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UCSF GERIATRICS AT AGS CONFERENCE



The Division of Geriatrics hosted a dinner following Day 1 of the 2025 American Geriatrics Society conference in Chicago, Illinois. Held at Gino's East Pizzeria, the evening brought together Division members, medical students, alumni, former staff, and others from the geriatrics medicine community. Guests enjoyed classic Chicago-style deep dish pizza while gathering to celebrate the amazing work they do through collaboration and the strength of our community, especially during these challenging times. Thank you to all who joined and made the night a memorable one. Safe travels home, everyone!



Many faculty in the UCSF Geriatrics Division, as well as faculty in Geriatrics divisions from across the country, gathered together to cheer on their teams at the May 6th Cubs vs Giants game at Wrigley Field. A huge thank you to [Ken Covinsky](#) and [Eric Widera](#) for funding and organizing this event while we are in Chicago for the national American Geriatrics Society Annual Meeting. It was an exciting game with the Cubs tying the game in the bottom of the ninth, giving Cub fans much to cheer about...but in the end, the Giants pulled off the victory, scoring nine runs in extra innings, to the delight of the Giants fans in attendance, such as myself. Thanks to everyone who attended the game for a wonderful evening!

- Louise C. Walter



We are thrilled to announce that **Rose-Ann Thomas**, Clinical Research Coordinator, has joined our Division of Geriatrics as of this past Monday, May 5, 2025! Rose-Ann will be working closely with [Dr. Carla Perissinotto](#), [Dr. Ashwin Kotwal](#) and their study teams in the Social Connections and Aging Lab, a dynamic hub that collaborates with several UCSF research programs specializing in epidemiology, palliative care, hospice, and dementia care. Beyond UCSF, the lab also partners with community programs like the Institute on Aging Friendship Line and Curry Senior Center.

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[Susan Schneider, MD, MSPH](#) has been selected to serve as the Chair of the Clinical Competency Committee for our Geriatric Medicine Fellowship! She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in graduate medical education, particularly at the fellowship level. Her energy and dedication in clinical training, coupled with her innovative approach to evaluation, make her the ideal faculty for the role. We are thrilled to have her join the fellowship team!



Marlon Aliberti, MD, PhD, Ken Covinsky, MD, MPH, Thiago Junqueira Avelino Da Silva, MD, and colleagues published their this manuscript "Pulling Back the Curtain on Hospital Dementia Detection: Validating the Informant-Based Clinical Dementia Rating in Older Patients" in JAGS. The study validates the use of the Clinical Dementia Rating (CDR) to diagnose dementia in hospitalized older adults.



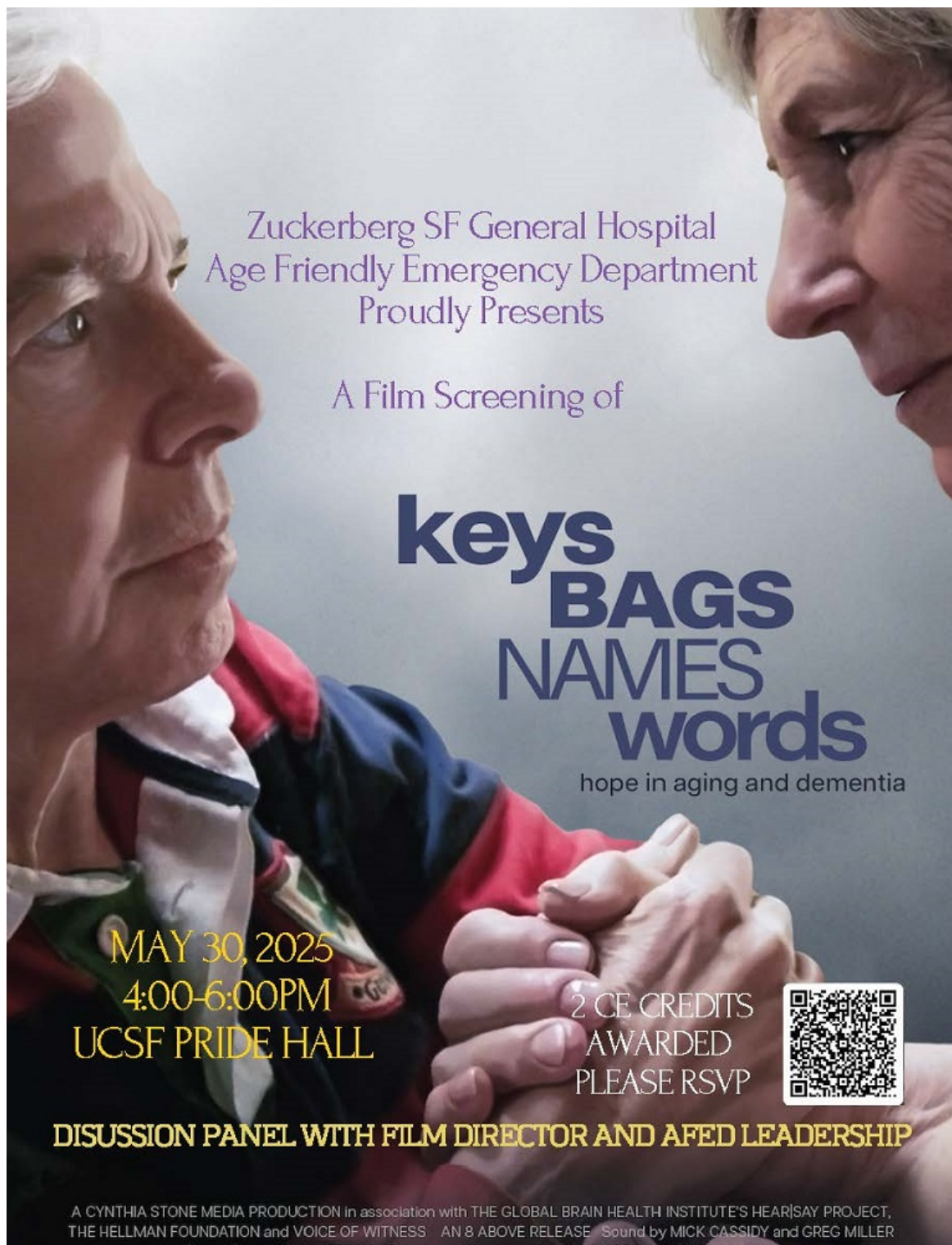
Rebecca Sudore, MD, James Harrison, PhD, and others published an article: "They Were Talking to Each Other but Not to Me": Examining the Drivers of Patients' Poor Experiences During the Transition From the Hospital to Skilled Nursing Facility" in Health Expectations.



Janice Schwartz, MD, and her UCLA colleagues continue their efforts to improve clinical trial enrollment diversity. Their recent study, *Attitudes About Clinical Trials of Medications in Older Hispanic/Latino Adults With Multimorbidity*, was published in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*.



Amy Byers, PhD, MPH, John Boscardin, PhD, and others published "[Sexual Trauma, Suicide, and Overdose in a National Cohort of Older Veterans](#)" in *Annals of Internal Medicine*.



The ZSFG Age-Friendly Emergency Department (AFED) is hosting a screening of the film *Keys Bags Names Words* on **Thursday, May 30, from 4:00–6:00 PM at Pride Hall (2540 23rd St).**

A Q&A with the film's director and the AFED team will follow the screening.

❑ **RSVP here:** <https://forms.office.com/r/LUsk3gEkac>



UCSF Geriatrics Fellows Honor



Dr. Sue Runyan's Legacy with Creative Tribute



The UCSF Geriatrics Fellows (Class of 2025) recently honored the memory of Dr. Sue Runyan with a thoughtful and creative group activity—rug tufting. Chosen for its spirit of collaboration, joy, and shared learning, the experience reflected the values Sue championed throughout her career in geriatrics, teaching, and mentorship. In a touching message to the Runyan family, the fellows expressed deep appreciation for her legacy and the opportunity to celebrate her life in a meaningful way.



[Psilocybin in Serious Illness: James Downar, Ali John Zarrabi and Margaret Ross](#)

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GERIATRIC & PALLIATIVE MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS



[Heather Schickedanz, MD](#), Chair, Harbor-UCLA
Department of Family Medicine; Health Sciences
Assistant Clinical Professor, David Geffen School of
Medicine at UCLA; Chair, LA County Health Agency
Geriatrics Workgroup

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

4:00 - 5:00 PM

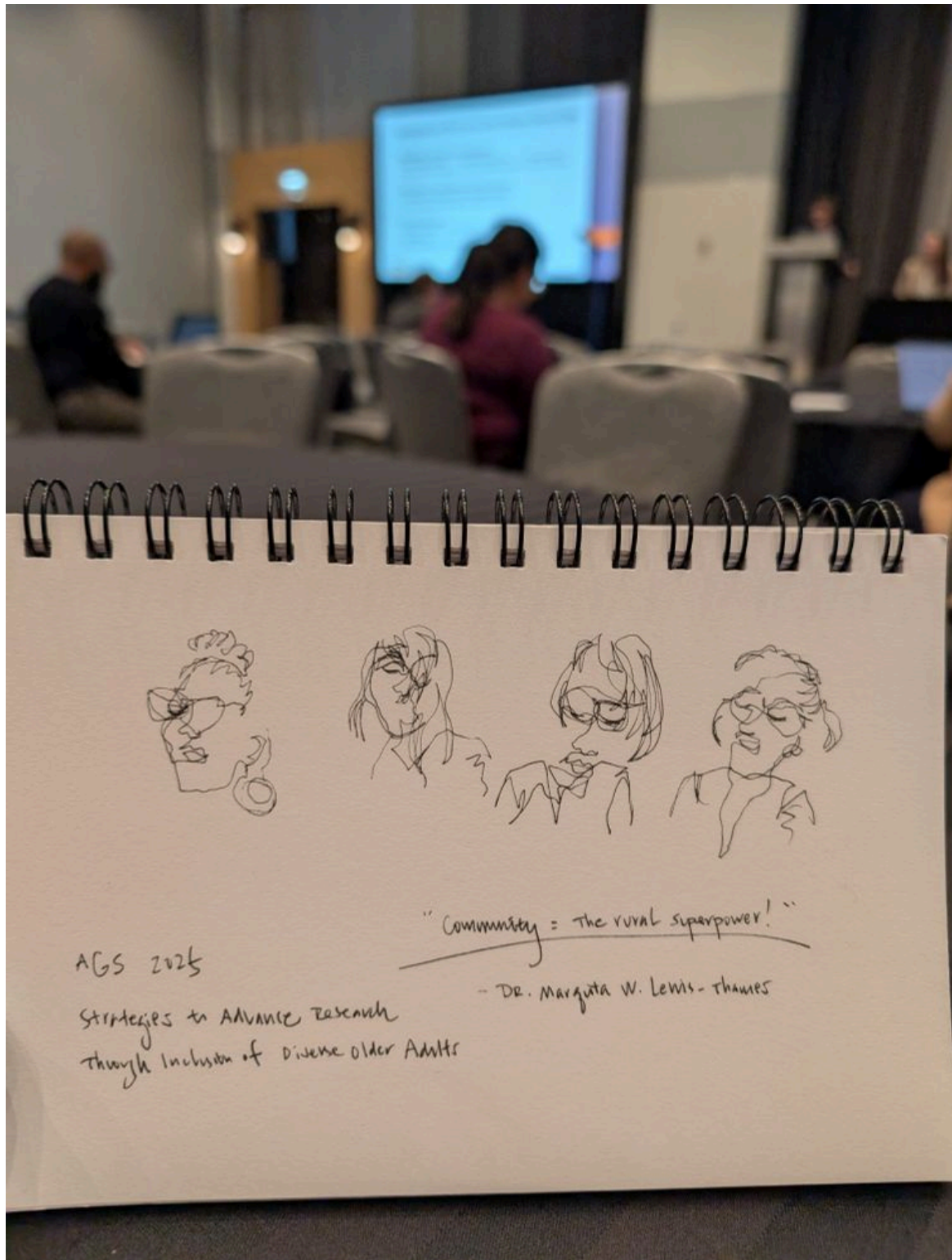
Location: HSW-303 and via Zoom

[Register here](#)

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GERI BLUESKY POST OF THE WEEK

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"community = the rural superpower!" #AGS25 #WeAreGeriatrics
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- Lingsheng Li, MD MHS [@lingshengli.bsky.social](https://lingshengli.bsky.social)



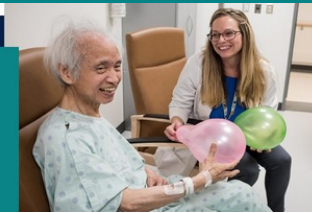
OneNote

Microsoft OneNote is a digital note-taking app that provides a single place for keeping all our notes, research, plans, and information. In OneNote, notebooks never run out of paper.

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GERI COMMUNITY RESOURCE

Welcome to UCSF
Geriatrics Community
Resources



This week's Geri Community Resource is: the [Bayanihan Equity Center](#).



In the fight for justice and equity, the [Bayanihan Equity Center](#) offers culturally appropriate services to meet the needs and promote the rights of underserved populations. They offer senior exercise classes, a food pantry, a community chorus, art and crafts, and programs. Bayanihan Equity Center is an activity center that offers services to older adults and people with disabilities who live in the South of Market neighborhood. For more information, visit their website: [https://www.sfbec.org/about us](https://www.sfbec.org/about-us).

**Find Geriatrics
Community
Resources here**

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 14: Geriatrics
Works in Progress
8:30 - 9:40 AM
Speaker: TBD
[Zoom Link](#)

May 21: Geriatrics
Works in Progress
8:30 - 9:40 AM
Speaker: TBD
[Zoom Link](#)

May 28: Geriatrics
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8:30 - 9:40 AM
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

UCSF Division of Geriatrics is Recruiting!

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Current Career Opportunities:

- [Clinician Educator \(JPF05568\)](#)
- [Research Scientist \(JPF05507\)](#)
- [Harris Fishbon Distinguished Professor for Clinical Translational Research in Aging \(JPF05557\)](#)

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