We are pleased to announce the call for abstracts and invitation to attend the Southeastern Student Mentoring Conference in Gerontology and Geriatrics.

For over 27 years, this conference has provided the only dedicated venue for students and faculty from across the southeastern United States to share their passion for gerontology and geriatrics.

The 28th annual conference theme is Changing Conversations about Aging. The invited program includes student keynote addresses from Jackie Tachman and Shelley Condon (1st & 2nd place winners at the SMC Conference in 2017) and a keynote address from Jeff Johnson, State Director, AARP Florida. At the heart of the conference are research presentation sessions, which represent a key learning experience for participating students.

Included in this announcement, you will find information on abstract submission and details about registration and lodging.

We look forward to seeing you in St. Pete Beach, FL, the sunset capital of Florida, on April 20-21, 2018.

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28th ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN STUDENT MENTORING CONFERENCE
IN GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS

All graduate and undergraduate students are invited to submit abstracts for possible inclusion in the program. Abstracts may address any research, internship, or service project topic in gerontology and geriatrics of general interest to others studying aging. Those related to the Changing Conversations about Aging theme are particularly appropriate. Acceptance and registration constitute a commitment to attend the entire conference and present your research to the group. All presenters are eligible to compete for monetary awards and recognition for overall excellence given at the close of the event.

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts will be evaluated in terms of importance, timeliness, relevance of the topic, soundness of approach, and clarity of presentation. The student who is the first author should be the person to submit the abstract. Abstracts must be submitted via email attachment with the title, “Last name of first author - Abstract” to Dr. Anne Glass [glassa@uncw.edu] on or before Friday, February 23, 2018. If you do not receive acknowledgement of receipt by Wednesday, February 28, please call the Institute at 706.425.3222. Abstracts must not exceed 250 words and must include the following elements, in exactly the order identified to the right, in a MS Word document.

1. Names of all authors
2. Email address of first author
3. School and department represented by participating student(s)
4. Full title of abstract
5. Clear statement of the issue or problem addressed
6. Method by which data were gathered (e.g., research, literature search, model demonstration)
7. Analysis and results, if appropriate
8. Conclusions

POSTERS AND PRESENTATIONS

All participants are expected to give a presentation and to participate in a poster session. The format of the posters may be modified to reflect the type of information presented. Posters should be created in PowerPoint, be no larger than 36” x 48”, and should include your email address. More details will be provided upon acceptance.

In addition to poster displays, participants must prepare three PowerPoint slides to accompany their presentations. More details, along with an explanation of the difference between the poster and the presentation slides, will be provided upon acceptance.

REGISTRATION AND SCHOLARSHIPS

All presenters and attendees must register and pay the accompanying $75 fee. Please register before Thursday, March 15, 2018.

An electronic version of this brochure will be available for download from the Institute of Gerontology website www.publichealth.uga.edu/geron
CONTACT INFORMATION:

- For questions about abstract submissions please contact Dr. Anne Glass, Gerontology Program Director, UNCW School of Health and Applied Human Services at glassa@uncw.edu
- For questions about St. Pete Beach, including travel, lodging, and conference site, please contact Dr. Tamar Shovali, Assistant Professor of Human Development, Eckerd College at shovalte@eckerd.edu
- For questions about registration and payments, please contact Anita Holmes, UGA Institute of Gerontology Business Manager, at aholmes@uga.edu or 706-542-4228

LODGING/DIRECTIONS/TRAVEL:
We are pleased to offer a limited block of rooms at the Hotel Zamora at a special rate of $189 until Monday, March 19, 2018. Reservations made after this date will not receive the discounted rate. Book [here](#) or call 1.877.219.4300 and mention “Student Mentoring Conference in Gerontology & Geriatrics.” Check-in time is 4pm and check-out time is 11am. Includes free valet parking, wifi, bike rentals, beach loungers. The resort fee will be waived at the time of check-in.

DEADLINES:

- Abstracts Due: **Friday, February 23**
- Acceptance Notifications: **Friday, March 2**
- Discounted Lodging: **Monday, March 19**
- Registration/Payment: **Thursday, March 15**

You have the option of flying into Tampa International Airport (TPA) or St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE).

**From Tampa Int’l Airport:** Continue to I-275 S for 7 mins (3.6 miles). Follow I-275 S to FL 682 W/54th Ave. St/Pinellas Bayway in St. Petersburg. In 20 mins take exit 17 (20.9 miles) toward Eckerd College/Beaches. Follow FL-682W/Pinellas Bayway to Gulf Blvd in Saint Pete Beach. There is a $1.00 toll into and off of the beaches.

**From St. Pete-Clearwater Int’l Airport:** Get on I-275 S in Saint Petersburg from FL-686 E/Roosevelt Blvd, FL-688 E and FL-686 E/Roosevelt Blvd N 9 min (4.0 mi) Follow I-275 S to FL-682 W/54th Ave St/Pinellas Bayway. Take exit 17 from I-275 S 12 min (12.1 mi) toward Eckerd College/Beaches. Follow FL-682 W/Pinellas Bayway to Gulf Blvd in Saint Pete Beach. There is a $1.00 toll into and off of the beaches.
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The registration fee of $75 includes the cost of all meals and refreshments. Please contact Anita Holmes with questions pertaining to registration or payment aholmes@uga.edu or 706.542.2539

Payment Methods

You may register for the conference online with a credit card at
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or mail your form to the address listed below, with a check made payable to the "Gerontology Student Mentoring Conference"

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