**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**

*Exact times and order subject to change*

**Thursday, September 17, 2020**

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| 8:30 – 9:00 AM | Welcome / Dedication / Overview of the schedule / Tour of Padlet                                    | Mercedes Bern-Klug, MSW, PhD  
Director, University of Iowa Aging and Longevity Studies Program  
Director, University of Iowa School of Social Work |
| 9:00 – 9:45 AM | **KEYNOTE:** “Human Rights and Older Persons: A View from the United Nations”                       | Craig Mokhiber  
Chief, Development & Economic & Social Issues Branch  
United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights |
| 9:45 – 10:00 AM | **BREAK**                                                                                          |                                                           |
| 10:00 – 11:00 AM | **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**                                                                           |                                                           |
|               | “Sacred Grandparenthood”                                                                          | Terry "T" Medina  
Probation Officer, Facilitator / Trainer, Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska |
|               | “Age Friendly University - Turning Silver to Gold”                                                   | Christine O’Kelly  
Age Friendly University Global Network Coordinator at Dublin City University  
Dublin, Ireland |

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Aging and Business – details TBD
Joe Sulentic, John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center

11:00 AM – 12:00

CONCURRENT SESSIONS – Book Club Hour

Community Member track:
“Using Picture Books to Teach Children Late-Life Possibilities”
Lindsey McDivitt, author of fiction and non-fiction for children

Practitioner Track:
“The Secret to Staying Alive: Independence and Inequality in American Home Care”
Elana Buch, MSW, PhD, Associate Professor of Anthropology
University of Iowa

Student Track:
- introduction by Sara Sanders, MSW, PhD, Interim Dean, University of Iowa College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Professor, UI School of Social Work
Cal Halvorsen, PhD, MSW - Assistant Professor, Boston College School of Social Work;
Faculty Affiliate, Center on Aging & Work at Boston College
Stephanie Skees, MSW, PhD student at Brown School of Social Work

12:00 – 1:00

LUNCH BREAK

*Optional Nia Movement session with Beth Pelton 12:00 – 12:25

1:00 – 2:00

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Community Member track: Artists Panel: Discovering the joy of, time for, and/or a talent for art, later in life.
Panelists TBD

Practitioner Track:
“The Brain Science of Aging and the Impact on Decision Making”
Natalie Denburg, Associate Professor of Neurology
UI Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine

Student Track:
TBD

2:00 – 3:00

KEYNOTE: The Csomay Center for Gerontological Excellence: Partnerships to Advance Best Practices
Marianne Smith, PhD, RN, FAAN
Associate Professor and Director of the Csomay Center for Gerontological Excellence

3:00 – 3:15 PM

BREAK

3:15 – 4:15 PM

KEYNOTE: Surviving Dual Pandemics: COVID-19 and Racism
Imani Woody, PhD
President and CEO, Mary’s House for Older Adults
CEO, IWF Consulting
Washington, D.C.
Friday, September 18, 2020

8:30 – 8:45 AM  Welcome / Overview of the schedule / Review of Padlet
Mercedes Bern-Klug, MSW, PhD
Director, University of Iowa Aging and Longevity Studies Program
Director, University of Iowa School of Social Work

8:45 – 9:45 AM  KEYNOTE: Title TBD
Terry Fulmer, PhD, RN, FAAN
President
John A. Hartford Foundation, dedicated to improving the care of older adults
New York, NY

9:45 – 10:00 AM  BREAK

10:00 – 11:00 AM  CONCURRENT SESSIONS: ISU Hour
Community Member track:
TBD

Practitioner Track:
“ISU Extension: Promoting Health and Wellness of Older Adults”
Sarah L. Francis, PhD
Associate Professor
State Nutrition and Wellness Extension Specialist
Iowa State University

Student Track:
“Music and Parkinson’s Disease”
Elizabeth Stegemoller, PhD
Associate Professor, Department of Kinesiology
Director, Graduate Neuroscience Program
Iowa State University

11:00 – 12:00 PM  CONCURRENT SESSIONS: UNI Hour
Community Member track:
“Building a Dementia-Friendly Community”
Megan Kooker, LBSW, Dementia Friendly Community Coordinator
Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging

Practitioner Track:
“Interior Design and Age-Friendly Environments”
Gowri Gulgadi, PhD, Professor of Interior Design
University of Northern Iowa

Student Track:
“Educating and Exciting Students About Opportunities in Gerontology”
12:00 – 1:00 PM  
**LUNCH BREAK**

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1:00 – 2:00 PM  
**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**Community Member track:**
“TRAIL of Johnson County: Tools and Resources for Active, Independent Living”
Michelle Buhman
Johnson County Senior Center
TRAIL of Johnson County

**Practitioner Track:**
“Social Networks and Social Isolation”
Jim Lubben, DSW, PhD, Professor Emeritus and Founding Director of the Institute on Aging, Boston College
Sato Ashida, PhD, Associate Professor, Community and Behavioral Health, University of Iowa

**Student Track:**
“Elizabeth Layton Draws on Aging Experiences”
Don Lambert

2:00 – 2:15 PM  
**BREAK**

2:15 – 3:15 PM  
**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**Community Member track:**
PANEL DISCUSSION: Experiencing a Later-Life Renaissance
*Moderated by Shuva Rahim, host of the podcast "Untrained Wisdom”*
Panelists TBD

**Practitioner Track:**
TBD

**Student Track:**
“Downsizing the Material Convoy – Disbanding Possessions Later in Life”
David J. Ekerdt, Ph.D
Professor of Sociology and Gerontology
University of Kansas

3:15 – 4:15 PM  
**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**Community Member track:**
PANEL DISCUSSION: Iowa’s Aging Network: The Imperative Past and Innovative Future of Iowa’s Area Agencies on Aging
*Moderated by G. Joseph Sample, M.P.A., M.A., Executive Director at Iowa Association of Area Agencies on Aging*
Panelists:
- Donna K. Harvey, CEO, Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging
- Joel Olah, Ph.D., L.N.H.A., Executive Director, Aging Resources of Central Iowa

**Practitioner Track:**
PANEL DISCUSSION: Iowa’s Community Colleges
Panelists TBD

**Student Track:**
“Immigration, Changing Social Context, and Aging: The Case of Chinese Older Adults in the United States”
May Guo, MSW, PhD, Associate Professor of Social Work, University of Iowa
Yi Wang, PhD, Assistant Professor of Social Work, University of Iowa

4:15 – 5:15 PM  **KEYNOTE:** “My Blessed Life”
Simon Estes

5:15 – 5:25 PM  **Closing remarks**