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The COAH Chronicle

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Center Highlights



Kicking Off the New Academic Year!

We are excited to see everyone at upcoming meetings and events at COAH during AY2025-2026. These include the COAH Scientific Seminar Series on Monday, October 6th; the EBA Training Program sessions starting Monday, September 8th; and numerous COAH working group regular meetings. More details on these events are available [here](#). Be sure to follow us on [LinkedIn](#) for the latest information, news, and events.



Congratulations to COAH Faculty Members on Recent NIH Grants!

- **Dr. Jennifer Schrack**, COAH Director, was awarded a 5-year R01 grant as MPI with Dr. Robert Weiss (Cardiology) on the [“Contribution of Biological, Physiological and Gait Mechanisms to High Metabolic Cost of Walking in Older Adults.”](#)
- **Dr. Thomas Laskow**, COAH Associate Faculty member, received a two-year R03 GEMSSTAR grant on [“Evaluating Infection Independent Benefits of Influenza Vaccine in Older Adults Undergoing Surgery.”](#)
- **Dr. Marilyn Albert**, COAH Senior Associate Faculty member, was awarded continued funding for the P30 Center Grant, the [Johns Hopkins Alzheimer's Disease Research Center](#), for another 5-year cycle. **Dr. Karen Bandeen-Roche**, COAH Core Faculty member, serves as the director of the ADRC's [Data Management and Statistics Core](#).

**Jeremy Walston
Memorial Event:
Tues., Sept. 9
at 3 p.m.
Bayview Medical
Campus**



Please join us to remember the life of **Dr. Jeremy Walston** on Tuesday, September 9, from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Asthma and Allergy Building

Atrium on the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Campus.

An internationally renowned scientist who directed numerous healthy aging research programs at Johns Hopkins, Jeremy's contributions to the science of frailty and resilience provided critical insights and advancements to frailty assessment, aging-related biology, and clinical translation. He was a beloved member of our community who touched many lives, both professionally and personally.

After a formal memorial program, we will have an opportunity to gather socially and remember Jeremy.

Finally, you may also be interested to know that the Johns Hopkins Frailty Science team have put together a two-part blog with remembrances of Jeremy; here's the link to the latest, [Remembering Jeremy D. Walston, MD \(April 7, 1961-June 10, 2025\): Part Two.](#)

COAH Core Faculty Dr. Alden Gross to Present at COAH's International Approaches to Aging Working Group Mon., Sept. 15 at 12:15 p.m.

Our first International Approaches to Aging working group meeting of the term will be held on Monday, September 15th, at 12:15 p.m. in the large conference room at the Center on Aging and Health. **Dr. Alden L. Gross** will present on "What Makes an HCAP an HCAP? Necessity of a Cross-Culturally Adaptive Architecture."



For those who cannot attend in person, please join via [Zoom](#). If you would like to present at a future meeting, please contact [Dr. Sneha Mani](#).

COAH Scientific Seminar with Dr. Bryan James Mon., Oct. 6 at 3:30 p.m.



The first COAH seminar of the 2025-2026 academic year will take place on Monday, October 6, 2025 at 3:30pm with a presentation by [Bryan James, PhD](#), Associate Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, Section of Community Epidemiologic Research, at Rush University Medical Center, and an epidemiologist at the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center. His seminar title is: "*Investigating determinants and timely diagnosis of dementia using Medicare claims linked to cohort data.*"

COAH Scientific Seminars are held in person at the Powe Room (1-500Q in the 2024 building) with a virtual option. Contact [Monique Lee](#) for more information and Zoom registration.

Happenings



Webinar with Dr. Bethea AnnaLouise Kleykamp Tues., Sept. 16 at 12 p.m. ET



JH AITC's next webinar will feature Bethea AnnaLouise Kleykamp, PhD, assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of Maryland. She will present "Overlooked and At Risk: Confronting the Rise of Substance Use in Older Adults Through Interdisciplinary Innovation" at 12 p.m. ET on Tuesday, September 16.

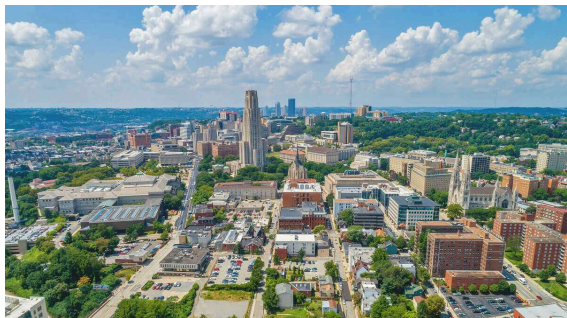
[Register Here](#)



ICFSR 2026 Annual Meeting Call for Abstracts: Submit by Wed., Oct. 8

The next meeting of the ICFSR – now known as the Intrinsic Capacity, Frailty and Sarcopenia Research Conference – will take place in Washington, D.C., in March 2026. The 2026 conference will be co-hosted by the Johns Hopkins Artificial Intelligence and Technology Collaboratory for Aging Research (AITC) and the Johns Hopkins Older Americans Independence Center (OAIC). **Abstracts are due by no later than October 8, 2025.** Please see the ICFSR site for more information on submission categories, as well as opportunities for Rising Stars in Frailty and Aging Research, and Biotech Showcase sessions.

[Learn More](#)



Evidence to Impact Workshop

Integrating Research on Aging into Health Systems, Oct. 6-8, 2025 in Pittsburgh, PA

This three-day workshop will advance the science and practice of implementation and innovation to improve the care and outcomes of older adults. Hosted by the University of Pittsburgh, the workshop's hybrid format with a focus on Age Friendly Health Initiatives allows for in-person interactive sessions, mentorship, and workgroups. Participants will include health systems leadership, researchers, trainees, and clinicians.

Note: The virtual attendance workshop is on October 7.

[Register Here](#)

**Thurs., Oct. 9
5:30-7:30 p.m.**

**13th Annual Speed
Networking Event**

**University of Maryland at Baltimore
Health Sciences Research Facility III (HSRF III)
Lobby
670 West Baltimore Street Baltimore, MD 21201**

About this event:

This is an opportunity for students and post-docs conducting aging research to engage with faculty and researchers at: the University of Maryland, Baltimore; Johns Hopkins University; the National Institute of Aging; & other institutions.

Who should attend:

This event is a superb networking event for: recent grads; pre-doc and post-doc fellows; faculty at all stages of their careers; & aging researchers.

Questions?

Contact [Lindsey Mathis](#) or [Rebecca Kowalski](#).

**Save The Date!
2026 Research on
Aging Showcase:
April 14, 2026**



The next Research on Aging Showcase, an annual student-led aging research event has been scheduled for Tuesday April 14, 2026. More information will be shared in the coming months. Please mark your calendars!

*Want to submit news or an event
for our newsletter?*

Submit News/Event

**Upcoming Talks &
Meetings**

COAH Meetings:

- **COAH Scientific Seminars:**

- We are excited to announce a terrific schedule of seminar presenters in the months ahead. In addition to Dr. Bryan James on October 6, please see the following dates and planned seminar speakers:

- November 3: Dr. Shari Ling
- December 1: Dr. Jennifer Deal

- **EBA Presentations & Epi of Aging Journal Club:**

- Please join us on September 22 at 3:30pm in the Powe Room (1-500Q, 2024 Building) for an EBA presentation by Xi (Sissi) Wang), PhD student and an EBA trainee in Epidemiology, on “Hearing, social disconnection, and cognitive aging: from cohorts to intervention.”

- **Research Working Groups:**

- Most COAH research working groups will resume in September. To learn more about our current groups, please [visit our website](#).
- Please see Highlights above for **Dr. Alden Gross**’ presentation at the International Approaches to Aging Working Group meeting on Mon., Sept. 15 at 12:15 p.m.

Contact [Monique Lee](#) for more information and Zoom links.

Johns Hopkins Division of Geriatric Medicine & Gerontology



Grand Rounds: Thursdays, 4-5 p.m., Norman Library

Upcoming Academic Projects in Progress Speakers:

- Sept. 11: Dr. Marlon Aliberti
- **Sept. 18: Dr. Thomas Cudjoe (COAH Core Faculty)**
- Sept. 25: Dr. Jodi Segal

For more information about Grand Rounds, contact [Teresa King](#).

New Publications

COAH Faculty, Students, Fellows & Staff in **Bold**:

- Angomas E, **Blinka MD**, Kelly E, Oniha O, McGuire M, Colburn JL, **Gallo JJ**, **Wolff JL**, **Boyd CM**, **Samus QM**, **Amjad H**. ["It's Usually Not Dementia That's the Focus": Barriers and Facilitators of Dementia Care in Primary Care.](#) J Gen Intern Med. 2025 Jul;40(10):2265-2275. doi: 10.1007/s11606-025-09493-8. Epub 2025 Apr 14.
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- **Davoudi A**, Agrawal Y, **Wang H**, Dougherty RJ, **Wanigatunga AA**, Reed NS, Ehrlich JR, **Gross AL**, **Schrack JA**. [Association of sensory and motor impairments with dementia: a cross-sectional analysis in US older adults.](#) BMC Geriatr. 2025 Aug 12;25(1):617. doi: 10.1186/s12877-025-06082-6.
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 - Vohra V, Najjar W, **Xue QL**, Katuri A, Langdon JM, Rowan NR. [Moving Beyond Odor Identification: Defining Olfactory Subdomain Cutoffs in Frailty Risk Assessment](#). Int Forum Allergy Rhinol. 2025 Aug 18. doi: 10.1002/alr.70017. Online ahead of print.
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Funding Opportunities

**Randomized Clinical
Trials on Behavioral
Interventions in Aging
LOI Due: 10/15**

**NORTHWELL
ROYBAL**
Coordinating Center



Call For Proposals!

The Northwell Roybal Coordinating Center invites applications for funding under any of the [Roybal Centers](#) participating in the application cycle. Supported by the National Institute on Aging (NIA), these centers address a broad range of themes that aim to tackle the complex challenges of aging, Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD), social health, and disparities among aging populations.

Each Center has a unique theme with center-specific application criteria; applicants should refer to the center-specific guidance when applying. Applicants must propose a clinical trial that aligns with the Roybal Centers' key themes, applies the [NIH Stage Model](#) as a conceptual framework, and clearly articulate a plan for how the trial will progress through the Model. All clinical trials must have adequate statistical power to test the mechanism of behavior change and/or efficacy of the intervention.

- Review the participating [Roybal Centers Funding Opportunities](#) and identify a primary Roybal center aligned with your proposal.
- Follow the center-specific application submission instructions to confirm eligibility, award amounts, and application forms.
- Submit an LOI under a specific Roybal Center to be considered for funding. Applicants with a selected LOI will be invited to submit a full proposal.

USDeN Pilot Awards LOI Due: 9/19



The USDeN pilot award supports research related to deprescribing that provides key preliminary data, proof of concept, or developmental work that offers a clear pathway to future, larger-scale studies and career development for the investigators involved. This award is geared primarily, but not exclusively, toward junior investigators. All topics related to deprescribing in older adults are welcome. Pilot awards are for 1 year with a maximum budget of \$30,000 in direct costs (and no more than \$50,000 in combined direct and indirect costs). For more information, including instructions on how to apply, see the [Request for Application \(RFA\)](#).



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RESEARCH

The **JHU Offices of the Provost and the Vice Provost for Research** have announced several funding opportunities for JHU researchers and students:

- **The President's Frontier Award:**

This award recognizes one Johns Hopkins faculty member each year for demonstrating significant scholarly achievement and showing exceptional promise for important future work. [President's Frontier Award website.](#)

- **Pivot and Bridge Grant Programs:**

These grants will allow researchers affected by grant terminations or delays to pivot to new research directions and/or funding sources or to bridge their research programs pending sponsored funding. Full details are available on the [Office of the Provost website.](#)

- **PhD Thesis and Postdoc Research Completion Program:**

This initiative offers one year of support to PhD students whose dissertations are impacted by recent changes in federal grants and to postdoctoral fellows who had been supported by federal grants that were terminated. Full details are available on the [Office of the Provost website.](#)

- Additionally, [Editorial Assistance Services Initiative \(EASI\)](#) offers editorial support for grant proposals and journal articles at no charge. This popular service has expanded its pool of writers to serve more faculty members of all ranks and in all fields during this period of transition to new federal funding priorities and alternative funding sources.

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