Mid-Year Age Director’s Meeting, 1pm-2pm Eastern Time, May 9th, 2022

* Charness reported that there was a GSA Symposium submission based on Dec-Jan. survey that this group filled out concerning demographics and training experience for Directors of Aging Centers.
  + This is the link to use to check information on Gerontology Programs, and if your program has been represented <https://www.aghedirectory.org/> Send any comments to Gena Schoen [gschoen@geron.org](mailto:gschoen@geron.org)
* Role of AGHE in promoting gerontology programs: Ross Andel.
  + Highlighting opportunities for education abroad. We could use some of these platforms like AGHE or GSA to promote education and gerontology on different levels, including the PhD level.
  + AGHE has maintained database of gerontology programs but has been dormant for a while, Gena Schoen has been working on updating the Gerontology Programs US Count document.
    - Document would be listed on AGHE educational programs to allow people to see what programs are available.
* GSA Leadership Group update-update from Neil Charness & Patricia Heyn
  + Subgroup meeting on and off for the past year or so, comprised of Patricia Heyn, Trish D’Antonio, Neil Charness, Peter Lichtenberg, and James Appleby. Group has been knocking around ideas for a while now regarding what we perceive as a dearth of potential leadership candidates, people who are trained probably mid-level career leaders who can take on role of directing a centers on aging.
  + Group has discussed potential funding agencies. Dr. Charness met with Dana Plude, a program officer at NIA, National Institute on Aging; group was asked to prepare a one-pager that wound up being two pages, to send to him for consideration, putting together ideas for content, sketching ideas for a potential training package. Sent to him on April 16th, on the 18th Dana replied to the email message that he would distribute the document to his group and circle back. Dr. Charness will coordinate with Dana Plude to receive an update.
* GSA/AGHE DEI Initiatives; AFU initiatives
* Age Directors Group Demographics had about 31 people responding to survey.
* Updates from Joann Montepare:
  + •Connecting Age-Inclusivity with DEI Campus Efforts. Videoconference took place Friday, May 13, 2022, 12 p.m.
  + •If you want to participate in focus group for the Age-Friendly University project as an administrator complete this brief survey, here: <https://www.geron.org/programs-services/webinars>
  + • If you want to recommend an administrator/staff or older (non-traditional age) student, submit their names and contact information using this link: <https://umassboston.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5q1zX4QerXCg2IC>
  + the focus groups are part of our RRF-funded study: Moving from Age-Friendly Principles to Practices in U.S. Higher Education: Strategies to Enhance Learning and Workplace Environments, that is exploring practical, age-friendly strategies related to: Teaching and Learning (e.g., supporting older students in the classroom, increasing teaching skills in age diverse classrooms, strategies for engaging faculty to infuse aging content into their course curriculum, age bias), Personnel (e.g., strategies for supporting aging-related needs of faculty and staff, age bias), and Student Affairs (e.g., strategies for supporting the advising needs and career development of age diverse students).
* Trying to coordinate receptions at GSA? There was some hesitancy expressed about sponsoring receptions this year given uncertainty about the state of COVID-19.