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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 fellows; and aging-related research funding opportunities.

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Center Highlights



Fall 2023 COAH Champion: Dr. Kimberly Skarupski

It is that time of year when families start to gather over seasonal harvest celebrations and give thanks, and our hearts open with gratitude. In addition to Thanksgiving, November is also National Family Caregiver's Month, which underscores the appreciation our society has for those who tend to loved ones in need of support. With this sense of appreciation, celebration, and recognition, we are delighted to announce that Dr. Kimberly Skarupski is our Fall 2023 COAH Champion. Dr. Skarupski serves the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine community as Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Development. She is Senior Associate Faculty with COAH, and she holds joint professor appointments in the Division of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology in the School of Medicine, as well as with the Department of Epidemiology in the Bloomberg School of Public Health. Also, she is a Certified Professional Coach with the College of Executive Coaching. She is well-known at Johns Hopkins for her research about our own faculty who are also caregivers—and the implications and impact caregiving has on academic careers and the future of medicine.

[Read the interview](#)

“Neighborhoods, resilience, and recovery among older adults”



Jason R. Falvey, PT, DPT, PhD is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science and the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, and he will present at the next **COAH Scientific Seminar on Mon., Dec. 4 from 3:30pm – 5:00pm.**

The seminar will be held at 2024 E. Monument Street, Powe Room, 1-500Q. In-person attendance is encouraged, and light refreshments will be served. You may also attend virtually via Zoom by registering below.

[Register here](#)

News & Announcements

COAH Faculty Represent At GSA23



Johns Hopkins University (JHU) and the Center on Aging and Health (COAH) were well-represented at this year's Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) in Tampa, Florida. Faculty, fellows, and students from the Center, as

well as many COAH alumni, led symposia talks, engaged in special sessions, and presented posters during this 5-day meeting. COAH hosted a dinner to reunite past and present team members and to celebrate the Center's collective successes and future collaborations in aging research.

Please see the photo gallery

Happenings



Dementia Consortium Virtual Meeting

11/20, 4-5pm

Alden Gross, PhD

**“Measurement and Structure of
Cognition Across the World in
Older Persons”**

Via Zoom. No registration required.

Meeting ID: 91834960270. Password: 225134.

Or, simply click below to join the virtual meeting live at 4pm ET on 11/20.

Join the Zoom

In Case You Missed It

Did you know we have a [YouTube](#) channel? We publish many of our talks and COAH Scientific Seminars there.

For instance, if you missed Dr. Katherine Ornstein's seminar from 11/6 on "**Home but Homebound: Aging in the Community with Serious Illness,**" you may catch it on our YouTube.



Watch the seminar

Upcoming Talks & Meetings

COAH Scientific Seminars & Meetings

- **Scientific Seminar:**
12/4, 3:30 - 5pm

Jason Falvey, DPT, PhD

“Neighborhoods, Resilience, and Recovery among Older Adults”

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

11/27, 3:30 - 4:30pm

Francesca Marino, PhD Candidate, Epidemiology

“Daily Physical Activity Patterns as Markers of Early Cognitive Impairment.”

SPH Room E9519

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

COAH Research Working Groups

- **Biostatistics and Research Design**
2nd Wednesday of each month
11:00am – 12:00pm
- **Cognitive and Sensory Functions**
3rd Monday of each month
11:00am – 12:00pm
- **ENGAGE Research Lab**
Every other Thursday – Hybrid
12:15pm – 1:15pm
- **Family and Social Resources**
4th Tuesday of each month via Zoom
8:30am – 9:30am
- **Frailty and Multisystem Dysregulation**
2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month
9:00am – 10:00am
- **International Approaches to Aging**
3rd Wednesday of each month – Hybrid
11:00am – 12:00pm
- **Medicare Claims and EHR Analyses**

4th Wednesday of each month – Hybrid

3:00pm – 4:00pm

Visit [Research Working Groups](#) for descriptions and faculty contact information.



Division of Geriatric Medicine & Gerontology Grand Rounds

- Every Thursday 4:00 - 5:00pm Norman Library
Asthma & Allergy Center, Room 2B.65
 - **11/23, No Grand Rounds (Thanksgiving)**
 - **11/30, Dr. Jennifer Reckrey**
 - **12/7, Dr. Rebecca Elon**

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

Publications

Fresh from COAH Faculty and Fellows

- Assi S, Garcia Morales EE, Windham BG, Lin FR, Bandeen-Roche K, Shukla A, Palta P, Deal JA, Reed NS, Martinez-Amezcuca P. *Hearing Loss and Frailty among Older Adults: The Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities Study*. J Am Med Dir Assoc. 2023 Nov;24(11):1683-1689.e5. doi: 10.1016/j.jamda.2023.08.023. Epub 2023 Sep 23.
- 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. 2023 Oct;4(10):e573-e583. doi: 10.1016/S2666-7568(23)00170-8.
- Spira AP, Kaufmann CN, Stone KL. *Sleep, Circadian Rhythms, and Aging: Advancing Knowledge to Promote Older Adults' Health*. J Gerontol A Biol Sci Med Sci. 2023 Oct 9;78(10):1812-1815. doi: 10.1093/gerona/glad195.

Funding Opportunities

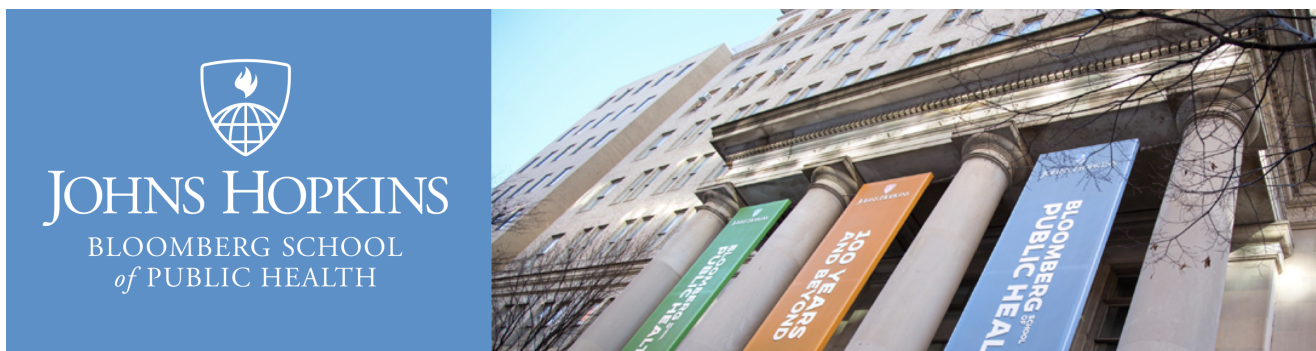


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PRESIDENT'S INNOVATION AWARD

The new Johns Hopkins University President's Innovation Award is awarded to one innovative early-to-mid career faculty member each year who is focused on solving problems in society and translating research beyond academia. The \$250,000 award will help these recipients to launch their promising careers during the crucial years when support for their research may be elusive, and to allow them the freedom to invest in those activities most likely to advance their innovations toward the marketplace. Nomination Deadline: Nov. 27

[More information](#)



Lipitz Public Health Policy Faculty Award

The Institute for Health and Social Policy in the Department of Health Policy and Management is pleased to announce a request for applications for the Lipitz Public Health Policy Faculty Awards. The awards provide financial resources in support of innovative, timely, and applied public health policy projects led by faculty at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Second-Round applications due November 30, 2023. For more information, contact [Nicole Mosely](#).

[Full Application](#)



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RCCN and AITC Travel Award Opportunity

RCCN Travel Award: Large Pre-Trained Models with a Focus on AD/ADRD and Healthy Aging Workshop

Application Deadline: November 24, 2023

The Johns Hopkins University AI & Technology Collaboratory for Aging Research (JH AITC) is leading a 1-day workshop on generative AI (e.g., ChatGPT) for healthy aging on December 14, 2023.

Travel awards to attend the workshop in person are available for up to 10 early-career investigators who are affiliated with at least one NIA-supported center program belonging to the RCCN.

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The [Johns Hopkins University Catalyst Awards](#) are for early-career faculty across the university who are undertaking exceptional research or creative endeavors. The awards of up to \$75,000 will help these individuals launch their promising careers during the crucial years when startup funds are depleted and external funding or other support may be elusive. They are available to faculty members appointed to a full-time

tenure-track or tenure-track equivalent faculty position within no less than three years and no more than 10 years of July 1, 2024.

The [Johns Hopkins University Discovery Awards](#) focus on cross-university, faculty-led research and discovery. We aim for these awards of up to \$100,000 to spark new interactions among faculty from across the university. Faculty teams use these funds to get started while they seek an externally funded large-scale grant or cooperative agreement.

The application deadline for both programs is midnight on Thursday, Feb. 15.

[Learn more](#)



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Hopkins Economics of
Alzheimer's Disease
& Services Center

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.

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