



## Highlights:

- ◆ MGS 41st Annual Conference
- ◆ Careers in Aging Week
- ◆ Fall 2017 Course Listing

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## Notes from the Director

We have an exciting spring semester underway with much more to come – here are just a few of the highlights!

- **We are moving!** This May, after almost 40 years in Stewart Hall (with a brief stop in our current temporary location in Building 51b) the Gerontology Program will be moving into its new office suite in **Brown Hall 312!** Stay tuned for a “GERO Suite Open House” to be held early this fall!
- **Careers in Aging!** In Gerontology, spring means its time for “**Careers in Aging Week**” (April 2-8, 2017). Check out this year’s list of local events on page 5. We look forward to seeing you there!
- **External Program Review!** Save the date! On April 24<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting opportunities for students, alumni, community partners and faculty to meet with consultants Dr. Mary Carter (Towson University, MD) and Dr. Julie Masters (University of Nebraska at Omaha). See inside (page 2) for more details!
- **More On-Line Classes!** We have expanded our offering of on-line courses to include “*Introduction to Gerontology*” (GERO 208) this spring,

summer (yes, summer!) and fall! Also in the fall, you can find our graduate course “*Advanced Policy in Gerontology*” (GERO 620). For Spring, 2018, look for GERO 440/540 “*Popular Culture & Aging*”, GERO 465/565 “*Health and Aging*”, and GERO 630 “*Aging & Community: Current Issues in Social Gerontology, Culture & Diversity*” on-line as well! You can find a full schedule of Summer and Fall GERO classes on page 8.

- **Expanded Graduate Certificate!** If you have been thinking about advancing your education in aging – check out our new post-baccalaureate graduate certificate (and yes, several of the key courses for this and the Master’s program will be offered on-line)!

We are looking forward to seeing you all soon (with ice cream or popcorn in hand)! Happy Careers in Aging Week and have a wonderful spring!

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## Notes from the Gerontology Graduate Coordinator

So much is happening – what to tell you first? We are moving, Careers in Aging Week, Fall 2017 Courses, Comprehensive Exam, Graduate Certificate, Minnesota Gerontological Society Conference— oh my!

As you may have noticed we have not been in our offices in Stewart Hall – we are currently in our temporary digs in 51-B

Building Ethnic and Women’s Studies through the end of Spring semester. Then we will be moving to our own Gerontology Suite in Brown Hall 312!!! We are excited to get settled in and have our first open house in Fall 2017! We hope you all come and visit and you know if its Gerontology there must be chocolate!!

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## Graduate Coordinator's Notes Continued

We are so excited and honored to receive an award from the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education for our 2017 Careers in Aging Week – see page 5 for more details. We are also excited to partner with Professor Phillippe Costaglioli in Film Studies for our first (and not last) International Aging Film Night! We will also be having an ice cream social so we hope you will join us!

In the fall we will be offering GERO 620 Advanced Issues in Aging Policy on-line. This is a required course for students in the M.S. and Certificate Program but we hope others will join us. This is an interesting and complicated year to say the least in policy. Learn more about policy, process and application and add to the discussion. In Spring we will have two on-line courses for graduate students: GERO 630 Aging and Community (required course for M.S. and Certificate) and GERO 440/540 Aging in Popular Culture. This will be an opportunity to explore literature, art, film, television and social media and the depiction of aging and older adults. In addition there is GERO 505 Aging and Diversity, GERO 525 Dementia and Aging; GERO 515 Women and Aging GERO 535 Aging and Housing Options, and GERO 570 Global Aging. And if you haven't done your internship GERO 644 (by permission – see Rona) or culminating work GERO 699 and GERO 697 (by permission see me) and

GERO 695 Comprehensive Exam. (by permission)

The Comprehensive Exam is our newest option for students to complete the M.S. In addition our Graduate Certificate is now available at the post baccalaureate level – for more information about the M.S. Graduate Certificate or grad courses please contact me.

The Minnesota Gerontological Society will be having its annual conference April 28<sup>th</sup> *The Business of Aging: Exploring Partnerships, Possibilities & Priorities* (see page 6) and it will be awesome. It is a great place to learn, network and munch – best food of any conference. Don't miss out – very reasonable prices for students and professionals. We will have a booth there and will have our new Global Aging T-Shirts for sale. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Have a great remaining Spring and a fantastic Summer!

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## Gerontology External Program Review\*

### Student & Community Conversations

*The reviewers want to hear what you have to say!*

**Monday, April 24, 2017**

- **Gerontology Students** (Undergrad & Grad)      **2:00 -300 pm (Brown Hall 203)**
- **Community Partners & Program Alumni**      **3-4:30 pm (Alumni Room, Atwood)**



***Refreshments will be served!***

*\*As part of the on-going process to assess and improve our program, Gerontology will be hosting external reviewers April 23-25th! Please come and share your feedback & ideas!*

## Looking For A GREAT Liberal Education Course?

Now is a great time to start thinking about registering for summer and fall classes (see page 8 for a preview of the spring offerings). Remember to check in with your advisor (Dr. Phyllis Greenberg – Master’s and Certificate Students; Dr. Rona Karasik – undergraduate minors) to make sure your program is on track!

### *Try Gerontology: Because What’s Old is What’s New!*

#### **GERO 208 Introduction to Gerontology (Meets Goal Area 5 & Diversity)**

Find out what aging is all about! Aging affects each of us on a number of different levels and in a variety of ways, including biologically, psychologically and socially.

**Summer 2017:** Online

**Fall 2017:** M/W/F 10-10:50am, Tu/Th 12:30pm-1:45pm, OR Online

**Spring 2018:** Tu/Th 11am-12:15pm OR Online

#### **GERO 405 Aging & Diversity (Meets Goal Area 5 & Diversity)**

How do factors such as gender, race, ethnicity, culture, class, sexual orientation, geographic location, physical ability (and more) impact the aging process?

**Spring 2018:** Tuesday’s 5:30-8:15pm

#### **GERO 415 Women & Aging (Meets Goal Area 5 & Diversity)**

Explore aging as experienced by women in the US and globally through a variety of sources including fiction, popular media, personal narratives and research!

**Fall 2017:** Tuesday’s 5:30-8:20pm

#### **GERO 470 Global Aging (Meets Goal Area 8 & Diversity)**

Aging is a global phenomenon! Explore the historical, cultural and geographic influences and the lived experience of aging around the world!

**Spring 2018:** Tu/Th 3:30-4:45pm

**If you are interested in pursuing a Summer or Fall internship, please contact Dr. Rona Karasik ([karasik@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:karasik@stcloudstate.edu)) as soon as possible to begin the planning process!**

#### **Opportunities and information abound on our website:**

<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/gerontology/>

Be sure to check out sections on careers in aging, internships, volunteer opportunities, and more!

If you would like to have information about an upcoming event or opportunity posted on the site – contact us at [gerontology@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:gerontology@stcloudstate.edu)

# SPO/GERO Club News

## HAVE YOU JOINED YET?

The SCSU Gerontology Program hosts two student/professional organizations: **Sigma Phi Omega** (the National Academic Honors and Professional Society in Gerontology) and the **SCSU Gerontology Club**.

Sigma Phi Omega “*seeks to promote scholarship, professionalism, friendship, and services to older persons, and to recognize exemplary attainment in gerontology/ aging studies and related fields.*” Students, faculty, and community professionals are encouraged to join! <https://www.sigmaphiomega.org/>

Also, all are welcome to join “The Gerontology Club” which was formed in conjunction with our local Sigma Phi Omega chapter. **Now is a great time to get involved!**



**Gerontology/SPO Members**

### Congratulations to Our New Board Members!

GERO President: Luke Fredricks  
GERO Vice President: Isaiah Greimann  
GERO Secretary: Nikole Strand

SPO President: Amanda Clemens  
SPO Vice President: Pramila Basnet  
SPO Treasurer: Nisha Khanal  
SPO Secretary: Jessica Hanley



**Congratulations to the new SPO Members!**

## GERO Program Alumni, we want to hear from you!

Let us know how you are doing. Send us an email and, even if you have done so before, take a minute or two to fill out our on-line GERO Alumni survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/J2TZJRK>.

We look forward to hearing from you!



# CAREERS IN AGING WEEK

## APRIL 2-8, 2017



Thank you to the **Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE)** for their generous support!

### **Tuesday, April 4: Ice Cream Social!**

**12:30pm-2:00pm (Atwood Alumni Room)**

- Learn about careers in aging!
- Network with students, faculty, staff & community professionals!
- Make your own delicious ice cream sundae! (Popcorn too!)

**Everyone is welcome!**

Sponsored by: SCSU Gerontology Program, Gerontology Club, Sigma Phi Omega (National Academic Honors & Professional Society in Gerontology, and the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education AGHE!



### **Wednesday: April 5**

#### **Film Screening: "Sweet Bean"**

**6pm-8pm (Miller Center Auditorium)**

View Naomi Kawase's (2015) award winning international film (Japanese/English subtitles) about a baker and the eccentric 76-year-old woman he hires! Discussion and Q&A to follow. **Everyone is welcome!**

Sponsored by: SCSU Gerontology Program, SCSU Film Studies Program, the Gerontology Club, Sigma Phi Omega (National Academic Honors & Professional Society in Gerontology, SCSU and the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE)!

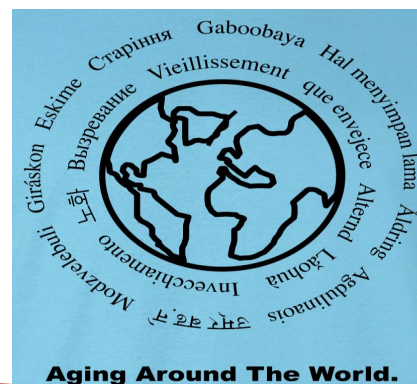


### **Gerontology T-Shirt Sale!!**

Price: \$16.00

Sizes: Small-3X

Proceeds help SPO and Gerontology Club students to attend and present at educational conferences.



**Aging Around The World.**

# Gerontology News and Events

## Minnesota Gerontological Society 41st Annual Conference

**What:** The Business of Aging: Exploring Partnerships, Possibilities & Priorities

**When:** Friday, April 28, 2017

**Where:** Earle Brown Heritage Center, Brooklyn Park, MN 55430

**Registration:** 7 AM – 8 AM

**Program:** 8 AM – 4 PM

To learn more visit:

<http://www.mngero.org/conferences-seminars/mgs-41st-annual-conference-april-28-2017/>

## Association for Gerontology in Higher Education

Educating a New Generation of Professionals in Aging Worldwide

43rd Annual Meeting and Educational Leadership Conference

March 9-12, 2017

Miami, Florida



Co-editors Hallie Baker, Tina Kruger, and Rona Karasik pose with their new book, *A Hands-On Approach to Teaching about Aging: 32 Activities for the Classroom & Beyond*, coming this summer 2017!

Keep in touch with SCSU Gerontology for more gerontology news!



<https://www.facebook.com/ScsuGerontology>



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## Presentations

- Donorfio, L. Greenberg, P.A., Kruger, T., Borrero, L., Reynolds, L., and Pitheckoff, N. (2017). *Teaching in online environments: Navigating the myths, realities of developing dynamic high quality courses You Can Do it!* Seventh Annual Teaching Institute – Association for Gerontology in Higher Education 43rd Annual Meeting, Miami, FL.
- Greenberg, P.A. and Clemens, A. (2017). *Let's Talk About Sex: Conversations about aging and sexuality*, MGS Webinar.
- Greenberg, P.A., Karasik, R.J., Donorfio, L., Elliott, K.S., & Kishimoto, K. (March, 2017). *Teaching approaches to understanding heterogeneity, inequality and context of aging*. Symposium: 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Miami, FL.
- McMullen, T., Karasik, R.J., Plant, A., Van Dussen, D. & Greenberg, P.A. (March 2017). *Are you sure you are not a "policy person?" Public policy and gerontological Education*. GSA Presidential Symposium. 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Miami, FL.

## Forthcoming Publications

- Baker, H.E., Kruger, T. M. & Karasik, R.J. (eds.)(in press – coming this summer!). *A Hands-On Approach to Teaching about Aging: 32 Activities for the Classroom & Beyond*.
- Greenberg, P.A. (in press). Public Policy and Aging. In H. Baker, T. Kruger & R. Karasik, (eds.) *A Hands-On Approach to Teaching about Aging: 32 Activities for the Classroom & Beyond*.
- Greenberg, P.A. (in press ). Hands on Experience with the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act). In H. Baker, T. Kruger & R. Karasik, (eds.) *A Hands-On Approach to Teaching about Aging: 32 Activities for the Classroom & Beyond*.
- Karasik, R.J. (in press). Dementia. In H. Baker, T. Kruger & R. Karasik, (eds.) *A Hands-On Approach to Teaching about Aging: 32 Activities for the Classroom & Beyond*.
- Karasik, R.J. (in press ). Communication Activity. In H. Baker, T. Kruger & R. Karasik, (eds.) *A Hands-On Approach to Teaching about Aging: 32 Activities for the Classroom & Beyond*.
- Karasik, R.J. (in press). Housing for Older Adults. (eds.) *A Hands-On Approach to Teaching about Aging: 32 Activities for the Classroom & Beyond*.
- Karasik, R.J. & Kishimoto, K. (in press). Is Gerontology Ready for Anti-Racist Pedagogy? A Survey of Educators' Practices and Perspectives. *Gerontology & Geriatrics Education*.
- Karasik, R.J., Kruger, T.M. & Baker, H.E. (in press). Introduction. In H. Baker, T. Kruger & R. Karasik (eds.) *A Hands-On Approach to Teaching about Aging: 32 Activities for the Classroom & Beyond*.
- Karasik, R.J. & Kruger, T.M. (in press). Physical Aging. In H. Baker, T. Kruger & R. Karasik, (eds.) *A Hands-On Approach to Teaching about Aging: 32 Activities for the Classroom & Beyond*.
- Kishimoto, K. & Karasik, R.J. (in press). Applying Anti-Racist Pedagogy to the Exploration of Senior Housing In H. Baker, T. Kruger & R. Karasik, (eds.) *A Hands-On Approach to Teaching about Aging: 32 Activities for the Classroom & Beyond*.

# Gerontology Program

## Fall 2017 Course Offerings

Registration begins March 27, 2017

### Undergraduate Courses

#### GERONTOLOGY (GERO)

GERO 208 - 01 Introduction to Gerontology*	M, W, F	10:00 AM-10:50 AM
GERO 208 - 02 Introduction to Gerontology*	T, TH	12:30 PM-1:45 PM
GERO 208 - 54 Introduction to Gerontology*		On-line
GERO 411 - 01 Aging Policy & Programs	T, TH	3:30 PM-4:45 PM
GERO 415 - 01 Women & Aging	T	5:30 PM-8:20 PM
GERO 425 - 01 Dementia & Aging	M, W	3:30 PM-4:45 PM
GERO 444 - 01 Internship ***		Hours Arranged

### Graduate Courses

#### GERONTOLOGY (GERO)

GERO 511 - 01 Aging Policy & Programs	T, TH	3:30 PM-4:45 PM
GERO 515 - 01 Women & Aging	T	5:30 PM-8:20 PM
GERO 525 - 01 Dementia & Aging	M, W	3:30 PM-4:45 PM
GERO 620 - 54 Advanced Policy in Aging		On-line
GERO 644 - 01 Internship ***		Hours Arranged
GERO 695 - 01 Comprehensive Exam***		Hours Arranged
GERO 697 - 01 Starred Paper (Plan B) Preparation ***		Hours Arranged
GERO 699 - 01 Thesis ***		Hours Arranged

\*Meets Liberal Education Goal Area #5 and Diversity Requirement

\*\*Meets Goal Area #8 and Diversity Requirement

\*\*\*Permission Required

**The Gerontology Program offers an Undergraduate Minor, Masters Degree and Graduate Certificate!**

For more information visit our website at [www.stcloudstate.edu/gerontology](http://www.stcloudstate.edu/gerontology) or contact us:

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