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Center Highlights

GSA 2025
Annual Meeting
in Boston, MA,
Nov. 12-15, 2025



Many COAH team members will present at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) in Boston, MA taking place November 12-15, 2025. Click below to see a list of all JHU and COAH presentations.

COAH Team Members Sharing Research at GSA 2025

**Research by
Dr. Chamberlin,
COAH
Postdoctoral
Fellow, Featured
in *Everyday
Health***



Findings from a recent study led by [Dr. Keran \(Ada\) Chamberlin](#), a COAH/ Epidemiology Postdoctoral Fellow, are featured in a recent post on *Everyday Health*. The post is based on Dr. Chamberlin's recent publication, "[Olfaction and Coronary Heart Disease](#)" in *JAMA Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery* describing the association between a decline in sense of smell and an increased risk for heart disease, among other health issues. Click below to read the post!

Starting to Lose Your Sense of Smell?
It Could Be a Sign of Early Heart Disease.



The JH Aging & Alzheimer's Centers Team at the Baltimore Walk to End Alzheimer's

The Johns Hopkins Aging & Alzheimer's Centers, including COAH, participated in the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's on November 1 in Baltimore, Maryland. Thanks to those who joined the walk and to all who have donated so far — more than \$12,000 has been raised by the Johns Hopkins Walk Team 2025! Tax-deductible donations support the Alzheimer's Associations programs and are accepted through the end of 2025. There's still time to support our team—just click below.

[Make a Tax-Deductible Donation](#)



Drs. Schrack and Green Join Panel Discussion at Film Screening

The film, *Familiar Touch*, was screened at the Charles Theatre in Baltimore on November 4th. The film tells the story of octogenarian former cook Ruth, as she transitions into assisted living. A Q&A session was held immediately after the screening with [Dr. Ariel Green](#), MD, MPH, PhD, Associate Professor of Geriatric and Gerontology at Johns Hopkins, [Dr. Jennifer Schrack](#), PhD, MS, Professor and Director of the Johns Hopkins Center on Aging and Health, and the film's producer, [Alexandra Byer](#). The film is available to stream on MUBI and through Amazon Prime.

[Watch Official Trailer](#)

Happenings

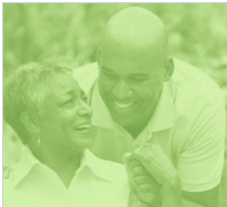


Pre-GSA 2025 Half-Day Workshop Tues., Nov. 11 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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.

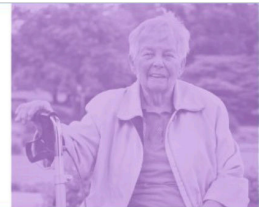
Workshop Fee: \$45 (waived for the first 30 registrants)

[Register Here](#)



nhats National Health & Aging Trends Study

nsoc National Study of Caregiving



GSA 2025: Research With NHATS/NSOC Data

Going to GSA 2025 in Boston from Nov. 12-15? Be sure to check out posters, presentations and symposia with NHATS/NSOC data!

NHATS/NSOC at GSA 2025



**9th Virtual
Community Forum
on Healthy Aging:
Staying Healthy,
Strong, & Resilient
Mon., Nov. 17,
5-7 p.m.**

The Johns Hopkins Institute for Clinical & Translational Research will host the 9th Community Forum on Healthy Aging online on November 17, 2025 from 5-7 p.m. ET. This year’s theme is “Staying Healthy, Strong, & Resilient.” This interactive event is designed for anyone with an interest in aging well—including older adults, caregivers, families, community members, leaders, service providers, scientists, and clinicians.

For questions, please contact [Crystal Evans](#).

Register Here

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Dementia Consortium



Dementia Consortium Meeting: Mon., Nov. 17, 4-5 p.m.

*“Alpha Synuclein Strain
Evolution and Underlying
Mechanisms of Lewy Body
Dementia”* with [Xiaobo
Mao, PhD](#), Department of
Neurology, JHSOM



Join Live Zoom on 11/17 at 4 p.m.



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Hopkins Economics
of Alzheimer's Disease
& Services Center

HEADS Center Seminar:

Wed., Nov. 19, 12-1 p.m.



“Dementia and long-run trajectories in household finances” with [Ji Ling, PhD](#), from the University of Washington. Dr. Li is a health economist at the University of Washington with research interests in the economic, social and behavioral factors affecting individual decision-making in health and healthcare.

Email HEADS Center to Register



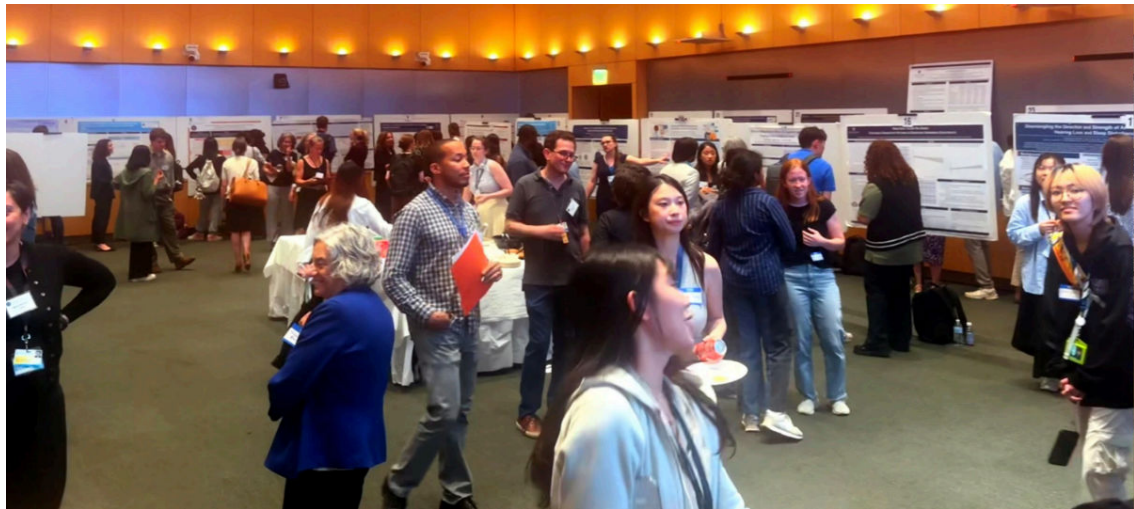
**Caregiver
Action
Network: Free
Webinars for
National
Family
Caregivers
Month**

The Caregiver Action Network is hosting free webinars throughout November. You only need to register once to access all sessions ([and](#)

replays). Coming up:

- Nov. 7: Building Caregiver-Friendly Workplaces
- Nov. 10: Finding Strength in Community and Connections
- Nov. 14: The Intergenerational Balancing Act
- Nov. 19: Turning Caregiver Experience into Action

Register



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

The next Research on Aging Showcase is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2026. More information will be shared in the coming months. Please mark your calendars!

AGS26

VIRTUAL



AGS 2026 VIRTUAL ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

MEETING DATES: Thursday, April 30–Saturday, May 2 PRE-CONFERENCE DAYS: Monday, April 27–Wednesday, April 29

American Geriatrics Society (AGS) 2026 Virtual Annual Scientific Meeting April 30-May 2, 2026

The next AGS meeting will take place April 30- May 2, 2026, online. Abstract submissions are being accepted through December 2, 2025.

[Learn More About AGS 2026 CFA](#)

**Save the date!
Dean's
Lecture with
Dr. Gross:
June 3, 2026**



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Dean's Lectures

We are sharing a very early save the date announcement. [Dr. Alden Gross](#), COAH Core Faculty member and recently promoted



Professor of Epidemiology, will present at the BPSH Dean's Lecture Series on June 3, 2026. More information will be shared closer to the event.

*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, December 1, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. with a presentation by [Jennifer Deal](#),

[PhD](#), Associate Professor of Epidemiology and Interim Director of the Cochlear Center for Hearing and Public Health in the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Dr. Deal's presentation title is: "*Where Do We Go From 'Hear'? Updates from the Cochlear Center for Hearing and Public Health.*"



- We are excited to announce a terrific schedule of presenters in the months ahead. In addition to Dr. Deal on December 1, please see the following dates and seminar speakers:
 - **Jan. 5**—Winter Break, no seminar
 - **Feb. 2**—GSA Leadership visit to JHU
 - **March 2**—Dr. Luis Medina (Houston)
 - **April 14** (ROA Showcase) - Dr. David Bennett (Rush)
 - **May 4** - Dr. Daniel Polsky (JHU)

- **EBA Presentation**

- The next meeting of Epidemiology and Biostatistics of Aging (EBA) Training Program will be held on November 10 at 3:30pm in the Powe Room (1-500Q, 2024 Building) with a panel discussion on teaching-oriented careers. We are excited to welcome three outstanding EBA alumni as panelists: **Drs. [Sandy Eckel](#), [Jenna Krall](#), and [Thomas Chan](#)** (pictured below). Learn more [here](#).



- **Journal Club:**

- A new Cross-Disciplinary Aging Research Journal Club will take place on December 1 from 11:00-11:55am in the Powe Room with a Zoom option. This will be co-facilitated by [Hyeyoung Hwang](#) (Doctoral student in the School of Nursing) and [John Mulcahy](#) (Postdoctoral fellow in the Bloomberg School of Public Health). The selected article will be announced soon. Contact us for Zoom information: coah0491@jh.edu.

- **Research Working Groups:**

- Most of COAH's research working groups meet monthly or more frequently. 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., Grossi Auditorium

- **Upcoming Speakers:**

- **Nov. 13**—No GMG Grand Rounds session (GSA Conference)
- **Nov. 20**—Invocation: Danelle Cayea, MD, MS, FACH. Patient Story: Redmond Finney, MD. Academic Projects in Progress: Zhang Zhang, PhD, MSc.
- **Nov. 27**—No GMG Grand Rounds session (Thanksgiving)

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**:

- **Chamberlin KW**, Li C, Kucharska-Newton A, Luo Z, Reeves M, Shrestha S, Pinto JM, **Deal JA**, Kamath V, Couper D, Mosley TH Jr, Chen H. [Olfaction and Coronary Heart Disease](#). JAMA Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg. 2025 Oct 30:e253740. doi: 10.1001/jamaoto.2025.3740. Online ahead of print.
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- **Schoenborn NL**, Beeber AS, Dukhanin VA, Green AR, McDermott CL, **Ornstein KA**, Sloan CE, Vick JB, **Saylor MA**. [Examining Medical Interventions in Older Adults with Limited Life Expectancy- Opportunities and Challenges for De-implementation.](#) Sage Open Aging. 2025 Oct 22;11:30495334251385882. doi: 10.1177/30495334251385882. eCollection 2025 Jan-Dec.

Funding Opportunities



USDeN Grant Catalyst Scholars Program Application Due: 11/24

The US Deprescribing Research Network (USDeN) Request for Applications for the [Grant Catalyst Scholars Program](#) (GCSP) is now open! The purpose of the GCSP is to accelerate research and career development for early-career investigators interested in deprescribing and related fields, with a special focus on advancing their success in applying for and receiving grants related to these areas. Applications are due November 24, 2025. Selected Investigators Notified: Mid-December 2025.

[Learn More](#)

ADRC Developmental Project Award Application Due: 12/1



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Alzheimer's Disease Research Center

The Johns Hopkins Alzheimer's Disease Research Center announces the funding availability for 1 Developmental Project award to be funded at \$100,000 (direct costs) plus F&A, per year for two years.

Applications are due on December 1, 2025 by 5:00 p.m.

This award is for research on basic, clinical, biomarker, psychosocial or methodological aspects of aging, Alzheimer's disease or related disorders. To be eligible, one must be a senior investigator or a junior investigator at

JHU (on track for promotion to Research Associate by Jan 1, 2026).

Funding Start Date: April 1, 2026. Use JH credentials to access the application requirements and process via the button below.

[JHADRC Developmental Project Award Application](#)



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American Federation for Aging Research announces 2026 funding opportunities

The American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR) has announced several funding opportunities to be awarded in 2026. These include:

- AFAR Grants for Junior Faculty and Glenn Foundation for Medical Research (GFMR) Grants for Junior Faculty: Apply by 12/15/2025
- The Sagol Network GerOmic Award for Junior Faculty: Apply by 12/15/2025
- Glenn Foundation for Medical Research Postdoctoral Fellowships in Aging Research: Apply by 01/27/2026
- And more (with various deadlines)

[Learn More on the AFAR website](#)

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