Colloquium Schedule

8:30 am  Registration (Level 4, Ballroom B)
         Health & Resource Fair/Posters

9:00 am  Welcome by IOA Director  Carol Ryff, PhD
         Lessons About the Biology of Aging
         from Japan  Christopher L. Coe, PhD

9:45 am  Aging and Eating Enjoyment:
         Sustainability and Rehabilitation
         JoAnne Robbins, PhD

10:30 am Health & Resource Fair / Posters

11:15 am The Importance of Neighborhoods for
         Health and Wellbeing at Older Ages
         Stephanie A. Robert, PhD

Noon    Box lunch passed out, return to seats for:
         New Investigator Award Presentations

12:30 pm When We Test, We Do Stress:  Effects of
         Stress on Memory Performance in Aging
         Keynote Speaker:  Sonia Lupien, PhD

1:30 pm  Adjourn

Health and Resource Fair

Resources to Improve Quality of Life:
- Senior Living Options
- Social & Educational Programs
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Legal & Legislative Advocacy
- Support for Independent Living
- Learning in Retirement
- Vision Issues
- Sleep Disorders
- Fitness & Nutrition
- Alternative Healing
- Living with Chronic Conditions
- Osteoporosis Screening
- Blood Pressure Testing
- Alzheimer’s & Parkinson’s Treatment & more

Poster Session

Meet with UW-Madison faculty, students
& advanced trainees presenting
their recent aging research.

New Investigator Awards

Given to new UW-Madison researchers to
recognize outstanding achievement in biomedical,
psychosocial, or clinical/applied aging research.

Who Should Attend?

Anyone interested in positive aging,
including the general public
and professionals working with older people.

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24th Annual Colloquium on Aging

Tuesday
October 2, 2012
at Monona Terrace
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Pre-Registration Required

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24th Annual Colloquium on Aging
It is widely accepted by scientists, health care professionals, and the general public that memory capacities decline with age. However, studies performed in the last two decades show that exposure to stressful situations can acutely decrease memory performance in older adults. This presentation will summarize studies about stress and memory performance in aging. The implications of these results for clinicians and scientists testing memory performance of older adults will be discussed.

Dr. Lupien is the founder & director of the Centre for Studies on Human Stress (www.humanstress.ca). For the last 20 years, she has been studying the effects of stress on the human brain, from infancy to adulthood and old age. Greatly involved in the transfer of scientific knowledge to the public, she has recently published a book entitled Par amour du stress (English version: Well Stressed) which aims at helping the public better understand stress as it has been studied for the last 50 years by scientists across the world. She also holds a Senior Investigator Chair on Mental Health in Women and Men from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

**Keynote Address**

When We Test, We Do Stress: Effects of Stress on Memory Performance in Aging

**Sonia Lupien, PhD**

Director, Centre for Studies on Human Stress; Scientific Director, Research Centre, Mental Health Institute of University of Montreal

**Lessons About the Biology of Aging from Japan**

**Christopher L. Coe, PhD**

Prof, Dept. of Psychology; Dir, Harlow Center for Biological Psychology, UW-Madison

Cultural and biological aspects of aging vary across countries. Many factors including diet influence age-related aspects of health and longevity. This presentation will focus on findings from a comparison of the biology of aging in American to Japanese adults (the MIDUS & MIDJA projects). Dr. Coe’s research spans many topics from behavioral medicine to pediatrics & gerontology, with a primary focus on brain-behavior-immune relationships at the beginning & end of life. His laboratory facilitated the biological assessments for two surveys of health & aging in the US & Japan. He also collaborates on projects investigating interventions such as meditation & exercise.

**Aging and Eating Enjoyment: Sustainability and Rehabilitation**

**JoAnne Robbins, PhD, CCC-SLP, BRS-S**

Professor, Dept. of Medicine, UW-Madison; Associate Director, Geriatric Research Education & Clinical Center (GRECC); Board Recognized Swallowing Specialist

Swallowing changes each decade after 40 years of age in healthy adults. Aging is a major risk factor for swallowing disorders, also known as dysphagia. The insidious neurophysiologic changes underlying presbyphagia (age-related swallowing changes that occur in otherwise healthy older adults) will be demonstrated. 18 million Americans suffer swallowing disorders, due to a variety of diseases and conditions that become more common with increasing age. Innovative, simple methods to compensate for, as well as new device-driven therapies to rehabilitate the swallow and bring enjoyment back to dining, will be presented. Dr. Robbin’s research program has been continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health, the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, and private foundations. Her work is published in numerous peer-reviewed journals and she is coauthor of the Easy to Swallow, Easy to Chew Cookbook. She currently holds three U.S. patents, was President of the Dysphagia Research Society, is the recipient of the 2012 WSHA Frank R. Kleffner Lifetime Clinical Career Award, and is honored as an ASHA Fellow.

**The Importance of Neighborhoods for Health and Wellbeing at Older Ages**

**Stephanie A. Robert, PhD**

Professor, School of Social Work, UW-Madison

When talking about the factors that impact health at older ages, we often emphasize personal characteristics and behaviors. Yet there are many aspects of the broader social and economic context that can affect health. In particular, characteristics of our neighborhoods – the contexts in which we live, play, and work – can affect our health. This talk will highlight current research on the importance of neighborhood context to the health and wellbeing of older adults. Dr. Robert earned her PhD in both Sociology & Social Work at the University of Michigan and did a postdoctoral fellowship in health policy at the University of California-Berkeley, before joining the UW-Madison faculty in 1998. She is interested in the social and economic factors that affect physical and mental health across the life course, particularly at older ages. Much of her research focuses on the impact of neighborhood social, economic, and racial context on the physical and mental health of older adults.