

**School of Allied Health Professions
Virginia Center on Aging (VCoA)
Annual Report
July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012**

1. New instructional initiatives

- VCoA's Lifelong Learning Institute, a community-based program for mid-life and older adults that is operated in partnership with Chesterfield County government, offered 449 daytime, non-residential, college-level courses, with 9,784 registrations. This represents an increase of 71 courses over the previous year, and 709 additional learners.
- VCoA initiated another new Chautauqua Road Scholar offering, a five-day residential learning program for older adults, at Natural Bridge, VA, in March 2012, with 37 registrants.

2. Rankings

- VCoA maintained a Top 100 designation for its VCU Road Scholar/Elderhostel programming.

3. New Faculty Recruitments

- Adjunct Faculty with new appointments include:
 1. Robert Fix
 2. Bonita Hogue
 3. Pamela Kovacs
 4. Barbara Martin

4. Research and Scholarship

- a) List all private foundation submissions and awards (only those that did not go through sponsored programs)
None
- b) List number of books, peer-reviewed journal articles, and book chapters (manuscripts that entered print in this year only)

Two peer-reviewed journal articles:

Ansello, E.F. (2011). Marginal gerontology and the curriculum palette. *Gerontology & Geriatrics Education*, 32(3), 199-214.

Coogle, C.L., Parham, I. A., & Rachel, C. H. (2011). Job Satisfaction and career commitment among Alzheimer's care providers: Addressing turnover and improving staff empowerment. *American Journal of Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias*, 26(7), 521-527.

- c) List number of faculty who have contributed to these publications

Two

- d) List number of papers or posters presented at state, regional, national, or international meetings

Twelve professional presentations, as follows:

Ansello, E.F. Gerontology in the primary grades: Communicating theory through pictures books. 64th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA, November 2011.

Ansello, E.F. Aging and disability resource networks: Meaningful opportunities for educational gerontologists. 38th Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Arlington, VA, OH, February, 2012.

Ansello, E.F. Educate to advocate, advocate to educate: Engaging stakeholders. 38th Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Arlington, VA, OH, February, 2012.

Ansello, E.F. Aging and disability resource networks: Opportunities and challenges. 33rd Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, Nashville, TN, April 2012.

Ansello, E.F. Humor with aging: From whys to wisdom. 33rd Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society; Nashville, TN, April 2012.

Coogle, C.L. Creating a Northern Virginia Regional Alcohol and Aging Awareness Group. Presentation at the Northern Virginia Regional Conference, *The Hidden Epidemic: Alcohol, Medications and the Older Adult*, Fairfax, VA, September 2011.

Coogle, C. L., Hellerstein, J. M., Whitsett, R., & Weaver, M. Targeting scarce resources to promote screening and brief intervention programs for older adults. 64th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA, November 2011.

Coogle, C. L. Expand Resources for Translational Research and Evidence-Based Practices. Invited web seminar panel presentation for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission, *The Dementia State Plan: Virginia's Response to the Needs of Individuals with Dementia and their Caregivers*. December 2011. The seminar was archived for on-demand viewing (<http://www.alzpossible.org/wordpress-3.1.4/wordpress/webinars-2/dementia-state-plan-live-discussion/>)

Gendron, T., White J., Waters L.H., & Welleford, E. A. Bridging classroom and community: Engaging aging education and experience. 38th Annual Meeting of the Association of Gerontology in Higher Education, Arlington, VA, February 2012
McMullen, T., Brown, C., & Waters, L.H. AGHE Fellows Mentor Program: Engaging aging through relationships. 38th Annual Meeting of the Association of Gerontology in Higher Education, Arlington, VA, February 2012.

Waters. L.H. Non-academic careers in aging for emerging scholars and professionals: Finding mentors beyond the university walls (Symposium). 64th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA, November 2011.

Waters, L.H. Innovative project products from an initiative to provide geriatric workforce development. 33rd Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, Nashville, TN, April 2012.

e) List number of faculty who have contributed to these publications

Four faculty or staff members contributed.

f) List any faculty awards received

Ansello was named Visiting Professor in Gerontology at Akdeniz University, Antalya, Turkey

5. Facilities

List any major facility upgrades

None

6. Community and Public Service

a) List community engagement activities completed by faculty, staff, students

VCoA staff (noted in parentheses) contributed technical assistance, knowledge transfer, and other professional assistance in response to community needs by working with at least 23 community organizations and groups, including the following:

- Alcohol and Aging Awareness Group, (Coogle)
- Alzheimer's and Related Disorders Commission, Research Workgroup, State Plan for Dementia Care (Coogle)
- Area Planning and Services Committee on Aging with Lifelong Disabilities (Ansello)
- Central Virginia Task on Domestic Violence in Later Life (Ansello, Furr, Kupstas)
- Chesterfield Council on Aging (Ansello)
- Equality Virginia's Anti Violence Project (Furr)
- Family and Children's Trust Fund, Advisory and Editorial Committees (Furr)
- Growing Younger Program of the YMCA of Greater Richmond (Ansello)
- Governor's Domestic Violence Advisory Board, Commonwealth of Virginia, Subcommittee on underserved populations (Kupstas, chair; Furr, appointed resource)

- Lifelong Learning Institute of Chesterfield (Board of Directors) (Ansello)
 - Metro Richmond Sexual & Domestic Violence Coordinating Committee (Furr, Kupstas)
 - National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors, Office of Technical Assistance (Coogle)
 - National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life, trainer (Furr)
 - Older Dominion Partnership (Ansello, Kupstas)
 - Richmond Age Wave Planning, Livable Communities Workgroup (Ansello, Kupstas)
 - Richmond Domestic Violence Fatality Review (Furr, Kupstas)
 - SAGE Central Virginia (Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders) (Furr)
 - Statewide Domestic Violence Action Team, Virginia Department of Social Services (Furr)
 - Virginia Arthritis Action Coalition (Executive Committee) (Ansello)
 - Virginia Coalition for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (Board of Directors) (Ansello, Furr)
 - Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, Victim Services Academy, Planning Committee (Furr)
 - Virginia Health Promotion for People with Disabilities (Ansello)
 - Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance (Governing Board) and its Wild Women of Wisdom Task Force (Furr, Kupstas)
- b) List faculty who serve at state, regional, or national levels for professional organizations
- Ansello (Association for Gerontology in Higher Education)
 - Ansello (Gerontological Society of America)
 - Ansello (Southern Gerontological Society)
 - Coogle (National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging)
 - Coogle (Southern Gerontological Society)
 - Furr (National Adult Protective Services Association)
 - Waters (Association for Gerontology in Higher Education)
 - Waters (Gerontological Society of America)
- c) List faculty who serve on scholarly journal editorial boards
- Ansello (*Journal of Policy and Practice in Intellectual Disabilities*)
 - Coogle (*Gerontology and Geriatrics Education* and *Journal of Applied Gerontology*)
 - Hellerstein (*The Southern Gerontologist*)
 - Kupstas (*Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect*)

7. Grant proposals submitted: five

VGEC Supplemental Funding: Education about Alzheimer's Disease, submitted to the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration, DHHS; FY 2012 (\$42,221) and FY 2013 (\$92,683). Funding awarded. (Ansello)

Central Virginia Task Force on Domestic Violence in Later Life Project, submitted to the Virginia Services, Training, Officers, Prosecution (V-STOP) Violence against Women grant program, administered by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services;

calendar years 2011 (\$38,760) and 2012 (\$38,760). Funding awarded. (Kupstas and Furr)

Family Violence Project, submitted to the Virginia Domestic Violence Victim Fund, Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services; calendar years 2011 (\$9,318) and 2012 (\$9318). Funding awarded. (Kupstas and Furr).

Beyond the Barriers: A Peer Mentoring Program for Middle-Aged and Older Women with Ovarian, Uterine, or Breast Cancer, submitted to VCU Massey Revitalization Commission in response to findings of the cancer needs assessments in four health districts in the Commonwealth of Virginia; \$74,979; February, 2012. Not awarded. (Coogle)

Virginia Elder Justice Training and Services, submitted in partnership with the Virginia Department for the Aging to the US Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women, \$400,000 (VCU: \$241,000), March 2012. Awaiting notification. (Kupstas).