

# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS 2014

## LIFESPAN ALLIANCE GRADUATE RESEARCH DAY Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute & Institute of Gerontology

The Lifespan Alliance Graduate Research Day will be on **Friday, February 7, 2014**. The Research Day highlights research by graduate students in IOG and MPSI. The event returns to the Lifespan Alliance site this year, and with a new format. This year graduate students can present in one of two formats: a paper/platform presentation or a poster.

### Participation

All trainees in the MPSI and IOG Graduate Programs are encouraged to present; MPSI Fellows are expected to do so. Applicants will be competing for 8 paper presentation slots, 4 each for IOG and MPSI trainees/fellows, and approximately 20 posters. Other graduate students conducting research with IOG or MPSI faculty are also invited to submit abstracts. Undergraduates are permitted as co-authors on submissions, but first (presenting) authors must be graduate students.

### Abstracts

- Abstracts/applications are due to Rose Foster ([rmfoster@wayne.edu](mailto:rmfoster@wayne.edu)) no later than **Friday, December 20, at 4:00 PM**.
- Abstracts can be no longer than 200 words, exclusive of title and authors, and should use these: **Introduction, Methods, Results, and Conclusions**.
- Abstracts should include the first and last names of all authors, as well as the highest degree of all authors.
- Only pre-doctoral trainees / fellows can be first authors
- A Program Committee consisting of the 2 Training Directors, 2 other faculty, and the 4 GSO Officers, will organize the program.
- The Program Committee will announce the selection of paper and poster presentations by Friday, January 10, 2014.

### Papers

- There will be two 1-hour paper sessions of 4 papers each, allowing 15 minutes total per trainee/fellow (~10-min presentation and ~4 min discussion).
- Papers and posters should reflect the student's current research activities. Submissions can be the results of new original research, but can also include pilot studies, work in progress, dissertation research proposals, a review paper, etc.
- Preference for paper or poster must be indicated.
- If more than 8 abstracts are submitted for paper presentations, then the Program Committee will rank applications and make final selections. Submissions in the paper category which are not accepted as papers will be accepted as posters.

### Posters

- There will be approximately 20 posters.
- Poster dimensions must not exceed 36 inches x 60 inches, but smaller is preferred.

## Program

### Location: Freer House

- Hoobler Conference Room on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for papers
- Freer House main floor for posters

### Tentative Schedule:

- 9:00 - 10:00 am: Poster judging (not public)
- 10:00 am - noon: Paper Sessions
- Noon - 12:30 pm: LUNCH
- 12:30 - 1:15 pm: KEYNOTE SPEAKER
- 1:30 - 2:30 pm: Poster viewing
- 2:30 pm: Awards presentation

### Luncheon Keynote Speaker:

**Dr. Moriah E. Thomason**

Assistant Professor,  
Department of Pediatrics, WSU School of Medicine and in the  
Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute for Child and Family Development

- All are welcome from 10 am - 3 pm
- Lunch will be served. All welcome!
- Presentations will be judged. First and Second place prizes will be awarded to the best paper and poster presentations from the IOG and MPSI.

If you have questions, please contact Cathy Lysack (for IOG) at [c.lysack@wayne.edu](mailto:c.lysack@wayne.edu) or John Hannigan (for MPSI) at [j.hannigan@wayne.edu](mailto:j.hannigan@wayne.edu).