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Fresh Ideas for the New Old Age

47th Annual Conference of the State Society on Aging of New York

Tuesday, October 29 – Wednesday, October 30, 2019

The Gideon Putnam Hotel

24 Gideon Putnam Road

Saratoga Springs, New York 12866

For conference and abstract submission information please visit www.ssany.org



Dear Colleagues:

The State Society on Aging of New York (SSA) will be holding its 47th annual conference from Tuesday, October 29th through Wednesday, October 30th at The Gideon Putnam Hotel in Saratoga Springs, New York. We invite you to submit proposals for presentations, posters, and artwork on subjects in the field of aging, including but not limited to gerontology, geriatrics, public policy, service practice, and elder law. We welcome proposals from academics, researchers, service providers, administrators, policymakers, clinicians, private practitioners, students, older adults, and others working in the field.

This year the theme of the conference is **Fresh Ideas for the New Old Age**. We invite you to contribute to a two-day program that will lift up innovative solutions that address the needs of older adults and their families. We are especially interested in presenting solutions that involve collaborations among individuals, organizations, and communities to build age-friendly societies.

We are accepting proposal submissions that cover any of the following areas:

- **Technology.** Example topics: how technology can transform services for older adults, technology training for older adults, technology for healthy living.
- **Community-based services.** Example topics: supports for aging in place, NORCs, senior centers of the future, improving connections between medical services and community-based social services.
- **Older workers.** Example topics: age discrimination in the workplace, encore careers, workforce development services for workers ages 50+, financial needs of older adults, entrepreneurship among older adults, age-friendly business practices, the changing nature of retirement.
- **Human rights of older persons.** Example topics: advocacy, United Nations initiatives, combatting ageism, health care and other human rights, age justice.
- **Education and training.** Example topics: workforce development needs of the aging field, training the older adult services workforce of the future, professionalization of the older adult services field, getting students interested in careers in aging, integrating an age-friendly lens into social work and related fields.

As always, students are especially encouraged to submit their papers for consideration for the Student Paper Awards and to present their work at the conference.

We look forward to seeing you in beautiful Saratoga Springs!

Kind regards,

Christian González-Rivera, M.U.P.
President, State Society on Aging of New York

General Submission Instructions

Complete and submit the abstract application form online at www.ssany.org or at www.surveymonkey.com/r/SSA2019Conference.

- Abstracts should be no more than 250 words.
- The deadline for submitting abstracts is **Wednesday, June 20, 2019**.
- Only complete submissions will be reviewed.
- Submissions related to the listed theme topics will receive priority consideration.
- Please make all requests for audiovisual equipment on the abstract submission form.
- Please direct all questions regarding abstract submissions to the conference co-chairs, James O'Neal, MA at joneal1306@aol.com and Janna Heyman, PhD at heyman@fordham.edu.

Criteria for Evaluation

Applicants do not need to be members of SSA to submit abstracts. All abstracts will be peer reviewed for their relevance to the theme topics, scholarship quality, and content including originality of ideas or methods.

Accepted Abstracts

If your abstract is accepted, you will be notified by email. The person(s) who will be presenting the work **must register for the conference**. If accepted, please reply to the notification email with the name and affiliation of the person(s) who will be presenting the work. Ideally the presenter will be the author(s) or creator(s) of the material being presented. Register for conference at www.ssany.org.

Presentation Formats

Paper Sessions. Presentations are 25 minutes in length, including 20 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for audience questions. Successful papers will report on completed research, describe program experiences or a model of practice, or present a sound analysis of a current issue in aging. Papers may have single or multiple authors. The SSA Program Committee will group accepted papers into themed sessions that may include up to two presentations.

Posters. Posters report on completed research, describe program experiences or a model of practice, or present an analysis of a current issue in aging. Posters can have single or multiple authors. Posters will be featured in an interactive poster session wherein authors present ideas visually but also discuss the material and concepts with colleagues face-to-face. We recommend that posters have simple, clear designs and rely primarily on graphic representations like tables, pictures, and charts.

Artwork. We are requesting submissions of original prose, poetry, artwork and other artistic works that reflect themes related to aging. The work will be displayed at the conference along with descriptive information and the creator's name.

Student Submissions

We encourage both graduate and undergraduate students to submit abstracts for presentations or posters and written papers for the student paper competition. Presenting a paper or poster gives students an opportunity to gain professional recognition for their work, meet fellow students and professionals in the field of aging, and develop their careers.

Students have two options for submitting scholarly papers to the SSA Conference.

Presentation and Student Award

SSA gives two student awards, one for best paper by a graduate student and one for best paper by an undergraduate student. Winning papers demonstrate independent critical thinking and contribute to the field of aging. To be considered for presentation and the student award, students must complete **both** of the following steps:

1. Submit an abstract using the link under the Conference section of our website at www.ssany.org.
2. Email the abstract and the complete paper to Student Committee Chairperson Mary Ann Erickson at merickson@ithaca.edu. **The deadline for both submissions is June 20, 2019.**

Presentation of Paper Only

Students may submit an abstract for review in a regular conference presentation without being considered for the student award. If submitting an abstract for regular conference presentation only, please complete the abstract submission form via the link at www.ssany.org or at www.surveymonkey.com/r/SSA2019Conference. Submissions must be received by **June 20, 2019**.

Student scholarships

Winners of the student paper competition in each of the two categories will receive a **scholarship award** to cover conference registration and present their work at the conference.

Limited scholarship funds may be available to defray conference registration fees for students. Award winners and students presenting papers or posters will receive preference for scholarships. For more information on student scholarships, please visit www.ssany.org.

Questions concerning the student awards may be directed to Student Committee Chairperson Mary Ann Erickson at merickson@ithaca.edu.

Sponsorship, Exhibitor & Advertising Opportunities

Sponsorship Opportunities

Platinum (\$2,500 & up)

- Sponsor identified as the host of an event at the meeting
- Complimentary exhibitor space
- Two complimentary full conference registrations
- Complimentary full-page ad in the conference program
- Listing in program as platinum-level sponsor

Gold (\$1,500 - \$2,499)

- Complimentary exhibitor space
- One complimentary full conference registration
- Complimentary full-page ad in the conference program
- Listing in program as gold-level sponsor

Silver (\$1,000 - \$1,499)

- Complimentary exhibitor space
- Complimentary single-day registration
- Complimentary half-page ad in the conference program
- Listing in program as silver-level sponsor

Bronze (\$500 - \$999)

- Complimentary half-page ad in the conference program
- Listing in program as bronze-level sponsor

Friends & Supporters (\$250-\$499)

- Listing in conference program as a Friend and Supporter

Advertising Opportunities

The State Society on Aging of New York offers advertising space in the conference program book. Paid organizational members of SSA are entitled to a complimentary quarter-page ad. The advertisement **must** be submitted along with this form to be included in the program. SSA members will receive a discounted advertising rate if they upgrade their ads to a larger size. Program measures 8.5" x 11" and is printed in black and white.

The form to become a sponsor, exhibitor or advertiser appears on the following page.

RATES	Full Page (7.5" W x 10" H)	Half Page (7.25" W x 4 5/8" H)	Quarter Page (3.5" W x 4 5/8" H)
SSA Organizational Member	\$125	\$75	Complimentary
SSA Individual Member	\$200	\$150	\$75
Non-Member	\$250	\$200	\$100

Sponsorship, Exhibitor & Advertising Form

Please Check All that Apply:

Sponsor

- Platinum Level (\$2,500 & up)
- Gold Level (\$1,500 - \$2,499)
- Silver Level (\$1,000 - \$1,499)
- Bronze Level (\$500 - \$999)
- Friends and Supporters (\$250 - \$499)

Exhibitor

Advertisement Only

Organization Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Billing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

All images and advertisements should be black and white, camera-ready, and sized to the dimensions specified in the information page above. Email the advertisement in MS Word or pdf form to Karen Dybing at dybing@fordham.edu.

Please **make checks payable to SSA** and mail to Karen Dybing, Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service, 400 Westchester Avenue, West Harrison, NY 10604.

For questions please contact James O'Neal at joneal1306@aol.com or Janna Heyman at heyman@fordham.edu

Submissions must postmarked no later than **September 26, 2019**.



Hotel and Conference Information

The State Society on Aging of New York's 47th Annual Conference will be held at the beautiful, historic Gideon Putnam Resort and Spa in Saratoga Springs, NY. The hotel is located on the grounds of the Saratoga Spa State Park, which is also home to the Saratoga Performing Arts Center and the historic Roosevelt Baths.

The conference will begin at 9:00 am on Tuesday October 29 and end at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, October 30, 2019. The Gideon Putnam Hotel is located at 24 Gideon Putnam Road, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

SSA is providing a limited number of rooms at the discounted rate of \$155 plus tax. Block rate rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Guests should call the resort directly at (518) 226-4700 or toll-free at 866-890-1171 no later than **October 2, 2019**, to make reservations. Requests received after that date will be accepted only based on room and rate availability. All reservations must be accompanied by a first night's room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card.

To receive the discounted rate, please use the **group code 9nd3sm** and mention that your reservation is part of the State Society on Aging of New York Annual Conference.

Please check with the Gideon Putnam Hotel directly or through its website, at www.gideonputnam.com, for information regarding check-out, cancellation, changes and special requests.

Please register for the conference www.ssany.org.

CONFERENCE FEES	Received by October 6	After October 6
Full Conference Registration		
Professional SSA member	\$250	\$300
Non-member	\$325	\$375
Full-time student (SSA Member)	\$80	\$100
Full-time student (non SSA Member)	\$110	\$130
One-day conference registration:		
Professional SSA member	\$140	\$190
Non-member	\$175	\$225
Full-time student (SSA member)	\$60	\$75
Full-time student (Non-SSA member)	\$75	\$95

Become a Member!

Membership of the State Society on Aging of New York entitles you to reduced member rates on registration fees and access to the information sent through our mailing list.

Join by accessing the Membership section of our website, www.ssany.org.

Membership rates are \$40.00 for professionals, \$15.00 for students/seniors, and \$75 for organizations.