

## **SC-CÉ President's Report**

This year, in my third year as Student Executive President, my primary role was planning student member conference events and facilitating the LINK Seed Grant competition. I would like to thank my student executive members who assist in all of the planning and organization of our student events.

**Student Local Interdisciplinary Network (LINK) Seed Grant in Aging.** This year we provided two 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-CÉ. The student booth at the conference will feature printed descriptions of all the events (this year and previous) that have been funded through the LINK Seed awards.

**Sarah Wu (University of Waterloo):** The Symposium on Aging Research (SoAR) was held for a second year at the University of Waterloo's Davis Centre on May 5th. As an interdisciplinary forum for aging-focused research, SoAR is a one-day meeting for that engages graduate student research, faculty, researchers, and community members across disciplines and professional boundaries. SoAR provides an opportunity for attendees to meaningfully learn and dialogue with one another in the hopes of initiating collaborations and integrative conversations on aging-related research. SoAR 2017 included 90 students (undergraduate, masters, doctoral), 15 faculty members and researchers, and 10 community members. The agenda included a keynote address on Age-Friendly Cities, three networking breaks, graduate student rapid-fire presentations, poster sessions, a senior travel planning workshop, speed networking session, and a panel discussion on the relationship between technology and aging.

**Theresa Rost (Huntington University):** A Symposium on Elder Abuse & Neglect was held at Huntington University. Guest speakers included Josée Miljours, the Regional Elder Abuse Consultant for Elder Abuse Ontario (EAO), North East Region, Lise Perreault, the Seniors Coordinator for the Greater Sudbury Police Service, and Roxanne Makela, a Psychogeriatric Resource Consultant for the North Bay Regional Health Centre. Following the guest speakers' presentations, a panel Q&A was held so that questions might be asked of any one or all of the guests. Topics discussed: depression as the most important risk factor, prior abuse as a risk factor, abuse and/or neglect in long-term-care settings, children as perpetrators of financial abuse, role of banks in financial abuse, and impact of aging in place.

### **2017 Pre-Conference Events:**

The CAG SCCE student executive decided to change the student pre-conference planning to encourage more networking and less didactic panel discussions. As such, we have changed the student mentoring breakfast to a speed networking event. This will maximize the opportunity for students to network with senior scholars and their peers. We have organized a guided tour of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights for student members. The tour will highlight exhibits related to aging and research conducted in the museum.

Respectfully submitted,

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