History of the Harvey A. Friedman Center for Aging

The Center for Aging at Washington University was established in 1998 under the direction of Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton. This cross-disciplinary "center without walls" was created to focus on aging by catalyzing new innovations in education, research, practice, and community outreach. Leonard Berg, MD, provided the initial leadership for this effort.

In 2001, John C. Morris, MD, became the center's director, and in 2007 the center was renamed the Harvey A. Friedman Center for Aging in recognition of the long-time vision, commitment, and generosity of Harvey A. and Dorismae Hacker Friedman. Under Morris's leadership, the center began hosting the annual Friedman Lecture, fostered pilot grant funding for junior investigators, and established the Naturally Occurring Retirement Community project with the Jewish Federation of St. Louis.

In 2012, Nancy Morrow-Howell, PhD, was appointed as the center's director, and it became part of the Institute for Public Health. Dr. Morrow-Howell has remained committed to building upon the center's strong foundation and promoting interdisciplinary collaborations with a major impact.

Recent center activities include: extending the Issues in Aging seminar series to both the Danforth and Medical campuses, launching the Global Aging Initiative, and expanding the scope of Careers in Aging Week through collaboration with the University of Missouri-St. Louis and Saint Louis University. The center continues to connect individuals and organizations across disciplines to work toward optimum health, security, and engagement for older adults.

Please visit our website to learn more about the mission and activities of the Harvey A. Friedman Center for Aging.

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Alene & Meyer Kopolow Award

The Kopolow award recognizes stellar contributions to the care of older adults by a resident, post-residency fellow, or junior faculty member in neurology, psychiatry, medicine, or related disciplines. Awardees have demonstrated achievement in at least one of the following areas of geriatrics: direct patient care; didactic learning exercises or rounds, conferences, or national and international meetings; and patient-oriented or basic research that address aging issues.

This award is presented by the Harvey A. Friedman Center for Aging and supported by The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital from the Alene and Meyer Kopolow Fund for Geriatrics, Psychiatry, and Neurology.

Dorismae & Harvey A. Friedman Award

The Friedman award recognizes an individual who has made outstanding contributions to patient-oriented care of older adults. Individuals also may contribute to the advancement of geriatric care through educational activities or research.

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Previous Awardees

Alene & Meyer Kopolow Award
- 2013: Tammie L. S. Benzinger
- 2012: Tanya Wildes
- 2011: Beau Ances
- 2010: Susan Stark
- 2009: Nupur Ghoshal
- 2008: Consuelo Hopkins Wilkins
- 2007: Randall Bateman
- 2006: Christopher Carpenter
- 2005: Monique Williams
- 2004: Barbara Joy Snider
- 2003: Kellie Flood

Dorismae & Harvey A. Friedman Award
- 2013: Rebecca I. Fierberg & Deborah Dalin Guyer
- 2012: James Williams
- 2011: Terri Hosto & Nancy Tye-Murray
- 2010: Gammon Earhart & Nigel Cairns
- 2009: Catherine Roe
- 2008: Marie McGowan Meisel
- 2007: Joanne Norton
- 2006: Eileen Costantinou
- 2005: Tamara Hershey & Maria Carroll
- 2004: Elizabeth Grant
- 2003: Mary Coats

2014 Kopolow Award Winner

Eric S. Musiek

Dr. Musiek is assistant professor of neurology in the School of Medicine. He sees patients with cognitive disorders in the Memory Disorder Clinic, participates in clinical studies through the Charles F. and Joanne Knight Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, and performs laboratory research on the molecular basis of age-related neurodegenerative diseases, particularly Alzheimer's Disease.

2014 Friedman Award Winners

Jennifer K. Phillips

Ms. Phillips is the education core coordinator at the Charles F. and Joanne Knight Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC). She also serves as primary investigator for the Dementia Understanding Opportunity Program, an education and enrichment activity pairing first-year medical students with persons with mild Alzheimer's disease. Prior to her work at the ADRC, she worked for seven years with the St. Louis chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, where she directed community education efforts and health education events.

Myrtis Elizabeth Smith Spencer

Mrs. Spencer is a community outreach coordinator in the Charles F. and Joanne Knight Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC). She serves as a public liaison to participant recruitment at the ADRC with an emphasis on recruiting older African Americans into research. She works closely within the local community, building relationships among individuals and organizations through direct personal contact and hosting outreach programs to promote dementia awareness and to encourage research participation. She also manages the ADRC's African American Advisory Board. Mrs. Spencer also volunteers for multiple community organizations, including Monsanto Family YMCA and Saint Louis City and County Public Schools.