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.

Center Highlights
COAH Scientific Seminar:
“The Hallmarks of Mobility”
Mon., May 6th
3:30pm to 5pm

Stephen Kritchevsky, PhD is the Toby R. Alligood Endowed Professor in Geroscience at the Wake Forest School of Medicine. He leads the Sticht Center for Healthy Aging and Alzheimer’s Prevention. He is an internationally known expert on nutrition that impacts the health and disability in older adults.

Dr. Kritchevsky will present “The Hallmarks of Mobility” at the next scientific seminar being held on Monday, May 6 from 3:30pm – 5:00pm. The seminar will take place at 2024 E. Monument Street, Powe Room 1-500Q. We encourage you to attend in-person, and light refreshments will be served following the seminar. No RSVP required to attend in-person. Alternatively, you may register to attend via Zoom via the link below.

This event is sponsored by: The Matthew Tayback, Sc.D., Memorial Lecture Fund; Center on Aging & Health; Division of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology; Johns Hopkins Older Americans Independence Center; Epidemiology and Biostatistics of Aging Training Program.

Register to attend via Zoom
Please join us for

Dr. David L. Roth’s Retirement Party!

May 20th at 3pm

Please join us in the atrium of the 2024 E. Monument St. Building on the East Baltimore Campus as we thank Dr. Roth for more than a decade of dedicated executive-level leadership of the Center, and as we celebrate his many valuable contributions in applied gerontology research. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by May 15, 2024: https://xoyondo.com/op/swte04dhu19zavn

Happenings
Current Topics in Epidemiologic Research
April 26
12:15pm-1:20pm

**Topic:** "Hearing Loss and Geriatric Outcomes: Falls, Physical Function, and Frailty"

**Speaker:** Dr. Sahar Assi, Postdoctoral Research Fellow with the Cochlear Center for Hearing and Public Health

Dr. Sahar Assi is a postdoctoral research fellow in the Department of Epidemiology at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and is mentored by Nicholas Reed, AuD.

You are welcome to either attend the meeting in-person Sheldon Hall (W1214) or via Zoom—just click the live link below to join the meeting in progress at 12:15pm on April 26.

[Zoom Link to Live Meeting]
Register by May 24th for the BSPH Summer Institute in Mental Health Research!

This summer, broaden your knowledge of mental health by registering for a BSPH Department of Mental Health Summer Institute course!

COAH faculty members Drs. Adam Spira and Joseph Gallo will teach courses as part of this summer institute.

DMH's Summer Institute explores the intersection of mental health and sleep, gut health, racism, and climate change—issues that shape the health and well-being of older adults every day.

Learn about these topics and many more by signing up for one of DMH's 15 all-virtual Summer Institute courses. Courses begin on May 28 and run from two days to two weeks. JHU faculty and staff may qualify for tuition remission.

Questions?

E-mail COAH Faculty member Dr. Michelle Carlson, or Dr. Patty Scott.

Learn More & Register
The presentations aim to provide valuable information to both early career researchers seeking K award funding and their mentors.

**Upcoming webinars:**

- NIH/NIA Grant Review Process
  Thursday, May 9 from 12-1pm ET
- Stories of Successful K Awards
  June 2024, TBA

Recordings of past webinars in this series are available online—just click the link below to access them.

Learn More & Register

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USDeN 2024 Annual Meeting: 5/15

The US Deprescribing Research Network will hold their 2024 Annual Network Meeting in-person on Wednesday, May 15th in Boston, Massachusetts in conjunction with the Society of General Internal Medicine's Annual Meeting.
This highly interactive meeting is open to all with an interest in research that aims to improve deprescribing and medication use in older adults, and features tremendous opportunities to learn from leaders in the field and to network and share ideas with colleagues from across the US and the world.

Students, residents, fellows, and community members may use comp code USDEN2024 when registering at checkout to waive the $75 registration fee.

Register for USDEN24

Upcoming Talks & Meetings

COAH Scientific Seminars & Meetings:

- **Scientific Seminars in May & June:**
  - 5/6, 3:30pm - 5pm
    Stephen Kritchevsky, PhD, Professor, Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine, Wake Forest University School of Medicine
    "The Hallmarks of Mobility"
    Powe Room 1-500Q, or via Zoom
  - 6/3, 3:30pm - 5pm
    Mark Dredze, PhD, John C. Malone Professor, Department of Computer Science, Johns Hopkins University
    Title TBA
    Powe Room 1-500Q, or via Zoom

- **Epi & Biostats of Aging:**
  - 5/10, 2:30pm - 4pm
9th Annual Joint Presentation of the BHS Lab, ENGAGE, SMART/WIT & Spira sleep groups, with a focus on using wearable technology in aging research
Location/Zoom TBA

- 5/13, 3:30pm - 4:30pm
  Career Development Session
  SPH Room E6519

- **Epi of Aging Journal Club:**
  - 5/13, 12pm - 1pm
    Details TBA
    COAH Large Conference Room (Room 2-701)

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

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**Division of Geriatric Medicine & Gerontology:**

- **Grand Rounds**
  - Every **Thursday 4:00pm - 5:00pm** Norman Library
    Asthma & Allergy Center, Room 2B.65
    - 5/2, Dr. H. Ward
    - 5/9, (No GR due to AGS)
    - 5/16, Dr. Q. Wang
    - 5/30, (No GR due to Memorial Service)

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

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**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
  Next meeting: TBA

- **Cognitive and Sensory Functions**
  3rd Monday of each month, 11:00am – 12:00pm
  Next meeting: TBA

- **ENGAGE (Energy, Activity and Aging) Research Group**
  Every other Thursday, 12:15 – 1:15pm – Hybrid
  Next meeting: 5/16

- **Family and Social Resources**
  4th Tuesday of each month, 8:30 – 9:30am – Zoom
  Next meeting: 5/28

- **Frailty and Multisystem Dysregulation**
  2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month, 9:00 – 10:00am – Zoom
  Next meeting: 5/8

- **International Approaches to Aging**
  3rd Wednesday of each month, 11:00am – 12:00pm – Hybrid
  Next meeting: TBA

- **Medicare Claims and EHR Analyses**
  4th Wednesday of each month, 3:00 – 4:00pm – Hybrid
  Next meeting: 5/22

Visit [Research Working Groups](#) for descriptions and contact information.
Fresh from COAH Faculty and Fellows:


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**Funding Opportunities**

https://mailchi.mp/f3cedeb4bb02/the-coah-chronicle-april-26-2024?e=cc20c4de95

10/14
Applications for the
4th Annual a2 Pilot Awards

Due April 30

The NIA has earmarked $40 million to fund technology demonstration projects that utilize artificial intelligence (AI) approaches and technology to improve care and health outcomes for older Americans, including persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (AD/ADRD), and their caregivers.

Learn more about a2 Pilot Awards

LIMITED SUBMISSIONS

NIH Director's Early Independence Awards
Estimated Award Amount: $1,250,000 (direct costs)
JHU Nomination Limit: 2

**Deadlines:**

- Internal Application: May 28, 2024
- Full Application: September 6, 2024

The NIH Director's Early Independence Award supports rigorous and promising investigators who wish to pursue independent research soon after completion of their terminal doctoral degree or post-graduate clinical training, thereby forgoing the traditional post-doctoral training period and accelerating their entry into an independent research career. To support innovative and novel research across the vast NIH mission, individuals from diverse backgrounds (including those from underrepresented groups; see Notice of NIH’s Interest in Diversity) and from the full spectrum of eligible institutions in all geographic locations are encouraged to apply. Applications in all topics relevant to the broad mission of NIH are welcome, including, but not limited to, topics in the behavioral, social, biomedical, applied, and formal sciences and topics that may involve basic, translational, or clinical research. The NIH Director's Early Independence Award is a component of the High-Risk, High-Reward Research program of the NIH Common Fund.

Learn More

JHU SOM Clinician Scientist Career Development Awards

In an effort to promote the research career development of young faculty physicians in the clinical departments, the School of Medicine has created a fund for the provision of salary and fringe benefits. Allocations from this fund are based on a competitive application process which is tied closely to concurrent efforts to obtain external funding.
support of research. This initiative has been developed to address the problem of increasing pressures on young faculty to expend substantial clinical effort in order to generate sufficient funds to support their salaries. The purpose of these awards is to protect the research time of qualified young faculty.

**Two Application Cycles Each Year:**

- **Spring Cycle (Award Start – July 1): Currently Open**
- **Fall Cycle (Award Start – January 1): TBA**

**Award Amounts:**

- Awards may be made for up to $80,000 per year for a maximum of two years to support up to 75% of the applicant’s salary and benefits. Salary support from external awards will be subtracted from the 75% figure in determining the exact amount of the internal award. The CSA is not intended to supplement external support in order to enable the applicant to devote more than 75% effort to research.

- Funding beyond the first year is dependent on the continuation of the Program and a satisfactory progress report. Expenditures are limited to salary and fringe benefits.

- Awards to faculty with concurrent external support equal to/greater than $50,000/year (direct costs, irrespective of funding purpose or restrictions) will be limited to a maximum of $40,000 CSA support per year.
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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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