

Geography Department Colloquium

Gerontechnological Solutions for Aging in Place

Friday, February 7 | 4 - 5 PM
Broad Auditorium in The Claude Pepper Center
(636 W Call St)

Followed by a No-Host Social Hour
Proof at the FSU Student Union

The future will witness the worldwide growth of older people with functional limitations or disabilities having difficulties traveling to their neighborhoods and other community destinations to satisfy their obligatory and discretionary everyday needs. This lecture argues that their dwelling environments deserve new scrutiny because they are becoming more salient and positively experienced places to live, better enabling their mobility-limited occupants to access their outside worlds. The catalyst is the emergence of gerontechnological innovations relying on digital and sensor technologies, offering these vulnerable older occupants a new category of dwelling connectivity solutions—constituting a paradigm shift—whereby goods, care, services, social supports, information, and leisure activities can be delivered to their dwellings. Consequently, their homes have become "control centers" dynamically integrated with their outside worlds.

This lecture is co-sponsored by the Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy.



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Dr. Golant is a Professor Emeritus at the University of Florida (Gainesville) and earlier was an associate professor at the University of Chicago. His research focuses on the housing, mobility, long-term care, and gerontechnology needs of older adults.

He is a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) and a Fulbright Senior Scholar award recipient. He has been a consultant or adviser to various firms, universities, state government agencies, and national organizations, including advising the Congressionally appointed Commission on Affordable Housing and Health Facility Needs for Seniors in the 21st Century (Seniors Commission).

Print and Web-based media have often featured his research and ideas, and he has appeared on numerous television and radio programs and blogs addressing the needs of older people. He is currently a regular contributor to Booming Encore, a social media site designed to support and help baby boomers live their best lives: boomingencore.com