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**FRIEDMAN
LECTURE
& AWARDS**

Climate Change in an Aging World

Friday, April 5, 2024

Emerson Auditorium, Knight Hall

Washington University Danforth Campus

AGENDA

9:00 AM WELCOME & CENTER UPDATE

Brian Carpenter, PhD

Professor, Psychological & Brain Sciences, Arts & Sciences

Co-Director, Harvey A. Friedman Center for Aging at Institute for Public Health

Nancy Morrow-Howell, PhD, MSW

Bettie Bofinger Brown Distinguished Professor of Social Policy, Brown School

Co-Director, Harvey A. Friedman Center for Aging at Institute for Public Health

9:15 AM PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

2024 Friedman Awardee

Madeline Franklin, JD

Executive Director, STL Village

2024 Kopolow Awardee

Kaori Sakurai MD, FACP

Assistant Professor, School of Medicine, Washington University

2024 Mark S. Wrighton Awardees

Winner: **Christi Lero**

Runner-up: **Joseph Lin**

9:30 AM KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Climate Change in an Aging World

Karl Pillemer, PhD

Hazel E. Reed Professor of Human Development, Cornell University;

Professor of Gerontology in Medicine, Weill Cornell Medicine; and

Director, Cornell Institute for Translational Research on Aging

10:15 AM BREAK

10:30 AM PANEL

- **Mitra Naseh, PhD**
- **Ben Senturia**
- **Melanie Tobin**

Moderated by **Dan Giammar, PhD**

11:25 AM CLOSING REMARKS

11:30 AM EVENT CLOSE

AWARDS

Harvey A. & Dorismae Hacker Friedman Award for Excellence in Service to Older Adults

The Friedman Award recognizes individuals who make outstanding contributions in service to older adults. Individuals may make this contribution through practice, education, advocacy, or research. Eligible nominees must be professionals currently involved in work related to older adults within the St. Louis Metro Region.

This award is supported by The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital from the Harvey A. and Dorismae Hacker Friedman Endowment for Aging.

2024 Friedman Awardee Madeline Franklin, JD

For 20 years, Madeline Franklin engaged in the general practice of law with emphasis in litigation, mediation, and family practice. As an encore career, she became the founding executive director of STL Village. She first became involved with the organization during its exploratory phase. Madeline Franklin's passion has always been to serve people and she is fulfilling it by supporting the members of STL Village.

Alene & Meyer Kopolow Award for Geriatrics, Psychiatry and Neurology

The Kopolow Award recognizes stellar contributions to the care of older adults by a resident, fellow, post-doc, or junior faculty member in neurology, psychiatry, medicine, or related disciplines. Awardees have demonstrated achievement in at least one of the following areas of geriatrics: direct patient care; didactic teaching, conferences, or national and international meetings; and patient-oriented or basic research that address aging issues.

This award is supported by The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital from the Alene and Meyer Kopolow Fund for Geriatrics, Psychiatry, and Neurology.

2024 Kopolow Awardee Kaori Sakurai MD, FACP

Kaori Sakurai is an assistant professor of medicine at Washington University. Over her career, she has served patients in a community-based clinical practice as well in long-term care and rehabilitation settings. She has made outstanding contributions to clinical care and education in Geriatric Medicine. Her nominator states: " I frequently hear testimonials from Kaori's patients about her thoroughness and compassion. Many tell me that they have never experienced a primary care physician that is able to address their health needs so well and understands the challenges and complexities of their care."

Mark S. Wrighton Research Award on Aging

The purpose of this award is to recognize doctoral candidates who show outstanding promise as researchers on topics relevant to older adults and aging society. To be considered for this award, students must apply to participate in a 3MT® (Three Minute Thesis) competition hosted by the Harvey A. Friedman Center for Aging.

3MT® is an academic competition developed by The University of Queensland that challenges graduate students to describe their research within three minutes to a general audience.

This award is supported by The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital from the Harvey A. and Dorismae Hacker Friedman Fund.

2024 Winner **Christi Lero**

Christi Lero is a doctoral student in social work at the Brown School. Her research interests include promoting psychosocial well-being of caregivers of people living with neurodegenerative diseases at the end-of-life and into bereavement, and a death experience that respects individual autonomy and dignity. She is particularly interested in expanding caregiver research in the neuropalliative space.

2024 Runner-up **Joseph Lin**

Joseph Lin is a student in the MD/PhD program at the School of Medicine. He completed his thesis research in the lab of Dr. Rajendra Apte, studying mechanisms of inflammation and regeneration in the eye. He has returned to medical school and hopes to graduate soon.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Karl Pillemer, PhD

Hazel E. Reed Professor of Human Development, Cornell University; Professor of Gerontology in Medicine, Weill Cornell Medicine; and Director, Cornell Institute for Translational Research on Aging

Over the course of his career, Karl Pillemer has studied the social integration of older people, exploring how they can maintain positive family and social relationships across the second half of life. His current research examines the causes and consequences of environmental civic engagement and volunteerism among older people, with a focus on developing and evaluating new methods of training and recruiting retirees for environmental leadership and action. He is currently conducting a study of older climate activists, seeking their advice on how younger people can cope and engage with the climate crisis.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderator



Dan Giammar, PhD

Walter E. Browne Professor of Environmental Engineering
McKelvey School of Engineering, Washington University

In addition to his professorship, Dan Giammar is an assistant vice provost serving on the leadership committee of the Here & Next strategic plan. In July 2023, he became the inaugural director of the Washington University Center for the Environment. Professor Giammar's research focuses on chemical reactions that affect the fate and transport of heavy metals, radionuclides, and other inorganic constituents in natural and engineered aquatic systems.

Panelists



Mitra Naseh, PhD

Assistant Professor and Co-Founder and Research Director of the Initiative on Social Work and Forced Migration
Brown School, Washington University

Mitra Naseh's scholarly work is centered on the multidimensional social and economic integration of forcibly displaced individuals, a focus that draws from her multidisciplinary background. Her research is influenced by her lived experiences and informed by her prior work as a staff member in non-governmental organizations and the United Nations, particularly in the Middle East and South Asia.



Ben Senturia

Activist

Ben Senturia served as the executive director of the St Louis Committee for Environmental Information, founding executive director of the Missouri Coalition for the Environment, joined the national staff of the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, and was a co-founder of the Working Group on Electoral Democracy. Since retiring, he has been involved with a variety of environmental and pro-democracy initiatives.



Melanie Tobin

Executive Director, EnergyCare

Melanie Tobin has 15 years of experience in St. Louis nonprofits, working with older adults and health-facing organizations. Her current organization, EnergyCare, works to protect older adults and other vulnerable populations from extreme temperatures, providing emergency response summer and winter programs and ongoing support around high energy costs for low-income elders.



Harvey A. & Dorismae Hacker Friedman

The 23rd Annual Friedman Lecture and Awards is made possible by the support of Harvey A. and Dorismae Hacker Friedman Endowment for Aging at The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital. This annual event celebrates the latest in ideas and research in aging as well as provides an opportunity to recognize professionals providing outstanding service in the field. Lectures have covered a wide range of topics that represent the diversity of experiences and needs of aging adults and communities.

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