Notes from the Second Affiliate Meeting

November 5th

* New affiliates of ISL
  + Dr. Min Sook Park
  + Dr. Daejin Kim
  + Dr. Sladjana Lukic
  + Dr. Amber DeJohn
  + Dr. Yunjung Kim
* New postdoc
  + Dr. Daniel Leme will be joining ISL as a Postdoc.
    - He is coming from the University of Waterloo and is to start in April 2025.
    - His background is in physiotherapy and gerontology.
* Recent updates
  + ISL hosted a table at the 15th annual Lifelong Learning Extravaganza (L3X) on August 13th at the Tallahassee Senior Center.
  + ISL was a sponsor and hosted a table at the FSU Health Expo on September 11th at the Tallahassee Senior Center.
  + The ISL Speaker Series continued with Guest Speaker George Demiris
    - We held a talk and panel discussion with him at the Tallahassee Senior Center.
    - There was a luncheon that he attended to speak with students.
    - Finally, there was a lecture that he taught at the Claude Pepper Center.
  + We hosted 2 (now 3) Brown Bag Series Talks
    - One on pain management with Geraldine Martorella and Hongyu Miao
    - Another on cancer prevention with Qing-Xiang “Amy” Sang
* Upcoming events
  + Today we hosted a Brown Bag with Patty Born on retirement in Florida
  + We will have more Brown Bags in the Spring Semester
    - Jackie Zhang – Jan 15th, 2025
    - Hongyuan Cao – Feb 5th, 2025
    - Anne Barrett – March 5th, 2025
* Working Groups updates
  + Basic Science
    - Explore creating a training portal or "clinical research unit" on the ISL website to provide resources and certifications for students and researchers.
    - Investigate funding opportunities from NIH, USDA, or other sources to support an annual ISL symposium or conference on aging research.
    - Expand the ISL research poster day event to include both graduate and undergraduate student presentations
  + Advanced Technology
    - Participants will provide recommendations for high-quality online training courses in areas like machine learning, AI, and data analysis.
    - Zhe He will continue working on outlining a white paper on aging, technology, and research at FSU.
    - The group will identify grant funding opportunities in the aging research space that they can collaborate on.
  + Clinical Research
    - To develop a standardized training/certification program for students/RAs who are interested in getting involved in clinical aging research;
    - To create this program using a CANVAS course with modules for learning different clinical and research skills that are relevant across many of the clinical research labs on campus.