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## Center Highlights

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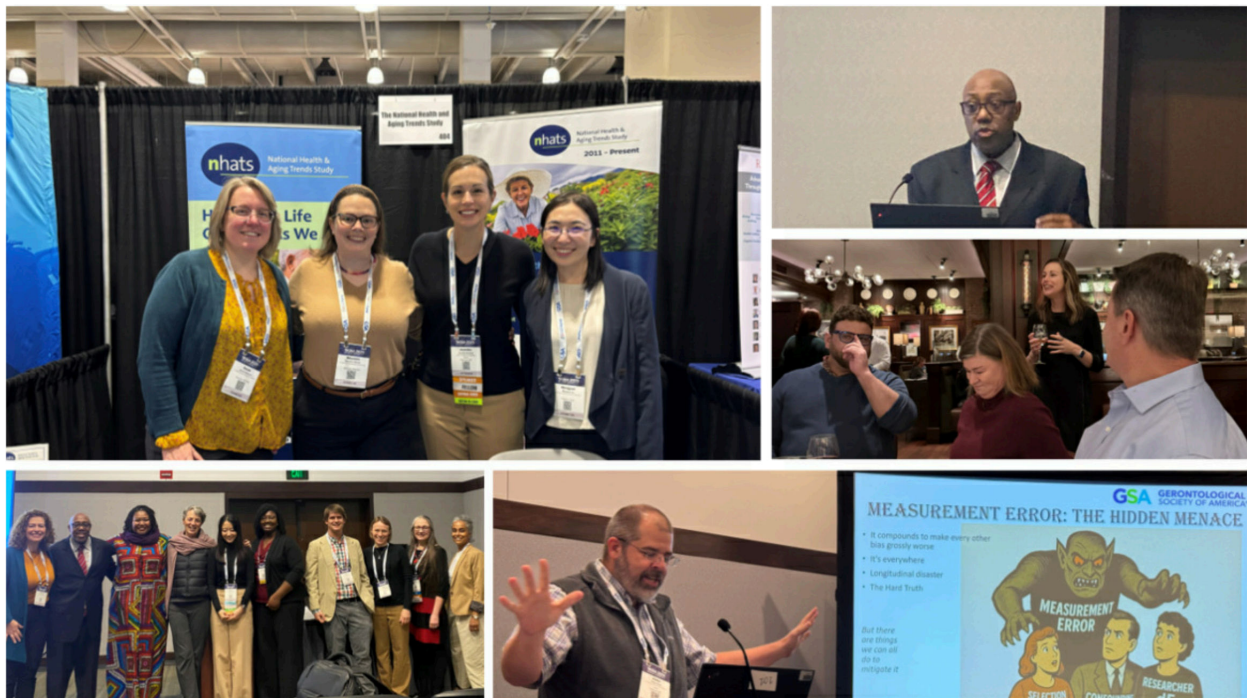
**COAH Scientific Seminar with  
CMS Deputy Chief Medical Officer  
Shari M. Ling, MD:  
December 1 at 3:30 p.m.**



On Monday, December 1, 2025, from 3:30-5 p.m., we are delighted to welcome [Shari M. Ling, MD](#), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Deputy Chief Medical Officer. Dr. Ling will present: “Evolving toward High Value Care.”

Please join us in person in the Powe Room (1-500Q) at 2024 E. Monument Street, or via Zoom.

Register for Zoom



# COAH and JHU Well-Represented at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America

Many faculty, fellows, students, and staff from COAH and the greater JHU community presented at this year's GSA meeting held in Boston, MA from November 12-15. Please click the button below to read the post and view the photo gallery!

[Read Blog Post & View Photo Gallery](#)



## Geriatrics Engineering at Johns Hopkins

A new collaborative translational research hub, [Geriatrics Engineering at Johns Hopkins](#), has launched on the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. [Dr. Peter Abadir](#), Associate Professor of Medicine and a COAH Senior Associate Faculty member, will co-lead this initiative with [Dr. Najim Dehak](#), Associate Professor in the Whiting School of Engineering. To read the recent Hub article about the Geriatrics Engineering venture, just click below.

[About Geriatrics Engineering](#)

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## Happenings

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**Fri., Feb. 20, 2026:  
Department of  
Medicine & Whiting  
School of  
Engineering  
Research Retreat  
and Poster  
Session**



The [2026 DOM & WSE Research Retreat and Poster Session](#) will take place on Friday, February 20, 2026 starting at 8:30 a.m. in the Turner Auditorium and Concourse on the East Baltimore Campus. This year's Keynote speaker is [Celeste M. Nelson, PhD](#), Wilke Family Professor in Bioengineering at Princeton University.

**The deadline for poster abstracts submission is December 1, 2025.**

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**16<sup>th</sup> Edition 2026**



**March 10-12, 2026**

**Hopkins Bloomberg Center  
Washington, DC, United States**

[www.frailty-sarcopenia.com](http://www.frailty-sarcopenia.com)



**March 10-12, 2026:  
ICFSR 2026 Meeting,  
Hopkins Bloomberg Center,  
Washington, D.C.**

The 2026 Annual ICFSR Meeting will be held from March 10-12, 2026, at the Hopkins Bloomberg Center in Washington, D.C. The Johns Hopkins Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Center (OAIC) and the Johns Hopkins Artificial Intelligence and Technology Collaboratory (AITC) for Aging Research are co-hosting this event.

**Late-breaking abstracts are being accepted through Jan. 20.**  
**Early-bird registration ends on Feb. 12.**

[Learn More](#)



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

The next AGS meeting will take place online April 30- May 2, 2026, with pre-conference meetings April 27-29. **Abstract submissions are being accepted through December 2, 2025.**

[More About AGS 2026](#)

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## April 27-29, 2026: International Conference on Deprescribing (ICOD)

Registration for the International Conference on Deprescribing (ICOD) 2026 is now open. The conference, taking place in Montréal, Canada, from April 27 to 29, 2026, offers a unique opportunity to connect with the international medication appropriateness and deprescribing community. Speakers include [Dr. Cynthia M. Boyd](#), COAH Senior Associate Faculty, and Professor and Director, Geriatric Medicine, School of Medicine.

**Early bird registration is open until January 31st, 2026.**

[Learn More & Register](#)

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# Upcoming Talks & Meetings

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## COAH Meetings:

- **COAH Scientific Seminars:**

- We are excited to announce a terrific schedule of seminar presenters in the months ahead. Please see the following dates and planned seminar speakers:
  - **12/1:** Dr. Shari Ling (CMS; see Center Highlight above)
  - **1/5:** No Seminar
  - **2/2:** GSA Leadership visit to JHU
  - **3/2:** Dr. Luis Medina (Houston)
  - **4/14:** Annual Research on Aging Showcase Keynote: Dr. David Bennett (Rush)
  - **5/4:** Dr. Dan Polsky (JHU)
  - **6/1:** Dr. Jennifer Deal (JHU)

- **EBA Presentation**

- The next meeting of Epidemiology and Biostatistics of Aging (EBA) Training Program will be held on on November 24 at 3:30pm in the Powe Room (1-500Q, 2024 Building) with a presentation by [Dr. Keran \(Ada\) Chamberlin](#), Postdoctoral Fellow in Epidemiology, on “A heuristic algorithm to estimate the in-bed period and sleep measures using chest-worn accelerometer.”

- **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. [Hyeyoung Hwang](#) (Doctoral student in the School of Nursing) and [John Mulcahy](#) (Postdoctoral fellow in the Bloomberg School of Public Health), will lead a discussion on the article: “[Real-World Evidence of Brexpiprazole Use and 6-Month Mortality, Hospitalization, and Emergency Department Visits Among Persons With Dementia.](#)” Please [contact us](#) for additional information.

- **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.

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## Johns Hopkins Division of Geriatric Medicine & Gerontology



### Grand Rounds: Thursdays, 4-5 p.m., Grossi Auditorium

- **Upcoming Speakers:**

- **11/27:** No GMG Grand Rounds session; Thanksgiving
- **12/4:** Responsible Conduct of Research Workshop: led by Dr. Neal Fedarko
- **12/11:** Invocation: Sevil Yasar, MD, PhD. Patient Story: Sohemi Pagan, MD (virtual). Academic Projects in Progress: Katherine

Ornstein, PhD.

- **12/18:** Invocation: Sean Leng, MD, PhD. Patient Story: TBD. Academic Projects in Progress: Alexis Coslick, DO, MS.
- **12/25:** No GMG Grand Rounds session; Christmas

*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.

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## New Publications

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

- DesRoches CM, Wachenheim D, Ameling J, Cibildak A, Cibotti N, Dong Z, Drane A, Henderson J, Hurwitz I, Meddings J, Naimark J, O'Donnell K, Winger C, Winnay SS, Young J, **Wolff JL**. [Identifying, engaging, and supporting care partners in primary care settings: a portal-based intervention](#). BMC Prim Care. 2025 Nov 11;26(1):356. doi: 10.1186/s12875-025-03059-7.
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- Li J, **Szanton SL**, Li J. [Latent Cognitive Profiles Predict 1-Year Mental Health, Insomnia, Falls, Daily Functioning, and Pain in US Older](#)

[Adults: A National Longitudinal Study](#). J Am Med Dir Assoc. 2025 Nov;26(11):105844. doi: 10.1016/j.jamda.2025.105844. Epub 2025 Sep 19.

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- Yu J, Huang W, **Thorpe RJ Jr**. [Digital Technology Use and Dementia Among Older Adults: The Moderating Role of Activity Limitations](#). J Gerontol B Psychol Sci Soc Sci. 2025 Nov 13:gbaf231. doi: 10.1093/geronb/gbaf231. Online ahead of print.

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# Funding Opportunities

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## **JH Catalyst & Discover Award Programs CFA Applications Due: 2/15**

The Johns Hopkins Catalyst and Discovery Award Programs have announced calls for applications for the 2026 application cycle. The application deadline is February 15, 2026. Follow the links below to learn more about each program:

- [Catalyst Awards](#) support early-career faculty across the university who are undertaking exceptional research or creative endeavors.
- [Discovery Awards](#) focus on cross-university, faculty-led research and discovery.

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## **Johns Hopkins Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center for Minority Aging Research**

### **JHAD-RCMAR Pilot Proposal Due: 12/19 Informational Webinar: 11/24 at 1 p.m. ET**

The Johns Hopkins Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center for Minority Aging Research (JHAD-RCMAR) is now accepting pilot proposals for the 2026-2027 cycle. We welcome applications that focus on the basic clinical, psychosocial, or health services aspects of minority aging, Alzheimer's disease, related disorders (ADRD), and health disparities. Deadline for submissions: December 19, 2025, by 5:00 PM EST. For more details about

the application process, please join an Informational Webinar on November 24, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

[Register for Webinar to Learn More](#)



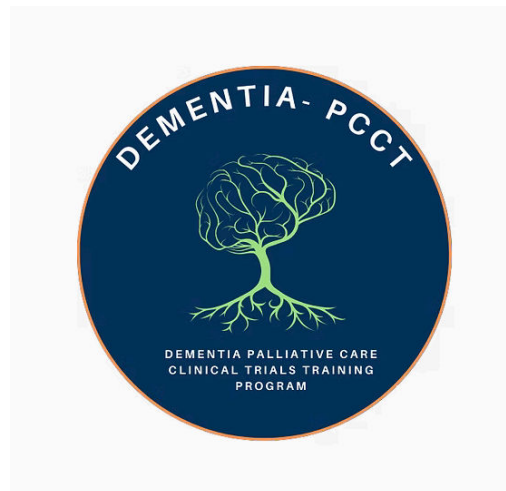
**IMPACT Collaboratory CDA RFA**  
**Application Due: 1/15**  
**Informational Webinar: 12/3 at Noon ET**

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) Imbedded Pragmatic Alzheimer's Disease (AD) and AD-Related Dementias (AD/ADRD) Clinical Trials (IMPACT) Collaboratory (U54AG063546) is now accepting applications for the 2025 Career Development Award (CDA) Program. These awards support the development of MD, PhD, or equivalent researchers who seek careers conducting embedded pragmatic clinical trials (ePCTs) for people living with AD/ADRD and their care partners. IMPACT will host an informal webinar about the CDA Program on December 3, 2025 at Noon ET. Full applications are due by January 15, 2026.

[Learn More](#)

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**DEM-PCCT CFA  
Application Due:  
2/13  
Informational  
Webinars:  
12/1/25 at 6 p.m. ET  
& 1/8/26 at 5 p.m. ET**



The R25 Dementia Palliative Care Clinical Trials Program (DEM-PCCT) is accepting applications for its final cohort. The program is intended for researchers interested in developing competence in the planning, design, and execution of randomized clinical trials of nonpharmacologic interventions among persons with Alzheimer's Disease or Related Dementias (ADRD) and their caregivers. More information can be found on the program website.

[Learn More](#)

**ADRC Developmental  
Project Award  
Application Due: 12/1**



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.

[Learn More](#)

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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](#)

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# **Jobs & Fellowships**

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**Together,  
we make impact possible.**



## **Sr. Clinical Research Coordinator**

A project led by COAH faculty seeks a candidate with interest and experience in physical function, physical activity, and energy expenditure assessments to support a newly funded research study aimed at determining mechanisms of slow gait and mobility decline in older persons. The position will be primarily research-based recruitment, scheduling, data collection, data entry, retention activities, and assisting with progress reporting.

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**The Robert L. Kane Postdoctoral Fellowship**

## Now Accepting Applications for the Robert L. Kane 2026-2028 Postdoctoral Fellowship

The Robert L. Kane Postdoctoral Fellowships in Aging, Dementia, and Long-Term Care will nurture scholars with strong substantive expertise/interests in long term care, healthcare systems and delivery, prevention and management of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRDs), intervention design/development, systems innovation, health equity, and/or quality of care/quality of life among older adults and their family/professional caregivers.

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