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The COAH Chronicle

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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

“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.

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News & Announcements

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**Congratulations to
Amal Wanigatunga, PhD,
who was recently named a
Fellow of the American College
of Sports Medicine!**



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Dr. Wanigatunga is an Assistant Professor of Epidemiology and a core faculty member of COAH. His research centers on physical activity, physical function, and aging-related health outcomes.

**Apply by 12/15 to Attend!
Joint AGS/NIA Conference
“Stress Tests and Biomarkers of Resilience”**

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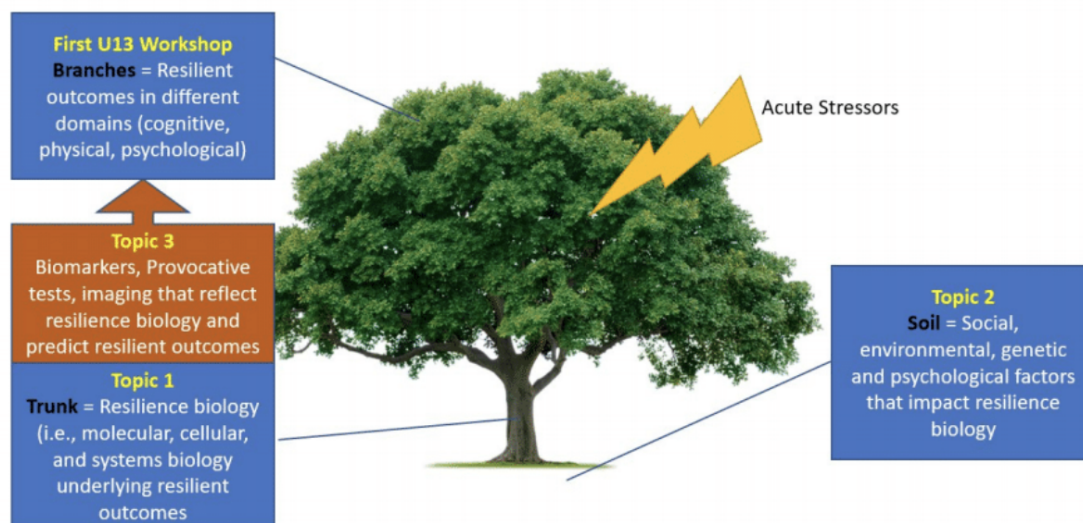
National Institute
on Aging

The second R13 Bedside-to-Bench conference, “Stress Tests and Biomarkers of Resilience,” will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda, MD from **Monday, March 4 to Tuesday, March 5, 2024** (arrival on Sunday, March 3). See the announcement flyer [HERE](#).

The conference, sponsored by the National Institute on Aging (NIA) and the American Geriatrics Society (AGS), will plan to dissect the definition of resilience signals and the intricate dynamics of biomarkers of resilience across the three domains (Physical, Cognitive, and Psychosocial). The preliminary agenda can be viewed [HERE](#).

The application for the conference is now available and can be accessed [HERE](#).

Applications are due by Friday, December 15, and applicants will be notified if they are invited to participate by the first week in January 2024.



Happenings

22nd Annual Elizabeth L. Rogers, MD, Visiting Lecture in Geriatric Medicine

December 5, 2023

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Luigi Ferrucci, MD, PhD

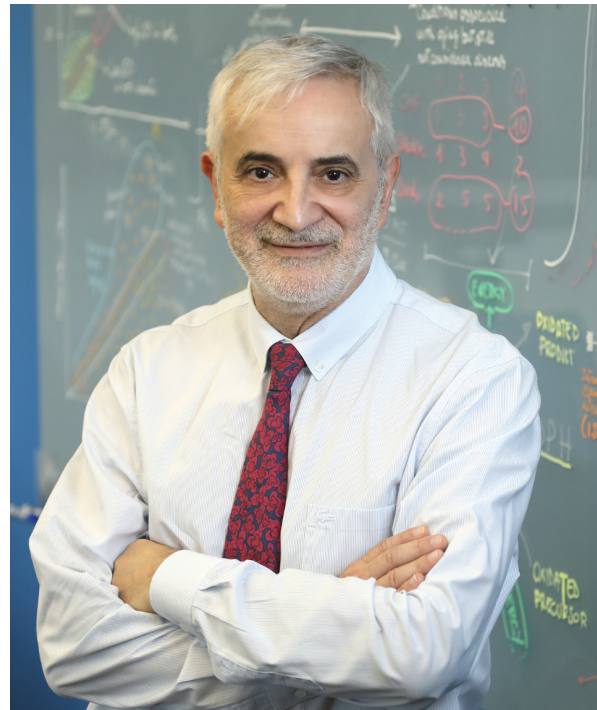
Scientific Director, NIA

***“Geroscience: The New Frontier of
Medicine”***

Grossi Auditorium, JHBMC

For Zoom information, contact

Joanie Nicaise.



Dr. Luigi Ferrucci, Scientific Director of the National Institute on Aging, will deliver the 22nd Annual Elizabeth L. Rogers, MD, Visiting Lecture in Geriatric Medicine on December 5th, 2023 at 12 noon at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center during DOM Grand Rounds. His talk is titled **“Geroscience: The New Frontier of Medicine.”**

Dr. Ferrucci is a geriatrician and an epidemiologist who conducts research on the causal pathways leading to progressive physical and cognitive decline in older persons. In September 2002, he became the Chief of the Longitudinal Studies Section at NIA and the Director of the Baltimore Longitudinal Study on Aging (BLSA). He has

diseases, as well as physical and cognitive disability.

Dr. Ferrucci has made major contributions in the design of epidemiological studies conducted in the U.S. and Europe, including the AKEA study of Centenarians in Sardinia and the Women's Health and Aging Study. He was also the Principal Investigator of the InCHIANTI study in Tuscany, Italy. He is one of the most cited scientists in the field of aging and has been Scientific Director of NIA since 2011.

Upcoming Talks & Meetings

COAH Scientific Seminars & Meetings

- **Scientific Seminar:**

12/4, 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Jason Falvey, DPT, PhD

"Neighborhoods, Resilience, and Recovery among Older Adults"

Powe Room, 1-500Q, or via Zoom

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

12/11, 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Collin Perryman

"Racial desegregation of schools and the cognition of older Black adults"

SPH Room E9519, or via Zoom

- **Journal Club:**

12/11, 12:15pm - 1:15pm

Fangyu Liu

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COAH Large Conference Room, or via Zoom

Visit [COAH Events](#) or email [Monique Lee](#) for more information, such as Zoom links if you are unable to join us in-person.

COAH Research Working Groups

(Groups meet in the COAH Large Conference Room, unless otherwise noted)

- **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 (Energy, Activity and Aging) 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 - Zoom
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



Division of Geriatric Medicine & Gerontology Grand Rounds

- Every Thursday 4:00pm - 5:00pm Norman Library
Asthma & Allergy Center, Room 2B.65
 - **12/7, Dr. Rebecca Elon**
 - **12/14, TBA**

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

Publications

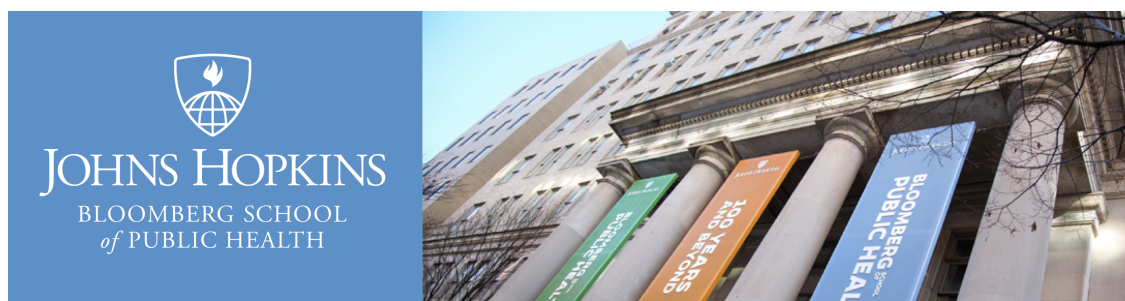
Fresh from COAH Faculty and Fellows

- **Brantner CL, Bentley JP, Roth DL.** *Subtypes of Transitions into a Family Caregiving Role: A Latent Class Analysis.* J Appl Gerontol. 2023 Nov 21:7334648231210680. doi: 10.1177/07334648231210680. Online ahead of print.

chronic inflammation in older adults: the case for a new inflammatory marker in aging. *Geroscience.* 2023 Nov 23. doi: 10.1007/s11357-023-01006-x. Online ahead of print.

- **Rebok GW, Clay OJ, Thorpe RJ Jr, Willis SL.** *The ACTIVE Study: Association of Race and Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) with Long-Term Outcomes and Cognitive Training Effects.* *J Aging Health.* 2023 Oct;35(9_suppl):3S-10S. doi: 10.1177/08982643231204931.
- **Thorpe RJ Jr, Huang A, Smail E, Clay OJ, Dean L, Aiken-Morgan A, Gellert A, Rebok GW.** *The Relationship Between Cognition and Mortality Among Older Black and White Men in Advanced Cognitive Training for Independent and Vital Elderly.* *J Aging Health.* 2023 Oct;35(9_suppl):119S-125S. doi: 10.1177/08982643221128906. Epub 2022 Sep 23.

Funding Opportunities



Epidemiology and Biostatistics of Aging (EBA) Training Program Seeks Postdoctoral Fellows

The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health's EBA Training Program has available postdoctoral openings in the 2023-24 and 2024-25 academic years. There

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Slot 1 must be filled by no later than 4/30/24. Applicants who would like to be considered for this opening should submit their applications as soon as possible.

Slot 2 will be available to start 5/1/2024 or after; the due date for this slot is 1/15/24. Interviews for this slot will commence shortly after this date, and applications will be received on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

Please note: This program is funded by the National Institute on Aging. Candidates must have US citizenship or permanent residence status to be eligible. We are strongly supportive of applicants from diverse backgrounds; individuals from historically underrepresented populations are encouraged to apply.

Please contact Brian Buta with any questions, and visit the EBA Training Program’s website for more information.



Applications are open for the T32 Training Program in Health Service & Outcomes Research for Aging Populations!

“It is clear that everyone who is a part of the T32 genuinely supports each other and is willing to offer help and advice. This was the perfect year”

From the T32 Training Program trainee feedback survey

The Health Services and Outcomes Research for Aging Populations T32 Training Program at Johns Hopkins University seeks to produce the next generation of scientists with rigorous training in person and family-centered health services and



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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.

[See RFA](#)



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Catalyst & Discovery Awards

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

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.

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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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