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The COAH Chronicle

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Center Highlights

COAH Scientific Seminar With GSA Leaders February 2 at 3:30 p.m.

The next COAH Scientific Seminar
of the 2025-2026 academic year
will take place on Monday, Feb. 2

at 3:30 p.m. with a seminar presentation by leadership from the Gerontological Society of America. Please join us in person in the Powe Room (1-500Q) at 2024 E. Monument Street, or via Zoom.



A student lunch and poster session are planned for 12 p.m. that day in the 2024 E. Monument Street Building. More details to follow.

[Register for Zoom](#)

DOM Town Hall Meeting to Include Presentation by COAH Director Dr. Jennifer Schrack



[Dr. Schrack](#) will present during the next Department of Medicine Town Hall Meeting on Monday, Dec. 15, starting at 4 p.m. in the Tilghman Auditorium, 720 Rutland Ave, Baltimore, MD 21205. In person attendance is encouraged; there is also a Zoom option. Happy hour will begin at 5 p.m. in the Turner Concourse.

[Register for Zoom](#)



COAH Members Among Selected 2026 ICFSR Rising Stars

[Dr. Jing Sun](#) (COAH Associate Faculty) and [Charlotte Clapham](#) (EBA Trainee) were named “Rising Stars” for the upcoming ICFSR Meeting, March 10-12 in Washington, D.C. (see “Happenings” for details). Also selected from JHU: Drs. Lolita Nidadavolu and Anicca Harriot, both OAIC awardees. Learn more about their ICFSR presentations by clicking below.

[Learn More](#)

Save the Date: April 14, 2026 2026 Research on Aging Showcase



The 2026 Research on Aging Showcase, an annual aging research event, is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2026. We are thrilled to announce that [Dr. David A. Bennett](#), Robert C. Borwell Professor of Neurological Sciences and Director of the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center at Rush University, will be the 2026 Keynote Speaker. Please mark your calendars! More information about the showcase events will be circulated soon.

Happenings

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.

Please note that the abstract submission deadline has been extended to Monday, December 8, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.

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16th Edition 2026



March 10-12, 2026

Hopkins Bloomberg Center
Washington, DC, United States

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.**

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The banner features the AGS 2026 logo on the left, the word "VIRTUAL" in large orange letters in the center, and the AGS logo with the tagline "Leading Change. Improving Care for Older Adults." on the right. Below this, the text "AGS 2026 VIRTUAL ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING" is displayed in white, followed by the meeting dates: "MEETING DATES: Thursday, April 30–Saturday, May 2" and "PRE-CONFERENCE DAYS: Monday, April 27–Wednesday, April 29".

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.

[Learn More](#)



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.

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for our newsletter?***

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Upcoming Talks & Meetings

COAH Meetings:

- **COAH Scientific Seminars:**

- We are excited to share a terrific schedule of seminar presenters in the months ahead. Please see the following dates and planned seminar speakers:
 - **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 December 8 at 3:30pm in the Powe Room (1-500Q, 2024 Building, with a Zoom option). Please join us for a career development session on *“Careers with your degree: A Fireside Chat.”*

- **Cross-Disciplinary Aging Research Journal Club:**
 - The next meeting of this journal club will take place on February 16 from 11:00-11:55am in the Powe Room and on Zoom. The article topic will focus on frailty/mobility, and lunch will be provided. 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.

Johns Hopkins Division of Geriatric Medicine & Gerontology



Grand Rounds: Thursdays, 4-5 p.m.
Asthma & Allergy Building

- **Upcoming Speakers:**
 - **12/11:** Invocation: Sevil Yasar, MD, PhD. Patient Story: Sohemi Pagan, MD (virtual). Academic Projects in Progress: Katherine Ornstein, PhD.

- 4th Floor Conference Room (4b.44)
- **12/18:** Invocation: Sean Leng, MD, PhD. Patient Story: TBD.
Academic Projects in Progress: Alexis Coslick, DO, MS.
 - Grossi Auditorium
- **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.

New Publications

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

- Chae K, Massare J, Ashida S, **Cudjoe TKM**, **Abadir P**, Arbaje AI, Unberath M, Phan P, **Schoenborn NL**. [Stakeholders' Perceived Benefits and Concerns Regarding Artificial Intelligence in the Care of Older Adults](#). J Am Geriatr Soc. 2025 Nov 28. doi: 10.1111/jgs.70228. Online ahead of print.
- Drouin SM, Kuo P, Blew C, Duggan MR, **Chen D**, Smith HM, Chen J, Giorgio K, Gomez G, Moore AZ, Erus G, Davatzikos C, Bressler J, Simino J, Li Y, Gottesman RF, Marioni RE, Sedaghat S, Ferrucci L, Resnick SM, Walker KA. [DNA Methylation Signatures of Systemic Inflammation Are Associated With Brain Volume, Cognitive](#)

- [Trajectories, and Long-Term Dementia Risk](#). Aging Cell. 2025 Nov 22:e70281. doi: 10.1111/ace1.70281. Online ahead of print.
- **Mani SS**, Kezios KL, Delaporte M, Cho TC, Rojas-Saunero LP, Weuve J, Avila-Rieger J, Kobayashi LC. [Later-life cognitive function at the intersection of gender and occupation across Harmonized Cognitive Assessment Protocols \(HCAPs\) in the United States, Chile, Mexico, India, and South Africa](#). Alzheimers Dement. 2025 Nov;21(11):e70923. doi: 10.1002/alz.70923.
 - McManus C, Oseroff BH, Zimbroff RM, Riser TJ, **Ornstein KA**, Sheehan OC. [Shedding Light on an Invisible Population in Geriatric Medicine: A Scoping Review of Older Adults Who Are Homebound](#). J Am Geriatr Soc. 2025 Nov;73(11):3562-3576. doi: 10.1111/jgs.19620. Epub 2025 Jul 29.
 - Mulcahy JF, Oniha O, Angomas E, Kelly E, McGuire M, Colburn JL, **Wolff JL**, **Boyd CM**, **Samus QM**, **Blinka MD**, **Amjad H**. [Provider, Interdisciplinary Staff, and Patient Perspectives on the Potential for Cognitive Assessment and Care Plan Services in Primary Care](#). J Prim Care Community Health. 2025 Jan-Dec;16:21501319251393871. doi: 10.1177/21501319251393871. Epub 2025 Nov 19.
 - Shen NM, **Wanigatunga AA**, Michos ED, Ambrosius WT, Lesko CR. [The effect of intensive treatment of hypertension on cardiovascular events, generalized to middle-aged to older Americans living with hypertension](#). Am J Epidemiol. 2025 Nov 4;194(11):3185-3194. doi: 10.1093/aje/kwae474.
 - **Wolff JL**, **Fabius CD**, Wu MJ, Freedman VA. [Family Caregiver Experiences Coordinating Care of Older Adults](#). JAMA Netw Open. 2025 Nov 3;8(11):e2544315. doi: 10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2025.44315.
 - Xu J, Wang Y, Muniz-Terrera G, **Xue QL**, Wu C. [Physical Resilience After Hip Fracture: Unpacking the Roles of Resistance and Recovery](#). J Am Geriatr Soc. 2025 Nov;73(11):3416-3424. doi: 10.1111/jgs.70088. Epub 2025 Sep 8.
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Funding Opportunities

USDeN GCSP Deadline Extended! Now Due: 12/8



The U.S. Deprescribing Research Network has extended the deadline for the Request for Applications for the [Grant Catalyst Scholars Program \(GCSP\) Program](#). The purpose of the Grant Catalyst Scholars Program 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 Monday, Dec. 8, 2025.

[Learn More](#)



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RESEARCH

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.

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

JHAD-RCMAR Pilot Proposal Due: 12/19

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.

[Learn More](#)

**IMPACT
Collaboratory CDA
RFA
Application Due:
1/15**



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. Full applications are due by Jan. 15.

[Learn More](#)

**Dementia Palliative
Care Clinical Trials
Training Program
CFA
Application Due:
2/13**



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](#)

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](#)

Jobs & Fellowships



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.

Apply

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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 an aging population.

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