MAY 3, 2024 | 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM

“Healthy Aging for All”-- Illusion or Promising Future?

University of Pennsylvania | PSC Commons
403 McNeil Building
3718 Locust Walk, Philadelphia, PA 19104
PROGRAM

8:30 - 9:00 AM  Breakfast & Coffee / Poster Drop-Off
                Location: McNeil Building, PSC Commons 4th Floor

9:00 - 9:15 AM  Welcome to the PARC Aging Retreat
                PARC Co-Directors Hans-Peter Kohler and Norma Coe

9:15 - 10:15 AM Keynote: "Progress Stalled? The Uncertain Future of Mortality and Healthy
                    Aging in the US and UK"
                Jennifer Beam Dowd, University of Oxford

10:15 - 10:25 AM Break

10:25 - 11:00 AM Session 1: Health Care for an Aging Community

10:25 AM  "Trends in Pain Management Among Older Adults With Medicare Advantage"
           Molly Candon, University of Pennsylvania

10:45 AM  "Assessing the Volume-Outcomes Relationship for Physicians Practicing in Nursing Homes"
           Brandi Peacock, University of Pennsylvania

11:10 - 12:00 PM Poster Presentations
                Location: McNeil Atrium, 2nd Floor

12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch
                Location: McNeil Atrium, 2nd Floor

1:00 - 2:00 PM  Keynote: “Epigenetics and the Human Life Course”
                Michael Kobor, The University of British Columbia
2:00 - 3:20 PM  
Session 2: Long-Term Care

2:00 PM  | “US Long-Term Care Infrastructure and Co-Resident Care Arrangements Among Older Adults”
Elise Parrish, University of Pennsylvania

2:20 PM  | “Immigration Enforcement, the Home Care Workforce, and Access to Long-Term Care: Evidence From Secure Communities”
Amanda Kreider, University of Pennsylvania

2:40 PM  | “The Cost of Care: Adult Care Penalties in Aging Societies”
Pilar Gonalons-Pons and Allison Dunatchik, University of Pennsylvania

3:00 PM  | “The Costs of AD/ADRD by Dementia Subtype: Evidence from ACT”
Chuxuan Sun, University of Pennsylvania

3:20 - 3:30 PM  
Break and Refreshments

3:30 - 4:50 PM  
Session 3: Equity & Well-being

3:30 PM  | “The Political Geography of Longevity: Black and White Life Expectancy Trends by State Political Contexts”
Annelise Luck, University of Pennsylvania

3:50 PM  | “Intersectional Inequalities in Life Course Aging Trajectories and Neighborhood Exposures”
Richard Patti, University of Pennsylvania

4:10 PM  | “What Creates a Village? -- the Socio-Economic Factors Supporting ‘The Village Movement’”
Yi-ting Chiu, George Mason University

4:30 PM  | “Health in the Kinship Network”
Hal Caswell, University of Amsterdam

5:00 - 6:00 PM  
Closing Remarks and Reception
Jennifer Beam Dowd

Jennifer Beam Dowd, Ph.D., is a Professor of Demography and Population Health and Deputy Director of the Leverhulme Centre for Demographic Science at the University of Oxford. Her background includes training in demography, economics, and epidemiology, earning her a PhD from Princeton University and a postdoctoral fellowship as a Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar at the University of Michigan. Jenn’s academic work focuses on statistical analyses of large data sets to better understand population health and mortality. She is interested in how the economic and social world “gets under the skin” to impact our biology. This has included deep dives into the biology of stress, infections and immune function, and the human microbiome. In a newly funded 5-year project from the European Research Council (ERC), she will explore reasons underlying stalling life expectancy in the U.S. and Europe. Jenn’s interdisciplinary perspective has proved especially valuable for her work on COVID-19, which has spanned research on the demography and mortality impact of the pandemic as well as science communication through international media. Jenn is also a founding member and Editor-in-Chief of the social media campaign Dear Pandemic (aka, Those Nerdy Girls).

Michael Kobor

Michael Kobor, Ph.D., is a distinguished Professor at the University of British Columbia in the Department of Medical Genetics and the Centre for Molecular Medicine and Therapeutics. He holds prestigious chairs including the Canada Research Chair in Social Epigenetics and the Sunny Hill BC Leadership Chair in Child Development. He leads the ”Healthy Starts” theme at BC Children’s Hospital Research Institute and serves as a Senior Fellow at the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research. Michael Kobor’s pioneering work delves into the intricate interplay between genetics and environment, particularly focusing on epigenetic mechanisms shaping genome function and gene expression. His collaborative approach involves psychology and population health studies to unravel the impact of socio-economic factors on gene expression. Passionate about interdisciplinary endeavors, he underscores the transformative potential of epigenetics in understanding and enhancing human health.

Poster Presentations

- “Analyzing the Influence of Mid-Life Employment Paths on Cognitive Aging in Chile”
  - Magdalena Delaporte, University of Pennsylvania
- “Cognitive Consequences of Childbearing: Understanding Aging, Cognition, and Health in Malawi”
  - Adriana Scanteianu, University of Pennsylvania
- “Sense4Safety - Technology Supported Fall Prevention Intervention”
  - Sean Harrison, University of Pennsylvania
- “Transition to Hospice: How it Impacts the Mental Health of Caregivers of Persons with Dementia”
  - Oonjee Oh, University of Pennsylvania
- “Examining the Impact of Burnout on Research Participation in Clinicians Treating Dementia”
  - Anam Rawoof, University of Pennsylvania
- “Accelerated Aging and Formerly Incarcerated Older Adults: A Gap in Medical”
  - Colbey Freeman, University of Pennsylvania
- “Recognizing Cognitive Impairment Among the Incarcerated: Pathway of Advocacy for Medical Parole”
  - Angela Le, University of Pennsylvania
- “How do individuals’ Social Hierarchies Correspond to Cognitive Outcomes?”
  - Shana Stites, University of Pennsylvania
- “Population Aging and COVID-19: Hypothetical Death Counts Based on the 2000 Age Structure”
  - Katherine Bartley, University of Pennsylvania
- “Sources of Information and Clinical Trial Enrollment in Gynecologic Oncology”
  - Aaliyah Campbell, University of Pennsylvania