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# Issues in Aging



**Monday  
April 24**

**8:00 am - 3:45 pm**



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## Fair Enough: Equity, Care & Safety for Our Most Vulnerable

**6 CREDITS** for Social Workers, Nurses, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Case Managers, Educators and General Certificate.

**\$65 for Professionals**

**\$40 for Students, Older Adults, Family Caregivers**

**Breakfast & buffet lunch are included!**

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**LOCATION**

VisTaTech Center  
Schoolcraft College  
18600 Haggerty Rd.  
Livonia, MI 48152

**Alzheimer's Disease in African Americans: Current knowledge, challenges, and keys to prevention**

**New Methods to Assess Financial Vulnerability, Exploitation and Wealth Loss in Older Adults**

**Sharing What We Learn: Talking with older adults about the results of Alzheimer's testing**

**Healthcare Help for Family Caregivers of Frail Older Adults**

### AGENDA

- 8:00 am** – Light Breakfast, Vendor Tables
- 8:30 am** – *Alzheimer's Disease in African Americans*, Q & A
- 10:00 am** – Break, Networking, Vendor Tables
- 10:30 am** – *Financial Vulnerability, Exploitation & Wealth Loss*, Q & A
- NOON** – Lunch
- 12:45 pm** – *Talking with Older Adults about Alzheimer's testing*, Q & A
- 2:00 pm** – *Healthcare Help for Caregivers of Frail Older Adults*, Q & A
- 3:30 pm** – Closing, Raffle Drawings

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## *Alzheimer's Disease in African Americans: Current knowledge, challenges and keys to prevention*

**Lisa L. Barnes, PhD**  
Alla V. and Solomon Jesmer  
Professor of Gerontology  
and Geriatric Medicine  
Associate Director, Rush  
Alzheimer's Disease Center

Research suggests older African Americans are at greater risk of cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's disease. The disparity is often linked to a combination of factors including low socioeconomic resources, low education, and a higher prevalence of vascular conditions like diabetes and hypertension. Dr. Barnes will discuss the reasons for the increased risk in this population and current challenges that limit our progress in understanding the reasons for this disparity.



## *New Methods to Assess Financial Vulnerability, Exploitation and Wealth Loss in Older Adults*

**Peter Lichtenberg, PhD  
ABPP**  
Director, Institute of  
Gerontology  
Distinguished Service  
Professor of Psychology  
Wayne State University

New evidence-based tools can help identify who is at heightened risk for financial exploitation and wealth loss. This presentation will focus on the development and validation of these tools and how they can be put into your practice. A new model of financial capacity will also be presented and illustrated through case studies.



## *Sharing What We Learn: Talking with older adults about the results of Alzheimer's testing*

**Annalise Rahman-Filipiak, PhD**  
Assistant Professor  
& Clinical  
Neuropsychologist  
University of Michigan  
Michigan Alzheimer's  
Disease Research  
Center

How health information is communicated, such as a new diagnosis of mild cognitive impairment or dementia – Alzheimer's type, is an important predictor of wellbeing and how well medical recommendations are followed. The sensitive disclosing of these results can also be a tool for building rapport with patients and research participants, especially when it enlists bi-directional communication and partnership. Dr. Rahman-Filipiak will review the current literature about providing neuropsychological and diagnostic feedback to older adults and families and outline the challenges in disclosing information about Alzheimer's disease biomarkers to patients.



## *Healthcare Help for Family Caregivers of Frail Older Adults*

**Terri Harvath, PhD  
RN, FAAN, FGSA**  
Clinical Professor,  
School of Nursing  
University of Minnesota

Family caregivers of frail older adults often find they must interact with healthcare professionals more than usual. These stresses can strain personal and professional relationships and impact quality of care. How can healthcare professionals partner more effectively with family caregivers of frail older adults? Dr. Harvath will describe how to identify a family caregiver, how to assess the caregiver to determine what assistance or support is needed, and how to help them navigate some of the ethical dilemmas they encounter in their family caregiving role.



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