

UCSF GeriNews

A multi-campus division

August 30th, 2024



This week we are excited to welcome Dr. Patricia Myung to the UCSF Division of Geriatrics faculty starting on August 26, 2024. Dr. Myung is joining our clinician educator faculty and will be working in the San Francisco VA Health Care System Community Living Center.

[Learn more](#)



[Lauren Hunt, PhD, RN, FNP](#), with Sean Morrison of Mount Sinai School of Medicine, published an article in the Journal of Palliative Medicine entitled “[The Growing Influence of the Financial Sector in Serious Illness Care in the United States.](#)”



[Helen Horvath, NP, MSN](#) and [Courtney Gordon, DNP](#), have been featured in the 4th edition of the textbook [Clinical Guidelines for Advanced Practice Nursing](#). Helen authored the chapter "Adult Health Maintenance and Promotion," while Courtney contributed the chapter "Geriatric Syndromes."



The Geriatrics Staff have been celebrating their outstanding contributions to the Division by having fun together outside of their typical work! Some staff members participated in a virtual ceramics class, creating mugs and other hand-made clay projects from the comfort of their homes, while others chose to enjoy a hike at Mount Sutro followed by lunch. Stay tuned for more updates on Staff Appreciation throughout September!



The Division of Geriatrics kicked off the 2024-2025 academic year by welcoming new fellows, faculty, and staff at the 2024 Welcome Picnic at Harding Park on Saturday, August 24th. 66 Division members and their families enjoyed a face painting station and front-row views of dragon boat racing at Lake Merced, scored some new Division swag, and a delicious lunch. Thanks to all those who attended!

GERIPAL BLOG

Geripal

Geriatrics & Palliative Care for
All Healthcare Professionals



[Stump the VitalTalk Communication Experts: Gordon Wood, Holly Yang, Elise Carey](#)

[Visit the GeriPal Blog](#)

GERIATRICS SPOTLIGHT

The Geriatrics Spotlight initiative fosters community building within the Division, especially during this age of hybrid/remote work where it can be challenging to find ways to interact with colleagues outside of your immediate teams. This is a way for Division members to learn more about all the wonderful work we're doing!

This week, we get to know our division members, **John Newman** and **Leah Witt**.



John Newman

Title: Associate Professor-- Adjunct series, Assistant Professor-- Buck Institute, and Staff Geriatrician at the SFVA

Joined Division: 2010

Work site(s): Buck Institute

Email: Newman@ucsf.edu

What are you happiest doing in your free time?

John enjoys running on the beach with his dogs and playing volleyball. He has been playing pick-up volleyball at the Parnassus gym for 15 years!

What would your back-up career be?

John would be into baseball sabermetrics (data analysis for baseball) and supports the Mets!

[Learn more about John](#)



Leah Witt

Title: Assistant Professor, Pulmonary Chief for Ambulatory Affairs, Fellowship Coach in Pulmonary Division, and OPTIMAL Medical Director

Joined Division: 2017

Work site(s): Parnassus and from home in Marina District San Francisco

Email: leah.witt@ucsf.edu

What are you happiest doing in your free time?

Leah enjoys learning new facts from her 4-year-old, like how Pluto is no longer considered a planet.

What would your back-up career be? Leah would be a celebrity gossip columnist for Vogue!

[Learn more about Leah](#)



[Sarah Hooper, JD](#), Professor of Practice and Executive Director of the UCSF/UC Law SF Consortium on Law, Science & Health Policy, University of California Law

Conservatorship in Older Adults: Practice and Systems Change for Health Justice

Weds, September 25th, 2024

4:00 - 5:00 PM

Location: Clinical Sciences Building, 521 Parnassus Ave,
Room 1113 & 1114

[Zoom Registration Link](#) (remote)

[View Past Grand Rounds Recordings](#)

GERI TWEET OF THE WEEK

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Anesthesiologist
**Dr. Elizabeth
Whitlock**



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SPEAKER FEATURE



Check out Q&A by [#MacGeriUpdate2024](#) Speaker: Dr. Elizabeth Whitlock! She is a board-certified anesthesiologist, with a keen interest in the [#geriatric](#) population. She published [@JAMA_current](#) on cardiac interventions & memory decline, read [#OpenAccess: https://ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8132142/](#)

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- [UpdateInGeriatrics @MacGeriUpdate](#)

LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES



SAVE THE DATE!

**UCSF Artificial Intelligence (AI) and
Education Symposium**

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Mission Bay Conference Center

8:00 am - 4:30 pm: Full Program (breakfast and lunch included)

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm: Networking Reception

Sponsored by a generous gift from the Baum Family, the symposium is free and open to all faculty, staff, and learners across the professional schools at UCSF.

Attendees can learn with and from each other through keynote lectures, skill-building workshops, demonstrations, and plenty of interprofessional networking opportunities.

Registration and more details to come!

GERI COMMUNITY RESOURCE

Welcome to UCSF
Geriatrics Community
Resources



JUSTICE IN AGING

FIGHTING SENIOR POVERTY THROUGH LAW

This week's Geri Community Resource is: [Justice in Aging](#).

[Justice in Aging](#) is a national non-profit legal advocacy organization dedicated to combating senior poverty through legal means. Their mission is to ensure older adults with limited resources have access to affordable health care, economic security, and justice. With support from the California Department of Aging, Justice in Aging is providing targeted resources and training, technical assistance, opportunities to connect, and capacity-building support to California legal services providers to help them meet the needs of the state's low-income older adults. Check out their California Resource library: <https://justiceinaging.org/california-resources-and-trainings/>. For more

information, please reach out to info@justiceinaging.org.

[Find Geriatrics
Community
Resources here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 4: Geriatrics
Works in Progress

8:30-9:40AM

Speaker: Dr. James
Deardorff

Location: Geriatrics
Conference Room, Building
1 3rd Floor, SFVA

[Zoom](#)

September 11 Geriatrics
Works in Progress

8:30-9:40AM

Speaker: Dr. Sammy
McGowan

Location: Geriatrics
Conference Room, Building
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Grand Rounds

4:00-5:00PM

Speaker: [Sarah Hooper, JD](#)

Location: Clinical Sciences
Building, 521 Parnassus
Ave, Room 1113 & 1114

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

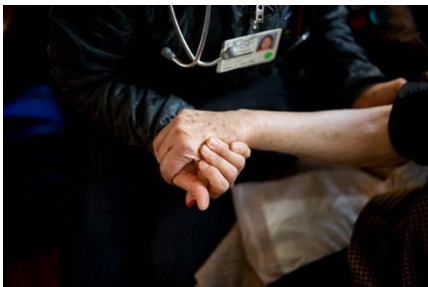
**UCSF Division of Geriatrics
is Recruiting!**

[Click here for more
details>>](#)

Current Career Opportunities:

- [Clinician Educator \(JPF05152\)](#)
- [Research Scientist \(JPF04741\)](#)
- [Harris Fishbon Distinguished Professor for Clinical Translational Research in Aging \(JPF04285\)](#)

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