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Preventing Falls Among Older Adults: What's New and Emerging in Wisconsin?

Speaker Biographies

Militza Bonet-Vázquez, MPH

Program Manager and Community Engagement Liaison, Medical College of Wisconsin Cardiovascular Center

Militza Bonet-Vázquez manages the Cardiovascular Center's Community Engaged Research Initiative, and acts as a liaison with the Medical College of Wisconsin's Community Engagement Core. Ms. Bonet-Vázquez has done extensive work on social and environmental factors on health, particularly in underserved and vulnerable populations. She has 10 years of experience in academic-community engaged research development, with a focus on reducing underserved population health disparities and improving access to health care. In addition to research development and implementation, she has managed a website in both English and Spanish that addresses the needs of underserved HIV clients with limited health and technology literacy.

Barbara King, PhD

Assistant Professor, UW-Madison School of Nursing

Barbara King's program of research is centered on improving outcomes for hospitalized older adults, healthcare providers, and organizations by optimizing quality of care delivery across and within healthcare systems. Dr. King's current primary areas of inquiry are 1) creating and testing systems-based interventions to improve older adult patient ambulation during a hospital stay; 2) investigating hospital based fall prevention programs; and 3) understanding the process of transitioning care between hospital and skilled nursing home setting.

Jennifer Lefebber

Evidence-Based Prevention Programs Coordinator, Milwaukee County Department on Aging

Jennifer Lefebber coordinates the Living Well with Chronic Conditions, Stepping On, Healthy Living with Diabetes, and Powerful Tools for Caregivers programs in Milwaukee County. She became a Living Well with Chronic Conditions Master Trainer in 2008, a Healthy Living with Diabetes Master Trainer in 2013, and a Stepping On Master Trainer in 2016. Her role at MCDA includes the coordination of all program workshops, building community partnerships, providing support to all trained facilitators and partnering with UW-Madison on research projects as it relates to evidence-based programming.

Jane Mahoney, MD

Professor, UW School of Medicine and Public Health, Division of Geriatrics

Jane Mahoney is Professor in the UW Division of Geriatrics, Director of the Community-Academic Aging Resource Network, Director of the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute, and Director of Dissemination and Implementation Resources at the Institute for Clinical & Translational Research. She is also an Affiliate Faculty of the UW Institute on Aging. She is nationally recognized for her pioneering research in falls

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and novel interventions to reduce the incidence of falls in community-dwelling elderly, as well as dissemination research on the *Stepping On* falls prevention program, now in use throughout Wisconsin and many states.

Barb Michaels

Prevention Coordinator, Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Brown County

Barb Michaels is a licensed RN and prevention coordinator at the ADRC of Brown County. Previously working at Thrivent Financial as marketing director, she joined the ADRC of Brown County in 2005. She is a member of the Northeast Wisconsin Regional Trauma Advisory Council, serves on other local committees, and is co-leader for the Brown County Prevention Coalition. She was recently presented with the 2017 Healthy Aging Star Above & Beyond Award from the Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging, and is a mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

David Mott, PhD

Professor, UW-Madison School of Pharmacy

David Mott has been a professor at the UW-Madison School of Pharmacy for 20 years, and currently serves as the Chairman of the Social and Administrative Sciences Division. Dr. Mott is a Fellow of the American Pharmacists Association. Dr. Mott teaches about leadership in health care, operations and financial management of pharmacy practice, pharmacy practice law and regulation, measuring and improving the quality of pharmacy practice, and specialty pharmacy practice. He has been studying the pharmacy workforce for over 25 years, and recently has been studying methods to reduce the risk of falling by older adults by focusing on medications that are unsafe for older adults to use.

Linsey Steege, PhD

Assistant Professor, UW-Madison School of Nursing

Linsey Steege has degrees in biomedical engineering and industrial and systems engineering. She worked for several years at the National Rehabilitation Hospital in Washington, DC as a Research Engineer. In her current position in the UW-Madison School of Nursing, she aims to improve health, safety and performance of health professionals, and by doing so, to benefit society by improving healthcare quality.

Shelly VanDenBergh, MS

Clinical Nurse Specialist, UW Health

Shelly VanDenBergh has been in the nursing field for ten years and has practiced in long term care and hospital environments. She is board certified as a clinical nurse specialist in geriatrics and has worked as the clinical nurse specialist for Hospital Medicine at UW Health for the last seven years.