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Introducing

The COAH Chronicle

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Welcome to **The COAH Chronicle**! The COAH Chronicle aims to bring you the Center's latest: news and highlights; upcoming seminars, events, and meetings; recent publications from our faculty; and aging-related research funding opportunities.

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COAH Faculty members, Drs. Karen Bandeen-Roche and Deidra Crews, elected to the National Academy of Medicine!

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**Kudos to
Drs. Walston & Bandeen-Roche
Upon the OAIC Renewal!**

We are pleased to share that JHU's Older Americans Independence Center (OAIC) was once again renewed! Now in its 21st year, we congratulate co-PIs Drs. Jeremy Walston and Karen Bandeen-Roche on this remarkable achievement, and we wish the entire OAIC team continued success.

Learn More

Happenings

Join Us on 10/28 for the Baltimore Walk to EndAlz!

The Johns Hopkins Aging & Alzheimer's Centers
2023 #Walk2ENDAlz Team

Why We Walk



"I'm participating in the Alzheimer's Walk in honor of my mom, Alberta. I want to help eradicate this horrible disease that slowly destroys the brain."

Monique L. Lee
Sr. Administrative Coordinator
JHU Center on Aging & Health

WHEN?
Sat., October 28th

WHERE?
In-person: Hunt Valley Towne Centre in Cockeysville, MD
Virtual: Walk at a location of your choice

QUESTIONS?
Email Ashley Scott, ascott41@jhmi.edu

TO SUPPORT MONIQUE'S FUNDRAISER FOR THE BALTIMORE WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S, OR TO JOIN OUR TEAM, VISIT: tinyurl.com/JHWalkTeam2023

COAH is proudly cosponsoring the JH Walk Team this year, along with several additional Hopkins aging centers.

The walk has virtual and in-person options, you may walk in solidarity from any place of your choosing, or you may join us on the morning of Sat., 10/28 starting at 8 am at the Hunt Valley Towne Centre in Cockeysville.

To learn more about the walk, to join our team, to cheer us on, or to make a tax-deductible donation, please visit our [JH Aging & Alzheimer's Centers Team Walk Page](#).

Get to know the people on our team like Monique, Jen, Tony and more—and learn the reasons “[Why We Walk](#).”

Center Highlights



**Alzheimer's
Awareness & JHU's
Team For The
Baltimore Walk To
End Alzheimer's**

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**Thanking Dr. David L. Roth
& Welcoming Dr. Jennifer A. Schrack
as Our New Director of the
Center on Aging & Health**

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Winning with Diabetes



Inspiring Stories from Athletes
to Help You Thrive



Mark D. Corriere, MD
Rita R. Kalyani, MD, MHS
Patrick J. Smith
Illustrations by Jennifer Fairman

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Hopkins University Press*

**Recent Book Co-
Authored by COAH
Core Faculty
Dr. Rita R. Kalyani—
Winning with
Diabetes: Inspiring
Stories from Athletes
to Help You Thrive**

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**Dr. Halima Amjad
named American
Geriatrics Society
Outstanding Junior
Investigator of the
Year for 2023!**

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Upcoming Talks & Meetings

COAH Scientific Seminars & Meetings

- **Epi & Biostats of Aging Research-in-Progress:**

10/23, 3:30 - 4:30pm

Jason Smith

*“Quantifying the Proportion of Dementia Risk Attributable to
Hypertension, Diabetes, and Smoking: The Atherosclerosis Risk in*

- **Scientific Seminar:**
11/6, 3:30 - 5:00pm
Dr. Katherine Ornstein
“Home but Homebound: Aging in the Community with Serious Illness”
Powe Room, 1-500Q, 2024 E. Monument Street
- **Epidemiology of Aging Journal Club:**
11/13, 12:00 - 1:15pm
COAH Large Conference Room

Visit [COAH Events](#) or email [Monique Lee](#) for more information.

Division of Geriatric Medicine & Gerontology Grand Rounds

- Every Thursday 4:00 - 5:00pm Norman Library
Asthma & Allergy Center, Rm 2B.65
 - **10/26: Dr. Paul Gellert**
 - **11/3: Dr. Ilana Richman**

For more information, contact [Teresa Sponaugle](#).

Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting

GSA's annual meeting will take place from 11/8 to 11/12 in Tampa, Florida. We hope to see you there!

Publications

Fresh from COAH Faculty and Fellows:

- **Gross AL**, Li C, Briceño EM, Arce Rentería M, Jones RN, Langa KM, Manly JJ, Nichols E, Weir D, Wong R, Berkman L, Lee J, Kobayashi LC. [Harmonisation of later-life cognitive function across national contexts: results from the Harmonized Cognitive Assessment Protocols](#). *Lancet Healthy Longev*. 2023Oct;4(10):e573-e583. doi: 10.1016/S2666-7568(23)00170-8.
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Funding Opportunities

Hopkins' Economics of Alzheimer's Disease & Services (HEADS) Center Call for 2024-25 Pilot Project Proposals

The 2024-25 HEADS pilot award cycle is open! Several \$25,000 grant awards are available, with additional funding possible. The HEADS Center seeks promising post-doctoral fellows and junior faculty, but applicants may be of any rank from Johns Hopkins University as well as from external institutions. Minorities and people with disabilities encouraged to apply. Optional letter of intent is due 1/2/24, and the full proposal is due 2/2/24.

- See the [Request for Applications](#)
 - [Register](#) for an Information Session Webinar on Mon., 10/23, 1-2pm ET
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COAH was established in 1997 as a center of excellence for aging research at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions. Our mission is to optimize the health and well-being of older adults through innovative research, leadership, education, and service that meet the needs and goals of a diverse aging population.

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