

USC Judith D. Tamkin Symposium on Elder Abuse

*Elder Justice: Expanding the Field through
Equity, Intersectionality, and Innovation*

February 24-25, 2022

The Westin Pasadena
Pasadena, California



Symposium Program



Welcome!

Welcome to the USC Judith D. Tamkin Symposium on Elder Abuse at the Westin Pasadena in Pasadena, California.

This symposium is the fourth part of an exciting endeavor that involves the planning of five biennial symposia on elder abuse over ten years. The mission of the USC Judith D. Tamkin Symposium on Elder Abuse is to create safe and healthy environments for all elders, here and across the world, by bringing thought leaders, activists, caregivers, researchers, lawmakers, and other stakeholders together to share findings, strategize solutions, and help shape and propel the field of elder abuse and justice.

This event focuses on the theme of “Elder Justice: Expanding the Field through Equity, Intersectionality, and Innovation.” Our goal is to find solutions to some of the challenges that have plagued this important area of research.

Enjoy your time at the meeting!

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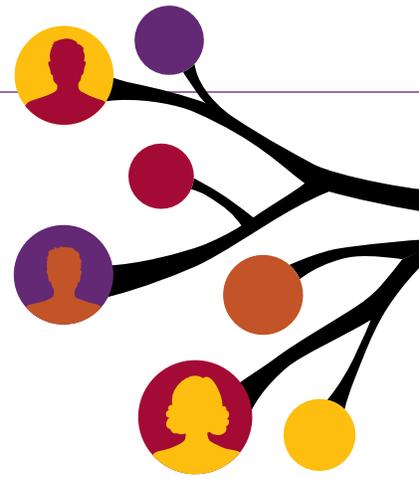
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Special Thanks to **Judith D. Tamkin**

We are sincerely appreciative to Judith D. Tamkin for her gift to help establish this symposium and future symposia on elder abuse. Her deep and personal commitment to eradicating elder abuse is helping to reshape our understanding of elder abuse and ultimately save innumerable older adults from abuse and neglect.



Symposium Location

The Westin Pasadena

191 N Los Robles Ave., Pasadena, CA, 91101

Registration Hours

Fountain Ballroom Foyer, Second Floor of Hotel

Thursday, February 24, 2022 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, February 25, 2022 7:00 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.

Symposium Description

The mission of the USC Judith D. Tamkin International Symposium on Elder Abuse is to create safe and healthy environments for all older adults, here and across the world, by bringing researchers, practitioners, advocates, thought leaders, lawmakers, and other stakeholders together to share findings, strategize solutions, and help shape and propel the field of elder justice.

Symposium Objectives

1. Share innovative research studies and practice-based strategies in the field of elder abuse.
2. Integrate the concept of community-based participatory research.
3. Identify funding priorities and opportunities in elder abuse research.

Target Audience

This symposium calls for researchers, academics, physicians, nurses, psychologists, and all other stakeholders to attend in an endeavor to close the research gaps and move the field of elder abuse forward.

Accreditation

The Keck School of Medicine of USC is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Credit Designation

The Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California designates this live activity for a maximum of **13 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. Physicians should claim only the credits commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Verification Of Attendance

Verification of attendance will be provided to all professionals. Please email any requests to gina@bscmanage.com.

Special Needs

The USC Judith D. Tamkin Symposium on Elder Abuse is committed to making its activities accessible to all individuals. If you are in need of an accommodation, please do not hesitate to call and/or submit a description of your needs in writing in order to receive service.

The Georgia J. Anetzberger Award



The field of Elder Abuse research is an intimate community filled with many like-minded and passionate individuals. **Georgia J. Anetzberger, PhD, ACSW, FGSA** is a consultant in private practice and Adjunct Faculty in the Schools of Medicine and Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University. She has her bachelor's degree in social work from The Ohio State University and master's degrees in both anthropology and social work and a doctorate in social welfare from Case Western Reserve University. Past employment includes serving in executive management positions with such organizations as The Benjamin Rose Institute, Western Reserve Geriatric Education Center, and Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging, all located in Greater Cleveland, Ohio. She also has held full-time teaching positions at Cleveland State University and Kent State University. Dr. Anetzberger has authored over one hundred scholarly publications on such subjects as home and community-based services and health care innovations. However, her special interest and expertise are in elder abuse, where she has spent over forty years addressing the problem, initially as an adult protective services worker then administrator, and most recently as a researcher and educator, conducting approximately two dozen related research projects and authoring the books *The Etiology of Elder Abuse by Adult Offspring* and *The Clinical Management of Elder Abuse*. She serves on the Advisory Board for the National Center on Elder Abuse and is the immediate Past-Editor of the *Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect* and Past-President of the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse. This award carries her name in honor of her and all of her accomplishments in directing attention to the issue of elder abuse and effecting change.

The recipients of the Georgia J. Anetzberger Award were chosen based on their outstanding service to the field of elder abuse and their ability to exemplify the tenets of the award's namesake.

Award Recipient

Jacqueline S. Gray



Dr. Jacque Gray is a Choctaw/Cherokee retired associate professor with the Center for Rural Health (CRH) at the University of North Dakota (UND) School of Medicine & Health Sciences. She also serves as director of the National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative (NIEJI) a national resource center to address elder abuse in Indian Country. In addition, Gray is the lead for the Strong Heart Study Psychosocial Work Group, a longitudinal study of cardiovascular disease and metabolic disorders in American Indians that began in 1988. Gray also consults with the National Center for Native Behavioral Health at the University of Iowa. She has worked to address health, mental health, and health disparities across Indian Country for 40 years and internationally, working with Māori suicide prevention. She participated in the White House Conference on Aging in 2015 to address elder justice issues. Gray received a doctorate from Oklahoma State University in 1998 and has been at UND since 1999. Gray is a member of the Society of Indian Psychologists; she is a fellow of the American Psychological Association.

Tamkin Scholar Award Winners 2022

Oreoluwa Arowojolu, MBBS, MPH



Ore is a Master of Public Health candidate, concentrating in Health Care Management at Yale University. Before Yale, he earned his medical degree from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria in 2019. Ore is passionate about improving the health outcomes of vulnerable populations through research, policy development, and management. While he possesses experience in cancer, burns and cardiovascular disease research, he currently lends his expertise in the field of elder research towards the development of seamless technologies that facilitate the rapid screening and identification of elder mistreatment.

Heather Mutchie, PhD



Dr. Heather Mutchie (she/her) earned her PhD in Gerontology and MS in Epidemiology from University of Maryland Baltimore in May 2021. She is currently working as a Post Doctoral Fellow at the University of Maryland Baltimore Department of Epidemiology and Public Health remotely from Florida. Dr. Mutchie's research has been focused on patient sex, cognition, and hip fracture recovery as evidenced by her dissertation titled "The Impact of Sex and Cognition on Recovery and Mortality Post Hip Fracture." Her interests in non-stranger financial exploitation of older adults have led her to join the National Adult Protective Services Research to Practice Group, and Journal Club. Before her graduate career, she was a research assistant at the University of Florida Institute on Aging and a Business Office Administrator with a stock brokerage firm. Her research philosophy is that we must listen broadly to see what we have narrowly missed.

Olanike (Nike) Ojelabi, MS, MPP



Olanike Ojelabi is a PhD candidate in Public Policy at the University of Massachusetts Boston. She is working on her dissertation, which examines the advocacy and mobilization efforts of immigrant-serving nonprofits in advancing constituents' political participation in the U.S. Ms. Ojelabi is also a Research Associate with Education Development Center (EDC), an international nonprofit research and development organization headquartered in Waltham, MA. Ms. Ojelabi was introduced to elder abuse research at EDC, where she currently supports a National Institute of Justice-sponsored project examining barriers and facilitators to communication between Adult Protective Services and reporters of elder abuse. Ms. Ojelabi is an emerging scholar in elder abuse research. Her goal is to add new perspectives to the field of elder abuse and prevention by applying her knowledge of immigrant populations, political participation, and public policy to propel the field to address the needs of all populations including immigrants and racial/ethnic minorities. Ms. Ojelabi holds a BSc in Sociology from Bowen University, Nigeria, an MSc. in International Social Policy from the University of Bath, England, and an MS in nonprofit management from Worcester State University, MA.

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Registration & Breakfast	<i>Fountain Ballroom Foyer</i>
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Welcome & Presentation of Tamkin Scholars SPEAKER: Laura Mosqueda, MD	<i>Fountain Ballroom</i>
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Elder (In)Justice: Rethinking “Protections” for Older Adults SPEAKER: Nina Kohn, JD	<i>Fountain Ballroom</i>
<p>The keynote will focus on what it means to “protect” older adults. It will explore how efforts to protect older adults from mistreatment may expose them to new sources of risk and cause additional harm. It will then consider how changes in policy and practice could reduce these counterproductive results. As part of the discussion, it will consider two common interventions used to protect older adults from abuse and neglect: guardianship and institutionalization.</p> <p>At the conclusion of this session, attendees will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify how goals associated with elder protection efforts may conflict with one another. • Identify ways in which interventions designed to protect older adults may expose them to risk and cause harm. • Identify one or more policy changes that could reduce the extent to which interventions designed to protect older adults are counterproductive. 		
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	HOT TOPICS: How Elders Experience Two Elder Justice Issues SPEAKERS: Hilary Dalin, JD & Nina Kohn, JD	<i>Fountain Ballroom</i>
<p>OO PRE-RECORDED</p> <p>After Hilary Dalin responds to Nina Kohn’s keynote by addressing ACL’s approach to translating research into action through (1) grants that improve the experience of adults subject to guardianship and (2) activities of the Long-term Care Ombudsman Program, Nina and Hilary will engage in a lively dialogue about the path forward on these key elder justice issues.</p> <p>At the conclusion of this session, attendees will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify research questions and approaches to guardianship and the experiences of residents of congregate residential settings. • Learn about ACL’s approach to and investments in elder justice specific to the rights of nursing home residents and guardianship diversion, revocation, and lesser-restricted alternatives. • Posit open research questions that could/should be asked by researchers in these two critical areas of elder justice. 		

10:00 – 10:20 a.m.

Elder Justice in DC: New Interest, New Support*Fountain Ballroom*

SPEAKER: Bob Blancato, MPA

Historic progress and gains for elder justice that began in late 2020 were continued and expanded in 2021, when we saw the largest commitment of funding in the history of the Elder Justice Act. Now we face our biggest advocacy opportunity in 12 years with the introduction and House passage of the Elder Justice Reauthorization and Modernization Act of 2021, which would create a first-time elder justice infrastructure. We will also address how elder justice infrastructure expansion could include communities disproportionately impacted by elder abuse and policies that would promote equity.

At the conclusion of this session, attendees will be able to:

- Outline new policy proposals and funding resources for elder justice programs.
- Identify ways that participants can advocate for these policy proposals.
- Discuss elder justice policies that promote equity in access to resources and services.

10:20 – 10:35 a.m.

Break*Fountain Ballroom Foyer*

10:35 – 12:00 p.m.

PANEL: Turning LEAD (panel) into Gold*Fountain Ballroom*

MODERATOR: Laura Mosqueda, MD

SPEAKERS: Ron Acierno, PhD & Brad Cannell, PhD, MPH

Developing a Culturally Informed Research Standard

Arguably, one of the biggest challenges facing those of us who work to understand and prevent elder mistreatment (EM) is improving the detection and reporting of EM. While efforts to create screening tools intended for research, pre-hospital, and emergency department (ED) settings have been made since at least the 1970's, there remains a lack of rigorous evaluation establishing the validity and reliability of EM screeners across applicable settings. One of the key challenges associated with evaluating screening instruments is the inevitable need to validate them against a gold standard. But, what is the gold standard measure of EM? Currently, the two most commonly used gold standards are APS investigations and LEAD panels. This session will introduce the audience to LEAD panels, discuss some of the issues with using LEAD panels in practice, and lead an interactive discussion about the future of LEAD panels in EM research.

At the conclusion of this session, attendees will be able to:

- Describe the LEAD panel methodology and briefly introduce its history.
- Identify the strengths and limitations of using LEAD panels as a gold standard in EM research.
- Compare LEAD panels to potential alternative gold standards and propose a plan for moving EM research forward.

12:00 – 12:15 p.m.	Presentation of Georgia Anetzberger Award to Jacqueline Gray, PhD	<i>Fountain Ballroom Foyer</i>
12:15 – 1:30 p.m.	Networking Lunch	<i>Fountain Ballroom Foyer</i>
1:30 – 1:40 p.m.	Remembrance of Carmel Dyer	<i>Fountain Ballroom Foyer</i>

INNOVATIONS FROM THE FIELD

1:40 – 2:40 p.m.	Making It Easier to Do the Right Thing: The Elder Mistreatment Emergency Department Toolkit	<i>Fountain Ballroom</i>
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SPEAKERS: Rebecca Jackson Stoeckle & Tony Rosen, MD, MPH

Even as we enter an era of increasing “age-friendliness,” the estimated one in ten older adults who experience EM remain largely unrecognized and uncared for. ED’s, increasingly committed to improving geriatric care, are well positioned to identify and address EM. However, systems gaps including staff overload, absence of EM expertise, and a dearth of validated tools have prevented widespread adoption of best practices. To address this gap, the National Collaboratory to Address Elder Mistreatment designed, prototyped and feasibility tested an integrated Elder Mistreatment Emergency Department Toolkit consisting of four core elements: 1) an Emergency Department Assessment Profile, 2) staff training modules, 3) brief screening and response tools; and 4) a roadmap for leveraging community resources. In this interactive session, we will share information about the toolkit including pragmatic results from several of the feasibility test sites and invite participant input on solutions to barriers to widespread adoption of best practices in addressing EM in the ED and community. Finally, we will debut the National Collaboratory to Address Elder Mistreatment mentoring initiative.

At the conclusion of this session, attendees will be able to:

- Identify core elements of a pragmatic toolkit to address EM in the ED and community.
- Discuss solutions to accelerate adoption and efficacy of the toolkit, including improved community connections, cultural competency, and screening patients with dementia.
- Contribute to refining the National Collaboratory to Address Elder Mistreatment mentoring initiative.

2:40 – 3:00 p.m.	Break	<i>Fountain Ballroom Foyer</i>
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3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Addressing Barriers in Elder Abuse Detection
Using Self-Administered Digital Innovation, VOICES**

Fountain Ballroom

SPEAKER: Fuad Abujarad, PhD

There is a significant need for innovations that can lead to the development of evidence-based screening tools and behavioral interventions to prevent elder abuse. A significant role in prevention is to facilitate and enhance the detection of elder abuse among older adults without recognized signs or symptoms of abuse. To address this challenge, we developed and evaluated the VOICES elder abuse intervention. VOICES is a tablet-based digital health intervention to screen and identify suspicion of elder abuse. VOICES utilizes digital coaching, interactive multimedia libraries (e.g., graphics, video clips, animations, etc.), and a brief psychoeducational intervention designed to enhance detection among older adults. VOICES is a self-administered intervention delivered on a tablet to encourage older adults to self-identify or self-disclose their abuse. We will describe the VOICES intervention and examine findings from our study (N=1000) in a busy ED setting as well as discuss future research plans.

At the conclusion of this session, attendees will be able to:

- Describe the development and content of the VOICES elder abuse intervention.
- Demonstrate how the VOICES elder abuse intervention uses self-administered technology to enhance awareness and detection of elder abuse.
- Discuss findings in terms of satisfaction and feasibility of participants who used VOICES and the implications for future research to include more vulnerable older adult populations.

4:00 – 4:50 p.m.

**KEYNOTE: Elder Abuse Research & Advocacy;
Are you sho'nuff tired?**

Fountain Ballroom

SPEAKER: Charles Mouton, MD, MS, MBA

Mitigating the impact of elder abuse requires the efforts of researchers and public policy advocates. Working in concert, these two groups can begin to implement the societal changes needed to end elder abuse. This talk will be a focused discussion on potential strategies to support such an effort and provide a call to action.

At the conclusion of this session, attendees will be able to:

- Discuss the role of EA advocacy in today's climate.
- Describe the current state of EA research supporting advocacy.
- Illustrate areas of needed research to support EA advocacy.

4:50 – 5:00 p.m.

Day One Closing Remarks

Fountain Ballroom

Laura Mosqueda, MD

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Symposium Reception

Madera Room

7:00 – 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast** *Fountain Ballroom Foyer*

8:00 – 8:10 a.m. **Welcome** *Fountain Ballroom*
 SPEAKER: Laura Mosqueda, MD

8:10 – 8:30 a.m. **A Radical (Re)Imagining: What if We Designed Systems Based on What People Actually Want and Need, Grounded in Principles of Prevention, Purpose, and Restoration?** *Fountain Ballroom*
 SPEAKER: Marie-Therese Connolly, JD

Few of the systems we use to respond to elder abuse were designed for that purpose: Few were designed with input from older adults. Few were designed to meet older adults' varied needs and wishes shaped by diverse life experiences and identities. Few were designed to be "person-centered" when the person in question wanted assistance that the system deemed problematic or beyond its purview (like help for alleged abusers (and sometime-caregivers) or with restoring breached relationships). Few were guided by what means most to the person being served. Few are measured from the perspective of the older adults being served, if they're measured at all. Some pit moneyed interests against older adults' wellbeing (like private equity owning nursing homes or self-dealing guardians). Almost all come into play only after the harm has been done, or begun, instead of trying to prevent it in the first place. We can do better, but where to start?

At the conclusion of this session, attendees will be able to:

- Examine historical and structural weaknesses in the formal systems we use to address elder abuse.
- Outline paradigmatic changes needed to make those systems more person-centered.
- Discuss a few examples of ways that change can happen.

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. **KEYNOTE: Absent the Lens of Equity and Inclusion, is Elder Abuse** *Fountain Ballroom*
 SPEAKER: Geoffrey Rogers

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Elder abuse work must incorporate basic respect and understanding of the impact of systemic racism and disproportionality on people of color. We must recognize and improve how we conceptualize, develop policy, and how practice is operationalized for people of color. The purpose of this talk is to point out how these systems harm older people of color by creating life courses that are fraught with vulnerability and harm. A fundamental understanding of the impact of systemic racism and disproportionality on older people of color, at risk for abuse and exploitation, is critical to finding a way forward to more equity and inclusion in this work.

At the conclusion of this session, attendees will be able to:

- Learn reasons why redlining has had a direct impact on people of color who have been abused or exploited.
- How has racism and disproportionality created different life courses for people of color that impacts elder abuse work.
- A way forward for supporting or rebuilding community supports people of color that can mitigate the impact of abuse and exploitation of older people of color.

FOCUSING ON FINANCIAL FRONTS

9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

Understanding Fraud Victims – Using Big Data to Explore Repeat Victimization, Neighborhood Characteristics, and the Role of Emotion on the Magnitude of Loss *Fountain Ballroom*

SPEAKER: Marti DeLiema, PhD

Based on an analysis of hundreds of thousands of consumer fraud reports from the Federal Trade Commission's Sentinel Network Database, Dr. DeLiema will share how reporter and victim characteristics relate to their neighborhood deprivation index score, age, race, and gender, and how these factors compare across reported fraud types. By analyzing the language used in consumers' fraud reports, Dr. DeLiema will describe what emotions—sadness, fear, anticipation, anger, and trust—are associated with the magnitude of financial loss for different scams. In the second portion of her talk, Dr. DeLiema will present how age and neighborhood deprivation relate to chronic fraud victimization and total financial costs using merged data sets belonging to criminal mail fraud organizations.

At the conclusion of this session, attendees will be able to:

- Demonstrate the advantages of analyzing federal administrative datasets to understand the correlates of fraud victimization.
- Examine how neighborhood inequality relates to reported and realized fraud victimization.
- Discuss how individuals who report fraud many differ from the universe of victims who experience fraud, and what that means for research and policy.

9:45 – 10:30 a.m.

Financial Exploitation Risk and the Brain *Fountain Ballroom*

SPEAKER: Duke Han, PhD, ABPP-CN

A portion of older adults may be vulnerable to financial exploitation, and the reasons for this are yet unclear. Some have argued that financial vulnerability may be due to poor cognition; however, many cognitively intact older adults find themselves scammed or defrauded. While there may be many factors involved, one possibility may be subtle changes in brain structure and function. This presentation will describe the rationale for neuroimaging as a tool to understand financial exploitation vulnerability in older age, describe current neuroimaging work to date, and highlight future steps forward.

At the conclusion of this session, attendees will be able to:

- Demonstrate the rationale for neuroimaging as a tool to understand financial exploitation vulnerability in older age.
- Examine past neuroimaging studies on financial vulnerability in older adults.
- Understand how specific brain regions might be implicated in financial vulnerability in older age.

9:45 – 10:30 a.m.
Continued

A Person-Centered Approach to Financial Decision-Making and Exploitation

Fountain Ballroom

SPEAKER: Peter Lichtenberg, PhD, ABPP

This session will examine the intersection of early cognitive decline, financial vulnerability, financial decision-making, financial exploitation, and wealth loss through three separate but related lines of research on the creation and implementation of person-centered assessment tools: The Financial Behavior Inventory, Financial Vulnerability Survey, and the Financial Decision Tracker.

At the conclusion of this session, attendees will be able to:

- Examine the domains of financial capacity.
- Describe new findings in our study of financial management, decision-making, and exploitation.
- Discuss our work on implementation of evidence-based tools in APS across a 3-year period.

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

Break

Fountain Ballroom Foyer

10:45 – 11:30 a.m.

Focusing on Financial Fronts Discussion

Fountain Ballroom

MODERATOR: Nina Kohn, JD

DISCUSSANTS: Marti DeLiema, PhD, Duke Han, PhD, ABPP –CN & Peter Lichtenberg, PhD, ABPP

Financial abuse of older adults is a growing societal problem that can have devastating impacts upon health, independence, and wellbeing. The reasons why financial abuse situations occur are complex, multifaceted, and poorly understood. Each situation presents with its own uniquely diverse set of contributing and intersecting factors, requiring multiple conceptual and empirical approaches to gain a greater understanding of the problem. This panel will feature the unique perspectives of three experts in the field who have dedicated their lives to understanding and addressing the problem of scams, fraud, and financial exploitation of older adults.

At the conclusion of this session, attendees will be able to:

- Acknowledge the negative impact of financial abuse on the wellbeing of older adults.
- Discuss multiple factors involved in financial abuse of older adults.
- Integrate knowledge gained from different approaches to better address financial abuse of older adults.

11:30 – 12:45 p.m.

Networking Lunch

Fountain Ballroom Foyer

12:45 – 1:45 p.m.

Emerging Themes in Elder Abuse*Fountain Ballroom*

MODERATOR: Laura Mosqueda, MD

Resilience After Elder Abuse: Strategies to Improve Mental Health Built on Community Connection

SPEAKER: Melba Hernandez-Tejada, PhD, DHA

In this session, we will discuss how mental health care providers can work with community partners, leveraging existing resources, to help older adults who are at risk of, or who have experienced abuse/mistreatment/neglect. We will specifically discuss ways to address the negative outcomes of their experience, which is doubly stigmatizing; both with respect to the abuse they experience and with respect to the consequent mental health issues they may suffer. We will discuss how social connection is the key to addressing these problems. We will highlight community approaches to facilitate engaging in mental health treatment despite obstacles and other challenges presented in their living situations. We will explore these through examples of successful evidence-based approaches conducted in two different communities.

At the conclusion of this session, attendees will be able to:

- Discuss strategies to improve mental health in survivors of EM.
- Discuss evidence in research and practice about social support as key component to help older adults to overcome negative effects of mistreatment.
- Discuss how to implement social connection in each community.

Knowledge and Interpersonal Skills to Develop Exemplary Relationships: An Innovative Approach to Prevent Caregiver Abuse

SPEAKER: Donna Benton, PhD

KINDER is an asynchronous online psychoeducational intervention that was developed to prevent EM. KINDER does this by promoting healthy caregiving relationships within dementia caregiving and by building resourcefulness skills to manage relationship tensions. The intervention was developed using 9 qualitative focus groups with racially and ethnically diverse family caregivers. Content includes story-based videos, written lessons, reading quizzes, and reflection exercises. In this session, we will describe results from the pilot study of KINDER. Overall, qualitative interviews indicate caregivers enjoyed the KINDER intervention, and felt comfortable viewing materials that addressed abuse from a relationship perspective. Caregivers' particularly like video content. In the next iteration of KINDER, we will integrate caregiver feedback to include group-based sessions with asynchronous content and will allow caregivers greater flexibility in terms of self-pacing of the program. Online delivery makes KINDER well-suited for future translation that supports caregiver access.

At the conclusion of this session, attendees will be able to:

- Learn how a positive approach to caregiver prevention intervention promotes intervention acceptability.
- Discuss how stakeholder input from qualitative focus groups can promote acceptability.
- Identify the challenges to administering an online psychoeducation intervention to dementia family caregivers.

12:45 – 1:45 p.m.
Continued

Emerging Themes in Elder Abuse continued

Fountain Ballroom

“This place can beat you up”: Aging, Illness, and Victimization of Persons Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness

SPEAKER: Alexis Coulourides Kogan, PhD, MSG

This session will present qualitative data from a study that aimed to elicit the voice of people experiencing homelessness and the clinicians that care for them to learn about aging and risk for victimization when you live outside. Individual interviews were conducted with patients experiencing unsheltered homelessness that receive care from the USC Street Medicine program and clinicians on the team. Findings highlight the need for more research in this area and more robust, person-centered approaches to better support older adults experiencing unsheltered homelessness who are at greatest risk of victimization.

At the conclusion of this session, attendees will be able to:

- Outline the challenges to health and safety for older adults experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
- Discuss clinician perceptions of health, safety, and victimization of older adults experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON WITH POLICY AND FUNDING

1:45 – 2:15 p.m.

Elder Abuse: A Global Perspective

Fountain Ballroom

SPEAKER: Christopher Mikton, PhD

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This presentation describes the process by which the World Health Organization and partners are developing a global strategy to address elder abuse within the UN Decade of Healthy ageing. This has involved two projects which will feed into the development of the strategy. The first consists of an investigation into the factors behind the lack of global priority of elder abuse and, the second, of mapping the evidence on all aspects of elder abuse – prevalence, consequences, risk and protective factors, and interventions to prevent, detect and respond to elder abuse. The presentation ends by considering four issues that are emerging as priorities that the strategy will have to address.

At the conclusion of this session, attendees will be able to:

- Examine the process by which a global strategy to address elder abuse is being developed.
- Identify factors accounting for the inadequate global priority of elder abuse.
- Discuss four challenges that the field of elder abuse is confronting and that a global strategy will have to address.

2:15 – 2:35 p.m.

Building Research Evidence for the Prevention and Intervention of Elder Mistreatment: Programmatic Efforts at the National Institute on Aging to Support Rigorous Research and Improve Inclusion and Health Equity

Fountain Ballroom

SPEAKER: Melissa Gerald, PhD

OO PRE-RECORDED

This presentation will focus on the National Institute on Aging's (NIA) research portfolio on EM and its relevance to advancing NIA's Strategic Directions for 2020-2025. The presentation will include an overview of research focal areas and cross-cutting themes of relevance to the field; current funding opportunities to support research and training, and resources that may be of assistance to EM researchers; and approaches to increase research rigor and improve diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in EM research.

At the conclusion of this session, attendees will be able to:

- Identify program priorities related to equity at NIA and their relevance to the field of EM research.
- Identify appropriate funding programs and available resources at NIA to support research and training.
- Integrate rigorous scientific design in studies to minimize bias in studies of EM and approaches to promote inclusion and health equity.

2:35 – 3:00 p.m.

ACL Activities

Fountain Ballroom

SPEAKER: Edwin Walker, JD

OO PRE-RECORDED

3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

CLOSING KEYNOTE: The Power of Meaning and Memory *Fountain Ballroom*

SPEAKER: Anne Basting, PhD

What potential do the arts and creative expression have for reducing elder abuse? Basting explores this potential through research, examples, and stories of her work to infuse meaning-making into care relationships, particularly with people with dementia, across social and health care settings and systems.

At the conclusion of this session, attendees will be able to:

- Identify the benefits of meaning-making processes to vulnerable elders.
- Assess the accessibility of a range of meaning-making processes to people with dementia.
- Discuss the potential of integrating meaning-making into care relationships - both personal and systems-based.

3:30 – 3:40 p.m.

Thank You & Farewell

Fountain Ballroom

Laura Mosqueda, MD

Symposium Director

Laura Mosqueda, MD



Laura Mosqueda, MD is Professor of Family Medicine and Geriatrics at the Keck School of Medicine of USC, the Director of the National Center on Elder Abuse, and a Health and Aging Policy Fellow. She is an accomplished physician and researcher, and a national and international expert on elder abuse and neglect. She has led landmark studies to identify forensic markers of abuse and neglect, and created the nation's first Elder Abuse Forensic Center in 2006, a model that has been replicated across the United States. Dr. Mosqueda has testified in front of Congress and has been invited to the White House several times to discuss elder justice initiatives.

Speakers

Fuad Abujarad, PhD, MSC



Fuad Abujarad, PhD, MSC is an Associate Professor and the director of the Digital Health Lab at Yale School of Medicine. His focus is on applied and translational research relating to elder mistreatment, long-term care, and the development of digital health solutions. Dr. Abujarad aims to address major health disparities in vulnerable populations by developing technologies that optimize the human interface of digital systems. He is the recipient of multiple grants, including an R01 from the NIA to develop and evaluate the elder abuse digital screening tool ([VOICES](#)), an intervention to prevent abuse and neglect and improve geriatric public health outcomes.

Ron Acierno, PhD



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