

## The PhD in Aging Studies

program is a campus-wide, interdisciplinary research training program hosted by the USF School of Aging Studies. Students select research mentors from among the faculty and develop individually tailored training programs, generally focused in one of four areas: Aging and Mental Health, Cognitive Aging and Alzheimer's disease, Public Policy and Long-Term Care, and Aging and Health. The program provides options for research abroad and professional development.

**First-year students are supported by fellowships.** Students in subsequent years are supported by fellowships, research assistantships, and graduate teaching assistantships. All support includes tuition waivers and health insurance. Since the program began in 1994, we have funded 100% of students making satisfactory or better progress through the program.

## Application Process

**The application review process will begin on December 11.** For program information and application process visit [www.usf.edu/cbcs/aging-studies/](http://www.usf.edu/cbcs/aging-studies/)

## For more information

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*Alumni are employed in a wide range of aging related professional positions*

- **Director, Division of Disability & Aging Policy** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Washington, DC
- **Chair and Associate Professor** Department of Health and Aging Services Leadership at Bellarmine University, Louisville, KY
- **Associate Professor of Health Services, Policy and Practice** Brown University
- **Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Lifespan Stress and Health Research** Boston Healthcare System and Boston University, Boston, MA
- **Assistant Professor of Gerontology** Missouri State University
- **Director of Research** Healthcare, Relias Inc.
- **T32 Postdoctoral Fellow in Geriatric Mental Health** Department of Psychiatry & Sam and Rose Stein Institute for Research on Aging, UC San Diego School of Medicine

## Aging Studies Faculty

- **Ross Andel, PhD**  
Risk factors for cognitive decline and impairment; early identification of cognitive impairment; health and aging
  - **Kathy Black, PhD**  
Environmental gerontology, aging in place, advance care planning, caregiving, geriatric mental health
  - **Debra Dobbs, PhD**  
Assisted living; palliative and hospice care; advance care planning; long-term services and supports
  - **William Haley, PhD**  
Caregiving; coping with chronic illness; end of- life; minority aging
  - **Soomi Lee, PhD**  
Sleep; work and family; daily stressors and resources; lifespan developmental trajectory of health behaviors; micro-longitudinal methods
  - **Hongdao Meng, PhD**  
Aging and health policy; health economics; long-term services/supports
  - **Victor Molinari, PhD**  
Mental health outcomes in long-term care settings; serious mental illness in nursing homes
  - **Lindsay Peterson, PhD**  
Advance care planning
  - **Nasreen Sadeq, PhD**  
Early detection of and risk factors for cognitive decline; computerized and online cognitive monitoring
  - **Brent Small, PhD**  
Cognitive aging; cognitive changes following cancer treatment; multivariate analysis of longitudinal data
- Other faculty from throughout the university are available for mentorship and research opportunities.*



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