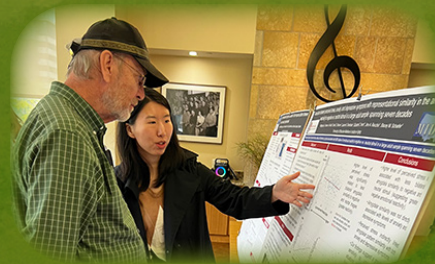


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New Investigator Award Winners

New Investigator Awards are given to UW-Madison students or advanced trainees to recognize outstanding achievement in aging or life course studies.

Seung Eun Cha ▪ sue.cha@wisc.edu

***Varieties of life stress and inflammation:
The biological cost of adversity***

Meiyi Li ▪ mli843@wisc.edu

***Parenting children with serious health conditions
and late-life cognition: Life course associations
and gender differences***

***Higher levels of purpose in life are associated with
healthier dorsolateral prefrontal cortical gray matter
microstructure in midlife and older adulthood***

Presented by: **Nagesh Adluru** ▪ adluru@wisc.edu

***Higher levels of educational attainment are associated with
a slower pace of aging and younger relative brain-age***

Presented by: **Kareem Al-Khalil** ▪ kalkhalil@wisc.edu

***Linking retinal aging signals to disease pathways
through computational modeling***

Presented by: **David Barnett** ▪ dbarnett@wisc.edu

***Is adapting Riding in the Moment™ for adults with
Down syndrome appropriate? A dyadic interview study***

Presented by: **Melissa Hiatt & Abby Hays** ▪ mchiatt@wisc.edu

***Education, occupation, and cognitive function:
Rethinking the mismatch story***

Presented by: **Li Hsu** ▪ lhsu22@wisc.edu

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Which older adults are likely to use GLP-1 weight loss medications? Associations between past weight loss behaviors, usage, attitudes

Presented by: **Anushka Joshi** ▪ joshi38@wisc.edu

Midlife sociodemographic and psychological factors related to emergency department use in Medicare beneficiaries

Presented by: **Julie Kirsch** ▪ jkirsch2@wisc.edu

Early successes and challenges of a statewide initiative to reframe aging and disability Wisconsin

Presented by: **Chloe Miller & Aditya Suresh** ▪ joallen3@wisc.edu

Exploring factors associated with health professionals' intention to seek knowledge on caring for patients with diabetes who fast during Ramadan: A theory-informed qualitative study

Presented by: **Mohammad Newegy** ▪ newegy@wisc.edu

The meaningful journey: Aging and thriving in indigenous communities

Presented by: **Sarah Punshon** ▪ sarah.punshon@va.gov

Understanding caregiving challenges in tribal communities: Insights from an environmental scan

Presented by: **Emily Thompson** ▪ ethompson23@wisc.edu

Does cognitive ability moderate associations between childhood trauma and the time course of emotional responses?

Presented by: **Alexandra D. Wayss** ▪ awayss@wisc.edu

Associations between educational attainment and resting heart rate variability across adulthood

Presented by: **Chuqing Zhang** ▪ czhang795@wisc.edu