



# Stockton Center on Successful Aging Presents Lecture on LGBT Older Adults

*Monday, October 8, 2012 from 6-7:50 pm in the Stockton Campus Center*

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Stockton Center on Successful Aging will present a scholarly research lecture titled "***LGBT Older Adults: Do we all experience aging the same way?***" in the Campus Center Trustees Room on Monday, October 8th from 6:00pm – 7:50pm.

Initial findings of an ongoing research project entitled: "The LGBT Older Adult Project" will be presented by Monmouth University professors Carolyn Bradley and Laura Kelly.

Healthcare and social services leaders and providers must be prepared to meet the needs of the Baby Boomers as they move into old age. While many college and university social work, nursing, and other departments have created curricula to increase awareness, knowledge and skills for addressing the needs of older adults, a distinct subculture of this group is often hidden, misunderstood and therefore left underserved.

Students and providers in health and social services fields need accurate and current information to enable them to effectively meet the specific health care and social service needs of older lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) adults. In April 2011,

The Institute of Medicine (IOM) released a report identifying several significant health disparities among lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) people. The IOM sent a call to action to engage in research and programming to identify and decrease these disparities.

In response to the lack of research and specialized training in this area, the Monmouth University School of Social Work has developed The LGBT older adult project. The focus of this project is to identify the specific needs of older LGBT adults, locate existing services, and to provide training to service providers regarding this population.

Participants will develop an enhanced understanding of the issues unique to LGBT persons as they age, obtain knowledge of the disparities in service delivery to LGBT older adults, become aware of the need for advocacy for better services for this population, and will be given information regarding additional training opportunities.

The session is free and open to the public; preregistration is not necessary.

Professionals, para-professionals, students and older adults are particularly encouraged to attend. 1.5 CE for Social Workers, NJ Licensed Professional Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists is provided, as are Ultra-Credits for students. Please bring your professional license numbers for CE and Stockton Z numbers for Ultra Credit.

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