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Chicago Core on Biomarkers in Population-Based Aging Research
The Center on Aging at NORC and the University of Chicago

CCBAR, NIA and Centers on Aging Biomarker Network Biodemography Focus Session (held adjacent to the Population Association of America Annual Meeting)

Meeting notes

This working focus group meeting, held 4/17/08 in New Orleans, LA was coordinated with NIA colleagues, Thomas McDade (co-director, Cells to Society, The Center on Social Disparities and Health, Northwestern University) Eileen Crimmins (director, USC/UCLA Center on Biodemography and Population Health) and the NIA Centers on Aging Biomarker Network (Lisbeth Nielsen, Georgeanne Patmios) and was held adjacent to the Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Attendance was greater than expected and included:

Jason Boardman	Jane Menken
Virginia Cain	Liz Neilsen
Eileen Crimmins	Mary Beth Ofstedal
Elizabeth Duncan	Georgeanne Patmios
Jessica Faul	Carol Rellen
Elizabeth Frankenberg	Luis Rubalcava
Natalia Gavrilova	Mike Shanahan
Leonid Gavrilov	Beth Soldo
Noreen Goldman	Mike Spittel
Kathie Mullan-Harris	John Strauss
Robert Hauser	Chris Sullivan
Tess Hauser	Richard Suzman
Mark Hayward	Graciela Teruel
Lindsay Chase Lansdale	Duncan Thomas
Stacy Lindau	Don Treiman
Jennifer Madans	Maxine Weinstein
Thom McDade	David Weir
James McNally	

Themes of Discussion

1. Central biobanking: need for, regulations, benefits, protections
2. Pipeline issues in assay miniaturization, training in lab techniques, quality control, international standards and policies
3. Development and application of integrated analytic models
4. Meeting needs of both experienced, active investigators in the field, and people learning the field
5. Proprietary issues with regard to innovations in assays, lab and data collection methods, training materials

6. Speaking the same language across multiple social science and biomedical disciplines
7. Integration of social and demographic data with genetic information – possibly needs separate forum or special focus
8. Approaches to data sharing

Other notes:

Formation or rebirth of a “Society for the Study of Social Biology” within demography community?

Mission: “devoted to furthering the discussion, advancement, and dissemination of knowledge about biological and sociocultural forces affecting the structure and composition of human populations”

Affiliated journal?

Membership?

Next steps: A companion meeting will be held May 23, 2008 at the Gleacher Center in Chicago adjacent to the American Psychological Society Annual Meeting. This will be a longer meeting with time built in to discuss development of proposal for future workshops.

The meeting was audio recorded, but due to technical difficulties, the recording company was unable to provide an audible record of the proceedings. Unfortunately, detailed proceedings are therefore not available.