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

For 25 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 25th anniversary conference theme is Creative Aging. The invited program includes student keynote addresses.

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 conference registration and lodging.

We look forward to seeing you in Athens, a vibrant and creative city, on April 11-12, 2014.

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UGA Hotel and Conference Center at The Georgia Center
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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 [aglass@uga.edu] on or before Friday, February 21, 2014. If you do not receive acknowledgement of receipt by Monday, February 24, 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

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACTS

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 Creative Aging 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.

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 Monday, 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 Athens, Georgia are eligible. More information on scholarships will be available upon acceptance.
LODGING

We are pleased to offer a block of rooms at the UGA Hotel and Conference Center, and a limited number of rooms will be held at a special rate of $99 until Thursday, March 13, 2014. Reservations made after this date will not receive the discounted rate. The discounted rate is per person/night for a classic room (queen or king bed) and is subject to 7% tax. Should rooms with more than one bed become available, we will post this information to our website. Please reference hotel block code 83427 when making reservations. Guest check-in time is 4 p.m. and check-out time is 12 p.m. Free parking is available.

CONTACT INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS

For questions about abstract submissions or the conference program, please contact Dr. Anne Glass, Associate Director of the UGA Institute of Gerontology at aglass@uga.edu or 706.425.3222.

For questions about Athens, including travel, lodging, and conference site, please contact Josephine Pough at the Institute of Gerontology at jopough@uga.edu or 706.425.3222.

For questions about registration and payments, please contact Anita Holmes, UGA Institute of Gerontology Business Manager, at aholmes@uga.edu or 706.425.3222.

The UGA Hotel and Conference Center at The Georgia Center can be reached:

Driving from the east: Take I-20 West to GA-77N. Turn L onto GA-10W. Turn L onto S. Lumpkin.

Driving from Atlanta: Take I-85 North to 316. Continue onto Epps Bridge Pkwy. Merge onto GA-10E. Turn right onto S. Lumpkin.

Shuttle from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Airport (ATL): approximately $75 round trip groometransportation.com

Taxi from ATL: approximately $70 one way.

DEADLINES

Abstracts Due: Friday, February 21
Acceptance Notifications: Friday, February 28
Discounted Lodging: Thursday, March 13
Registration/Payment: Monday, March 24
REGISTRATION
WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION ONLINE AT WWW.PUBLICHEALTH.UGA.EDU/GERON

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014

Your Name

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

Affiliation

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

Fax

Email

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 aholmes@uga.edu or 706.425.3222

If you are paying by check, please make your check payable to:
Gerontology Student Mentoring Conference

If you choose not to register online, please mail registration forms and checks to:
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