

## Topics for Multi-Site VA Geropsychology Postdoctoral Seminar

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### Intro to Geropsychology

1. 9/16 – Introductions for Presenters
2. 9/23 – Pikes Peak Michele Karel

### Normal Aging

1. 9/30 - Psychodynamics in Aging and normal aging Doug Lane Puget Sound
2. 10/7 - Multicultural Issues in Aging Jessica Madrigal-Bauguss

### Collaborative/Interprofessional Relationships with Teams

1. 10/14 - Geripact Joleen Sussman Salt Lake C VA
2. 10/21 - Interdisciplinary Team Assessment/Interprofessional collaboration Mary Brant Kansas City VA

### Assessment and Treatment

1. 10/28 - Clinical interviewing/assessment of OA Ariel Laudermith Hines VA
2. 11/4 – Sleep/CBT-I in OA – Beth Shumaker SFVA
3. 11/18 – Capacity Assessment Alison Minkin Milwaukee VA
4. 12/2 - Depression in Older Adults Cindy Barber Biloxi VA
5. 12/9 - Suicidality in OA Karen White Cleveland VA
6. 12/16 - Personality Disorders - Carly Ostrom NFSGVHS
7. 12/23 - Anxiety in Older Adults – Julie Wetherell San Diego VA
8. 1/6/17 - Pain in OA – Lindsay Jacobs Dodson Boston VA
9. 1/13 - SUD in Older Adults Merle Miller NFSGVHS

### Evidence-Based Psychotherapies

1. 1/20 - STAR-VA - Katherine Luci Salem VA
2. 1/27 - Problem-solving Therapy – Julie Wetherell San Diego VA
3. 2/3 - ACT for Older Adults – Katherine Luci Salem VA
4. 2/10 - Meaning Centered Psychotherapy – Carrie Ambrose NFSGVHS
5. 2/17 - REACH-VA Linda Nichols and Jennifer  
Martindale-Adams

## Neuropsych/Cognitive Assessment and Intervention

1. 2/24 – Non-pharm interventions for cog imp. Kaci Fairchild Palo Alto VA
2. 3/3 - Modifying assessment for OA/Dementia vs psychological sx  
Diana Partovi – SFVA
3. 3/10 - Mild Cognitive impairment Valerie Abel Brooklyn VA
4. 3/17 - Assessment of dementia Cindy Barber Biloxi VA
5. 3/24 - Delirium Diana Partovi SFVA

## Other Topics

1. 3/31 - Sexuality in aging (maybe include LGBT) Joleen Sussman Denver VA
2. 4/7 - Homelessness Carrie Ambrose NFSGVHS
3. 4/14 - Elder Abuse Susan Maatoui Maine VA
4. 4/21 - PTSD/aging/end-of-life Valerie Abel Brooklyn VA
5. 4/28 – LGBT Sarah Yarry
6. 5/5 - Hoarding/compulsive buying in CLC Chanda Corbett DC VA
7. 5/12 - Hospice/palliative care Susan Maatoui Maine VA
8. 5/19 - Bereavement Ariel Laudermith Hines VA
9. 5/26 - Spirituality/religion Kevin Siffert Houston VA
10. 6/2 - Driver's Evaluation Karen White Cleveland VA
11. 6/9 - Caregiving Bret Hicken/Candace Daniel SLC VA
  
12. 6/16 - Couple's work with OA Doug Lane Puget Sound
13. 6/23 - Supervision Michelle Kehn Manh VA

## Professional Development

1. 6/30 – Advocacy/HCR Donna Rasin-Waters SFVA 3
2. 7/7 - Medicare Regulations/HCR Donna Rasin-Waters SFVA 2
3. 7/14 – VA Leadership and Career Development/VA leadership Angela Coriano
4. 7/21 -
5. 7/28 - Board certification Beth Shumaker SFVA