Social Connectedness and Health Research Seminar Series
A Joint Series Sponsored by OARHS and PHS

Conceptual and Methodological Issues in Social Connectedness Research

4th Friday of the month, 12-1:00pm, HWH 501 or 502 (will be announced for each seminar):

Sep 25, Oct 30 (5th Friday), Dec 12 (2nd Friday), Jan 22, Feb 26, Mar 25, Apr 22, May 20, Jun 24

Social ties are reliably linked to mental and physical health. How social connections affect health is less clear. Contemporary theories suggest multiple psychological, behavioral, physiological, and developmental pathways. We know social ties are healthful, but how? For whom would social connectedness interventions be most beneficial and how should they be shaped?

A collaborative effort between Office of Aging Research and Health Services (OARHS) and the Department of Public Health Sciences (PHS) has formed to explore these issues. The primary purpose of the Social Connectedness Research Seminar Series is to provide a multidisciplinary platform on which to foster the development of research on social connectedness and health and its translation to clinical services.

This series will include speakers from the University of Rochester and beyond who will represent the breadth of research and expertise relevant to the methodological and conceptual challenges identified in the social connectedness and health literature.

The Social Connectedness Research Series will take place at URMC from 12N – 1:00 PM in the Helen Wood Hall (Room 501 or 502) on a Friday of each month from September through June (except for November when there will be no meeting).

Each session will feature a speaker addressing a topic relevant to one or more of the themes that constitute the multi-level model that serves as a guiding framework for the series. Also addressed will be related conceptual and methodological issues that may be applied to the study of social connectedness and health.

The seminar will comprise 1 hour for scientific presentations and discussion. Vegetarian and non-vegetarian lunch options, water and coffee will be provided.