

**URBAN HEALTH EQUITY: Neurocognitive Impairment & Elder Abuse**

**Peter Lichtenberg, Ph.D., ABPP**

**Director, Institute of Gerontology and Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute**

- Financial capacity, financial exploitation and older adults
- Alzheimer's disease, dementias and depression
- Aging and health disparities (particularly in minorities living with chronic disease)
- Clinical geropsychology, frailty

**Geriatric Neuropsychology**

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- The aging of the population and the demography of older adults
- The politics, economics, and history of growing old in the U.S.
- Social Security, Medicare, and other public policies related to aging

**Politics and Policy of Aging**

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**BRAIN HEALTH & DEMENTIA**

**Jessica Damoiseaux, Ph.D.**

- Structural and functional brain changes in healthy older adults
- Early detection of Alzheimer's disease

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**Voyko Kavcic, Ph.D.**

- Early detection of perceptual and cognitive declines leading to dementia
- Community-based early detection of mild cognitive impairment (MCI) in African Americans
- Neuro-electric activity (EEG) as a marker of MCI and Alzheimer's disease

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**Noa Ofen, Ph.D.**

- Changes in brain structure and function between childhood and young adulthood
- The development of basic cognitive abilities, learning and memory

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**Naftali Raz, Ph.D. (Director, Lifespan Cognitive Neuroscience)**

- Age-related changes in the brain's structure and function
- Impact of aging on learning, memory and reasoning skills
- Effect of physiological and genetic risk factors on brain-cognition relationship throughout the lifespan

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**Heather Fritz, Ph.D., OTR/L**

- Prevention and management of chronic conditions
- Occupational science including theory, habits, environments and health
- Neighborhood environments, health and aging

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**Mark Luborsky, Ph.D. (Director, Aging and Health Disparities)**

- Success at reorganizing life after adverse health events or normal life transitions
- Preventing and managing infectious disease (HIV, polio) and physical disability

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**Cathy Lysack, Ph.D., OT(C)**

- Training health professionals to improve rehabilitation practice
- Adjustment and community participation after spinal cord injury
- Impact of urban environments on older adults' health and social well-being

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**Jessica Robbins-Ruszkowski, Ph.D.**

- Social change and experiences of aging
- Critical theories of successful and active aging
- Biographical, social and historical memory in later life

**Cultural Anthropology**

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**Gail Jensen Summers, Ph.D.**

- Health insurance, Medicare, long-term care, health care reform
- Links between medication non-adherence, health outcomes, and well-being

**Health Economics**

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**Wassim Tarraf, MBA, Ph.D.**

- Health care services, expenditures, use and quality
- Minority health and aging

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