Pepper Institute Annual Report

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Overview

The 2010-11 academic year in the Pepper Institute was characterized by successes in publications and grant activities, the facilities, public service, and outreach.

1. Support of research and grant activity

Associates of the Pepper Institute actively published and were awarded external contracts and grants during the 2010-11 academic year. Many of the associates’ publications appear in top journals of their respective fields. Their research was recognized by honors such as John Reynolds’ 2010 best paper award from the Sociology of Mental Health Section of the American Sociological Association and Jill Quadagno’s appointment to the Institute of Medicine for her scholarship on aging, health and social policy issues. The Institute was also awarded a grant from the Florida Department of Transportation aimed at improving the safety of seniors on Florida’s roads.

Associates’ Publications, 2010-2011


Earl, Jennifer and Deana Rohlinger. Forthcoming January 2012. A special issue of Research in Social Movements, Conflicts & Change on social movements and mass media.


Kamp Dush, Claire and **Miles G. Taylor**. Forthcoming. “Trajectories of Marital Conflict across the Life Course: Predictors and Interactions with Marital Happiness Trajectories” Journal of Family Issues


**Associates’ Contract and Grants, 2010-2011**

National Institutes of Health/National Institute on Aging, 2009-2014, Continuation of 1 PO1 AG17211, Co-Principal Investigator, Project CREATE III (Center for Research and Education on Aging and Technology Enhancement). Neil Charness and Walter Boot (Co-PI). (~$1,000,000, direct costs).

Florida Department of Transportation, BDK83-977-12, 2011-2012; Aging Driver and Pedestrian Safety: Parking Lot Hazards study. $130,000, total costs. Neil Charness and Walter Boot (Co-PI).


National Institute of Mental Health. Kathryn Rost (PI) and **Deana A. Rohlinger** (Investigator). “Influencing Employer Benefit Purchasing Behavior,” 2008-2013, total costs = $2,752,111.

Committee on Faculty Research Support (COFRS) Grant from Florida State University. **Deana Rohlinger** (PI). “Constructing Political Discourse: Framing Life and Death in the Debate over Terri Schiavo,” funded for summer 2011, ($14,000).

NIH Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00) (K99 2011 AG030471), NIA Demography of Aging and Population Studies. “Inequality and Disability among Older Adults: Paths to Differential Trajectories,” **Miles G. Taylor** (PI), 2007-2011, ($826,597 Total Costs)
2. Facilities

The Institute is located on the second floor of the Pepper Center Building at 636 W. Call St. Office space is provided to nine Pepper Associates, two emeriti professors, ten graduate student research assistants, three OLLI staff members, the program assistant for an FDOT project on older driver safety, two Pepper Institute staff members, and the network administrator.
3. Public face

Lectures: Ken Brummel-Smith presented invited lectures for the Florida Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, Florida Academy of Family Physicians, University of Kentucky, UCLA, and at John F. Kennedy Hospital in Boca.

Awards and Appointments: The Institute of Medicine, a prestigious national organization, elected Jill Quadagno as a member for her work on aging, health and social policy issues. Dr. Quadagno also received a University Distinguished Graduate Teaching Award and the Graduate Mentor Award from the Department of Sociology Graduate Student Union.

Intellectual Environment: The Pepper Institute and Department of Sociology jointly brought in two guest speakers this year as part of the Pepper Institute Spring Lecture Series. Dr. Kyriakos Markides from The University of Texas Medical Branch gave a talk titled, “Aging and Health among Hispanics/ Latinos in the United States.” Dr. Kenneth Ferraro from Purdue’s Center on Aging and the Life Course presented “Enduring Effects of Early Adversity on Adult Health.” Both lectures were well attended.

4. Outreach

OLLI at FSU: The primary outreach activities supported by the Pepper Institute consist of the classes, lectures, and other gatherings of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of FSU. In the past year, OLLI offered 34 classes ranging in topic from art, literature, classical music, nutrition and science. Various speakers, including current and former FSU and FAMU Presidents, presented lectures to OLLI members. OLLI members also took cultural trips to Jacksonville, Gainesville, and Savannah, as well as local excursions to Tallahassee museums, parks and art events.

Membership grew to 509 this year, up 383 from the previous year, making OLLI at FSU eligible for a one million dollar endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation. Director Cory Livingston submitted the endowment proposal in August and is waiting on a final decision from the national OLLI organization.