Scholarly Research Lectures 2009 - 2011

Professional Guided Autobiography Workshop
Five Thursday Evenings from 5:00pm to 7:30 pm on 2/24/11, 3/3/11, 3/10/11, 3/24/11, 3/31/11 (rain/snow date 4/7/11)
Shore Memorial Hospital, 1 East New York Avenue, Somers Point, NJ
For social workers, marriage & family therapists, LPCs, elder care & hospice professionals, and clergy.
Although our lives sometimes seem to be a random and monotonous series of incidents, each has a plot. Writing a guided autobiography focused on central themes in our lives can give new meaning to our present and future lives because it helps us understand the past more fully.
The workshop is designed for professionals who are interested in learning the techniques of guided autobiography in order to offer classes or workshops in their own workplace or civic settings. The Guided Autobiography course is based upon The Birren Autobiographical Studies Program, dedicated to enriching the lives of adults through writing, sharing, and preserving their life stories and life experiences. Cost: $179 ($145 Stockton alumni) CE Approvals: Approved for 12.5 CEs for social workers, marriage and family therapists, and LPCs. For further information contact Dr. Lisa Cox at 609.652.4310 or Lisa.Cox@stockton.edu. To download a copy of the flyer click here.

Read article in Galloway Patch: Guided Autobiography Class Has Something for All Ages
Al and May Schollenberger are an older couple from Cologne who have enjoyed the program.

February 22, 2011 10:30 am to 12:20 pm Stockton College Pomona Campus
Scholarly Research Lecture: The Creative Brain
We all have untapped creative potential. Because the brain is the source of thought, one of the best ways to enhance creative thinking is to target the brain processes associated with creativity. The Creative Brain will discuss what is known about the brain’s role in creativity, as well as different approaches to encouraging creative thought. Presented by Jessica I. Fleck, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Psychology, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. For more information contact Dr. Lisa Cox, SCOSA Research Chair, (609) 652-4310 Lisa.Cox@stockton.edu, Click here to download flyer.

Phantoms of Home Care: Medicare’s designed Neglect of Persons with Alzheimer’s disease (AD) -Monday, November 8, 2010 6:00 pm - Stockton College Pomona Campus, F Wing, Room F111 Dr. William Cabin, Assistant Professor of Social Work. Alzheimer’s disease is a major and growing national and international problem, imposing physical, mental, emotional and financial burdens on caregivers, care recipients, insurers and government. Over 70% of all American AD persons are cared for at home by family or friends, often without any formal government or private insurance coverage. The presentation presents the results of an extensive literature review and a qualitative study of 72 home care nurses and social workers. The literature review documents the lack of effective AD pharmacological interventions; the existence of multiple evidence-based psychosocial interventions; and Medicare home care’s failure to cover the evidence-based interventions. The study documents factors affecting Medicare home care social worker and nurse decisions on what, if any, care to give persons with AD. The respondents overwhelmingly indicated that the Medicare home health benefit constricts their ability to meet AD clients and caregivers needs, leaving significant unmet needs. Coping strategies of nurses and social workers are discussed as well as future policy, practice and research implications. Social Work CE credit is available and ULTRA credit is available to all students. For more information contact: Dr. Lisa Cox, SCOSA Research Chair at 609-652-4310.

Treating Late-Life Depression: Rewards and Challenges - Thursday, October 7, 2010 6:00 pm - Stockton College Pomona Campus, B Wing, Room B125. Dr. Christine Ferri, Associate Professor of Psychology and Gerontology. Clinical depression is not a normal part of aging. However, when older adults are depressed, there are multiple barriers to accurate diagnosis and effective treatment. The lecture will include a review of distinctive characteristics of depression in older adults and suggest specific techniques for evaluation and treatment. Findings from a recent depression screening program will be presented. Social Work CE credit is available and ULTRA credit is available to all students. For more information contact: Dr. Lisa Cox, SCOSA Research Chair at 609-652-4310.

Hesburgh Lecture - Deciding to be Green Scholarly Research Lecture -- Monday, April 26, 6:00-7:30pm Alton Auditorium, Stockton Campus. Laura Carlson, PhD, Notre Dame Professor of Psychology. With the growing concern for the protection of the environment, we need to encourage more eco-friendly behavior. Carlson discussed how we can use psychology to explore our relationship with the environment, focusing on why and how we make everyday environmental decisions (e.g., recycling a can or using a reusable bottle).

“Successful Aging - The Public Policy Imperative” Scholarly Research Lecture - Tuesday, April 13, 4:30-5:30pm Stockton Pomona Campus, F Wing, Room F207. Rachel Pruchno, Ph.D., University Professor, Endowed Professor of Gerontology, Director of Research, New Jersey Institute for Successful Aging UMDNJ-SOM. Dr. Pruchno described her conceptualization of successful aging, examined how early influences as well as current behaviors and relationships affect successful aging, and explored whether and how neighborhood characteristics have an impact on successful aging. CE's for Social Work and Stockton Student Ultra Credit were available.
The Economic Security of Older Americans: Is it at-Risk? Scholarly Research Lecture—Tuesday, March 23, 6:00pm Stockton Campus, C-Wing, Room C134. Karen Zurlo, Ph.D., MSW (Hartford Faculty Scholar) Rutgers University School of Social Work discussed the Demographic Shift in the U.S., Sources of Retirement Income (Traditional vs. Non-Traditional Sources and Social Security and Retirement Income Adequacy), How has policy influenced the current dilemma? (ERISA and the Pension Protection Act), Financial Risks faced by Older Americans and what this mean to you. CE's for Social Work and Stockton Student Ultra Credit were available. Click here for press release.

Retooling for an Aging America – Critical Issues in the Long-Term Care Workforce. Elyse Perweiler, MPP, RN; Director, NJ AHEC; Associate Director for Planning, Development, and Public Policy, NJ Institute for Successful Aging, University of Medicine & Dentistry of NJ, Stratford, NJ. October 29, 2009 Click here for a pdf presentation of the lecture.