I am pleased to introduce our first Center for Aging and Translational Research news blast, which has a purpose of a rapid news update spotlighting Center faculty and Center accomplishments. In this first issue I would also like to take the time to briefly introduce you to the structure of the Center and its staff. Please enjoy this communication and provide us with feedback.

—in good health,

Interim Director, Scott Strath, PhD, FACSM

ABOUT THE CENTER

Mission:
The Center for Aging and Translational Research (CATR) has a mission to foster and pioneer innovative interdisciplinary research, education and training that promotes successful aging with impactful community effect. The Center is comprised of three cores: Administrative, Research, and Education.

Center Structure and Center Staff:

Director:

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Budget and Grants Manager: Eric Gresnick, MA, CRA, gresnick@uwm.edu; ext. 2486
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Responsible for coordinating database development and management, maintaining the center webpage and newsletter, and serves as an IT liaison with campus.

Interim Data Analyst: Young Cho, PhD, cho3@uwm.edu; ext. 5892
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Educational and Programming Core:

Director of Education & Programming: Rachelle Alioto, MSW, LCSW, ralioto@uwm.edu; ext. 7316
In charge of advising and coordinating the Graduate Certificate in Applied Gerontology and the Helen Bader Scholarships for Studies in Aging as well as educational development and growth.

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Other members pending confirmation.
Grants Submitted (Center Affiliated Scientists in Bold):


Keenan, K. “Modulation of Motor Unit Activity and Manual Dexterity in Older Adults.” Submitted October 7, 2013 to UWM (RGI).


Strath, S. "Maintaining Physical Activity (head and neck) during Cancer Treatment.” Submitted June 3, 2013 to the Veteran’s Administration.

Strath, S. "The effects of Activity on MicroRNA expression in older adult humans: effects on vascular aging.” Submitted August 1, 2013 to CTSI.


Wang, J. & Johnson, M. "Combining Visuomotor Adaptation and Robot Therapy for the Rehabilitation of Patients with Hemispatial Neglect Complicated by Hemiparesis.” Submitted November 1, 2013 to the American Heart Association (LOI- Collaborative Science Award).

Applied Gerontology Certificate:
The Center for Aging & Translational Research will be the new home for the 18-credit Graduate Certificate Program in Applied Gerontology. The certificate program has been preparing returning professionals and current graduate students for work with older adults since 2004. The recently updated curriculum engages students in the multidisciplinary examination of aging issues and develops knowledge and skills that can be integrated with other areas of study such as the arts, architecture, business, the health and behavioral sciences, and nursing. To date, 45 students have completed the program and 14 are currently enrolled. For more information, contact Rachelle Alioto at ext. 7316.

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