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# Issues in Aging

Monday, April 28, 7:45 am - 3:45 pm

**Join us in-person at:**

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

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## National Speakers | Universal Issues

### AGENDA

7:45 am: Light Breakfast

8:15 am

*Beyond Amyloid: Seeking to understand the diverse causes of age-related dementia at the Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Center*



Hank Paulson  
MD, PhD

9:45 am: Break & Visit Vendors



Zachary Baker  
PhD

10:15 am

*Not Moving On but Moving Forward: Insights and strategies for supporting bereaved dementia caregivers*

11:45 am: Lunch, Full Buffet & Dessert Bar

12:45 pm

*The Person Comes First: Whole person approaches for a new era of Alzheimer's disease*



Benjamin Mast  
PhD, ABPP

2:15 pm

*A New Narrative: How persons living with dementia are leading the charge*



Brenda Roberts  
MA

3:45 pm: Raffle Drawings, Closing

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8:15  
AM

*Beyond Amyloid: Seeking to understand the diverse causes of age-related dementia at the Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Center*

**Hank Paulson, MD, PhD**

Lucile Groff Professor of Neurology  
Director, Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Center  
Co-Director, UM Protein Folding Diseases Initiative

Dr. Paulson explores the diverse causes of age-related dementia beyond the traditional focus on amyloid plaques, emphasizing the need for a broader understanding of the complex mechanisms underlying Alzheimer's disease. He discusses innovative approaches and emerging insights into the multifactorial nature of dementia.

Objectives

1. Advance knowledge about diverse causes of age-related dementia
2. Identify role of amyloid and anti-amyloid therapies in Alzheimer's disease
3. Gain insight into new research and therapeutic directions, supported by the Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Center.

10:15  
AM

*Not Moving On but Moving Forward: Insights and strategies for supporting bereaved dementia caregivers*

**Zachary Baker, PhD**

Asst. Professor, Edison College of Nursing & Health Innovation, Arizona State University

Dr. Baker focuses on the unique challenges faced by bereaved dementia caregivers, offering practical strategies and emotional insights to help them navigate life after loss. He will explore the complexities of grief, the lasting impact of caregiving, and pathways to healing and resilience.

Objectives

1. Explore the experiences of people who cared for someone with dementia who is now deceased.
2. Discuss how healthcare providers can support bereaved dementia caregivers.
3. Employ a new evidence-based model to understand what bereaved dementia caregivers need.
4. Gain tools to support caregivers in honoring their experiences while finding ways to move forward with purpose and well-being.

12:45  
PM

*The Person Comes First: Whole person approaches for a new era of Alzheimer's disease*

**Benjamin Mast, PhD, ABPP**

Professor, Psychological & Brain Sciences  
University of Louisville

A comprehensive approach to Alzheimer's disease and dementia, addressing advances in anti-amyloid therapies, early detection through biomarkers, and strategies for prevention and delay. Emphasis on whole-person assessment, person-centered care, values-driven decision-making, planning for caregiving, and applying prevention science to support individuals in living well with dementia.

Objectives

1. Describe new clinical and scientific developments related to Alzheimer's disease.
2. Articulate principles of whole-person assessment and care.
3. Apply person-centered principles to help clients evaluate detection and intervention options.

2:15  
PM

*A New Narrative: How persons living with dementia are leading the charge*

**Brenda Roberts, MA**

Exec. Director, National Council on Dementia Minds

Ms. Roberts discusses how persons living with dementia are transforming the world-view of neurocognitive disorders. As the first nonprofit founded and governed by individuals living with dementia, her organization created a national network of Dementia Minds groups that foster peer support, meaningful dialogue, and education. They challenge misconceptions, promote well-being, and empower individuals to live well with dementia, leading purposeful and dignified lives.

Objectives

1. Identify the core values and strategies of the National Council of Dementia Minds, with a focus on support.
2. Explain how small groups and resources developed by persons living with dementia challenge misconceptions and promote well-being.