



## **2008 North Carolina Conference on Aging**

Greenville Convention Center & Hilton Hotel

Greenville, North Carolina

October 28-30, 2008

### **Call for Presentations**

[Deadline for Submission: April 7, 2008](#)

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Conference on Aging (NCCOA) announces and seeks presentations for the annual North Carolina Conference to be held at the Greenville Convention Center and Hilton Hotel in Greenville, North Carolina from October 28-October 30, 2008. NCCOA is a North Carolina based collaborative begun in 2002 involving the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services, the NC Association of Area Agencies on Aging, AARP, the NC Association on Aging, the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging, representatives from the state's universities, and the UNC Institute on Aging.

#### **2008 Theme: Healthy? Wealthy? And Wise?—Growing Older in North Carolina**

This conference is intended to serve as a forum for information exchange among persons from the academic, governmental and service provider communities along with others interested in issues of aging. The Executive Committee welcomes proposals for presentations from all of these constituencies, fueling spirited information exchange and debate. Priority will be given to proposals that directly address the Conference Theme: Healthy? Wealthy? And Wise?—Growing Older in North Carolina and integrate best practice models, public policy implications and research methods.

#### **Conference Tracks**

1. **Livable, Senior Friendly Communities.** A livable and senior-friendly community is dedicated to improving the lives of people of all ages, especially seniors. These communities promote social and economic security for all citizens; inspire intergenerational relations; encourage community planners to involve seniors and consider their needs and interests; affirm seniors' efforts to live independently; and acknowledge the important role that families, friends, and neighbors play in the lives of seniors. Specifically, this track will highlight promising practices, tools, and case studies that can be used by advocates, groups, and communities in preparing for the aging of the population. The eight components of NC's livable and senior-friendly framework make it possible for communities to ensure that seniors and others have opportunities to live healthy, wealthy, and wise!
2. **Economy of Aging.** The economy plays a large part in shaping the lives of older people, and the aging population has important impacts on the economy. This track will explore many different aspects of this dynamic relationship. Sessions might explore the changing nature of retirement and its timing, factors influencing retirement decisions of individuals, human resources management issues of an aging workforce, job training and employment opportunities for older adults, savings and investment dilemmas and strategies, the politics and economics of social security, and the challenges faced by economically disadvantaged adults.

Older adults are one of the fastest-growing consumer markets, and the aging society offers numerous opportunities in the business sector. Products and services need to be adapted to this increasingly sophisticated market.

3. **Healthy Aging.** Health promotion and wellness services enhance the quality of life of many older adults. However, funders are increasingly demanding proof that health promotion programs help to achieve and maintain well-being. The sessions in this track will focus on health and wellness programs (including nutrition, physical activity, mental health, and others) that have been demonstrated to successfully improve or maintain the health of North Carolina's older adult population. This track will include a range of approaches in health and wellness programming, including the assessment of health conditions of older adults in the community, the effective use of resources and partnerships in program planning, evidence-based health promotion programming, methods for evaluation and maintenance, and innovative policy development and implementation of services.
4. **Family, Intergenerational Relations and Caregiving.** The family has often been called the backbone of our long-term care system since family members provide most of the care received by older adults. However, the "simple" act of family caregiving has become an increasingly complex and challenging task in today's society. This track might present model programs and initiatives intended to support families as members care for each other; research that documents the psychosocial impacts of caregiving; descriptions of the dynamics of grandparents or older relatives raising grandchildren; or the relationship between caregiving roles and the workplace.
5. **Gender, Race, and Class.** As the population grows more diverse, the elderly population is becoming more racially and ethnically complex. The implications of gender, race and class on the life experiences of older adults are critical concerns related to the older adult population in North Carolina. Combined with advanced age, each of these factors increases the likelihood of health or social problems. This track will provide an opportunity to explore evidence and opportunities associated with these factors and implications for service design and outreach.
6. **Elder Rights, Consumer Protection and Legal Issues.** One of the primary challenges faced by the State is the development of a comprehensive system of elder rights offering a full array of supports for older persons to obtain help, solve disputes, exercise choice, be protected from mistreatment and maintain control over their lives. Such a comprehensive system includes both public and private resources involved in elderlaw, consumer protection, protective services, law enforcement, and guardianship. This track will address best practices in the various facets of elder rights.
7. **Health and the Continuum of Care.** The aging of the population has broad implications for the development of our systems of care, financing, and structure of health care, long term care services and supports. Health and the continuum of care is the sum of health, social, housing, transportation, and other supportive services needed by those with physical, mental, or cognitive limitations that compromise independent living. Presentations in this track will include public policy implications in addressing the acute and chronic conditions of an older population; promising best practices; measures to address improved quality; and the workforce implications associated with health care.
8. **Other.** The conference executive committee recognizes the conference tracks are not inclusive and we want to provide a forum to any presentation deemed relevant, timely and considered

worthy. If you have a topic you wish to have considered by the program committee and you do not find a track you can identify with your topic, submit your abstract under the “other” category.

### Session Formats

Conference sessions will be held in increments of one hour and fifteen minutes with eight concurrent sessions. There are five different types of formats: *a paper, a symposium, a workshop, a roundtable or a poster.*

1. **Scientific Papers or Professional Presentations** are normally 15–20 minutes in length, on similar subject matter grouped together by the program committee in topical sessions. All presenters must allot time for discussion.
2. A **Symposium** is a collection of three or four papers organized around a topic or issue of major significance and planned for the entire 1 hour and 15 minute session. The symposium organizer introduces the session, shows how the papers relate to one another and the topic, and moderates the discussion.
3. In a **Workshop** session, one or two leaders organize a systematic exchange of ideas or conduct a demonstration or application of techniques and/or skills. Workshops generally take up an entire session; however, the program committee reserves the right to combine similar workshops together in one session’s timeslot. The program committee also reserves the right to request that a workshop be revised to be presented in a shorter format as a professional presentation.
4. **Roundtables** are more informal presentations with 8-10 participants over breakfast on October 29th. The Roundtable discussions will be repeated once during this one-hour time slot to allow participants an opportunity to participate in two different Roundtable topics.
5. **Posters** display and exhibit material that author(s) will personally attend for a specified period of time (~2 hours – usually during an evening reception). The poster display reports on current research, service programs, policy issues or other aging-related activities. Results and findings are summarized in the form of graphs, tables, pictures, and text.

The Program Committee reserves the right to ask you to make a different type of presentation than the one you proposed; e.g., to host a roundtable rather than present a paper. You should indicate on the Presentation Application whether you are willing to comply if asked.

### Presentation Guidelines

Anyone committed to aging (service providers, educators, researchers, students, aging advocates, or older adults) is invited to submit a proposal for consideration. Presentations should be related to one of the eight tracks defined under “Conference Tracks.” Proposals will be evaluated in terms of the adherence to the conference theme, relevance to the selected tracks, importance of the topic, timeliness of the topic, soundness of the approach, and clarity of the narrative.

**All participants involved in a session at the 2008 NCCOA are required to register and pay the applicable registration fee for the conference, either a single-day or full conference registration. This payment is required of ALL presenters including any additional presenters, discussion leaders, chairpersons, panel members, or other participants connected with papers, posters, roundtables, symposia, or workshops.** The registration fee includes the cost of all scheduled meal functions listed in the final conference program (for single-day registrations, it includes the cost of any scheduled meal functions for that particular day). **Conference presenters are responsible for their**

**own travel and lodging arrangements.** By submitting a presentation application form, you are committing yourself (and any other presenters listed on your application) to be available to present on Tuesday, October 28th, Wednesday, October 29th, or Thursday, October 30th, at a time selected by the Conference Program Committee. (See Item # 8 on the application form to indicate restrictions on the time of your presentation if needed.) **The contact person on the presentation application will be responsible for communicating information about the conference, including conference registration requirements and presentation time/location to additional presenters, as well as communication with the conference Program Committee.** The Program Committee will make decisions about presentation applications and issue selection notifications by mid-May. The deadline for receipt of proposals is **April 7, 2008.**

**Audiovisual support** will include TV/VCR's, Laptops and LCD projectors, overhead projectors, and screens. **These items will only be provided if requested under Item #8 on the Presentation Application form. Presenters who plan to use LCD projectors must bring their prepared presentation stored on USB port data stick or CD-R (NOT CD-RW due to possible compatibility problems).** Audiovisual equipment not indicated above and not requested on the presentation application form will not be provided or arranged for by the conference planners.

### **Abstract Submission Instructions**

#### **Online Submission (Preferred Method)**

Submission online is preferred by the Program Committee. Please read this Call for Submissions thoroughly prior to submitting materials online. The online submission process does not allow you to save partially submitted information and return to the work later. All information must be entered and submitted at one time. A suggested method is to prepare the information in a word processing file and then cut and paste it into the online form. The following information should be prepared in advance:

- Type of Presentation (see choices above)
- Title of Presentation
- Track (see choices above)
- Abstract (150 words or less)
- For ALL ADDITIONAL PRESENTERS:
  - Name
  - Degree(s)
  - Affiliation
  - Contact information (email, phone, and mailing address)
- For ALL ADDITIONAL AUTHORS:
  - Name
  - Degree(s)
  - Affiliation
- Special needs (AV, etc.)

The online submission form is available at <http://www.aging.unc.edu/nccoacallform.html>  
If you have problems submitting the form, please contact [ioa@unc.edu](mailto:ioa@unc.edu).

#### **Email Submission (Alternative Method)**

If you are unable to submit your abstract online, you may do so through email. A copy of the submission form is available for download as a MS Word file at

[http://www.aging.unc.edu/nccoa/2008/2008Call\\_emailform.doc](http://www.aging.unc.edu/nccoa/2008/2008Call_emailform.doc) . This form can be completed and submitted as an email attachment.