

## SC-CE President's Report

This year, in my second year as Student Executive President, my primary role was planning student member conference events and recruiting new members of the executive. Specifically, Ariane Seguin and Laura Kadowaki were welcomed as the new Communications Coordinator and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively. I would like to thank Dr Meisner for his assistance in recruitment.

**Student Local Interdisciplinary Network (LINK) Seed Grant in Aging.** This year we provided three grants through the LINK-Seed Student Award. This award provides financial support for initiatives (e.g., an event or a group) that aim to connect local students in the field of aging on campuses without strong existing linkages. I have provided a short overview of the events that were supported by the CAG SC-CE.

**Vivian Huang (Ryerson University):** A social event was held in collaboration with connecting students between Ryerson University and University of Toronto who were conducting and interested in aging research. The purpose was to establish a network between the two Toronto universities to connect and discuss their own and the latest research in gerontology. Student exchanged their own research areas, ranging from nursing, to anthropology, to basic science, and psychology.

**Nicole Dalmer (University of Western Ontario):** The funds provided by the Student LINK Seed Grant in Aging were put towards purchasing three books (*Ageing and Diversity: Multiple Pathways and Cultural Migrations*, *Agewise: Fighting the New Ageism in America*, and *This Chair Rocks: A Manifesto Against Ageism*) that will be placed in a growing library that members of our faculty (staff, researchers and students) can consult. This is all contributing towards the continued establishment of an online, open access publishing venture with posted contributions on the topic of aging (broadly conceived) from members from our Faculty (to start) and from the greater academic community (in the near future).

**Kim Lopez/Julie Blain (University of Waterloo):** LINK-Seed funding was used to assist in the inaugural Symposium on Aging Research (SoAR) at the University of Waterloo, Davis Centre. As an interdisciplinary forum for graduate student research with a focus on aging research, SoAR was a one-day meeting for engaging with graduate student research beyond disciplinary and professional boundaries, and across areas of expertise. This event encouraged graduate students from any discipline to present, dialogue, and learn about current research on processes, experiences, and systems related to aging.

**2016 Pre-Conference Events:** This year we are working with student executive groups from AGE-WELL and RQRV to plan our pre-conference events. Students are invited to attend a tour of the Research Center of the Institut de Gériatrie de Montreal, with transport funding graciously provided by the Center. We have partnered with AGE-WELL to host a "Technology and Aging" panel with investigators from AGE-WELL. This event will be open to AGE-WELL HQPs and is a networking opportunity for CAG Student Members and AGE-WELL trainees.

Respectfully submitted,

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