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December 2, 2022

ASA Chicagoland Roundtable

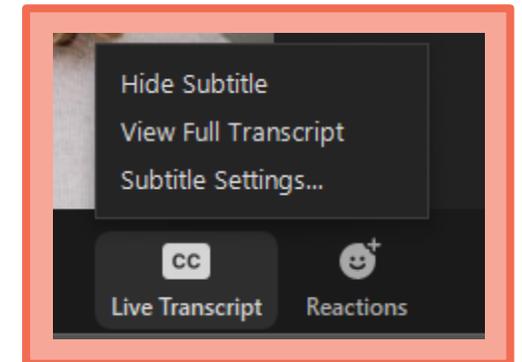
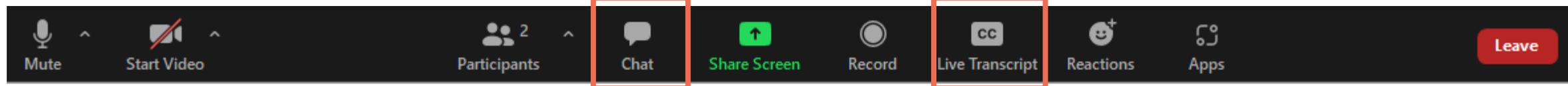
2022 Recap and Community Reflection

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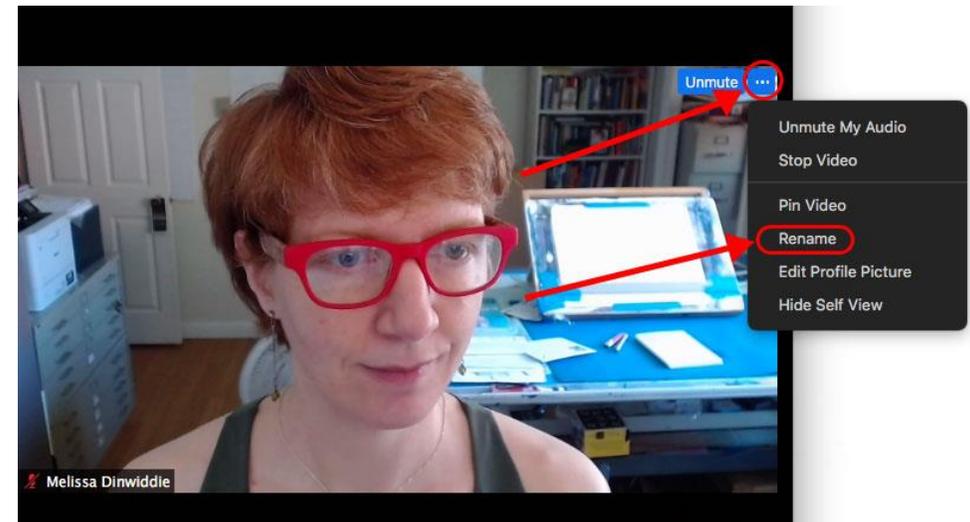
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To assist with getting to know each other..

Please consider editing your Zoom name to include your full name, organizational affiliation, and pronouns

Example: Bonnie Ewald (Rush, she/her)



Today's agenda (8:30-10:00am)

Welcome

- Bonnie Ewald, Manager in Dept of Social Work and Community Health, Rush Univ. Medical Center

2022 recap

- Kelly Rice, Director of Aging & Disability Services- Central Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet

Calls to action and opportunity pitches

American Society on Aging updates and priority areas

- Leanne Clark-Shirley, VP, Programs & Thought Leadership, American Society on Aging

Breakout discussions about priority areas

Group share-out and live poll

ASA Chicagoland Roundtable: Year in review

Six sessions, on Zoom

Number of attendees: 803

36 moderators and speakers

Fields of study and practice include:

- Research
- Academic
- Physical and behavioral health providers
- Housing providers
- Aging service network providers
- Long-term supports and services providers

Equity in Aging: Gaps and Opportunities (part 1)

December 2021

Explored gaps and opportunities in supporting diverse populations as they age in Illinois

- Disrupt Disparities: Challenges & Solutions for 50+ Illinoisans (AARP Illinois)
 - Health, economic, and access disparities identified
 - Legislative victories
 - Legislative priorities
- Dying Before Their Time
 - Study areas: mortality, hospital use, morbidity, and access to care
 - Key findings

Equity in Aging: Gaps and Opportunities (part 2)

February 2022

Delved into drivers of inequitable outcomes and strategies to begin to break down barriers to racial equity

- Equity-focused investments made by philanthropic organizations
- The new Illinois State Plan on Aging's objectives related to better supporting people of color
- Local initiatives by aging network organizations to become more responsive to the diverse cultural needs and preferences of those served

Policy in Practice: Optimizing Health of Older Adults via Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Programs (GWEPs) in Illinois

April 2022

Explored how three federally supported GWEP programs work in concert to promote change across the healthcare system as it intersects with the lives of older adults and caregivers, and to lead community-engaged interventions to promote health and reduce social needs for people as they age.

- University of Chicago GWEP
- Rush University Medical Center GWEP
- University of Illinois at Chicago GWEP

Let's Talk about... Sex, Sexuality, and Aging

June 2022

Explored the topics of sexual health and wellness as we age, including how to best communicate with patients, clients, and community members.

- The Role of Sexuality in Older Adult Wellbeing
- Let's Talk About Sex
- Sex and Sexuality in Long-term Care
- The Neglected Topic in Medicine: "Sex and Intimacy as We Age"
- Why Older People Need to be Heard

Inflation and Rising Economic Insecurity for Older Adults

August 2022

Discussed the impact of inflation and related economic trends through the perspective of the older person's pocketbook, and their service network's ability to help people sustain their independence and safety.

- Elder Economic Security Index
- Greater Chicago Food Depository study of food cost inflation
- Impact of current inflation on community services
- Illinois response to assist older persons with cost of living concerns
- Future directions

Improving Safety and Quality of Nursing Home Care in Illinois: State and Federal Developments

October 2022

Explored legislative and oversight developments and what we need to do to ensure every nursing home is safe and provides high-quality care for all residents who require that level of institutional care.

- State of Illinois payment system that rewards quality
- Federal commitments to improve safety and quality
- Facility quality and oversight activities and initiatives
- Advocacy opportunities

Let's hear from you

What are some takeaways, updates, ideas, or concerns you have related to any of the topics covered this year?

- Equity and aging
- Federal workforce development programs
- Sexuality and aging
- Economic insecurity
- Nursing home quality and safety

Please put any comments or questions into the chat

1. **Fred Spagat** (Financial Health Solutions, Inc) - Scam protection
2. **Geri Baumblatt** (Co-Founder, Difference Collaborative Alliance NFP) - Supporting family caregivers
3. **Annette Mileski** (Director, Center for Life and Learning) - Mayoral Forum on Aging
4. **Amy Eisenstein** (Senior Program Officer, RRF Foundation for Aging) - Funding opportunities

**Calls to action & opportunity
pitches**

Leanne Clark-Shirley, PhD

Vice President of Programs
and Thought Leadership





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ASA's Priorities & Work

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ASA's Strategic Plan: 2019 - 2024



Leadership

ASA will cultivate and strengthen the skills of leaders in aging.



Diversity Equity & Inclusion

ASA will implement a diversity, equity and inclusion vision for its board, staff and membership, and achieve recognition as the go-to resource and leading repository of expertise for both professionals and organizations.



Membership

ASA will build a modern and sustainable membership model that supports ongoing engagement, while expanding the field of aging.



Advocacy

ASA will expand member engagement in policy development and advocacy and significantly strengthen ASA's role and voice as one of the country's leading aging sector advocates.

ASA's Strategic Plan in Action

Priority Areas

Ageism & Culture

Economic Security

Justice & Equity

Health & Well-Being

Innovation & Social
Impact

Policy Agenda

Accelerating Digital
Inclusion

Tackling Ageism

Advancing Health
Equity

Fighting Climate
Change

Channels

Advisory Councils &
Collaboratives

Educational Programs &
Events

Generations Publication
Portfolio

Partnerships &
Collaborations

ASA's Strategic Plan in Action





Ageism & Culture

Exploring cross-cultural views on aging, portrayals of aging at the individual, community and national levels, reframing how we talk about aging and older people, shifting representations of aging in media, and promoting representation in the arts



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ASA is celebrating
**AGEISM
AWARENESS
>>> DAY**
October 7, 2022

Find resources on age-inclusion here:
<https://asaging.org/age-inclusion>

ASA partnered with Shutterstock to develop a guide for [Telling Age-Inclusive Stories](#).

Find Shutterstock's [curated image library here](#).



Fight Ageism in Imagery



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Economic Security

Examining the longevity economy, education and training opportunities across the life course, work and retirement structures, economic instability, healthcare costs and aging-in-community

Raymond Jetson, Chief Executive Catalyst at [MetroMorphosis](#), gave the opening keynote at On Aging 2022 titled "***The Illusion of Economic Security.***" Read his [Next Avenue writings here](#).



Read the Generations Today issue on Economic Security here: <https://generations.asaging.org/Jul-Aug-2022>



Justice & Equity

Promoting elder justice, social movements, diversity and inclusion initiatives, and the exploration of intersections between aging and racism, homophobia, gender-based or religious discrimination

[ASA Rise](#) is a new leadership program for rising leaders of color in aging. Fellows move through a 20-week curriculum that includes mentorship and work on an applied allyship project.



Preparing Diverse Talent to Lead in the Field of Aging

ASA is partnering with USAging on a new educational webinar series focused on advancing equity in the aging network, to be launched early Spring. Watch our [events calendar](#) for dates!





Health & Well-Being

Exploring systems of care that address social determinants of health, mental health parity and outcomes, spiritual well-being, the role of technology and macro-issues such as climate change and immigration



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Join us in January for a virtual [Generations Forum](#) on mental health equity.



Advancing Mental Health Equity Among Older Adults: A Call to Action

On Aging 2023

March 27–30, 2023 | Atlanta, GA

The theme of On Aging 2023 is Advancing Health & Well-being.

We hope to see you in Atlanta!
<https://asaging.org/on-aging>



Innovation & Social Impact

Highlighting age-friendly initiatives, design thinking, technology connecting people of all ages, innovations in service delivery, and public-private-partnerships to improve our lives as we age



AGE TECH ATLANTA

A community of Atlanta-based entrepreneurs, educators, researchers and influencers that are re-imagining how we age.

ASA is partnering with [Age Tech Atlanta](#) to bring entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, and the aging network together at [On Aging 2023](#).

Our original plan...

Breakout rooms

Time to talk with peers with similar interests

- Introductions & prompt questions re: promising developments, feasible way to make progress, key considerations

Five topic options:

- Ageism & Culture – Sandy Pastore facilitates
- Economic Security – Jon Lavin facilitates
- Innovation & Social Impact – Diane Slezak facilitates
- Health & Well-being – Dana Franceschini facilitates
- Equity & Justice – Phyllis Mitzen facilitates

We'd appreciate one volunteer note-taker in each room

Each group to report-out on one development or priority focus area it discussed



Let's hear from you

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Thank you!

Email bonnie_ewald@rush.edu with suggestions on format or interest in participating on planning committee

Please share any other organizational announcements in the chat

View recordings from recent sessions at <https://aging.rush.edu/policy/asa-chicagoland/>

Please join us in 2023 our upcoming Roundtable

- Next session Friday 2/3/2022, 8:30-10:30am
- Registration / details will be shared in January via ASA listserv
 - *Bonnie will also share registration details in follow-up from today's event*