18th Annual Conference on Alzheimer’s Disease and Psychiatric Disorders in Older Adults
“Facing the Future Together”
August 17 – 18, 2017
Natchez Convention Center * Natchez, MS
Session Agenda

Wednesday, August 16, 2017
3:00pm – 6:00pm Vendor Set-Up/Registration open

Thursday, August 17, 2017
7:30am – 5:30pm Registration
7:30am – 8:30am Vendor Exhibits Open/Continental Breakfast

GENERAL SESSION I
8:30am – 8:50am Opening Remarks
Posting of the Colors
Administrative Welcome, CE Instructions

8:50am – 10:30am Opening Keynote

The Professor Who Continued to Teach
Sarah Rowan, MA
East Carolina University
Motivational Speaker
  • Describe ways to help persons with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias cope effectively and thrive
  • Explain culture change of care from a family consumer perspective
  • List ways to integrate culture change principles

10:30am – 11:00am Break/Vendor Exhibits Open

CONCURRENT SESSIONS (Sessions will repeat)
11:00am – 12:30pm

Who is Caring for the Caregiver?
Donna Evans, BSW
University of Memphis
Social Worker for Hospice Ministries

  • Identify roles of a caregiver
  • List challenges caregivers face
  • Name and discuss practical tools and strategies to help caregivers better care for selves
**Reframing Dementia**
Michelle Daniel, NHA, MHA
University of Memphis
Vice President for Philanthropy and Strategic Implementation for Methodist Senior Services

Cynthia Kelly, NHA, CEE
Eden Alternative
Comptroller for COGNOS Consultants and Motivational Speaker

- Discuss the limitations of our current approach to care for those living with dementia
- Explain the importance of continuing well-being for all involved with those living with dementia, including the person living with dementia
- Identify how we benefit from the unique gifts people living with dementia have to offer

**Music & Memory - Setting a Gold Standard & Transforming Lives**
Deborah Ferris
Shelby State Community College
Regional Director for Music & Memory

Melora Jackson, MS, CMHT
Colorado State University
Dementia Trainer for Division of Alzheimer’s Disease & Other Dementia, MS Dept. of Mental Health

- Introduce the concept of autobiographical music and provide an emotive experience while demonstrating a person-centered approach
- Identify significant benefits for participants, care professionals and family members in a variety of settings, promoting team building, enhanced care, social engagement and life-affirming moments
- Demonstrate community engagement and the fostering of intergenerational relationships

**12:30pm – 2:00pm**
Lunch on your own

**GENERAL SESSION II**
2:00pm – 3:30pm

**State-of-the-Art Diagnosis and Treatment for Patients with Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia - Illuminating the Causes and Prevention of Alzheimer's: Population-Based Research in Mississippi**
Thomas Mosley, PhD
Louisiana State University
Dudley & Robbie Hughes Distinguished MIND Center Chair

Gwen Windham, MD
University of Mississippi
Associate Professor of Clinical Geriatrics and Gerontology; Director, MIND Center Neuro-Epidemiology Research Core

- Explain the mission of the UMMC MIND Center
- Describe new research to identify risk factors for dementia
- List available interventions to address the symptoms of Alzheimer's and Dementia and assist with behavior management
CONCURRENT SESSIONS (Repeat of morning sessions)
3:30pm – 5:00pm

Paint it Purple! Alzheimer’s Awareness Campaign Kick-Off
Wear PURPLE to Friday’s events

Friday, August 18, 2017

8:00am – 1:00pm  Registration
8:30am – 9:00am  Awards Breakfast
                 Welcome and Introductions
* Breakfast is included in Conference Registration

GENERAL SESSIONS

9:00am – 10:30am  General Session III

The Water Picnic
Sarah Rowan, MA
East Carolina University
Motivational Speaker

- Identify best practices for assisting people who live with dementia
- Identify verbal and physical practices by persons who live with dementia and their care partners
- Recognize the value of the gift of life stories of those who live with dementia

10:30am – 10:40am  Stretch break

10:40am – 12:10pm  General Session IV

Normal Is Gone And It Won’t Be Back!
Janie Walters, MS
University of Southern Mississippi
Motivational Speaker and Owner of Champion Communications

- Describe the reality of life and work changes
- Discuss attitudes toward change
- Define perseverance and resiliency

12:10pm – 12:30pm  Awards Presentations/Closing Remarks

12:30pm  Book Signing/Conference Concludes