
INSTITUTE OF GERONTOLOGY

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**IOG DIRECTOR ELECTED PRESIDENT
OF APA DIVISION ON AGING**



Peter Lichtenberg, Ph.D., director of Wayne State University's Institute of Gerontology, has been elected president of the American Psychological Association Division on Adult Development and Aging for the 2009-2010 term. "I am honored and thrilled to have the opportunity to serve this division, the most longstanding and prestigious group of scholars in the APA dedicated to aging issues," Dr. Lichtenberg said.

Established 62 years ago, the Adult Development and Aging Division is considered the premier source of aging research and advocacy for the importance of psychology and aging. Known as Division 20, it accomplishes this primarily through task force reports, symposia, poster sessions, awards, and the publication of the *Adult Development and Aging News* newsletter three times per year.

Dr. Lichtenberg will be named president elect for one year beginning in August, in which he will appoint committee chairs for his presidency. One of Dr. Lichtenberg's primary goals as president is to catalyze an integration of basic psychological research with applications to the lives older adults. "Right now, we are just in the beginning stages of having basic and applied psychological research on aging converge," Dr. Lichtenberg explained. "There is no reason to arbitrarily separate the two."