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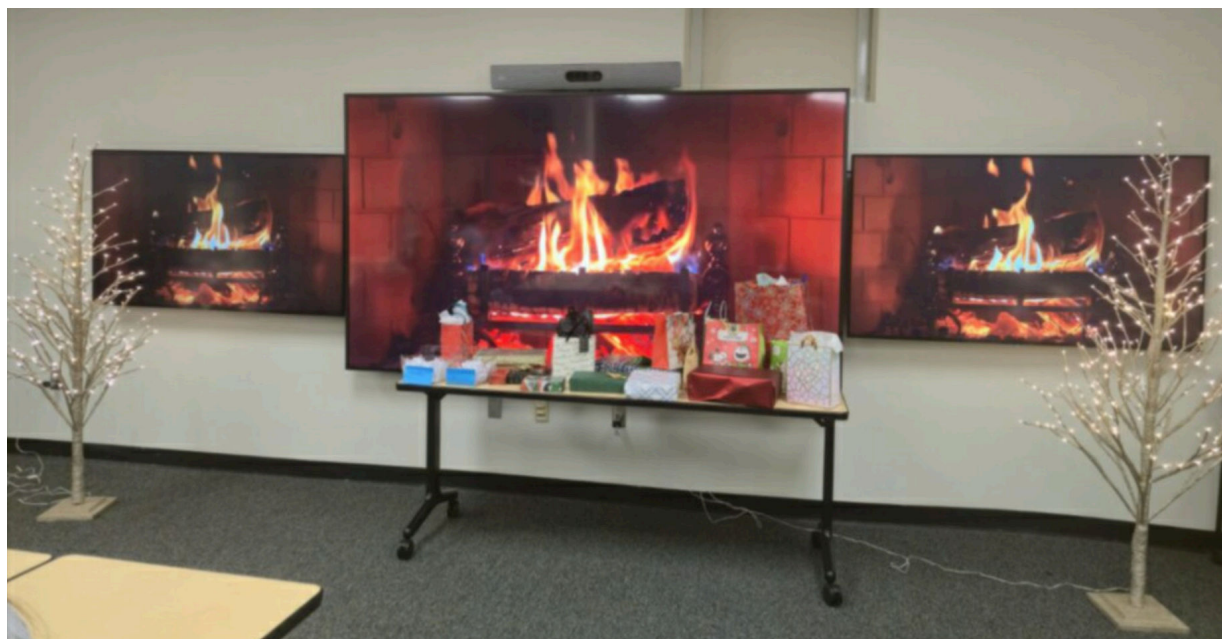
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## Center Highlights

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**Happy Holidays from COAH**



On behalf of the COAH team, we wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year! Our annual holiday party included a festive White Elephant gift exchange. We look forward to more fun events in the year ahead and, importantly, to advance our mission to optimize the health and well-being of older adults. Happy holidays to all!

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## **DOM Town Hall Meeting presentation by COAH Director, Dr. Schrack**





**Dr. Jennifer Schrack** presented COAH's mission, research, and collaborative opportunities at the Department of Medicine Town Hall on Monday, December 15.

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## **EBA trainee Maddy Brooks and team tie for first place poster win at the Research Symposium on Engineering in Healthcare**



EBA doctoral student [Madeline \(Maddie\) Brooks](#), with her advisor Dr. Keri Alhoff, and research staff Kendall Reid, tied for first place in the poster competition at the [2025 Johns Hopkins Research Symposium on Engineering in Healthcare](#) on December 8. Their winning poster presentation was titled: "Do Machine Learning and Traditional Regression Models Identify the Same Influential Risk Factors? A Case Study of Virologic Failure in People with HIV." Congrats to the team!

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## Stephanie Nothelle, MD, featured in a recent HuffPost article on dementia symptoms

COAH Associate Faculty member, [Dr. Stephanie Nothelle](#), was recently featured in a HuffPost article that outlines six physical symptoms of dementia. You can read the post by clicking the button below.

[Read it here!](#)



**COAH Scientific  
Seminar With  
GSA Leaders  
Feb. 2, 2026  
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](#)

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**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**

**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 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](#)

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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.

[Learn More](#)



**AGS26 VIRTUAL**

**AGS** Geriatrics Healthcare Professionals  
Leading Change. Improving Care for Older Adults.

**AGS 2026 VIRTUAL ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING**

MEETING DATES: Thursday, April 30–Saturday, May 2    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](#)



MGA 2026 Conference

**ENTHUSIASM FOR  
EMPOWERMENT**

**SAVE THE DATE**

May 13, 2026

**Maritime Conference Center**  
Linthicum, Maryland

MGA | Maryland Gerontological Association

# May 13, 2026: Maryland Gerontological Association 2026 Conference

The 2026 Conference of the Maryland Gerontological Association will take place on May 13, 2026 at the Maritime Conference Center in Linthicum, MD. This year's theme is "Enthusiasm for Empowerment: focusing on advances in the field that empower older adults to live their best lives." Proposals to present at this conference are due December 31, 2025 by 12pm.

[Learn More](#)

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

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**Upcoming Talks &  
Meetings**

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# 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 feature with a presentation by Madeline (Maddie) Brooks, PhD candidate in Epidemiology, on January 26, 2026 at 3:30pm in the Powe Room (1-500Q, 2024 Building, with a Zoom option).

- **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.

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# Johns Hopkins Division of Geriatric Medicine & Gerontology



## Grand Rounds: Thursdays, 4-5 p.m. (Venues Pending)

- **Upcoming Speakers:**

- 12/25/25: No GMG Grand Rounds session; Christmas
- 1/1/2026: No session- New Years
- 1/8/26: Faculty Development session with Dr. Mariah Robertson.  
\*No CME credit
- 1/15/26: Invocation: Alicia Arbaje, MD, MPH, PhD, FACP. Patient Story: Jessica Colburn, MD. Academic Projects in Progress: Daniel Zabransky, MD, PhD.
- 1/22/26: Invocation: Qinchuan Wang, PhD. Patient Story: Havisha Gadepalli, MD. Academic Projects in Progress: TBD.

- **Special Event Lectures:**

- Elizabeth Rogers, MD Visiting Lecture in Geriatric Medicine. Tuesday February 3, 2026, at 12pm, in the Grossi Auditorium. George A. Kuchel, MD, will be this year's speaker.
- 50th Annual Mason F. Lord Memorial Lecture. Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 12pm, in the Grossi Auditorium. The 2026 lecture will be presented by Lisa M Walke, MD, MSHA.

*For more information about Grand Rounds and Special Event Lectures,  
please 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**:

- **Abshire Saylor M**, Taylor JL, Liu Y, Jung W, Spaulding EM, **Ornstein KA**. [Caregiving Activities and Activity-Limiting Pain Among African American Caregivers](#). J Pain Symptom Manage. 2026 Jan;71(1):119-126. doi: 10.1016/j.jpainsymman.2025.09.022. Epub 2025 Sep 23.
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- Iregbu S, Cho C, Bhandari S, Kako P, Cho YI, **Ornstein K**. [Factors Associated With Subjective Wellbeing in Community-Dwelling Homebound Older Adults With Diabetes in the US](#). Sage Open Aging. 2025 Dec 9;11:30495334251404290. doi: 10.1177/30495334251404290. eCollection 2025 Jan-Dec.
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- Reed NS, **Jiang K**, Bessen SY, Gahlon G, Tarabichi O, Myers C, Huang A, Powell D, **Lin FR**, **Deal JA**. [Associations Between Predisposing, Enabling, and Need Factors and Hours of Daily Hearing Aid Use in the Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities Study](#). Am J Audiol. 2025 Dec 12;34(4):927-936. doi: 10.1044/2025\_AJA-24-00251. Epub 2025 Oct 3.
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- Yang C, Joosten H, Chepulis L, Varallo FR, van Dijk P, **Crews DC**, Vart P. [Bridging the age gap: improving representation of older adults in clinical trials for type 2 diabetes and chronic kidney disease](#). Lancet Healthy Longev. 2025 Nov;6(11):100796. doi: 10.1016/j.lanhl.2025.100796. Epub 2025 Nov 22.

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# Funding Opportunities

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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.

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## 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**

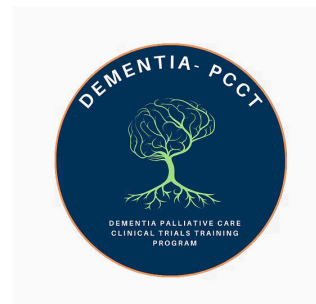


The National Institute on Aging (NIA) Imbedded Pragmatic Alzheimer's Disease (AD) and AD-Related Dementias (AD/ADRD) Clinical Trials (IMPACT) Collaboratory (U54AG063546) is now accepting applications for the 2025 Career Development Award (CDA) Program. These awards support the development of MD, PhD, 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](#)

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**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](#)

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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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## SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

### 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](#)

**NIA IMPACT**  
COLLABORATORY  
TRANSFORMING DEMENTIA CARE

## NIA IMPACT Collaboratory accepting applications for a postdoctoral research associate with the Design and Statistics Core Team

The [IMbedded Pragmatic Alzheimer's disease \(AD\) and AD Related Dementias \(AD/ADRD\) Clinical Trials \(IMPACT\) Collaboratory](#) seeks a postdoctoral research associate (for up to 2.5 years) with the [Design and Statistics Core Team](#) led by Drs. Heather Allore and Thomas Trivison. Please submit a CV and copies of two most relevant publications by email to [Dr. Allore](#). Applicants must have completed all PhD requirements prior to starting work.

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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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