

USC Judith D. Tamkin International
Symposium
on Elder Abuse

*The Elder Mistreatment Ecosystem:
Emerging Innovations and Evolving Ideas*

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The Westin Pasadena
Pasadena, California



Symposium Program

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A Special Remembrance of **Judith D. Tamkin**

We are forever grateful to Mrs. Tamkin for her gift that established this symposium and her endowment that allows it to live on. Judy's commitment to the cause of elder justice and inspiration to so many of us in the field will never be forgotten. May her memory be a blessing to us all.

Welcome to the USC Judith D. Tamkin International Symposium on Elder Abuse at the Westin Pasadena in Pasadena, California.

I am delighted to welcome you to our fifth biennial research symposium on elder abuse. Launched in 2016 with an endowed gift from Judith D. Tamkin, these convenings have inspired innovation and collaboration in research and practice, and helped shape national policy. The Tamkin Scholar's Award has enabled promising early career colleagues to participate in the symposium and we have already seen some of these scholars become acclaimed researchers. Mrs. Tamkin, who passed away a year ago, was a staunch supporter of our work and elder justice more broadly.

The mission of the USC Judith D. Tamkin International Symposium on Elder Abuse is to create safe and healthy environments for all older people, here and across the world. Researchers, practitioners, lawmakers, and other stakeholders come together to share findings, strategize solutions, and help shape and propel the field of elder abuse and justice. This year's event focuses on the theme of "The Elder Mistreatment Ecosystem: Emerging Innovations and Evolving Ideas."

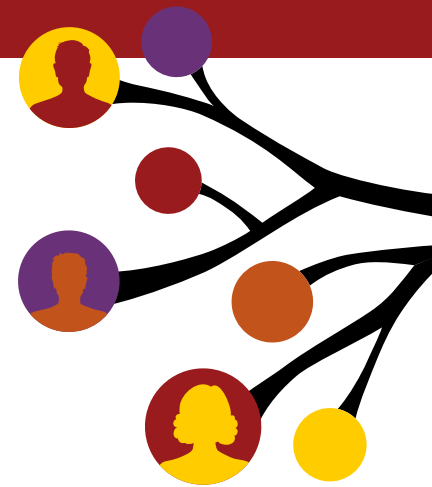
As Mrs. Tamkin's generosity continues to inspire the field, her life, legacy, and passion for elder justice will always be remembered with gratitude by her friends at USC.

Laura Mosqueda, MD (she/her/hers)
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General Information



Symposium Location

The Westin Pasadena

191 N Los Robles Ave., Pasadena, CA, 91101

Registration Hours

Fountain Ballroom Foyer, Second Floor of Hotel

Thursday, February 22, 2024 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Friday, February 23, 2024 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Symposium Description

The mission of the USC Judith D. Tamkin International Symposium on Elder Abuse is to create safe and healthy environments for all older adults, here and across the world, by bringing researchers, practitioners, advocates, thought leaders, lawmakers, and other stakeholders together to share findings, strategize solutions, and help shape and propel the field of elder justice.

Symposium Objectives

1. Share innovative research studies and practice-based strategies in the field of elder abuse.
2. Examine and discuss the use of screening tools to identify the risk and presence of elder abuse with a focus on diverse populations.
3. Identify funding priorities and opportunities to advance elder abuse research and evidence-based practices.
4. Identify and integrate best practices to mitigate susceptibility to scams and develop person-centered responses to harms caused by elder financial exploitation.
5. Address the health, social, and psychological impacts of child maltreatment and intimate partner violence on abuse in later life and outcomes for older adults.

Target Audience

The target audience includes researchers, practitioners, advocates, policymakers, and others who advance the field of elder abuse.

Accreditation

The Keck School of Medicine of USC is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Credit Designation

The Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California designates this live activity for a maximum of **13.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. Physicians should claim only the credits commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Verification Of Attendance

Verification of attendance will be provided to all professionals. Please email any requests to miranda@bscmanage.com.

Special Needs

The USC Judith D. Tamkin Symposium on Elder Abuse is committed to making its activities accessible to all individuals. If you are in need of an accommodation, please let us know.

The Georgia Anetzberger Award

Georgia J. Anetzberger, PhD, ACSW, FGSA is a consultant in private practice and Adjunct Faculty in the Schools of Medicine and Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University. She has dedicated over forty years to addressing elder abuse as a researcher, educator and practitioner. Dr. Anetzberger has conducted dozens of studies, published over a hundred articles and authored several books, most recently, *The Worldwide Face of Elder Abuse*, with co-editors Pamela Teaster and Elizabeth Podnieks.



Dr. Anetzberger is a respected voice and an inspiration to thousands who work in the field of elder justice. The recipient of the Georgia J. Anetzberger Award was chosen based on her outstanding work to advance elder justice.

The Georgia J. Anetzberger Award Recipient

Patricia Kimball, MS, MS



Patricia Kimball's innovative work as Executive Director of the Elder Abuse Institute of Maine and founder of the Restorative Justice Institute of Maine, has had a profound impact on the field of elder maltreatment. Her leadership in developing transitional housing in Maine for older victims of abuse, driving the evidence-based RISE Model, and advocating for restorative justice has received national acclaim and inspired replication. The lives and outcomes of many older adults and their loved ones have improved because of her exceptional work in the field.



A Tribute to Elizabeth Podnieks

(1929-2024)

Elizabeth Smith Macdonald Podnieks, EdD, MES, BSN, was a visionary who brought boundless passion to advocate for—and with—older people. Dr. Podnieks founded the Ontario Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, and co-founded the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse. While serving as a nurse educator at Toronto Metropolitan University for over 20 years, she became the principal investigator of the landmark National Survey of Elder Abuse in Canada in 1990. Among her many publications, the most recent was *The Worldwide Face of Elder Abuse* (2023), co-edited with Georgia Anetzberger and Pamela Teaster. Dr. Podnieks established **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** (WEAAD) in 2006, and since 2011, June 15 has been recognized as WEAAD by the U.N. General Assembly.



To honor the memory and legacy of the amazing Dr. Podnieks, let's make this next **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** soar to new heights!



WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY
Building Strong Support for Elders

Tamkin Scholar Award Winners 2024

Elizabeth Avent, PhD, MA



Elizabeth Avent, PhD, MA, is a postdoctoral fellow in the Center for the Health and Social Sciences at the University of Chicago. Her research focuses on abuse over the life course, including late-life intimate partner violence, elder

abuse prevention, intervention and policy, and the impact of adverse childhood experiences in later life. Dr. Avent is currently working on a study at the Keck School of Medicine of USC, interviewing spousal and intimate caregivers about their experiences with dementia caregiving.

Isha Karmacharya, MPH



Isha Karmacharya, MPH, is from Nepal, currently pursuing her PhD in Social Gerontology at Miami University of Ohio. Ms. Karmacharya's research is centered on enhancing the quality of life and well-being of older individuals,

particularly immigrants and refugee population. She has published 17 peer-reviewed research articles. At present, she is engaged in research that addresses the social, mental, and physical health concerns of the Nepali-Bhutanese population in the United States.

Stine Borgen Lund, ICN, MA



Stine Lund, ICN, MA, is a PhD candidate who has been a nurse practitioner and researcher in Norway for the past 15 years. She has collected research on neglect in Norwegian nursing homes.

Ms. Lund was part of a research collaborative that examined older adults and elder abuse in residential care settings. She began her career working on a large longitudinal study of patients with traumatic brain injury (TBI), and as a local coordinator of a European multicentre study of TBI patients.

Kelly Marnfeldt, MSG, MFA



Kelly Marnfeldt, MSG, MFA, is a doctoral candidate at USC's Leonard Davis School of Gerontology. Her research interests include older people living with dementia who wish to age in place, dementia and Alzheimer's disease

as human rights issues, and elder abuse prevention and intervention.

Karen Elizabeth Schlag, PhD



Karen Schlag, PhD, is a postdoctoral fellow at the Sealy Center on Aging at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. Dr. Schlag is working with Dr. Monique Pappadis to develop an elder mistreatment

screening tool and support intervention for older individuals with mild cognitive impairment or dementia and their family caregivers. Dr. Schlag aspires to advance knowledge on social and family dynamic influences on caregiving outcomes for older adults. She also hopes to develop family support interventions to promote healthy environments for older adults.

Wei-Lin Xue, MHA, RN



Wei-Lin Xue, MHA, RN, is a PhD student in Nursing and Gerontology at Purdue University. As a nurse in Taiwan, she spent four years providing compassionate care in the palliative and hospice ward. Her

current research focuses on the relational dynamics of older adults and the risk, incidence, and recurrence of elder mistreatment. Ms. Xue is participating in the 2023-2024 National Collaboratory to Address Elder Mistreatment Mentorship Program, exploring elder mistreatment in end-of-life care.

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. **Registration & Breakfast** *Fountain Ballroom Foyer*

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. **Welcome** *Fountain Ballroom*

Remembering Judith D. Tamkin

Tracy McCubbin, Dr. S. Jerome & Judith D. Tamkin Foundation

Presentation of Tamkin Scholars

Laura Mosqueda, MD

9:00 – 9:45 a.m. **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Innovative Strategies to Improve Health Outcomes for Older Adults** *Fountain Ballroom*

SPEAKER: Jennie Chin Hansen, RN, MS, FAAN

As the proportion of older adults in our country continues to grow, currently with eleven to twelve thousand persons turning age 65 daily, we both celebrate the health and lifespan factors we are experiencing and recognize that there are also societal challenges that emerge. This opening session gives rise to building strength, voice, and visibility as we age while also readying to provide support and structure to mitigate and prevent likely vulnerabilities. We will bring forth a cultural context, science, biology and social design and apply a public health perspective to think of framing risk and opportunity in the domain of mistreatment.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Demonstrate ability to describe a state of agency and context of aging.
2. Identify internal individual and external structural factors to mitigate elder mistreatment.
3. Explore settings, programs and language that can strengthen societal structures to address potential mistreatment.

Q&A

9:45 – 10:05 a.m. **Inside the DOJ: Building Better Community Bridges** *Fountain Ballroom*

SPEAKER: Andy Mao, JD

Over the past two years, the Department of Justice has encouraged greater local community networking and engagement through Elder Justice Coalitions and Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Teams, as well as through outreach to state and local law enforcement organizations. This presentation will highlight those efforts, some early findings, and outcomes.



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10:05 – 10:20 a.m. **Break**

Fountain Ballroom Foyer

10:20 – 11:35 a.m. **Measurement and Scales: Aligning Screening Tools with Risk Factors**

Fountain Ballroom

FACILITATOR: Zach Gassoumis, PhD

The Harm to Older Persons Evaluation (HOPE): An Introduction and Case Illustration

SPEAKER: Jennifer Storey, PhD

This presentation will briefly describe the development of a risk assessment tool called the Harm to Older Persons Evaluation (HOPE). The HOPE was developed based on a systematic literature review of risk factors and a model of risk assessment called Structured Professional Judgment. The HOPE guides the evaluator in the identification of risk factors for elder abuse related to the abuse, perpetrator, victim, and the community and institutional resources that surround the perpetrator and victim.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Outline the development of the HOPE, a risk assessment tool for older adult abuse.
2. Demonstrate the use of the HOPE.
3. The presentation will identify and demonstrate the assessment of risk factors for older adult abuse.

Initial Development of an Elder Mistreatment Risk Assessment Model: An Explanatory Sequential Mixed-Methods Study

SPEAKER: Monique Renae Pappadis, PhD, MEd, FACRM

Older adults with mild cognitive impairment (MCI) or Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) are at an increased risk for elder mistreatment (EM). It is important to accurately identify both protective and risk factors for EM, but few screeners exist. Existing models often lack sensitivity, have not included individuals with cognitive impairments, and are not culturally relevant for use with diverse populations. The presentation will detail the initial development of an EM risk assessment model based on logistic regression and machine learning methods using national Medicare data and then explore the social determinants of health and medical factors identified as risk factors of EM for older adult patients.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Critique EM risk models developed using national Medicare data among older adult Medicare beneficiaries and those with ADRD.
2. Identify social determinants of health and medical risk factors associated with EM using national Medicare data among older adult Medicare beneficiaries and those with ADRD.
3. Describe the integration of Medicare data with qualitative input from various groups to guide the development of a brief EM screening tool/caregiver risk assessment for use with older adults with MCI/ADRD in primary care clinics.

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Daily Measures of Caregiver Mental Health: A Dynamic Risk Factor of Elder Mistreatment

SPEAKER: Frank Puga, PhD

Caregiver mental health is a significant risk factor for harmful behaviors towards care recipients. The onset, severity, and progression of psychopathology can vary within and between individuals, underscoring the need to examine daily symptom experience and associations with adverse caregiver behavioral responses, such as elder mistreatment. This presentation will provide an overview of methodologies for examining daily caregiver mental health and elder abuse, factors contributing to day-to-day variations, and the potential implications for novel elder mistreatment screening tools. Further, this presentation will introduce an innovative screening approach grounded in a complex systems model of caregiver mental health. Based on this model, increased variability in daily caregiver mental health can potentially serve as an early warning signal of elder mistreatment.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Discuss daily caregiver mental health as a dynamic and ecologically relevant risk factor for elder mistreatment.
2. Integrate emerging evidence on daily factors influencing caregiver mental health with risk assessments for elder mistreatment screening.
3. Demonstrate the importance of evolving perspectives in caregiver mental health to elder mistreatment screening tools.

Q&A

11:35 – 11:55 p.m.

Inside the NIA: Strengthening the Impact of the Elder Mistreatment Ecosystem: Lessons in Design from Natural Ecosystems

SPEAKER: Melissa S. Gerald, PhD

Multiple factors and interdependent actors and entities contribute to elder mistreatment and its impact on older adults and their families. Understanding this complex ecosystem is crucial for the development of effective and holistic interventions that can address the root causes of elder mistreatment, provide support to affected individuals and families, and ultimately work toward the prevention and reduction of mistreatment. This presentation provides insights into the National Institute on Aging's (NIA) approach for identifying research priorities that align with NIA's strategic mission and vision, and implications for the elder mistreatment research field. Additionally, we'll discuss how lessons from natural ecosystems can inform research to reduce the complexity and strengthen the design and potential impact of elder mistreatment ecosystems.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Outline NIA's processes for identifying research priorities and developing notice of funding opportunities.
2. Identify NIA's program priorities related to the elder mistreatment ecosystem and appropriate funding programs that support research and training in this research area.
3. Discuss missed opportunities in the elder mistreatment field and opportunities to address them in research that aligns with key components of the NIH-Wide Strategic Plan, Fiscal Years 2021-2025 and reflects cross-cutting themes that span across NIH.

11:55 – 1:10 p.m. **Networking Lunch** *Fountain Ballroom Foyer and Terrace*

1:10 – 2:25 p.m. **Recognizing Culture as an Integral Component of Caregiving** *Fountain Ballroom*
FACILITATOR: Jeanine Yonashiro-Cho, PhD

Protecting our Elders through Supporting Family Caregivers

SPEAKER: Sandra Edmonds Crewe, PhD

Family caregivers play a vital role in providing care for older individuals and greatly contribute to their overall well-being. This is particularly true for minoritized populations, such as African Americans, who may face economic challenges and other oppressive systems that can exacerbate mental health concerns and increase the risk of elder abuse. Factors like social isolation, lack of support, dependency, and prior history of family violence can further increase vulnerability to neglect and abuse. The session will explore these risk factors and culturally sensitive interventions to address them.

Achieving the Promise of Health Equity by Addressing Social and Structural Determinants of Elder Mistreatment

SPEAKER: E-Shien (Iggy) Chang, PhD

Much of the elder mistreatment research is traditionally anchored around individual or dyadic models in the caregiving context. However, emerging research has demonstrated that social determinants of health (SDOH) highly undergird and influence caregiving experiences. Applying the SDOH lens to examine the etiology of elder mistreatment would allow for an improved understanding of how this complex phenomenon intersects with diverse cultures and caregiving experiences. This talk will examine current knowledge on SDOH-related mechanisms in elder mistreatment across health care and caregiving settings. The session will also explore potential public health targets for equity-driven programs and policies tailored toward the needs of caregivers.

Leveraging Federal Policy to Support Caregiving and Mitigate Elder Mistreatment

SPEAKER: Chris Herman, MSW, LICSW

Caregiving is an integral component of the social structures necessary to prevent and respond effectively to elder mistreatment in all cultural communities. This presentation will address federal policies to support family caregivers and retained caregivers. Participants will discuss opportunities to influence federal policy on behalf of caregivers and older adults.

Breakout Sessions

- Sandra Edmonds Crewe, PhD *San Pasqual*
- E-Shien (Iggy) Chang, PhD *San Rafael*
- Chris Herman, MSW, LICSW *San Marino*
- Jeanine Yonashiro-Cho, PhD *Leishman*

1:10 – 2:25 p.m.
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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Increase knowledge regarding family caregiving, elder abuse, and culturally sensitive caregiving interventions.
2. Understand how structural inequities contribute to elder abuse within the contexts of family and professional caregiving.
3. Identify federal policies that support caregiving and opportunities to influence the policymaking process.

2:25 – 2:45 p.m.

Inside the ACL: Elder Justice Priorities and Innovations

Fountain Ballroom

SPEAKER: Stephanie Whittier Eliason, MSW

We'll explore Administration for Community Living's (ACL's) priorities in elder justice and the innovative contributions to the field being advanced through ACL programmatic and policy work. Some of the topics may include ACL's support of Adult Protective Services Programs through grantmaking and through the regulatory process, new models and approaches to responding in the short and longer term to elder abuse, neglect and exploitation, effective and pragmatic ways to reform guardianship so that it becomes rare and when necessary, as short-term, limited and person-directed as possible, "upstream" maltreatment preventive measures, and targeted approaches to specific types and causes of elder maltreatment, such as self-neglect, and/or elder maltreatment originating in substance misuse.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Examine ACL's elder justice priorities and innovative contributions to the field.
2. Identify how participants' work and professional interests may be integrated with the elder justice work advanced through ACL's priorities.
3. Discuss ACL priorities and innovative contributions to the field to facilitate collaboration and coordination of evidence based, data-driven approaches to elder justice advances.

2:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Break

Fountain Ballroom Foyer

3:00 – 3:50 p.m.

Developing A Person-Centered, Trauma-Informed Ecosystem for Mistreated Elders

Fountain Ballroom

SPEAKER: Leah Miller

Ninety percent of older adults have experienced a traumatic event. Trauma is a well-known, high-risk factor for poor physical, mental, and cognitive health among older adults. It is also a "hidden variable," as many service providers do not know how to recognize or support older trauma survivors. As a result, many older adults are left vulnerable to inappropriate treatment plans, poor health outcomes, and the feeling of experiencing a past trauma in the present. Person-centered, trauma-informed (PCTI) care is a holistic approach to service provision that promotes the dignity, strength, and empowerment of individuals with a history of trauma through agency programs, policies, and procedures. Learn best practices in providing PCTI care to create a PCTI ecosystem for elder abuse survivors.

- 3:00 – 3:50 p.m. LEARNING OBJECTIVES
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1. Identify the role of trauma in aging.
 2. Discuss the PCTI approach and its role in older adult care.
 3. Plan ways in which PCTI care can be integrated into their work.

Conversation with Laura Mosqueda, MD

Q&A

- 3:50 – 4:45 p.m. **CLOSING KEYNOTE: What They Hear When We Talk About Elder Justice: Translating Science into Language that Resonates with Policymakers, Press and the Public** *Fountain Ballroom*
SPEAKER: M.T. Connolly, JD

The Elder Justice Act took eight years to pass and remains acutely underfunded. We still lack evidence about the efficacy of most elder abuse intervention and prevention programs. Although the problem touches millions of people and costs billions a year, progress has been elusive. In hopes of expanding awareness and a sense of urgency to act, MT Connolly wrote a book of nonfiction for lay audiences, also intended to be useful to advocates, professionals, and policymakers. *The Measure of Our Age: Navigating Care, Safety, Money, and Meaning Later in Life* tells stories and translates research into accessible prose, laying out the challenges of aging and elder justice, and chronicling how change happens—in communities, law, culture, and consciousness. Elder justice pioneers and “characters”—Laura Mosqueda and Page Ulrey—whose work the book profiles, will join MT for a discussion about the process of distilling their complex work into compelling narratives that are shaped by and intended to shape future research, policy, and practice.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Understand the vital relationship between scientific knowledge and public understanding about elder justice issues and communication tactics to illuminate critical findings and gaps in aging and elder abuse research.
2. Learn how to weave aging and elder justice-related research, policy, and storytelling into narratives intended to engage the interest of policymakers, media, and the public in subjects that receive little attention in proportion to their impact on lives and budgets.
3. Develop new skills for conducting interviews with key sources (presenting both the interviewer’s and interviewees’ perspectives) and distilling those interviews into coherent narratives that are both informed by and serve to illuminate research and policy.

Conversation with Laura Mosqueda, MD and Page Ulrey, JD

- 4:45 – 4:50 p.m. **Day One Closing Remarks** *Fountain Ballroom*
Laura Mosqueda, MD

- 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. **Posters and Networking Reception** *Madera Room, Plaza Level*
Book Signing, M.T. Connolly

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast** *Fountain Ballroom Foyer*

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. **Welcome** *Fountain Ballroom*

SPEAKER: Laura Mosqueda, MD

Presentation of Georgia Anetzberger Award

Georgia Anetzberger, PhD, ACSW, FGSA

- Patty Kimball, MS, MS

9:00 – 10:15 a.m. **Financial Exploitation, Fraud, and Financial Capacity** *Fountain Ballroom*

FACILITATOR: Julie Miller, PhD, MSW

Financial Exploitation and Mental Health Among Holocaust Survivors: A Mixed Method Design

SPEAKER: Gali Weissberger, PhD

Holocaust survivors (HS) may be particularly impacted by financial exploitation (FE), as it may lead to losses reminiscent of Holocaust conditions. In this mixed-method design, we examined the psychosocial correlates of FE in HS. A quantitative investigation compared HS and non-HS with or without a history of FE with regard to depressive and anxiety symptoms. Posttraumatic symptoms were examined as a moderator. Study findings suggest that FE is particularly impactful amongst HS. A qualitative investigation examined factors of resilience and vulnerability amongst HS who have experienced FE. Findings of both studies suggest that the perceptions and consequences of FE may be qualitatively different for HS, and more broadly, for individuals with an unresolved traumatic past.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Examine the impact of financial exploitation among Holocaust survivors.
2. Demonstrate that specific resiliencies and vulnerabilities may exist in Holocaust survivors who have experienced financial exploitation.
3. Appreciate the importance of unresolved trauma when assessing consequences of financial exploitation of older adults.



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Why Comply? Identifying Factors that Drive Compliance in Mass Marketing Scams

SPEAKER: Stacey Wood, PhD, ABPP

FTC Sentinel data indicate that consumers lost nearly \$8.8 billion to fraud in 2022, an increase of more than 30% from the previous year. Prizes, sweepstakes, and lottery scams are the third most common type of fraud despite consumer familiarity with this tactic. We explored consumers' willingness to engage with mass marketing lottery type scams. Our research included lifespan samples from online surveys as well as in-person laboratory-based assessments. Our results suggest that much of the risk is associated with in-the-moment decision-making regarding perceived risks and benefits of the alleged prize. Perceived self-efficacy was identified as a predictor of risk. Self-reported ostracism and being male are additional risk factors.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Identify current trends in lottery and sweepstakes type scams.
2. Identify risk and protective factors related to scam victimization.
3. Identify tactics and strategies used in lottery scams to increase compliance.

Financial Exploitation in Older Age: A Revisionary Model

SPEAKER: Duke Han, PhD, ABPP-CN

Financial exploitation can have a devastating impact on the wellbeing of older adults, yet the reasons why some older adults experience financial exploitation remain elusive. Recent work informed by the fields of neuropsychology and neuroscience has increasingly demonstrated links between financial vulnerability in older age and serious health outcomes. Because of this, research on financial exploitation in older age has progressively been made a public health priority. Gaps in knowledge, misconceptions, and ageist viewpoints continue. To address these, this presentation will (1) discuss the potential role of age-associated cognitive changes in financial exploitation, (2) review neuroimaging findings from our group and others relevant to understanding possible brain changes involved, and (3) highlight cross-cultural, interpersonal, and other considerations that need prioritization in future research endeavors.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Examine the role of cognitive changes in financial exploitation risk in older age.
2. Discuss brain changes that may be involved in financial exploitation risk in older age.
3. Appreciate cross-cultural, interpersonal, and other considerations in financial exploitation risk in older age.

Q&A

10:15 – 10:30 a.m. **Break**

Fountain Ballroom Foyer

10:30 – 11:50 a.m. **Elder Abuse Through a Life Course Lens**

Fountain Ballroom

FACILITATOR: Bonnie Olsen, PhD

Violence Across the Life Course

SPEAKER: Todd Herrenkohl, PhD

This presentation will summarize research on life course patterns of violence that span the developmental periods of childhood, adolescence, and adulthood. I will explore the transmission of violence over time and relational contexts and point to factors that can mitigate risks and promote resilience in individuals exposed to violence at one or more life stages. Next, I will turn to prevention and intervention programs and practices that can change the developmental trajectories of individuals who are at-risk for recurrent and chronic forms of violence. I will end my presentation with comments about the promise of interdisciplinary collaborations for the advancement of violence prevention.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Explain the transmission of violence in children, youth, and adults.
2. Identify risk and protective factors for the onset and recurrence of violence.
3. Outline strategies to disrupt the transmission of violence at different life stages.

No Thank You: Reasons for Withdrawal from Older Adult Abuse Support Services

SPEAKER: Jennifer Storey, PhD

The significant health and social issue of older adult abuse is slowly gathering attention and some service intervention. However, we can only intervene when we have a willing and consenting victim. This presentation will examine the reasons for and predictors of victim withdrawal from support services. We will first review data from a social support service to identify the reasons that older adult victims provided for withdrawing from support and the characteristics of those victims. Next, we will consider whether the perception of older adult abuse is key to those reasons for withdrawal by reviewing survey data on the public perception of older adult abuse and ageism.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Examine emerging data on the reasons for victim withdrawal from support services.
2. Consider whether there is a wider issue around the public perception of older adult abuse, and the extent to which this is related to ageism.
3. Using a case illustration, demonstrate the difficulties posed by victim withdrawal and allow participants to assess the reason for withdrawal, integrating the presentation findings.

Breakout Sessions

- Todd Herrenkohl, PhD
- Jennifer Storey, PhD
- Bonnie Olsen, PhD
- Elizabeth Avent, PhD

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11:50 – 1:00 p.m. **Networking Lunch** *Fountain Ballroom Foyer and Terrace*

1:00 – 2:25 p.m. **Surprise** *Fountain Ballroom*

Evidence-Based Interventions

FACILITATOR: Alexis Coulourides-Kogan, PhD

Comprehensive Older Adult and Caregiver Help (COACH)

SPEAKER: Kate Wilber, PhD

Funded as a cooperative agreement with the National Institute of Justice, the Comprehensive Older Adult and Caregiver Help (COACH) intervention will be described across three stages: 1) an 18-month planning process that included a literature review, designing an intervention that builds on lessons from child maltreatment and intimate partner violence, and listening sessions with providers at our health care partner, Kaiser Permanente of Southern California; 2) implementation of a randomized controlled trial (RCT) at Kaiser Los Angeles; and 3) modifications based on the COVID-19 pandemic. The pilot RCT found that those in the intervention group had significantly reduced mistreatment compared to the control group during the three months following the intervention.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Understand how COACH was developed and refined.
2. Describe the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Summarize key outcomes of the COACH pilot RCT.
4. Discuss implications for future studies, policy, and practice.

RISE: A Community-Based Elder Abuse and Self-Neglect Response Intervention Addressing a Systems Gap

SPEAKER: David Burnes, PhD

Our response systems for elder abuse and self-neglect (EASN) lack a distinct intervention phase to support cases that is both conceptually driven and evidence based. Informed by ecological-systems, relational, and client-centered perspectives, RISE is a community-based EASN intervention designed to address this gap. Integrating core components (motivational interviewing, restorative justice, teaming, supported decision making) RISE operates at Relational, Individual, Social, and Environmental levels of influence. RISE works with both older adult victims and their relationships, including alleged harmers, and strengthens the social supports surrounding them. This presentation will describe the RISE model, our evaluation findings, the current scope of RISE across multiple locations, and recent experiences conducting our research in the context of a randomized control trial design.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Describe the development, conceptual underpinnings and core components of RISE.
2. Explain the qualitative and quantitative evaluation findings on RISE.
3. Discuss insights and challenges on scaling an EASN intervention and conducting intervention research in the context of complex practice.

Q&A

2:25 – 2:55 p.m.

CLOSING KEYNOTE: Who Is Harmed by Elder Abuse and What Do They Need? A Prosecutor's Evolving Thoughts about Paths to Justice in Elder Abuse Cases

Fountain Ballroom

SPEAKER: Page Ulrey, JD

Elder abuse is most often committed by the victim's family members. Yet it is family to whom we usually turn as we age, for human connection and sometimes care. When an older adult is exploited or abused by a family member, criminal justice system intervention can have serious repercussions for victims, which some may experience as worse than the exploitation or abuse itself, making them hesitant to cooperate. This presentation describes an elder abuse prosecutor's growing awareness of the impact of prosecution on older victims and ideas about finding better ways to reduce harm and improve outcomes in elder abuse cases.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Outline the role that older victims have traditionally played in the prosecution of criminal cases of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
2. Examine how traditional ways of prosecuting can have a negative impact on older victims.
3. Identify and discuss new tools and philosophies of prosecution that better incorporate victims' voices and have the potential of improving victims' experiences with the criminal justice system, and their lives.

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Laura Mosqueda, MD



Laura Mosqueda, MD, FAAFP, AGSF, is a professor of Family Medicine and Geriatrics at the Keck School of Medicine of USC. She is an internationally respected authority on elder maltreatment and the care of older and underserved adults. Dr. Mosqueda is an expert on medical education curriculum design, development, and implementation. Since joining the Keck School of Medicine of USC, her roles have included: Chair of the Department of Family Medicine, Associate Dean of Primary Care, and Dean. She is principal investigator of two NIA-funded studies to develop a primary care screening tool and early interventions to detect and prevent elder maltreatment of older adults living with dementia. She is the Director of the National Center on Elder Abuse, a federally funded initiative that serves as the nation's coordinating body and clearinghouse for research, training, best practices, news, and resources in elder maltreatment. Dr. Mosqueda is a former Health and Aging Policy fellow. Her unique perspective is informed by her extensive experiences as a clinician, researcher, educator, and volunteer long-term care ombudsman.

Speakers

David Burnes, PhD



David Burnes, PhD, is a Professor at the University of Toronto, Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, and holds a Canada Research Chair on Older Adult Mistreatment Prevention. Dr. Burnes' research focuses on elder mistreatment, including the development of basic knowledge (risk factors, prevalence, severity) and the design, evaluation, and measurement of interventions. He advises the World Health Organization and National Institutes of Health, federal and regional governments, and state-level adult protective services programs, on the development, implementation and measurement of elder mistreatment response and prevention programs, including the evidence-based, community-based "RISE" intervention.

E-Shien (Iggy) Chang, PhD



E-Shien (Iggy) Chang, PhD, is a fifth-year doctoral candidate in the Department of Social and Behavior Sciences, Yale School of Public Health. Ms. Chang's doctoral dissertation explores social and cultural risk factors for elder abuse at the individual, interpersonal, and structural levels. Previously, Ms. Chang served as the research manager for the PINE study, the largest population-based epidemiologic study on the etiology of elder abuse in the Chinese American community. She has expertise in the design and implementation of culturally tailored, community-based interventions to raise awareness of elder abuse among immigrant communities.

M.T. Connolly, JD



M.T. Connolly, JD, is a national expert on elder justice, a MacArthur “genius” grant awardee, and author of the 2023 book, *The Measure of Our Age: Navigating Care, Safety, Money, and Meaning Later in Life*. She was the architect of the federal Elder Justice Act, founder of the Department of Justice’s Elder Justice Initiative, and lead author of the Elder Justice Roadmap, shaping federal, state, and local research, policy, and practice. She is also co-designer of the community-based “RISE” model intended to introduce holistic, hopeful, and effective ways to empower older adults, reduce harms, and promote elder justice.

Sandra Edmonds Crewe, PhD



Sandra Edmonds Crewe, PhD, is the dean and professor of social work at Howard University. She has authored numerous publications on research and public advocacy in the areas of caregiving, aging, ethnogerontology, welfare reform, and social welfare history. Dr. Crewe is a founding member of the HBCU Schools of Social Work Network, serves on the board for the National Association of Deans and Directors, is a long-standing trustee for the Maryland Affordable Housing Trust, and is co-lead of the network addressing eradicating social isolation, a grand challenge of the American Society of Social Work and Social Welfare.

Zach Gassoumis, PhD



Zach Gassoumis, PhD, is Assistant Professor of Research Family Medicine & Gerontology at the Keck School of Medicine of USC. His research focuses on securing a basic quality of life for older adults, specifically within the areas of elder abuse, economic security, and the provision of health, social, and protective services. Much of his work involves an application of quantitative methodologies to large, population-based datasets. He has analyzed the value added and cost effectiveness of the forensic center model, differences across California’s forensic centers, and the characteristics of elder abuse multidisciplinary teams nationwide. Among his many projects, Dr. Gassoumis helped develop a national APS evaluation study and implement the National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System (NAMRS).

Melissa Gerald, PhD



Melissa Gerald, PhD, is a program director at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the Division of Behavioral and Social Research at the National Institute on Aging (NIA). Gerald’s portfolio includes research, training, and fellowship projects in: Behavioral and Social Research on Aging in Animals; Caregiving and Care in Clinical Care and Long-term Care Settings; and Priority and Vulnerable Populations, and she oversees NIA’s Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research program. Dr. Gerald serves on NIA’s HIV/AIDS Working Group, Violence Research Working Group, and Sexual & Gender Minority Research Coordinating Committee. She represents NIH on the Elder Justice Interagency Working Group and the Family Caregiving Advisory.

S. Duke Han, PhD



Duke Han, PhD, is a Diplomate of the American Board of Professional Psychology in Clinical Neuropsychology, a Fellow of the American Psychological Association and the National Academy of Neuropsychology, and a tenured Professor of Psychology, Family Medicine, Neurology, and Gerontology at USC. Dr. Han is interested in the factors that affect cognition and decision making in aging. He has leveraged novel empirical approaches to better understand these factors, and equity, diversity, and inclusion considerations in aging and neuroscience research. He directs his own extramurally funded research lab, serves as the Co-Leader of the Research and Education Core for the USC Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, and the Editor-In-Chief of The Journals of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences. He is involved in the peer-review of aging and Alzheimer's Disease research grants.

Jennie Chin Hansen, RN, MS, FAAN



Jennie Chin Hansen, RN, MS, FAAN, is former CEO of the American Geriatrics Society, and has served as president of the AARP and federal commissioner on MedPAC (Medicare policy and payment). Ms. Hansen was a Stakeholder crafting California's first Master Plan for Aging, and served on the Governor's Commission on Healthy California for All. Recently, she has been a philanthropy consultant to establish Geriatric Emergency Departments in hospitals in San Francisco with a focus on dementia. Ms. Hansen developed integrated, globally financed and comprehensive medical and community-based services for nursing home eligible older persons in San Francisco, a prototype for the 1997 United States federal law establishing the Program of All Inclusive Care to the Elderly (PACE) into the Medicare and Medicaid programs (now in 32 states). She serves on the Geriatrics Measures Advisory Group with the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).

Chris Herman (she/her), MSW, LICSW



Chris Herman (she/her), MSW, LICSW, has served as Senior Practice Associate–Aging at the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) for 17 years. She analyzes and advocates for aging-related federal policy, develops resources to enhance social work practice with older adults, and provides technical assistance to NASW leaders, members, and other stakeholders. Ms. Herman represents NASW in numerous national coalitions and initiatives focused on older adults; those specific to elder abuse include the National Center on Elder Abuse advisory board, the National Center for State and Tribal Elder Justice Coalitions advisory committee, and the Reframing Elder Abuse advisory committee. Before joining the NASW staff, Chris worked directly with adult clients for 15 years in various aging, disability, and health settings.

Todd I. Herrenkohl, PhD



Todd I. Herrenkohl, PhD, is the Marion Elizabeth Blue Professor of Children and Families at the University of Michigan School of Social Work. His scholarship focuses on the correlates and consequences of child maltreatment, risk and resiliency, and life course development. Dr. Herrenkohl's funded studies and publications examine health-risk behaviors in children exposed to adversity, protective factors that buffer against early risk exposure, and prevention. An international scholar, Dr. Herrenkohl works with policy makers, school and child welfare professionals, and community partners to increase the visibility, application, and sustainability of evidence-based programs and practices in violence prevention, social emotional learning, and child trauma.

Alexis Coulourides Kogan, PhD



Alexis Coulourides Kogan, PhD, is an Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Geriatrics at the Keck School of Medicine of USC and holds a joint appointment in the USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology. She is a Fellow of the USC Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics and affiliate member of the USC Gehr Family Center for Health Systems Science and Innovation. Dr. Kogan is a mixed-methods health systems researcher focusing on translation and measurement of person-centered models of care and education for older adults and individuals with serious illness. Her work spotlights outpatient primary care settings and home-based care to better meet the physical health and service needs of older adult patients, patients with serious illness, and their caregivers. Dr. Kogan has a special interest in advance care planning, patient readiness to engage in sensitive discussions, palliative care, and people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

Andy Mao, JD



Andy Mao, JD, is the Department of Justice's National Elder Justice Coordinator, a position established by the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act. Mr. Mao coordinates the Department's elder justice efforts, including its programmatic efforts to enhance the capacity of elder justice professionals to combat elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. Mr. Mao is also a Deputy Director in the Department of Justice's Civil Fraud Section, where he has investigated and litigated a wide array of health care fraud matters involving hospitals, pharmaceutical manufacturers, and skilled nursing facility chains. Mr. Mao joined the Department in 2000 through the Attorney General's Honors Program after completing a federal clerkship in the District of New Jersey.

Julie Miller, PhD, MSW



Julie Miller, PhD, MSW, is the Director of Thought Leadership for Financial Resilience at AARP. In her role on the Policy, Research, and International Affairs team, Julie works to position AARP as a leader in challenging the status quo related to financial resilience and longevity, cultivate provocative partnerships within and outside of the organization, and spark and propel new conversations among thinkers and doers that empower people to make the most of longer and healthier lifespans. Before AARP, Julie conducted translational and interdisciplinary research at the MIT AgeLab on topics including financial exploitation and longevity.

Leah Bergen Miller



Leah Bergen Miller is the Director of the Center on Holocaust Survivor Care and Institute on Aging and Trauma (Center) at the Jewish Federations of North America. She manages all Center-funded programs and technical support, and builds its national capacity to provide person-centered, trauma-informed care for older adults. From 2000 to 2015, she dedicated herself to improving the lives of refugees and internally displaced people as an advocate and program manager at HIAS, at the Church World Service-Joint Voluntary Agency in Nairobi, Kenya, and at Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area. She also served as GED instructor for immigrants at Centro Hispano and as a disaster action team volunteer for internally displaced people at the American Red Cross.

Bonnie Olsen, PhD



Bonnie Olsen, PhD, is a clinical gero-psychologist and expert in capacity assessment. She provides cognitive assessment and short-term mental health treatment in a collaborative geriatric primary care setting. As the Vice Chair of Academic Affairs in the Department of Family Medicine at the Keck School of Medicine at USC, Dr. Olsen is involved in research and program grants that focus on interprofessional geriatric education and elder abuse education and prevention. She is particularly interested in elder mistreatment as it occurs in the context of dementia caregiving and understanding decisional capacity. Dr. Olsen has led numerous federal and foundation grants and is a member of the California Judicial Council's Mental Health and Probate Committee.

Monique R. Pappadis, MEd, PhD



Monique R. Pappadis, MEd, PhD, is a tenured Associate Professor in the Department of Population Health and Health Disparities at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. She is a Fellow of the Sealy Center on Aging, a Fellow of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, and currently the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Lead for the CTSA Program Steering Committee Task Force/Institute for Translational Sciences. Dr. Pappadis is an Investigator and the Director of Dissemination and Cultural Humility at TIRR Memorial Hermann's Brain Injury Research Center in Houston, Texas. Her recent work aims to improve screening for elder mistreatment with emphasis on vulnerable, older adults with mild cognitive impairment or Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias, as well as the intersection between elder mistreatment and TBI.

Frank Puga, PhD



Frank Puga, PhD, is an assistant professor in the Department of Acute, Chronic, and Continuing Care at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Nursing. Much of his work focuses on minoritized populations disproportionately impacted by dementia and cancer, including Hispanic and LGBTQ+ populations. Dr. Puga has R01 funding from the National Institutes of Health/National Institute on Aging to examine stress, resilience, cultural factors, and daily and long-term mental health patterns among Hispanic dementia care partners. The main goal of Dr. Puga's work is to understand which individuals, under what circumstances, are more likely to shift from mild psychological distress to severe psychopathology. This work will inform the development of resilience-based, culturally responsive, and person-centered interventions for individuals living with chronic illness and their care partners.

Jennifer E. Storey, PhD



Jennifer E. Storey, PhD, is an Associate Professor in Forensic Psychology in the School of Psychology at the University of Kent, UK. Her research focuses on the assessment and management of violence including older adult abuse, stalking, and intimate partner violence. This work has been funded by national and international organizations like the World Health Organization and UK Home Office. Dr Storey is the author of a violence risk assessment tool for the abuse of older people called the Harm to Older Persons Evaluation (HOPE). Dr Storey's research has an applied focus and includes working closely with and training practitioners including police, social workers, nurses, and mental health professionals.

Page Ulrey, JD



Page Ulrey, JD, is a Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the King County Prosecutor's Office. In 2001, she was appointed to the position of elder abuse prosecutor in her office, where she prosecutes cases of neglect, financial exploitation, sexual and physical assault, and homicide, and co-leads her office's elder abuse MDT. Ms. Ulrey conducts training on elder abuse prosecution and investigation across the country. She has testified before the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging and has twice spoken at White House conferences on Elder Justice.

Gali Weissberger, PhD



Gali Weissberger, PhD, is a senior lecturer in the Department of Social and Health Sciences at Bar-Ilan University in Israel. Ms. Weissberger's research focuses on financial exploitation of older adults, and specifically how certain cognitive, social, and psychological factors may increase one's risk of financial exploitation. Her recent work includes examining how subjective views on aging and posttraumatic stress may moderate risk of financial exploitation. Additionally, through ongoing collaborations with her former postdoctoral advisor, Dr. Duke Han, she has examined how financial exploitation risk may serve as an early marker of Alzheimer's disease.

Kathleen Wilber, PhD



Kathleen Wilber, PhD, is a Professor of Gerontology and the Mary Pickford Foundation Chair in Gerontology at the USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology at USC. Her research team focuses on improving health outcomes and quality of life for vulnerable elders, including those with chronic illness, disability, cognitive impairment, and/or economic insecurity. Her group's current projects seek to improve the design and delivery of services and include: 1) evaluating the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of the Elder Abuse Forensic Center model; 2) examining economic security indicators among diverse groups of older adults; 3) developing a universal assessment for the State of California's home and community-based programs, and 4) developing a better understanding of the challenges family caregivers face and the available evidence-based programs and service models that effectively enhance support and improve outcomes. Dr. Wilber is Co-Director and Faculty Liaison for the Los Angeles Caregiver Resource Center.

Stephanie Whittier Eliason, MSW



Stephanie Whittier Eliason, MSW, is the Elder Rights Team Lead in the U.S. Administration for Community Living (ACL). She is responsible for ACL's Adult Protective Services portfolio, including the National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System, and elder abuse prevention programming. During her career, Ms. Whittier Eliason has been an advocate for residents' rights in residential care facilities, served as a legislative assistant, and conducted research on the implementation of the National Family Caregiver Support Program.

Stacey Wood, PhD, ABPP



Stacey Wood, PhD, ABPP, is the Molly Mason Jones Professor of Psychology at Scripps College in Claremont, California, and is board certified in gero-psychology. Dr. Wood's research has examined factors that increase susceptibility in fraud victims, tactics that are commonly employed by scammers, and the psychological effect of these crimes on the victims, with an emphasis on elderly victims. Dr. Wood has published over 70 papers in peer-reviewed journals. She consults with the National Institute of Justice as a content expert on fraud and financial exploitation of seniors. Dr. Wood also works as a consulting neuropsychologist on cases related to elder financial exploitation for Adult Protective Services in San Bernardino and Riverside. Dr. Wood has testified over 45 times in state and federal courts, as well as FINRA hearings.

Jeanine Yonashiro-Cho, PhD



Jeanine Yonashiro-Cho, PhD, is Postdoctoral Research Scholar in the Department of Family Medicine at the Keck School of Medicine of USC. Her research aims to preserve and improve the health and well-being of older adults with a particular focus on reducing health disparities and protecting vulnerable elders. Dr. Yonashiro-Cho served as the State of Hawaii's Planner for Aging Services where she worked to strengthen Hawaii's aging services infrastructure and development of evidence-based health promotion and disease prevention programs for older adults. Through this assignment, she became interested in researching the ways health and social service networks can be used to inform public policy, pilot interventions, and disseminate evidence-based services and supports.

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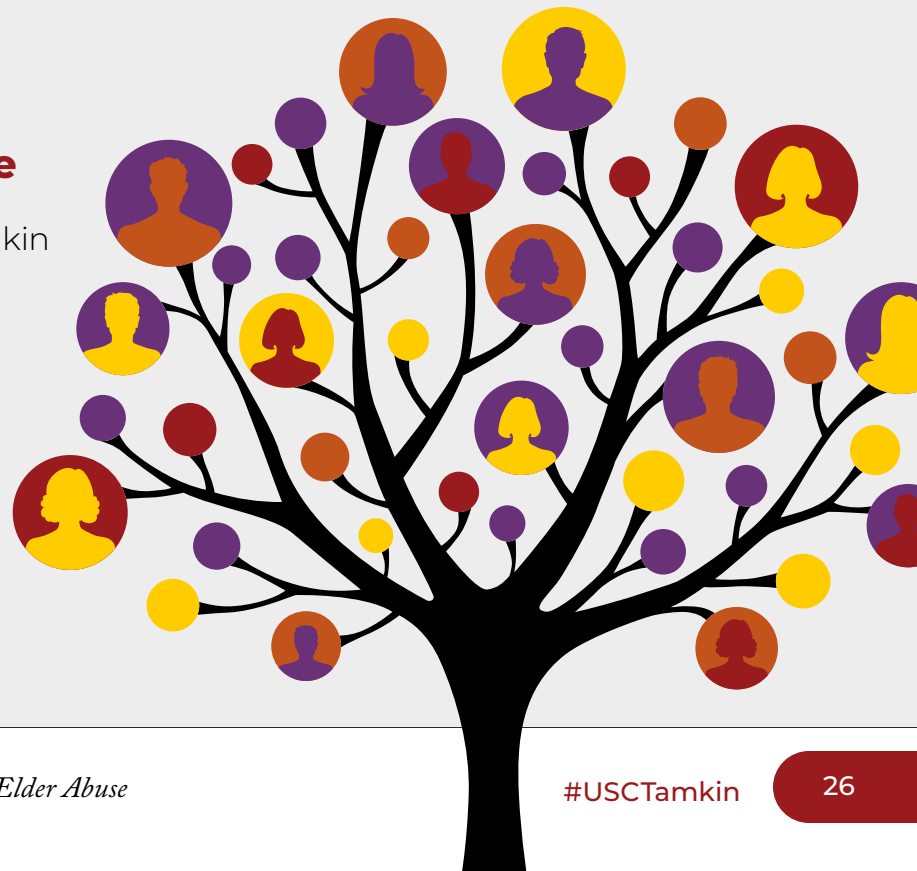
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