



# Speakers Bureau

*Requests can be made to faculty members of the IOG to speak at professional or community organizations on topics within their area of expertise. Below is a list of our faculty and the major subjects in which they do research. Speakers can be contacted via the IOG development office at 313-577-2297.*

## EXPERTS LIST



### **Leading, Educating and Advocating to Help Older Adults**

Peter Lichtenberg, Ph.D., ABPP  
Director, Institute of Gerontology

#### **Speaking Topics**

- *The Psychology of Aging Well*
- *Everything Old is New Again – Changing Paradigms in Aging*
- *Staying Mentally Fit and Healthy in Your Later Years*
- *Coping With the Stress of Caregiving*
- *Why Did I Come? Learning about Alzheimer’s and Dementia*



### **Homes and Healthcare for Older African Americans**

Olivia Washington, Ph.D., APRN, BC, NP, LPC  
Associate Professor of Nursing and Gerontology

#### **Speaking Topics**

- *All is Not Lost! Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness*
- *“You Matter” - Engaging Aging African-Americans in Improving their Health*



### **Searching for the Good Life From a Wheelchair**

Cathy Lysack, Ph.D., OT(C)  
Deputy Director, Institute of Gerontology  
Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy and Gerontology

#### **Speaking Topics**

- *Getting Around Town – Staying Mobile After a Disability*
- *Adjusting to Life After a Spinal Cord Injury*
- *Downsizing and Moving in Later Life*



### **Understanding How Public Policy Affects Older Adults**

Thomas B. Jankowski, Ph.D.  
Associate Director of Research and Education

#### **Speaking Topics**

- *What Seniors are Thinking In the Voting Booth – and Why it’s Important!*
- *Are Social Security and Medicare Ready for the Baby Boomers?*

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## **The Biology of The Aging Brain**

Naftali Raz, Ph.D.  
Professor of Psychology and Gerontology,  
Director of Lifespan  
Cognitive Neuroscience Research

### **Speaking Topics**

- *Brain Aging and Health*
- *How Aging Affects Basic Cognitive Skills, Learning & Memory*



## **Seniors, Technology and The Internet**

Kay Cresci, Ph.D. RN, APRN, BC, FNGNA  
Assistant Professor of Nursing  
and Gerontology

### **Speaking Topics**

- *It's All On-Line: Accessing Healthcare on the Internet*
- *Nothing To Be Afraid Of: Breaking Down the Barrier to New Technology for Older Adults*



## **Why Do We Put Our Health At Risk?**

Stewart Neufeld, Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor of Mathematics  
and Gerontology

### **Speaking Topics**

- *Overcoming Obstacles to Treatment for HIV-Positive Patients*
- *Retirement and the Economy*



## **Chronic Disease in Ethnic Minorities**

Hector González, Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor of Neuropsychology  
and Gerontology

### **Speaking Topics**

- *What's Different about Dementia in Ethnic Minorities*
- *Improving Mental Health in Ethnic Populations*



## **The Links Between Hormones, Aging and Brain Function**

Scott Moffat, Ph.D.,  
Assistant Professor of Psychology  
and Gerontology

### **Speaking Topics**

- *The Link Between Testosterone Levels and Alzheimer's*
- *Does Stress Age Us? How Cortisol Affects the Aging Brain*



## **The Anthropology of the Life Course and Aging**

Mark Luborsky, Ph.D.  
Professor of Anthropology and Gerontology,  
Dir. of Aging & Health Disparities Research

### **Speaking Topics**

- *How Societal and Cultural Factors Influence Our Health and Healthcare*
- *How People Manage Loss and Lifecycle Transitions and Health or Personal Losses in Later Life*



## **Health Economics and Aging**

Gail Jensen Summers, Ph.D.  
Professor of Economics and Gerontology

### **Speaking Topics**

- *Keeping Up with Trends in Health Insurance and Long-Term Care Insurance*
- *How Does Your HMO Effect Your Health?*



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