

Agenda
2024 UConn Aging and UConn Pepper Center Annual Meeting
Friday October 18, 2024

Mark Twain House and Museum
351 Farmington Ave,
Hartford, CT 06105

7:30-8:30	BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION
8:30-8:40	<i>Welcome Remarks</i> Radenka Maric PhD, President, UConn (recorded) Andrew Agwunobi MD, MBA; EVP for Health Affairs, CEO UConn Health Bruce Liang MD; Dean of the School of Medicine
8:40-8:50	<i>Enhancing Independence via Precision Gerontology</i> George Kuchel, MD, Director, UConn Center on Aging and Pepper Center
8:50-9:35	2024 Janet E. McElhaney Lecture in Aging Research <i>Insights into the heterogeneity of aging through the study of frailty</i> Dr. Kenneth Rockwood, MD, MPA, FRCPC Professor, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada
9:35-9:55	Q & A
	1. Mobility
9:55-10:05	<i>Institutional Overview and Update</i> Richard Fortinsky, PhD, MPI Pepper Center, Professor, Center on Aging and Medicine
10:05-10:20	<i>"Redefining Sarcopenia: The need for better understanding of loss of muscle quality with aging"</i> Jacob Earp, PhD Pepper REC, PESC, and Kathleen Cameron Scholar, Assistant Professor, Department of Kinesiology, UConn
10:20-10:30	Q&A
10:30-10:40	BREAK
	2. COGNITION AND BEHAVIOR
10:40-10:50	<i>Institutional Overview and Update</i> David Steffens, MD, Pepper REC Core Leader, Professor and Chair, Psychiatry
10:50-11:05	<i>Depression & Cognition Influences Financial Decision-Making in Older Adults</i> Kevin Manning, PhD Pepper PESC Scholar, Associate Professor Psychiatry
11:05-11:20	<i>Mechanisms for reducing disparities for older adults with dementia in transitions from nursing home to community living using the Money Follows the Person program</i> Ellis Dillon, PhD Assistant Professor, Center on Aging and Public Health Sciences
11:20-11:35	Q&A

3. HOST DEFENSE	
11:35-11:45	<i>Institutional Overview and Update</i> Laura Haynes, PhD, Leader Pepper Center Biomarkers and Preclinical Research Core, Professor, Center on Aging and Immunology
11:45-Noon	<i>Clonal hematopoiesis of indeterminate potential (CHIP) as a cause of immune dysfunction in older adults</i> Chris Verschoor, MSc, PhD Scientist, Health Sciences North Research Institute, Assistant Professor, Northern Ontario School of Medicine, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada
Noon-12:15	<i>“Effect of Metformin on Influenza Vaccine Responses in Nondiabetic Older Adults”</i> . Jenna Bartley, PhD Pepper REC Scholar, Assistant Professor, Center on Aging & Immunology
12:15-12:30	Q&A

12:30-2:00	LUNCH AND POSTER SESSION 1. Group Photo (12:15-12:20) 2. Lunch and Networking (12:20-1:00) 3. Poster Presentations (1:00-2:00)
4. VOIDING AND CONTINENCE	
2:00-2:10	<i>Institutional Overview and Introduction to the Philip P Smith Award for Contributions to Multidisciplinary Aging Research</i> George Kuchel, MD, Director, UConn Center on Aging and Pepper Center
2:10-2:25	<i>Using Gerotherapeutics to Alleviate Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms</i> Iman Al-Naggar, PhD Pepper REC Scholar, Assistant Professor, Center on Aging, Cell Biology and Urology
2:25-2:30	Q&A
BREAK AND NETWORKING	
3:30-4:00	<i>CARIC Award and Update on UConn Storrs Aging Research Incubator (USA-RI)</i> Nancy Redeker, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN, Senior Associate Dean for Research & Scholarship, UConn School of Nursing <i>Update on Aging Interests at UConn IBACS (Institute for the Brain and Cognitive Sciences)</i> Erika Skoe, PhD, Associate Professor, Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences, CLAS, UConn Storrs
4:00-4:20	Q&A
4:20-4:30	Poster Awards

Poster Review Committee:

- Lisa Barry, PhD, Co-Leader Pepper PESC Core, Associate Professor, Center on Aging and Psychiatry
- Julie Robison, PhD, Leader, Pepper Recruitment and Community Engagement Core, Professor, Center on Aging and Medicine
- Blanka Rogina, PhD, Co-Leader Pepper PESC Core, Professor, Genetics and Genome Sciences
- Iman Al-Naggar, PhD, Pepper Scholar and Assistant Professor, Center on Aging and Cell Biology
- Ellis Dillon, PhD, Assistant Professor, Center on Aging and Public Health Sciences
- Jenna Bartley, PhD, Pepper Scholar and Assistant Professor, Center on Aging and Immunology
- Chris Verschoor, MSc, PhD, Assistant Professor, Northern Ontario School of Medicine, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada
- Kenneth Campellone, PhD, Associate Professor, Dept. Molecular and Cellular Biology, UConn Storrs
- Keith Bellizzi, PhD, Professor, Dept. Human Development and Family Sciences, UConn Storrs