Distance: 10 mi; Drive Time: 20 min; Typical Minimum Taxi Charge = $40.00.

From Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport: East on Eglin Pkwy/FL-85 and make U-turn. Right onto FL-189/Lewis Turner BLVD. onto Mary Esther Cut Off NW/FL-393. Right onto E Miracle Strip Pkwy/US-98 W/FL-30. Follow toll bridge directions above. Distance: 46 mi; Drive Time: 1hr, 5 min.
REGISTRATION

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION ONLINE AT WWW.PUBLICHEALTH.UGA.EDU/GERON

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016

Your Name

Your name as you would like it to appear on your nametag

Affiliation

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Do you prefer vegetarian meals for the conference? Yes No

How did you obtain the conference announcement? Email Attachment Website

Which category best describes you? Faculty Student Other

Have you attended this conference before? Yes No

The registration fee of $50 includes the cost of all meals and refreshments.
Please contact Anita Holmes with questions pertaining to registration or payment:
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If you are paying by check, please make your check payable to:
Gerontology Student Mentoring Conference

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