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The National Resource Center
for Engaging Older Adults



Virtual Social Engagement Summit

***Promoting social connectedness across ages,
abilities and communities***

August 2-3, 2022

Day 1 Agenda

August 2, 2022

1:00 pm – 3:30 pm ET

1:00 pm ET Welcome and Purpose Setting

- Lori Gerhard, Director at the Office of Interagency Innovation, Administration for Community Living (ACL)
- Sandy Markwood, Chief Executive Officer, USAging

1:10 pm ET Keynote: Latest Research on Social Isolation and Loneliness

An expert on the long-term health effects of social connection, Dr. Julianne Holt-Lunstad will share the latest research on social isolation and loneliness and how this impacts practice.

- Julianne Holt-Lunstad, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience at Brigham Young University; Chair, Foundation for Social Connection Scientific Advisory Council

2:00 pm ET Adding to Your Toolbox

engAGED and Commit to Connect will spotlight resources and tools to support your organization's social engagement work.

- Rebecca Levine, Senior Program Manager, engAGED: The National Resource Center for Engaging Older Adults, USAging
- Sara Maloney, Program Manager, Commit to Connect, USAging

2:20 pm ET Break

2:30 pm ET Research and Practice Panel: Intergenerational Engagement

This panel will provide insights from researchers and practitioners on intergenerational engagement. Speakers will spotlight the development,

implementation and sustainability of local programs that connect older and younger generations.

- Donna Butts, Executive Director at Generations United (Moderator)
- Shannon Jarrott, Ph.D., Professor of Social Work, The Ohio State University
- Mary Click, National Intergenerational Tutoring Director, The Oasis Institute
- Kelly Dearman, Executive Director, San Francisco Department of Disability and Aging Services
- Stephanie Cole, Special Assistant to the Secretary & Director of Special Projects, Pennsylvania Department of Aging
- Elizabeth "Like" Lokon, MGS, Ph.D., Founder/Director, Opening Minds through Art (OMA), Scripps Gerontology Center at Miami University

3:25 pm ET Wrap Up and Next Day Preview:

- Meredith Hanley, Director of Community Capacity Building, USAging

Day 2 Agenda

August 3, 2022

1:00 pm – 3:30 pm ET

1 pm ET Welcome

- Lori Gerhard, Director at the Office of Interagency Innovation, ACL
- Deborah Stone-Walls, Chief of Programs and Services, USAging

1:05 ET pm Keynote: Intersection Between Social Isolation and Equity

Dr. Thomas Cudjoe, geriatrician and expert on social isolation, will highlight how social factors, including social isolation and loneliness, influence the health of older adults. He will describe findings from his research which focus on identifying risk factors for social isolation and the relationship between social connections and health outcomes.

- Thomas K. M. Cudjoe, M.D., M.P.H., Robert and Jane Meyerhoff Endowed Assistant Professor of Medicine, Johns Hopkins Medicine; Member, Foundation for Social Connection Scientific Advisory Council

1:50 pm ET Social Engagement and Equity Issues: Research perspective

Building upon Dr. Cudjoe's remarks, this panel will dive into additional research on the intersection between social engagement and equity issues, highlighting the panelists' latest research endeavors.

- Anne Ordway, Program Specialist at the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR), ACL (Moderator)
- Tracey Gendron, Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Gerontology and Executive Director, Virginia Center on Aging, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Rayna Sage, Principal Investigator, The Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities

- Carla Perissinotto, M.D., M.H.S., Professor of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco; Member, Foundation for Social Connection Scientific Advisory Council

2:35 pm ET Break

2:45 pm ET Social Engagement and Equity Issues: Practice perspective

This panel will explore how social isolation and equity intersect within practice. Speakers will share examples of culturally competent programs and practices that can help address the social engagement needs of diverse populations.

- Sherri Clark, Senior Aging Services Program Specialist, ACL (Moderator)
- Diane Slezak, Chief Executive Officer, AgeOptions
- Dianne Stone, Associate Director, Network Development and Engagement, National Council on Aging
- Lauren Pongan, Diverse Elders Coalition
- Larry Curley, Executive Director, National Indian Council on Aging

3:25 pm ET Call to Action and Wrap-Up

- Sandy Markwood, Chief Executive Officer, USAging

3:30 pm ET Summit Adjourns