**ISL Faculty Affiliates Meeting: Monday, September 18th, 2pm-3pm**

https://fsu.zoom.us/j/96125693911

**Announcements**

* As always, if you have any changes in tenure status/promotions/news to share, please let Victoria know so that she may post it to ISL’s Facebook page.
* Recognizing Grad Students-The Institute for Successful Longevity wants to recognize graduate students and the work they do in longevity research. If you have a student working in the field of longevity, send us a brief bio, explaining the research interests and work of the individual, and a photo. You can also let us know when a graduate student has an article published, gives a conference presentation, or participates in other longevity-related activities. ISL will feature the student on our web page, in our newsletter and on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/Institute-for-Successful-Longevity-1479906995652565
* Thank you to faculty affiliate Ravinder Nagpal for the suggestion of starting a Linked-In page for ISL. Here is the link to our page if you would like to follow us there: https://www.linkedin.com/company/97863667

**Other Faculty Affiliate News**

* Congratulations to ISL Faculty Affiliate Pamela Keel who was selected for membership in the Academy of Science, Engineering and Medicine of Florida.
* ISL Faculty Affiliate Dr. Lucinda Graven and her colleagues, were recently awarded a grant funded by Veterans Administration Office of Rural Health - Veterans Rural Health Resource Center-GNV. Totaling in $240,799, the research project is titled "Supporting Physical & Mental Health in Rural Veterans with Heart Failure." The research will begin in October 2023 and span through September 2024.
* ISL's Associate Director, Walter Boot (Department of Psychology) and ISL Faculty Affiliate, Dawn Carr (Sociology), are members of an interdisciplinary research team (along with researchers at Cornell University and Weill Cornell Medicine) that recently received an award from the National Institute on Aging totaling over $2.8M to understand the potential benefits of virtual reality (VR) on the wellbeing of older adults with and without cognitive impairments. The aim is to develop a home-based intervention that will pair older individuals experiencing cognitive impairment with non-impaired older adult volunteers. Benefits are expected both for the individual with cognitive impairment, including enhanced social support and quality of life, and the volunteer in terms of purpose and meaning in life.
* ISL Faculty Affiliates Dr. Ravinder Nagpal, and Dr. Zhe He, in addition to a team of FSU researchers co-led by ISL Faculty Affiliate Professor Bob Hickner, receive a four-year, $1.9 million grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Led out of the FSU College of Medicine, the center involves nine FSU colleges and 17 researchers. They will study the cumulative consequences of chemical and psychosocial stressors on child health through the Bioecological Center for Rural Children’s Health

**Vote for New Affiliate**

* We have sent around a poll regarding an ISL Faculty Affiliate applicant.
* Yang Hao is an Assistant Professor and Director of the Development, Equity, and Resilience (DEaR) Lab in the College of Medicine. Her research centers on how environmental and biological factors influence the neurobehavioral (cognitive, academic, socioemotional, behavioral) development of individuals in underrepresented groups such as families with neurofibromatosis type 1 (NF1) and ethnic minorities across the life-span.
* FSU College of Medicine profile:

https://med.fsu.edu/directory/full?directoryId=25843

**ISL Successful Longevity Speaker**

* National expert on aging, Jeff Kaye, M.D., of Oregon Health & Science University, will be visiting us **November 30th**.
* 10am at the Tallahassee Senior Center, Dr. Kaye will be speaking in a panel discussion with a short Q&A, **"Smarter Homes for Better Aging“** alongside some of FSU’s aging experts.
* At 3:30pm in the Broad Auditorium of FSU’s Claude Pepper Center, Dr. Kaye will be giving a lecture: “**Using Technology to Advance Aging Research**,” which will be followed by a reception. We hope you can join us for one or both events!

**ISL Fall Brown Bags**

* We have decided to remain virtual for now until more folks feel comfortable returning to in-person presentations.
* **September 26that noon, Dr. Long Xie : “Restoring Hearing with Cochlear Implants in Older Adults: Benefits and Limitations”**
* For Fall we have:
	+ October 2nd, Dr. Leo Liu at noon: “Title TBD”
	+ November 6th, Dr. Zhe He- at noon: “Title TBD”
* Please consider speaking in the Spring, let Victoria know if you are interested!

**ISL Spring Brown Bags**

* We will be looking for Spring Brown Bag Series Speakers. We encourage those with planning grant funding to present their results as well as new affiliates to inform everyone about your areas of expertise and/or to showcase their research.

**GSA Annual Scientific Meeting- Tampa**

* This year’s Annual GSA Scientific Meeting will be held in Tampa Bay.
* We will be hosting a dessert reception for GSA members, FSU alumni, and anyone who wants to stop by. Feel free to join us if you will be at the annual meeting.

**Upcoming Deadlines- FEAS for Annual Report**

* Affiliates will be asked in the next few weeks for their FEAS annual report so that we can turn in the required information requested of the institute by the Provost Office on time.
* Exact format is not established yet but please be sure your FEAS profile is up to date so pulling the information is easy and quick.

**Collaborative Collision**

* It is time for us to begin collaborating on ideas for next year’s Planning Grants. We will host a Collaborative Collision where you can meet with other faculty affiliates and discuss ways to merge your interests to promote interdisciplinary aging research at the university.
* The meeting is held virtually and after a short meet and greet we will head into smaller “break-out rooms” to allow you to discuss further ideas and possibilities with your collaborators. We host another one in the Spring prior to Planning Grant Applications opening.

**ISL Planning Grants- 2024-2025**

* The Dates for next year’s Planning Grants have been announced. The award opens **December 1st 2023** for application submissions and closes on **March 18th, 2024**.
* ISL can award a total of 3 interdisciplinary grants and provides $25,000 in funding per project. More updates will come as the open dates get closer.
* We will have two “Collaborative Collisions” for this program in December and one in January 2024.

**Esther & Del Grosser Scholarship**

* Announcing our **2024** **Esther & Del Grosser Scholarship** for student research. The $1,000 award is open to your graduate students. The winner will be awarded at our Student Poster Research Day in March 2024. We will have a website where you can easily submit applications.
* We will also be hosting our **Student Poster Day** where we showcase all the amazing work our students are doing in the research field. There will be cash prizes for first, second and third best posters. The poster award could involve graduate or undergraduate students working with you. Dates for both Student Poster Day and Grant Application start will be announced soon.

**ISL Participant Registry**

* The Participant Registry mailout is going smoothly. We have increased the registry to over 3000 volunteers and continue to mailout postcards to Gadsden and Wakulla Counties.
* Please be sure to only use the listservs for their intended purpose and directed at the correct audience.
* Please also remember that the registry is available to our Affiliates for recruiting participants for research studies approved by the FSU IRB. Response rate has been dropping over time to about 20% in some cases so request enough participants to reach your desired sample size.
* If you come across a disconnected phone number or an email address that gets returned by mailer-daemon, please let us know so we can follow up with the participant and remove them from the list or update their contact information.
* We are thrilled to know so many of you have been able to utilize the participant registry and would greatly appreciate you letting us know when a work has been published which has used the registry.
* Please send over the citations of your works as they are completed, and we will add it to our running list of publications which have used the ISL Participant Registry. We also want to take this time to be sure that anyone who uses the registry for their research knows how to properly cite the usage in the body of their work. This is an important factor to remember when using the ISL Participant Registry.

**Replacing the Director and Associate Director**

* We are actively looking for potential candidates to replace both the Director and Associate Director. If you or a colleague are interested and you think you’d be a good fit for the position, please reach out to Victoria and she will pass along the information.

**Dr. Charness Travel/Talk Schedule**

* Oct. 24-26 Human Factors & Ergonomics Society Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
* Nov. 8-12 Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL