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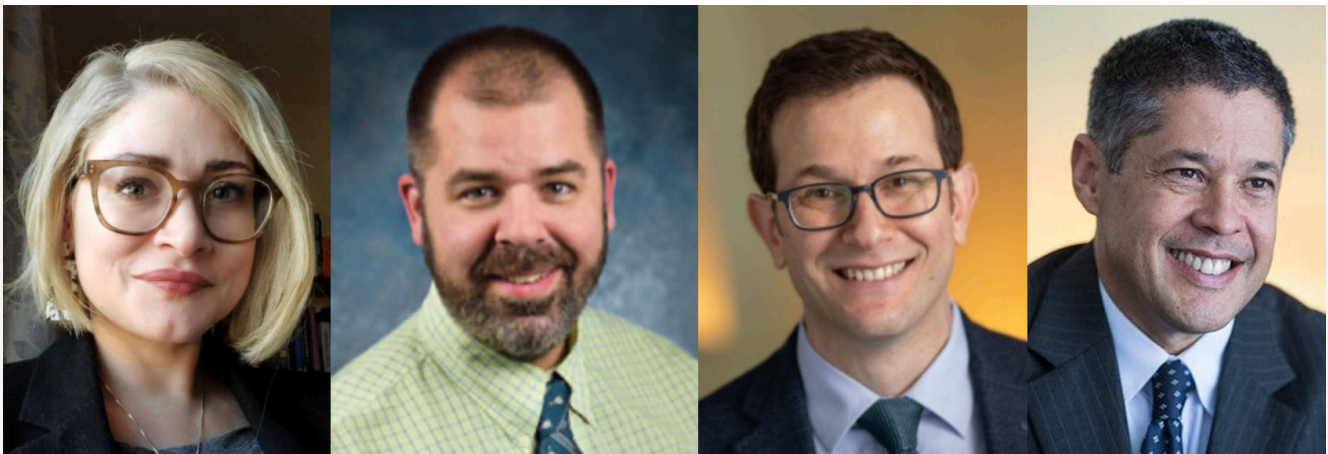
Center Highlights

**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.



COAH Faculty Members, Drs. Deal, Gross, Spira, and Trujillo Recognized

for Teaching Excellence

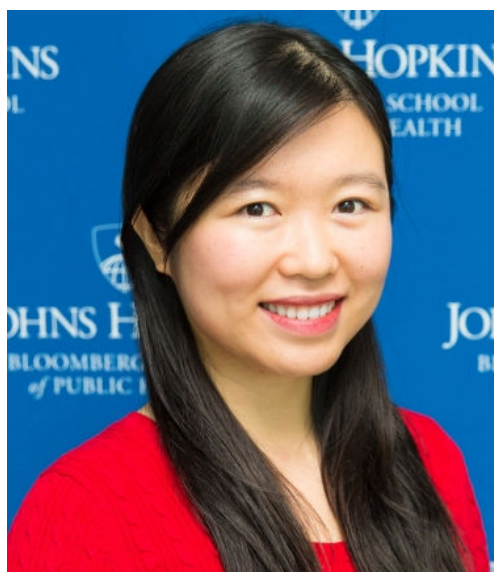
We appreciate and applaud COAH faculty members who received “excellent” course rankings from students during the 2025–2026 Summer Institutes in the Bloomberg School of Public Health. Please join us in congratulating Drs. Jennifer Deal, Alden Gross, Adam Spira, and Antonio Trujillo for their excellence in teaching.

See the Full List

Congratulations to Dr. Jing Sun, COAH Associate Faculty Member, on a Recent NIH Grant Award!

Jing Sun, MD, PMH, PhD, a COAH Associate Faculty member, was awarded an NIH R21 grant to study HIV, aging, and multimorbidity; more information is available here:

[“Characterizing and predicting comorbidity cascade among men and women with and without HIV by harnessing data from MWCCS and electronic medical records.](#)



Happenings

2025 Henrietta Lacks Memorial Lecture, October 4, with Keynote Presentation by Dr. Deidra Crews



[Register Here](#)

The JHU Institute for Clinical & Translational Research (ICTR) will host the 15th annual Henrietta Lacks Memorial Lecture on Saturday, October 4, 2025, in the Turner Auditorium, beginning at 11:00 a.m. COAH Senior Associate Faculty member, Dr. Deidra C. Crews, who serves as Deputy Director of Johns Hopkins Center for Health Equity and Deputy Director for Inclusive Research of the ICTR, will be this year's Keynote Speaker. A virtual option is also available.

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](#)

16th Edition

ICFSR 2026
Intrinsic Capacity, Frailty and Sarcopenia Research Conference

March 10-12, 2026

Hopkins Bloomberg Center
Washington, DC, United States

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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](#)

**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.

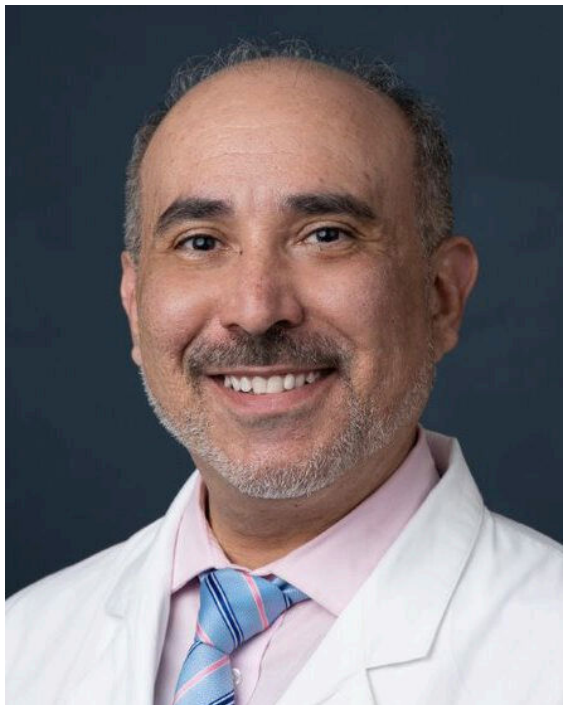
Who should attend:

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](#).

Dr. Abadir to present on “Engineering New Frontiers in Aging” Thurs., 10/30 at Noon



COAH Senior Associate Faculty member, Dr. Peter Abadir, will present a virtual talk on Thursday October 30 at Noon as part of the Columbia Aging Center Series focused on to AI + Healthy Longevity.

[Register Here](#)

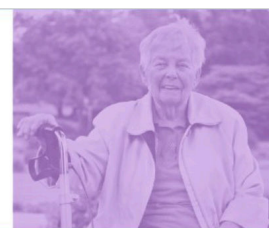
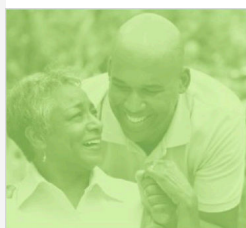


**Pre-GSA 2025
Half-Day Workshop:
Tues., 11/11
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Boston, MA**

This NIA Geroscience Education and Training (GET) Network (R25AG073119) half-day workshop will occur a day ahead of the Gerontological Society of America's Annual Scientific Meeting in Boston. This workshop will introduce attendees to the GET Network's geroscience education curricula and resources, including a Certificate Program in Translational Geroscience. Additionally, attendees will learn about network materials, which may benefit aspiring translational geroscience trainees, graduate students, medical students, and geriatrics fellows.

Workshop Fee: \$45 (waived for the first 30 registrants)

[Learn More](#)



**NHATS/NSOC
2025-2026 Webinar Series
Starts Fri., 10/3 at Noon**

The National Health and Aging Trends Study (NHATS)/National Study of Caregiving (NSOC) 2025-2026 Webinar Series will be held monthly from 12-1 PM (ET) on Fridays via Zoom starting Friday, October 3.

To register to receive reminders and login information and view the 2025-2026 schedule, click the button below.

[Learn More](#)

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:**

- The next COAH seminar will take place on Monday, October 6, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. with a presentation by Bryan James, PhD, Associate Professor, Rush University Medical Center, and an epidemiologist at the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center. Please see additional information in the Highlights sections above.
- 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:**

- Please join us on September 22 at 3:30 p.m. 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](#).

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. 25: Dr. Jodi Segal
- Oct. 2: Dr. Angelia Liu
- **Oct. 9: Dr. Nancy Schoenborn (COAH Associate Faculty)**

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

Rides to Rounds

COAH personnel are available to provide rides from the East Baltimore campus to Bayview (and back) for faculty, staff, and students (space permitting) who would like to attend these weekly Grand Rounds sessions. Please contact [Monique Lee](#) for details.

New Publications

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

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Funding Opportunities

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

**NORTHWELL
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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.
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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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